



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

June 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 6: "Summer Mode" Monday Meetings
Class B T-shirt and games at Mt. Pisgah

June 12: Trailer Clean Up 2-4 at Mt. Pisgah UMC

June 13: Troop Meeting at New Town Pavilion

June 19: Summer Camp at Woodruff

June 20: No Monday Meeting

June 25: Radio MB Workshop



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute by Jason Sutton

Summer is here! Scouting opportunities are plentiful with Woodruff summer camp, NYLT, Philmont, Merit Badge clinics, and more - keep participating and keep advancing!

Our new PLC has planned the next year's outings and they have all been posted on our Troop's website calendar. There are a few trips "TBD" (tentative date) entries for them during that month. Keep checking back as they will be updated once the dates are confirmed. Flyers will come out about 2 months in advance of each trip. Thank you again to the ASMs that recently met and have agreed to help VOLUNTEER and lead these outings – they can't happen without you!

For those attending Woodruff summer camp, please arrive by noon on Sunday June 19th. You will find the troop gathering in the main parking lot. Parents, please plan on arriving between 8-9am on Saturday 25th to pick up your scout – we'll be in that same parking lot by 8am.

Announcements

Medical Record Reminder - If an annual physical is in your plans, remember to renew your [Annual Health and Medical Records](#).

Aquatic Merit Badge Days Atlanta Area council will host Aquatic Merit Badge days at Altoona Aquatics Base from June 4 - August 13 teaching skills in: canoeing, fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, lifesaving, motorboating, rowing, small boat sailing, and swimming. There's even a SUP award. Registration opens 6 weeks prior to each MB day. Grab your spot now for classes early in the summer - they fill up quickly. More information can be found on the [Aquatics Merit Badge Days website](#).

Upcoming Events and Outings

Radio Merit Badge Workshop

June 25th

Troop 629 Scouts are invited to join the June 25th Radio MB workshop with a local Ham Radio Group. Radio MB is a fairly easy badge to earn (you can complete all the requirements at the workshop).

For more information: <https://nfarl.org/scout-radio-merit-badge-workshop/> or email Cliff Brown.



High Adventure Opportunities

Sea Base 2023 Coral Reef Sailing

May 27 - June 2, 2023

Two boats of scouts are signed up! See Mr. Sutton if you want to discuss going to see if there is a spot for you. [Event Flyer](#)

Northern Tier - Gauging Interest

Summer 2023

Our troop is exploring the opportunity of a summer 2023 trip to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. This 7-day-trek would involve canoeing and portaging through Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Specific costs will be determined as the trip shapes up, but is expected to be in the \$1500 range. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hundt at gkhundt@mindspring.com. [Flyer](#)

National Jamboree

Summer 2023

National Jamboree - National Jamboree is July 19 - 28, 2023 at Summit Bechtel Reserve. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could. Individuals can attend as part of the Council. Speak with Mr. Sutton if you are interested or find information on the [website](#).

Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be 5 PM Sunday, August 7. Virtual link will be emailed. No July meeting.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meetings will be on July 14, 2022.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

The Troop 629 Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM) meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the 3rd Month of each quarter. The next meeting is September 7, 2022.

Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping? Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at kellyhundt@gmail.com to see where you might be able to support our Scouts.



Merit Badges

The Merit Badge Process



There are more than 135 merit badges a Scout can earn!

1. Choose a Merit Badge that interests you: [BSA Merit Badge page](#).
2. Obtain a Blue Card from Mr. Sutton at a meeting for permission to start working on the badge.
3. Ask Mr. Sutton for a counselor to help plan any work on the badge.
4. Complete the [Merit Badge Requirements](#). Please remember: Troop meetings are for group development and NOT for Merit Badge time. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout may opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.
5. Read the [Merit Badge Book cover to cover](#). Books may be obtained from the Scout Store, other scouts, our Lending Closet or the library. Scouts occasionally come forward without reading the whole MB book. This is not negotiable, and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with whom.
6. Meet with your [pre-approved Counselor](#), or ask Mr. Sutton for a counselor, to review your work. Bring any paperwork and be prepared to explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed. It's not a memory test - it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

The 14 specific MB required for Eagle Scout can be found [Here](#).

Sign Up for Merit Badge Help Night

Keep Up to Date!

The Troop calendar has all events. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss!

[Click here or on the calendar image to see!](#)

Newsletters

All previous newsletters, pictures, calendars and events are on the website. If you have any newsletter questions, please contact [Edie Gibson](#), the Communications Chair.

Life to Eagle

Check with Advancement Chair Mr. Jackson to see where you are with merit badges, attendance, leadership position, and other rank requirements. Check with Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton in regards to Eagle Projects.

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