



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

September 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- October 8: Popcorn Sales Take Order deadline
- October 10: No Troop Meeting
- October 24: Troop Meeting at Newtown Park
- October 30: Outing! Scout Day at the Atlanta Falcons
- October 31: No Troop Meeting

[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout – Drew Tostenson! Drew passed his District Board of Review on August 25th. He will have a recognition ceremony in the near future, but until then be sure and congratulate him the next time you see him!

We're in full swing this fall with meetings, advancement, and outings. We held a successful "Back to Basics" outing at Dauset Trails in August and backpacking Jacks River in mid-September, but we unfortunately had thunderstorms cancel our annual tubing trip in Helen over Labor Day weekend. October is right around the corner, and we have a revised outing: Scout Day with the Atlanta Falcons! The flyer is out (registration due 10/17), and the next outings after that (Skyzone, Lock-In) are on the calendar so you can plan ahead (flyers out soon for them).

For High Adventure, our two Sea Base crews in May 2023 are full, but we're still looking for more interest before booking a Northern Tier crew for late summer 2023 – so please let your interest be known!

Announcements

POPCORN - The 2022 Popcorn Sale is happening now! Earn funds for your High Adventure account and prizes by selling popcorn this Fall. This year's Take Order form is on the back table during our weekly meetings, and can also be found [here](#). The Take Order form includes information on downloading the Trails End app. All Take Orders must be entered into the Trails End app this year and are due in the system by October 8th .



Dues - Annual dues are due at this time. Despite an increase in fees from the Council, our troop dues will not increase. Dues can be paid to Tiffany Benton during weekly meetings. Youth Scout fees for 2022 are \$110 Adult Scout fees for 2022 are \$50. Adults can pay out of HA account. If you want to pay this way, email [Tiffany Benton](#).

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

Upcoming Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

October 24: Meeting at Newtown Park

Our annual Halloween Meeting at Newtown Park! We will meet at the pavilion in the back of the park next to the 2 playgrounds. Please click [here](#) to sign up to send in an item for the Scouts to enjoy.

October 30: Scout Day with Atlanta Falcons at Mercedes Benz Stadium

Register by October 17

Meet at Mt. Pisgah South Parking Lot at 10:30. We will ride from there to MARTA.

Cost for the game is \$50 per person. The Stadium is cashless.

Scouts need to wear their Class A (tan shirt) uniforms.

High Adventure Opportunities

Sea Base 2023 Coral Reef Sailing

May 27 - June 2, 2023

Those who have signed up should look for details coming soon.

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, October 2. Virtual link will be emailed.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meetings will be on October 13, 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 December 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.

Follow Us on Facebook for photos and updates on Troop adventures!

