



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

October 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

October 10: No Troop Meeting (school break)
October 17: Popcorn Sales Orders Due
October 18: October Merit Badge Help Night
October 24: Troop Meeting at Newtown Park - snack sign up [here](#)
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

We're getting into the busy time this fall with sports, band, and school... but also with scouts! In addition to Troop Meetings we have our monthly outings, multiple Eagle projects, and a couple of extra opportunities like Scout Day at Autrey Mill in November coming up. Be sure and balance all your activities, including scouts, so you can continue advancing on YOUR trail to Eagle! Take a look in your handbook at the goal you set for your next rank, are you on track?

All of our outings, activities, and advancement require some adult involvement to make them happen – some of that involvement is upfront and some of it is “behind the scenes”. We're always looking for more adults to help! Please reach out to Mrs. Hundt or me to see where you can help get involved and help the Troop to continue to thrive. And a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Farrar for recently stepping up and helping Mr. Jackson with Advancement!

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 Trials End app this year and are due in the system by October 17th.



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. Scouts should wear Class A (tan) uniform with Class B (red) shirt underneath.

Merit Badge Summit: Stranger Things October 29 Work on less common merit badges with scouts from around Atlanta Council. More information [here](#).

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. More details on the [event flyer](#).

Autrey Mill Scout Day - November 12 9:00 - 2:00 Scout Day is a wonderful opportunity for Scouts to earn volunteer hours helping other scouts earn badges and achievements. More information [here](#). (Volunteer hours may be different)

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, November 6. Virtual link will be emailed.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meetings will be on November 17, 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



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!

