



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

July 2010

This newsletter is intended for scouts and their families. Please assist us in sharing this information with our parents and scouts. ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AT www.troop629.org



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Congratulations again for two more of our scouts, Greg Gehrhardt and Jacob McGoff who earned their Eagle Scout Award at a District Board of Review at the end of June. They have added their names to a long list of scouts in T629 who have stuck with the program and completed some personnel goals while accomplishing all the other parts of high school. If you have the vision, you too can set your goals to accomplish this as well. The troop provides the opportunities for all to succeed but you have to take on the accomplishments on your own.

Look on line at our calendar and you'll find that activities continue throughout the summer. Just back from summer camp is not enough for some, so in July we have a kayaking/canoeing day trip on the Broad River, followed by a Six Flags White Water park visit and then our Back to Basics outing in August before school starts back up. To round out the season, based on requests, we are back to Helen, GA for a tubing trip on Labor Day weekend. Details are on line and reservations in a timely manner are expected.

In 2011 we have two high adventure activities open to scouts who are currently or soon to be 13 years old. Sailing in the Bahamas over the spring break or backpacking in New Mexico Rockies in June. Make a reservation now to lock in one of those limited slots.

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

July Reminders:

- July 4th: Committee Meeting 6:00-7:30
- July 5th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- July 8th: District Roundtable
- July 11th: Eagle COH -Gehrhardt
- July 12th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- July 15th: Patrol Leaders Council
- July 17th: Broad River Day Trip- Canoe/Kayak
- July 19th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 ~ Board of Review
- July 25th: Eagle COH- Atz
- July 26th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- July 27th-August 2nd: Northern Tier
- July 29th: Whitewater
- July 31st: Kennesaw Mountain 20 mile day hike

August Reminders

- August 1st: Committee Meeting 6:00-7:30
- August 2nd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- August 8th: Eagle COH- McGoff

August 9th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
August 12th: District Roundtable
August 13th-15th: OA Ordeal BASR
August 16th: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review
August 19th: Patrol Leaders Council
August 20th- 22nd: Back to Basics – Allatoona
August 23rd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
August 28th: Troop Leader Training 9:30-3 p.m.
August 29th: Eagle Court of Honor- Bodamer
August 30th: Troop Court of Honor- Parents invited

Check out your Troop 629 web site to get the latest on all our upcoming events and view the latest pictures of our scouts in action.

Calendar and Web Site Information

The Troop has its annual calendar published and it's available for all on the web site www.troop629.org. Keep in mind the Troop web site is a dynamic place always having items added and the latest updates being posted as soon as they are known. Scouting is outing and it should just be a habit to look at each week before a meeting to make sure you are submitting your participation permission slips for the designated times.

Our Chattahoochee District (www.cdbsa.org) and Atlanta Area Council (www.atlantabsa.org) have web sites as well where additional information is also available concerning upcoming events. Please note that Troop meeting start time at 7:15 and closing at 8:45 PM on Mondays. Please show up on time so we can start the program on time.

Keep an eye out for new opportunities that crop up for special events and classes being offered. Details can be found on the bulletin board for emergency disaster exercises looking for scouts to participate in, special merit badge sessions for railroad MB and nature events. Those kind of events are open to all scouts but generally are not organized for attendance as a Troop activity. Normally an individual parent takes on the lead to help arrange rides and details.

Keep us updated on changes to phone numbers, address and e-mail accounts. Communication channels works best when everyone is getting and giving timely information. "View the bulletin board and troop web site for latest details."

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Flyers & Links

Tons of Troop Pictures <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>

Troop Events <http://www.troop629.org/events/events.htm>

BSA Online Learning Center <http://olc.scouting.org:80/>

Scouting Magazine (Adult Leaders) <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/>

Boys Life Magazine (Scouts) <http://www.boyslife.org/>

Gear Guide for Scouts & Scouters http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/philmont_gear.htm

BSA on the Radio www.radiosandysprings.com

Council-Sponsored Events <http://www.atlantabsa.org>

Scout Shop News www.scoutstuff.org

Merit Badge www.meritbadge.com

New Leader Essentials for Boy Scout Leaders <http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=NLE>

SALT - Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leadership Training

<http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=SALT>

ITOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

<http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=ITOLS>

Jamboree on the Air and on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI)

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/the_52nd_jota_2009# and <http://www.joti.org/>.

CPR Saturday www.goodturn.net

ScoutFest www.scoutfestatl.org

DEADLINES AND DATES

NEW Upcoming Troop Board of Reviews: July 19th, 2010

After a scout completes his Scoutmaster conference, he must notify Mrs. Narayanan, Troop Advancement Chairperson, that he is ready for the next BOR. **Reminder: Full Class "A" uniform and Scout handbook are required for participation in a Board of Review.**

NEW Upcoming Events

- ❖ July 17th – Broad River Canoe/Kayak Day Trip
- ❖ July 29th - Whitewater
- ❖ July 31st – Kennesaw Mountain 20 Mile Day Hike

Look for flyers and handouts at meetings and on web site or click on the links above. Our on line calendar is pretty dynamic so always refer to it to get the latest changes.

NEW Kennesaw Mountain Hiking Merit Badge Opportunity

One of the eagle required merit badges can be cycling, swimming or hiking. Are you not a swimmer or biker, but need this merit badge?

One of the requirements for this badge is a continuous 20 mile hike following a plan that you have prepared. **We will be hiking 20 miles in one day on Saturday, July 31, 2010.** Please go to <http://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/maps.htm> and download the map to review and make a plan for the hike (where to stop, water, how to get there, etc...).

If you are interested in being a part of this hike, please contact Gregg Brasher at (770) 998-9143 or by email at c.brasher@comcast.net.

We will be leaving at 7:00 am on Saturday and will be meeting at the Church.

Please let Mr. Brasher know by July 20, 2010 if you are planning on going. You must have a troop permission slip for this outing. No class A, just comfortable hiking clothes, day pack, water, lunch and some money for a supper on the way home. There is no cost for this trip.



Thank You 629 Adult Leaders!

- **Ian Street** for volunteering to handle the **Medical Forms** for the upcoming year. Many thanks to **Mary Beth Bierbaum** who has been handling this position over the last couple of years.
- **Mary Beth Bierbaum** for volunteering for **Committee Chair, Boy Scout Troop 629**. With all of your scout experience, you will do a fabulous job!
- **Don Harden** and **Eric Hoang** for helping with the cleaning, sorting and organization of the storage closet.
- **Steve Morgan** for the donation of the **filing cabinet** which has been placed in our recently organized storage closet.
- We would like to thank **Lu Ann Dipietro** for her many years of service, and recent **Godsend Award** recipient. She is training the recently formed **ECOH Ceremony Committee** which includes the following: **Cindy Grapenthin, Lisa Dekle, Helen Rettig, and Sally Atz. Andrea Warren** will continue to handle the Eagle congratulatory letters and the scrapbook. And **Ann Herring** will be taking over the creation of the Eagle neckerchiefs from **Leslie Cotney**, who has contributed many years to this position. We appreciate everyone pitching in and making this work!
- **Heather Pendery** for volunteering for the **Troop Newsletter** for the upcoming year. Many thanks to **Shelley Avant** who has been handling the newsletter for the last couple of years.
- Many thanks to **Mr. Kelley Gibson** for assisting the troop with the research, negotiation, and purchase of our **New Scout Trailer**. We have waited a long time for this and appreciate your time and effort.
- **Recently Registered Adults** - We appreciate you volunteering to be active in the troop. Be sure to check our website to make sure you have the appropriate training to be able to participate on trips and make sure your medical form has been submitted. If you want to help and don't know how, please see Mary Beth or Wendy at the troop meeting on Monday evening.

SCOUT HANDSHAKE

🏹 EAGLE~👤 LIFE~👤 STAR~👤 FIRST CLASS~👤 SECOND CLASS~👤 TENDERFOOT~👤 SCOUT

Advancement congratulations for the months of May and June go to:

- 🏹 **EAGLE:** Daniel B., Greg G., Jacob M.
- 👤 **LIFE:** Robbie M.
- 👤 **STAR:** Paden H.
- 👤 **FIRST CLASS:** Miles M.
- 👤 **SECOND CLASS:** Matthew J.
- 👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Justin S., Chapman P., Miles R., Chris C.
- 👤 **SCOUT:** Austin M., Cameron M., Damani P.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!

Scribe Note

Summer Camp was a blast at Woodruff and it seemed that everyone enjoyed it. Cheers to the first years for no midweek departures. We hope to see all of our scouts back next year.

Chris Bertrand- Troop 629 Scribe

EARNING POWER

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: Attention all adults: The scouts are working with Krispy Kreme Doughnuts as a new fundraiser for high adventure. They will be selling doughnuts at sporting events, festivals, etc. Can you check with your subdivision to see if they would like to buy doughnuts for a Saturday swim-meet or see if scouts can setup a stand by the pool area? If we can line-up 6-8 subdivisions, it may be profitable. If you would like to get involved, please forward your name to Don Harden hardenl@gmail.com.

NOTE: Doughnut sales will net the scouts a 100% profit and save the purchaser over the counter cost that they would pay. Each donut at 50 cents each gains the scout 25 cents in profit!

Missed the opportunity to earn H.A. \$\$\$? Don't despair ...

Fundraisers have provided many of our scouts with additional funds to use for skiing, summer camp and any High Adventure outing. It's never too early for a scout to start his own individual High Adventure account which the troop maintains. Many boys have been able to fund their entire big-ticket trips from accumulating earnings over the years. Check out this newsletter for details, as well as the website and troop bulletin board for future to *sign up* and earn.



Fabulous Troop Fundraising Activity: KROGER GIFT CARDS - \$\$ Turn your grocery shopping into funds for our Scouts in Troop 629 at no cost to you! Why not participate?

Join Troop 629 families in this fabulous, painless and easy monthly fundraiser. By just participating in this generous Kroger program at no cost to you and in conjunction with your normal routine of family grocery shopping, ***our troop receives 5% of our total gift card orders each month and each scout received 75% of those funds for their personal high adventure account.*** These funds go directly to keep the costs down on each of our monthly activities and to help pay for various troop operational costs and scholarships. The gift cards can be used at any Kroger store or Kroger fuel center [during each use your purchase is deducted and when the amount of the card is depleted, it is kept by the cashier – new cards are issued each month and mailed to you]. **Groceries and Discounted Gas in one location!** **The new Kroger Fuel Center at the corner of Old Alabama Road and Haynes Bridge Road is open; customers can use their Kroger Plus Card (free and easy to obtain) and accumulate points (from their purchases) for gas discount – 10¢ per gallon (\$100 minimum in purchases) – go to Customer Service Desk to obtain Kroger Plus Card. You can use your Gift Card you've purchased through the troop to make it even easier to purchase gas. What a great way to budget food and gas!** There is no service charge – (if you order a \$50 Kroger gift card, you will receive a \$50 gift card)! To get started, contact **Susan Cook, ssbcook@bellsouth.net (678-297-7766)** with this information: Name; Address; Phone #; E-mail address; Amount for Monthly Kroger gift card (i.e. \$25; \$40; \$50; \$75; \$100, \$200...etc.). Orders are placed at the end of the month for the following month. Your Kroger gift card will be mailed to you at the beginning of each month (with enclosed reminder of amount owed and address to send payment). Return payment in the mail to Susan by the 22nd of the month or you can bring payment on a Monday night troop meeting and give to her.

Troop 629 Scout Activity Scholarships

In these turbulent times please understand fully that our policy has always been and is still the same – every scout should never miss participating in any activity due to a temporary shortfall in their families ability to afford the activity. We have been blessed to have sufficient funds to offer every scout the ability to quickly earn their way through a service project of their choosing. Coordinate with the SM to bring this about but do not hold back asking if the need exists. The scouting family can handle this continuation in each of the scout's important participatory development process. Scouting is outing and if you miss that portion then it can be rather boring.

Short on Cash, But Love to Travel?

For all scouting activities the Troop has set up a scholarship fund to help any individual who may just not capable to participate at any particular time or event through a service hour trade off agreement with Committee Chair know you if you have any individual needs. Our goal is not to deny any scout an opportunity they truly want to participate in. The high adventure bases and camps also normally run scholarship applications for those various events, just ask us for the forms if help is needed for a particular event. The High Adventure bases and camps also normally have scholarship applications available for those individual events. Just ask the Scoutmaster for the form if help is needed for a particular event.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Special Opportunities

There are many special scouting opportunities for sport venues and community activities that are not normally organized on a troop level for individuals to participate in. Keep an eye out for those notices on our bulletin board on go straight to the Atlanta Area Council program web section (http://www.atlantabsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1474) for flyers and details.

Service Projects

The Troop frequently has last minute service project opportunities for scouts to participate in. Keep an eye out for them weekly, look on the bulletin board and pick up the flyers that are usually at the meeting.

BE PREPARED

Uniforms

Yes there is a new uniform and now there is a new scout handbook. However they are NOT required by everyone and the current uniforms and books are still acceptable for all events. Do not feel obliged to get the new version. But take note; there will be some new advancement requirements required to be added to your current book starting in January 2010 to include in your trail to Eagle. The last board of review for the year will be the last time you can get by without doing those new items. The first board of review in January will require all scouts to have completed the revised requirements fully. Those changes are listed on our web site and available from the SM as a handout.

At all troop activities a designated uniform is specified. Also during Troop meetings the proper wear of the uniform shirt during the school year is expected and all great scouts are not without their handbook to make a complete uniform. Proper uniform includes your short tucked in and closed toe shoes! Please dress for the weather as some activities are outside.

REMINDER: It is the BSA insurance policy that **no open toe shoes to be worn on any activity.** This includes meetings, camping and water activities. The only exception is flip flops for showers but

sandals are a no go for any activity we do including weekly meetings. Scouts will not be allowed to participate if they show up with open toe shoes. Once school is out we will conduct meetings with our Troop Red Field T-shirt as the primary uniform throughout the summer.

Merit Badge Reminder from Scout Master Gillis

PLEASE UNDERSTAND OUR POLICY: TROOP MEETINGS ARE FOR GROUP AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT AND NOT GENERALLY FOR MERIT BADGE TIME. THERE IS TO BE NO MERIT BADGE WORK DURING PATROL MEETING TIME, INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND COMPETITION TIMES. THE ONLY EXCEPTION ON MONDAY'S IS THAT SCOUTS CAN OPT TO WORK ON MERIT BADGES DURING GAME TIME.

Scouts are still coming forward to work on a merit badge WITHOUT reading the whole MB book from cover to cover. This is not a negotiable and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with who. To complete the summer camp merit badges or any other please follow the simple rules.

- **Read the book from cover to cover.**
- Bring any completed paperwork to a meeting or merit badge help night and coordinate an approved counselor from the scoutmaster.
- Sit down with the counselor and explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed.
- Its not about a memory test – it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

The second Tuesday of every month the SM will be available at the Mount Pisgah 6-7 PM for those who need extra help with merit badge requirements or advancement. **During the summer these are not held because summer Mondays are open MB help nights.**

Once a month our SPL leads his PLC to formulate the plans for meetings and activities. Changes and or improvements are discussed at that time and all scouts should be making sure their representative is up to date on issues, concerns and program request. Another reason to check the Troop bulletin board or web site to keep the ever dynamic and fluid scouting calendar up to date.

Life to Eagle Candidates

Is your project stalled? Do you need fresh ideas or perspective? Does your project plan effectively address the expectations of the Chattahoochee District? Contact Mr. Gillis gillisfx@aol.com. If you would like to review past Eagle project packages, please contact Ms. Narayanan who will bring the binder to a troop meeting for your review.

Get trained as a Den Chief – openings available

We have Cub Scout Dens looking for Den Chiefs. If you are trained and need the leadership position for rank advancement, see **Scoutmaster Gillis** and **ASM Scott Bowen**. He still has slots available and waiting for you. Remember ... Mr. Gillis must approve you for a spot after you have received training.

A Scout's Responsibility

A scout's advancement record is only as accurate as the information he has provided to the record-keeper. It is the individual scout's responsibility when working with his youth leaders and assigned adults on his advancement to make sure all updates are given to our **Advancement Chairperson, Mrs. Narayanan**.

Custom "629" Patches for New Shirts

If you are buying a new-style BSA uniform shirt (not mandatory), you will need the new-style green troop numerals. We have received a custom order of our "629" troop number all in one patch. No need to sew on the 6, 2, and 9 patches individually! If you need one for a new shirt, **please see**

Mrs. Deaton for a "629" patch at the next troop meeting. *The troop is picking up the tab for these new unit number patches.*

Trip Paperwork – It is important

Prior to each trip we ask for a permission slip for a scout's participation to ensure we have the parents' concurrence and have the latest info on that scout. This permission slip is important for each activity and should be carefully completed. Include details if you can help with the driving to and from any activity. Please fill them out completely and have them in by their deadlines so we can gather the proper resources to carry out each and every activity. Please make your intentions known early so we can properly make reservations for everyone and have the food and travel arrangements ironed out. Adults wishing to participate are *always welcome and appreciated*. However, we do require each to be registered, complete the minimum training and have an updated physical. Details and troop website links can be found in the *ADULT INVOLVEMENT* section in this newsletter.

Troop meetings start at 7:15 PM and end by 8:45 PM each Monday.

Full uniform is expected unless otherwise noted. Time spent on Merit badge work is limited to the designated "game time" only at each meeting. If it is a patrol competition night, there is no merit badge time at those meetings. Scouts are expected to be active members of their patrols and cannot be constantly away working on their own advancement. Scouting is not just about the individual scout – **Scouting is Outing**, using the patrol method and working with the group. *Please dress appropriately for the weather as some activities are outside at night. (Be Prepared)*

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Lending Closet

The Troop maintains a scout uniform exchange or drop off point for all to use. With growth spurts for young scouts it's hard at times to keep them outfitted for activities. Bring in your used or any pieces you come across and add to closet and feel free to pick up an item at any meeting. Ask for other items that may be store at another of our locations.

Grubby Details

During some troop outings, patrol food is purchased by scouts working on advancement requirements (Grubmasters). A scout buying food will get a menu to use with a budget to follow. It's important to follow the list of items/quantities specified as the menu has been planned for patrol guest and other program considerations. Families are asked to purchase designated food from the list and then they are reimbursed by the Troop Treasurer. Families can ask for an advance and handle reconciliation after the trip. Turn your receipts into **Julie Deaton, Treasurer**, to be reimbursed for any authorized cost. Non-perishable (leftover) food from camping trips that can be re-used needs to be turned in with the patrol gear at the end of each trip and is stored by the troop in special patrol containers. This will help cut back on costs for future trips and eliminate waste now on-going.

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ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Want to be more involved?

Many behind the scenes activities organized and run by our committee chair, Wendy Kraemer. If you have some time to help your sons troop let her know what you can do or can assist with.

Adults wishing to participate in any of our overnight activities have to be properly trained and registered with us. Now is the time to get all the paperwork accomplished not just prior to a trip. So if you need to have your vehicle registered with us, register as a scouter, obtain the proper on line certificates or complete any of the specialized training check with the team hovering around the troop meetings to get all the details. The troop has a particular way adults are involved with the scouts so get the latest details on our web site under the training tab for adults.

Health/Medical Forms

For all registered adults and scouts: The troop needs a current health/medical form on file for you! Please go to our website (<http://www.troop629.org/forms/annualhealthandmedicalrecord.pdf>) to find a PDF 'fill-in' medical form. Please complete, forward to your doctor for signature, and bring it completed to the next troop meeting. Please note that this is a **new** BSA Medical form which the BSA requires of all scouts to have on file with their troop beginning January 1, 2010. Please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum if you need to know the status of your medical form currently on file with the troop => marybeth@bierbaum or 770.442.5306. Thank you!

Adult Leader Training

Our adults are encouraged to participate in one of the many training opportunities available for scouting. A great way to get started is by completing the online Boy Scout Fast Start or Youth Protection Training located at the Chattahoochee web site via a link from our troop's web site: www.troop629.org.

To participate as an adult leader in the troop on overnight camping, you must complete on line Youth Protection Training, Fast Start Training and review the Troop 629 Adult Guide. Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members must complete the above training and New Leaders Essentials, SALT, ITOLS and/or Committee Training. Information on these training opportunities is available on the [Chattahoochee District web site](#).

To participate in [High Adventure](#), leaders must complete all the above along with special classes such as CPR, FA, safety afloat, and safe swim.

NOTE: For Youth Protection and Fast Start, print from web site your completion form page and pass to the unit's training chairperson. When you have completed any of the BSA training, please notify our Committee Chair, Wendy Kraemer.

Adult volunteers

A lot of behind the scene necessary support in running an active Troop comes from many adults giving special efforts in their own way. If you are one of the adults that just isn't able to lock in a routine support directly with the program other support needs are there waiting. Contact our committee chair for a list of those opportunities to help the evolving dynamic program.

On all trips we request adults clearly state their intentions if providing transportation support with the number of passengers that you can handle in the vehicle being used.

Behind the scenes of any great Troop are many helpful adults doing their part to keep the activities and events running smoothly. If you could find some time to help out, please see our Committee Chair, **Wendy Kraemer**, (wlkraemer@bellsouth.net) to learn about the available open positions.

Parents Needed for Troop Boards of Review

A troop Board of Review (BOR) provides a great opportunity for parents to better understand rank advancement and to get to know the Scouts. Each Board consists of three troop parent volunteers. Boards of Review are typically held each month for those Scouts who have completed all requirements and Scoutmaster Conference for rank advancement. If you are interested in participating as a Troop BOR member please email **Kathleen Narayanan**, Kathleen@narayanan.us or call her at **770-740-8496** so she can add your information to her list to draw from when we have an upcoming BOR. No experience required. (Unfortunately, unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)



Troop Merit Badge Counselors Needed

Being a Merit Badge Counselor is an easy and fun way to be involved in the Troop. **All Merit Badge Counselors must update/complete a Merit Badge Counselor application and Adult Leader Registration form (both can be found on our Troop website Forms page).**

To learn more about your role as a Merit Badge Counselor visit www.meritbadge.com.

Please give completed forms to **Kathleen Narayanan**. We are seeking counselors for all BSA merit badges

Attention All Adults (Reasons to Be Prepared)

Are you planning on getting involved with scouts? Want to go on an overnight scout trip?

Troop 629 always needs, welcomes and *loves* its volunteers. If you want to participate in any of our activities we have a couple of pre-training requirements we need to have accomplished. It's best to get your qualifications completed early so when that trip comes up that you want to go on; you aren't scrambling to get in.

All adults must complete the Youth Protection on line course before registration.

1. Complete **Adult Registration Form** (check with Wendy Kraemer if you can't remember if you've already done this). (Found under *Forms* on Troop website, www.troop629.org, *Registration Form-Adult*)
2. Complete **Fast Start** (found under *Training* on Troop website). Upon completion of any BSA training program, please email a copy of your course "completion" certificate to **Kathleen Narayanan** at kathleen@narayanan.us or bring a copy to her at the Troop meeting.

A Helping Hand

On occasion the troop is able to provide a helping hand in preparing meals for a Troop 629 family going through a stressful situation. We would like to thank Donna Martinez for taking over this position. If you know of a troop family going through a difficult time and they need assistance or if you are able to provide a meal when needed, please contact Donna Martinez at mom3drm@aol.com.

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training must be updated every two years. Please check with Kathleen Narayanan.

BSA and Sponsor Websites



- We are **Chattahoochee District (www.cdbsa.org)** and **Atlanta Area Council (www.atlantabsa.org)**. These websites have additional information regarding upcoming events, training, contacts and library.
- Troop 629 is sponsored by **Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church (www.mountpisgah.org)**.
- Please send all email address changes, deletions and additions for adults and scouts to the **Troop Newsletter (629newsletter@avants.net)**. Do you know of a troop adult or scout who is not receiving their newsletter by email and would like to be included? Forward this copy to them and have them send me their name and email address.

Why not print out the troop calendar and post it near your family calendar? Remember to verify dates often on the website and bulletin board.