
TROOP 629 NEWS **October 2018**

This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 Scouts and their families.

Up and Coming:

- ❖ Dollywood & Great Smoky Mountains Outing, 10/5 – 10/7
- ❖ Merit Badge help, 10/9
- ❖ Patrol Leaders Council, 10/11
- ❖ Board of Review, 10/15

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL: Susan Campbell, Troop 629 Communications Chair at susans25@aol.com.



Victoria Bryant State Park camping trip Sept. 7 - 9

Scoutmaster Minute by Jason Sutton

There are lots of activities going on throughout the next few months. It's important that you keep abreast of each of the events and let us know as early as possible that you will be participating. Our website, www.troop629.org, has the latest details. Remember that scouting is about outing, not just completing advancement studies. Make the best memories of scouting by actively trying out new and exciting adventures.

Properly trained adults are key support for each of our outings. Please, if you can help, get on board early to be properly certified to participate. Many items can be completed online, but others require the commitment to attend specialized training. To drive, anyone can help. To stay overnight, at a minimum, adults must be Youth Protection Trained, registered with BSA, and have a current medical AB and C physical on file with the Troop.



Keep an eye out on the back table during the meetings for other scouting activities which are not troop organized but open for scouts to attend and sign up on their own.

Memorial Service for Fran Gillis



A memorial service honoring Fran Gillis will be held at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church, 2850 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, Georgia, on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10:00AM. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged, but not required, to wear full Class A Scout uniforms.

Troop 629 has also set up a site to collect the thoughts and reflections from the many people who Mr. Gillis influenced. Please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/OLURAcI6a7ydAuk63>. If you would like to forward a picture, please email: mrg@troop629.org. We will collect these remembrances and pictures and create a condolence book for the Gillis family.

There will be a light reception following the memorial service. If you would like to help with some of the needed food items, please email Mary Beth Bierbaum (marybeth@bierbaum.com) and she will put you in contact with the Committee organizing the reception.

Scout Handshake

SCOUT – TENDERFOOT – SECOND CLASS – FIRST CLASS – STAR – LIFE – EAGLE



Scout – Antonio Kohlman

***Congratulations on
achieving your next rank!***

***** Next Board of Review is October 15th***

***** Merit Badge Help Night next Tuesday!***



News You Can Use...

**** DUES ARE NOW DUE!** Please bring them to the meeting tonight.



**** Our October 29th Troop Meeting will be held at Newtown Park** at the pavilion next to the playgrounds near the Brumbelow Road entrance. If any parent would like to send in a tray of cookies, brownies, or other treat for the boys for this meeting, please email Mary Beth Bierbaum (marybeth@bierbaum.com) and let her know what you can send in. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back table at each Troop meeting.

****** We are transitioning our Communications Chair and communications platform, so please let us know if we miss you in the process! Remember that all monthly Troop Newsletters are posted on the Troop web site as soon as they are distributed.

****** On Saturday November 10th Autrey Mill Nature Preserve will be the site of an organized scouting event for Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts. Troop 629 scouts and adults are being asked to help during the day with the various activities. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 – 2:30. Drop off is at the Nature Preserve and there will be lunch for the helpers. See Mr. Sutton or Wesley Sutton for details.



Popcorn Take Orders are Due on Monday, October 15th!

Popcorn Take Orders and Payment will be collected by Mrs. Hundt at the October 15th Troop Meeting. Please contact Mrs. Hundt if you need to make other arrangements to turn in your Popcorn Take Orders.

You can still set up an on-line account (with your parent's permission) at www.trails-end.com, to make on-line sales to out of town family and friends. There are many more product options available on-line. Plus, there is no money to collect and turn in at a Troop Meeting, and no product to pick-up and deliver. Just send out personalized e-mails from your on-line account. Your parents can also post a link to your sales page on their Facebook page.

Even better – your sales through November will count towards all of the great prizes you see on the popcorn sales brochure, and you will earn 40% of your sales for your High Adventure Account.

And if you either sell \$700 of popcorn, or fill up a Take Order Sheet, you will receive a Nylon Hanging Chair from the Atlanta Area Council.

Popcorn will arrive for distribution on Saturday, November 10th. Please make plans to stop by the Hundt house at 9760 Rod Road, to pick up your popcorn on this date.

If you have any questions, see our Popcorn Kernel Mrs. Hundt, or contact her at kelleyhundt@gmail.com or 770-605-0022.



For All Adult Volunteers:

Interested in helping?

Please see Troop Committee Chair Mary Beth Bierbaum at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com see where you might be able to pitch in!

Volunteers <http://www.troop629.org/about/committee.htm>

We have several volunteers “aging out” with their Scouts or transitioning roles and need help with the following positions: Newsletter/Communications, Medical Records, Friends of Scouting, Scouting for Food, Health/Safety, Scout Sunday, District News. If you would like to get involved, we will find just the right place for you! Descriptions are online. Please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com.

Did you know? <http://www.troop629.org/calendar/index.htm>

The calendar has been posted for the rest of the year. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss! There's something out there for everyone! Have an idea? Let your PLC know!

Advancement <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/index.htm>

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Mrs. Narayana if you do not have one or if you have any questions about how this affects you and your rank.

RSVP for ACTIVITIES <http://www.troop629.org/events/index.htm>

We ask that you please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event. That gives us about 10 days to finalize the details with a solid number of participants. We would like to give everyone as much notice as possible when planning and arranging for adult volunteers, drivers, and paying deposits.

High Adventure <http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/index.htm>

Did you know that we start planning these over a year in advance? That's what it takes to secure a spot for our Troop to participate in Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont, Summit or the new Cavalcade. Adults are needed for High Adventure too, and special training is required and well worth the fun!

Life to Eagle <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/lifetoeagle.htm>

Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Mrs. Narayana has updated everyone's records. Please be sure to follow the directions for the Eagle advancement process; it will help you be sure to get everything done on time.



Den Chiefs

Looking for a leadership position? A great way to serve and have some fun in the process is to be a Den Chief for a local Cub Scout Den. See Mr. Calvert, or email him at stouf29@yahoo.com



Merit Badge Counselors

Please remember to update your YPT training. We want to be sure we observe all Youth Protection rules at all times with all of our Adult Leaders and Scouts. See Mr. Gillis with any questions.



More from the Scoutmaster:

- 2019 High Adventure opportunities are under way! Sea Base sailing in the Bahamas in May is currently full but we are actively seeking for a 2nd opportunity and will hopefully know soon. We also have Philmont backpacking in New Mexico in June and we still have some slots available. These trips are planned well in advance. A deposit of \$100 and an interest form is required to hold a slot for High Adventure. Details are available on the Troop website and flyers are on the table at Troop meetings.
- Grub Master Details - If your scout is working on the requirements to purchase food for an outing, here is the plan that we follow: The Scout buys the items from the list provided with no substitutions or changes. The scout works from the budget provided and turns in his receipts at the next meeting for reimbursement. If a household needs the cash up front, please let us know so we can get you a check in advance.
- Merit Badge Details - Please remember 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. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout can opt to work on Merit Badges during game time. Remember that we have monthly Merit Badge Help Night on the second Tuesday of each month (next one 10/9) for all. Lastly, scouts can see the Troop Librarian to borrow Merit Badge books from the Troop library.
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is one of the week-long training programs we totally promote for all Scouts to attend and a select few even get accepted to staff in following years. Now is the time to apply if you're interested in participating in the Fall or Winter 2018 courses. It is also the time to apply if you are interested in staffing in 2019. Flyers are on the back table at the Troop meetings and on the Troop web site, which is updated with any changes. Please see Mrs. Narayanan or Mr. Sutton with any questions.

*****Did you know that there are many scholarships available to Eagle Scouts?*****

Looking ahead...

**FULL UPDATED Calendar on the troop web site www.troop629.org



October

Monday, October 1 Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm
Friday-Sunday, October 5-7 Outing! Dollywood & Great Smoky Mtns
Friday, October 5 No School - Teacher Workday
Saturday, October 6 Aquatic MBs @ Allatoona
Monday, October 8 No School - Columbus Day, No Troop Meeting
Tuesday, October 9 MB Help Night @ NC, 6pm - 7pm
Thursday, October 11 PLC @ NC S214, 7pm - 8pm
Saturday-Sunday, October 13-14 WFA (Wilderness First Aid), MB University
Sunday, October 14 Troop Committee Mtg @ NC S147, 6pm - 7pm
Monday, October 15 Board of Review, Popcorn Orders Due!, Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15 - 8:45pm
Thursday, October 18 NR District Round Table
Saturday, October 20 JOTA/JOTI
Monday, October 22 Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm
Wednesday, October 24 TBD - Council Coord Mtg
Thursday, October 25 Eagle Board of Review (BOR), 7:30-9pm. Life to Eagle Seminar, 7:30-9pm
Friday-Sunday, October 26-28 NYLT Staff Development 3
Monday, October 29 Troop Meeting @ Newtown Park, 7:15pm - 8:45pm
Wednesday, October 31 Halloween

November

Friday-Sunday, November 2-4 OA Fall Ordeal
Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4 WFA (Wilderness First Aid), Outing! AT Backpacking
Sunday, November 4 Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday, November 5 SPL/PL Elections, Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm
Thursday, November 8 ILST @ NC S214, 5:30pm - 9pm, PLC @ NC S214, 7pm - 8pm
Friday-Sunday, November 9-11 Hornaday Weekend
Saturday, November 10 Georgia Tech Scout Day, Popcorn Distribution, Autrey Mill Scout Day
Sunday, November 11 NYLT Staff Setup, Veterans Day, Troop Committee Mtg @ NC S147, 6-7pm
Monday, November 12 NYLT Staff Signup, Veterans Day observed, Board of Review, Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm
Tuesday, November 13 MB Help Night @ NC, 6pm - 7pm
Wednesday, November 14 Trees with T2000 & T7153
Thursday, November 15 NR District Round Table
Saturday-Wednesday, November 17-21 NYLT Session 4 (Fall)
Monday-Friday, November 19-23 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 19 No Troop Meeting
Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23 Black Friday
Monday, November 26 Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm, Webelos Visitation
Thursday, November 29 Eagle Board of Review (BOR), 7:30-9pm, Life to Eagle Seminar, 7:30-9pm
Friday, November 30 Outing! Lock-In

Plan ahead for the entire year . . . the FULL updated calendar through next summer is available on the Troop web site. www.troop629.org