



May 2021

Troop 455

Haygood United Methodist Church

Troop 455 on Scoutbook

Scoutbook is an online tool where Troop 455 calendar, information, and payments are made. Scouts and Parents can find all information at: <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Scout

On!

Scouting's cadence is aligned with that of the school year and with only one month (+/-) left, we're about to transition both to a new school and Scouting year as well. April saw the Troop's last outing of the school year. May will see the calendaring portion of the annual program planning process (how the Troop plans for the next year), welcoming of new Scouts bridging over from Cub Packs, elections for positions of responsibility (PORs) for the next Patrol Leader's Committee (PLC) and final advancement opportunity for this school year with Scoutmaster Conferences (SMC's), Board of Review (BOR) and the end of year Court of Honor (COH)..... (that's a TON of acronyms, though not quite as bad as we have in the IT industry).

While the school and Scouting years are coming to an end, there's no reason to fret, as Scouting goes on with something for everyone year round. June will have the first PLC meeting with the new PORs, as well as our Scouts at summer camp. Later in the Summer older Scouts will go to national high adventure activities (Philmont and Sea Base this summer, then Northern Tier and Summit/Bechtel Summer 2022). The ASMs and I are discussing holding some targeted merit badge clinics throughout the Summer. August will see the new PLC go through some new-year training, including how to execute upon the annual program plan and hopefully a fun-filled welcome bar-b-q for all our families.

I love this time of year. While it's a time of high activity and preparation as we move rapidly to the end of one cycle, it's also a time of reflection regeneration. Take time to look back upon your (or your Scout's) journey over the past year. Think about how much we've all come through and how well we've all done coming through it. Pause to consider opportunities to improve in areas where the Scout, the Patrol or the Troop may have room to grow and most of all - SHARE these reflections and ideas openly with one another (and with me). We are all here to serve the Scouts, safely creating opportunities that challenge young boys, helping them grow into young men and ultimately good citizens, providing their voice of reason, stability and fortitude sharpened through experience to our community as they mature throughout their life.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve this Troop and each of you. It truly is an honor and privilege. It's among the most rewarding things with which I've ever been involved. The Troop is always ready to welcome your involvement, so if you've been reading and watching and wondering how to get more involved, just ask a Scout (or Scoutmaster or Adult Scout Leader).

MAY TROOP CALENDAR		
see Scoutbook for more details		
Date	Activity & Time	Location
1	Jack Pilger Eagle Scout Project Workday 9am-2pm	Pilger Home
3	Troop Committee Meeting 7:30pm	Virtual
4	PLC Meeting 7:30pm	Virtual
8	Environmental Science Merit Badge 11am-5pm	Chattahoochee Nature Center
8	Benne Ackerman Eagle Scout Project Workday 10am-12noon	Lenox Wildwood Park
10	Board of Review 7:00pm	Virtual
11	Troop Meeting 7:30pm	Haygood Gym
15	Order of the Arrow Work Day 8am-12noon	Bert Adams Scout Camp
15	Construction Merit Badge 9am-4:30pm	Batson Cook Company
15	Benne Ackerman Eagle Scout Project Workday 10am-12noon	Lenox Wildwood Park
18	Troop Meeting 7:30pm	Haygood Gym
19	Cub Scout Pack 17 Crossing Over Ceremony -6pm	TBD
25	End of Year Court of Honor 7:30pm-9pm	Haygood Parking Lot
31	Scoutmaster's Corp Meeting	TBD



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BOARDS OF REVIEW

Pierce

New

Families

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Pape

Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY BOR's!

Proud to announce that April saw Wiley Lum and Owen Stockton achieve the rank of Star Scout in Troop 455. Both scouts expressed interest in assuming positions of responsibility going forward.

Thank you to parents Brian Pilger, Dylan Miyake, and Karri Hobson-Pape for participating in the April BOR.

May Board of Review – Monday May 10th, 2021

With this month being Court of Honor at month end, we expect a good number of BOR reviews forthcoming for May. Would like to hear from parents that have done a BOR this year to help out. If this month isn't good, please let me know a month June –

December that might be good. Really need every parent in the troop to do 1 – 2 Board of Review each year to make it work for the Troop.

For those that may have never done a Board or Review – 1 Minute training course and handout with all questions you may need to ask provided – YES, it's that easy, but vital and important.

ADULT TRAINING OVERVIEW

Dylan Miyake & Brady Lum

Prepared. For Life. That's the Scouting BSA tagline on the homepage of [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org). Training is one of the biggest parts of that equation. If we can train our scouts, put them in situations where they can test their skills, and then give them constructive feedback on what they did, we're doing our part to help prepare our boys for challenges throughout their lives.

But did you know that Scouts BSA also offers adult training courses? These adult training courses cover all sorts of topics – from what you would expect: training for new leaders for Cub, Scout BSA, and Exploring programs – to programs that go above and beyond: Wilderness First Aid, Shooting Sports, Climbing Instructor, and much more. Here in the Atlanta area, we are incredibly fortunate to have the resources of the Atlanta Area Council (AAC, which includes the Bert Adams, Woodruff, and Allatoona Scout Camps) at our disposal. This means that in addition to the vast online library of training, our Scouters (our adult leaders) have access to low-cost, high quality training several times a year.

I would encourage every parent in Troop 455 to explore the training opportunities available here in the AAC at <https://www.atlantabsa.org/training>. Who knows, maybe you'll find a course on a topic that you've always wanted to explore. Maybe you'll get trained to pass on your skills and experience to a new generation. Maybe you'll just get the opportunity to meet other Scouters who share your passion in helping shape the next generation of leaders. In any case, it's time well spent.

Annual Court of Honor Dinner

Tuesday, May 25

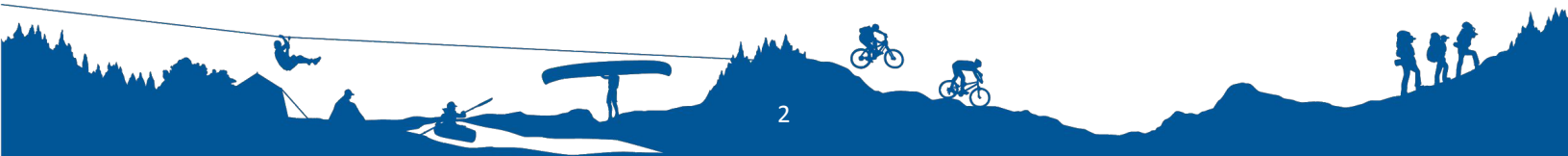
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Haygood UMC

This year, our Annual Court of Honor Dinner will be held outside at Haygood UMC on Tuesday, May 25th from 6:30-9:00. We will have Chick fil A Box Dinners and drinks. Please bring a chair to sit in. We will still follow standard Covid protocols.

Please [return this form](#) by May 21st so we can have a dinner for you and your scouts.

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HIGH ADVENTURE SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Troop 455 still has two slots available for the St. Croix High Adventure Scuba trip for scouts 13 or older who are Open Water certified. For more info, contact Mr. Brady Lum, brady@lum.net



GETTING INVOLVED IN 2021

With the 20-21 Scouting Season coming to a close at the Court of Honor this month, we start turning our focus to the 21-22 season. The new season means new faces at Troop 455: New Scouts who are excited to get going, new parents who are trying to figure it all out, and potentially new leaders (like you) who can help us take Troop 455 into the future. At Troop 455, we're always looking for leaders to help us as Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Merit Badge Counselors, or Trip Leaders. (Plus of course on Boards of Review.) If you haven't yet taken on a volunteer position at Troop 455 (and remember all roles are volunteer roles), please consider taking one on for 21-22. More detail on the available roles is on the following page.



Dylan Miyake
Troop Committee Chair
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We have been extremely fortunate at Troop 455 to have many leaders who have been with us for years. Their guidance and support has provided the necessary continuity to ensure our troop's success. But their involvement doesn't mean that you don't have a role to play. As the troop continues to grow, getting new leaders involved is critical to both running today's troop and ensuring we are successful in the years to come.

Please reach out to me at dnm@alum.mit.edu or 617-834-8839 if you are interested in helping lead the troop. We understand that everyone is busy, so we can scale the level of commitment to your availability. We truly welcome your input and participation to make Troop 455 great!

Troop 455 Committee:

<p>Advancement: Brady Lum Communications: Sue Anthony Fundraising: Open Treasurer: Shelly Hart Outdoor Activities: David Moore</p>	<p>Merit Badges, Health Forms & Summer Camp: Laurel Miyake Adult Training: Mickey Smith New Families: Pierce Pape Courts of Honor: Jody Brooks</p>	<p>Chair: Dylan Miyake Haygood Rep: Jonathan Lathbury Scoutmaster: Todd Sharp</p>
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ADULT

VOLUNTEER

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ROLES

"Front of House" Scoutmaster Roles

If you enjoy camping, coaching, and working with Scouts, a "front of the house" role might be perfect for you. These roles involve working directly with Scouts on advancement, leadership, and outdoor activities.

Assistant Scoutmaster: An adult leader over the age of 18 who helps the Scoutmaster deliver the promise of Scouting. Each assistant Scoutmaster is assigned specific program duties. They can serve the troop by guiding a particular patrol to which they've been assigned, advising certain Scouts who've assumed a position e.g. the quartermaster or OA representative, or fill in as necessary to assure the junior leaders have what they need to run things.

Monthly Trip Leader: An adult leader who has volunteered to run an outing for a month. The Trip Leader works with the Scouts and the Outdoor Activities Chair to plan and execute a trip. This is a great way to get involved with the troop and to learn what goes into making the troop run.

Merit Badge Counselors: Introduces Scouts to a topic about which they are passionate and knowledgeable. At the very least, a merit badge counselor helps a young person earn a merit badge and get one step closer to the next rank. At the most, a merit badge counselor introduces a young person to a subject that could become a lifelong hobby or career.

"Back of House" Committee Roles

If you're more comfortable at a computer than a campout, a "Back of House" role might be a good fit for you. The committee provides the logistical support to the Scouts and Scoutmasters to ensure advancement, outings, and other activities happen.

Communications Chair: Keeps the minutes of meetings and distributes meeting notices. Also manages the troop website and calendar. At each monthly troop committee meeting, the Communication Chair reports the minutes of the previous meeting. This person is responsible for maintaining the official copy of record for all of Troop 455's documents such as the Bylaws, meeting minutes and agendas, and policy or guideline documentation.

Treasurer: Handles all troop funds, and pays bills on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee. The treasurer makes the annual budget submission to the Troop Committee for adoption. The Treasurer also maintains adequate financial records; maintains checking and savings accounts; supervises money-earning projects and reports to the troop committee at each monthly meeting on the status of the Troop's financial condition.

Summer Camp Coordinator: Handles enrollment and registration for the Troop at the annual summer camp, including registering scouts for classes, promoting the summer camp to the troop, and reaching out to Scouts crossing over to Troop 455 to get them to attend summer camp.

YPT / Health Forms Champion: Ensures that all adult leaders have current Youth Protection Training (YPT) and that all scouts have appropriate health forms on file. Works with the Outdoor Activities Chair to ensure all trip leaders have copies of forms for adults and youth attending events.

Adult Training Chair: Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader, and the Adult Training Chair works with the adult leaders at Troop 455 to ensure they are current with their training for the role they currently hold. Reports to the troop committee the current training status and works directly with adult leaders to encourage training.

Outdoor Activities Chair: Responsible for overseeing the planning, coordination, and execution of all logistical functions that support troop outdoor activities. This subcommittee supports the Scoutmasters by contacting destination campsites, arranging payments and registration, arranging and coordinating transportation, requesting and securing required tour permits, and providing communications with parents before, during, and after each camping activity.

Advancement Chair: Supports the Scoutmasters in his/her lead role implementing the Advancement program of the troop. The Advancement chair works with the Scoutmasters to encourage scouts to advance in rank. In addition, the chair coordinates, oversees and implements the scheduling of monthly Boards of Review for advancement of candidates.

Court of Honor Chair: Plans, schedules, and runs the Troop's quarterly Court of Honors, to include ensuring participation of appropriate personnel, arranging refreshments, and providing oversight of scout set-up and clean-up of meeting facilities.

Fundraising Chair: Supports the Scoutmaster by planning, coordinating, managing, and executing the Troop's fundraising activities (Camp Cards and Popcorn Sales), the annual Scouting for Food drive, the annual Friends of Scouting campaign, and Community Service events.

Troop Committee Chair: The committee is the troop's "Board of Directors" and the Committee Chair oversees all committee operations necessary to support the Scoutmaster in administration of the Troop's program. The chair organizes the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed, and presides over the monthly troop committee meetings.