

Scoutmaster News

Jim Horvath

We have completed the Troop's recharter process. Several Scouts aged out and our Patrols needed to be realigned. Now that we have completed that, we want to institute a Grub Master Program. The Grub Master is a Scout from each Patrol who is responsible for buying the food for the Patrol for a given campout. Please see the Newsletter Grub Master section.

Two deep Adult Supervision is required at all times at Summer Camp. That is 24 hours a day. Historically I have been the only full time adult at Summer Camp and other adults (both Mothers and Fathers) have come for one or more shifts during the week. I would very much prefer to have one or more adults there for the week or for one or more full days. It is very rewarding to see the Scouts working on advancement or enjoying themselves during free time. If anyone is available for all or part of the week, please let me know as soon as possible. In the absence of the availability of longer term adult assistance, the Troop breaks the day into shifts. Shifts are 9-1, 1:30–5:30, 7-10 pm, and 10 pm – 7am. We will have a sign up poster at the Troop meetings for parents to indicate when they can be at camp to volunteer their time.

For anyone considering longer term attendance, adults have activities and training that is available at various time during the week. Swimming, rifle, shotgun and archery are a few. Canoeing, rowing and fishing are available too. Youth Protection Training and a BSA Medical may be required to participate in some activities.

Troop Website

Elise Nester

Check out our new, up to date website at: http://www.bsatroop390.org

There are lots of forms and information on the website.

2018 High Adventure: High Knoll Backpacking Trip6/23/18 - 6/30/18

Cost: \$400.00

This summer's High Adventure is a backpacking trek at High Knoll, in Pulaski Virginia. It is our Troop requirement for those that wish to participate in our Philmont Trek in 2019. Scout are required to participate in two of the three Backpacking weekends we have planned in preparation for the Trek.

The fifth payment of \$75 is now due.

Grub Master

The Grub Master is a Scout from each Patrol who is responsible for buying the food for the Patrol for a given campout. The Grub Master changes for each campout. It is also a responsibility for the Scout that helps him grow in Scouting. We will be coaching the Scouts as we implement the Grub Master Program.

The Patrol will plan the menus for the campout and then the Grub Master will be told how many Scouts from the Patrol will be attending. A set amount of money will be provided from the fees for that Campout to the Grub Master to purchase all the food supplies for the campout weekend meals. One of the responsibilities of the Grub Master is to live within the money provided. Obviously a parent will provide transportations and may offer suggestions to the Grub Master but the scout is to do the buying of the food items based on the planned menu for the campout.

Pack Inspection for High Knoll Scouts

At the April 17 Troop meeting Scouts going to High Knoll are to bring their backpack packed with the items they have to go on the Trek. Don't buy a backpack or anything else. Just bring what you have. The Troop has backpacks to loan.

Upcoming Campouts

Ed Kuchar

April 20-22 Campout Tuscazoar (backpacking)

May 4-6 Camporee (Parkman, OH)

June 1-3 Butler Campout

June 10-15 NYLT (Butler)

June 23-30 High Knoll High Adventure

July 9-11 Cub Scout Day Camp (Manatoc)

July 15-21 Summer Camp (Manatoc)

Aug 10-12 Bike & Canoe Trip (Massillon)

Sep TBD Aviation MB at MAPS (Canton)

Oct 19-21 Shooting sports (North Lawrence)

Nov 9-11 Scout skills Ft Steuben (Steubenville)

Nov 30-Dec 2 Klondike warm-up (Seven Ranges)

June 2019 Philmont High Adventure (New Mexico)

July 22-Aug 2, 2019 World Jamboree (West Virginia)

Scouts Working on T-2-1 Brent Bartlett

Scouts working on Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class requirements should bring their scout handbook to EVERY scout meeting (and remember to take it home, too!) Mr. Bartlett must see the handbooks to record all completed requirements in Troop Master.

Camp Cards Sale Starts March 8

Scouts can sell Camp Cards to help boost their scout account for campouts or summer camp. Sales begin 3/8 and end 6/7. Cards cost \$10.00 and are good at over 200,000 places nationwide on the Entertainment Book Online system. Scouts earn \$5/card for their account. Request Camp Cards at the Troop meetings.

Important Dates to Remember

3/15/18 Jacob Strandberg Eagle Court of Honor 3pm 5/6/18 Troop Committee Meeting 7pm

Merit Badge Information

Robotics, Programming, Electronics – began on 1/14/18. These three merit badges have much overlap and will require significant effort to complete. Contact Mr. Mularcik if you have questions regarding the material.

Disability Awareness MB – 4/21/18 8am – noon at Goodwill store on Waterloo Road. Complete the whole MB in 4 hours!

Gardening/Plant Science/Nature MB – if you are interested in pursuing any of these badges, please contact Mrs. Mularcik.

Summer Camp 7/15 - 7/21

Early bird fee is \$265 and is due by 5/15/18. Each scout is required to have a current medical form, part A, B, & C on file to attend summer camp. The form can be found on our troop website.

Parent volunteers are needed for the week of summer camp. If we had one or two adults who could spend the whole week at camp, it would be greatly appreciated. We have to have 2 deep adult supervision in the camp at all times. Sign up to help on the poster at the troop meetings or email Mr. Horvath. Shifts are 9-1, 1:30–5:30, 7-10 pm, and 10 pm – 7am.

Wed 7/18 is family night. Retreat begins at 5:30 pm with a potluck dinner following in our campsite. Each family is asked to bring a large side dish to the camp and visit with their scout for the evening.

Missing Tents

Scouts take tents home to dry them after Campouts. Three tents have not come back in the last 6-8 months. Please check your basements, garages or anyplace they may have been put after drying. **We need them!**

Newsletter Items

To add items to the monthly newsletter, contact Paula at bnpwood4@gmail.com