



# TROOP 390

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## Scoutmaster News

*Jim Horvath*

Our Troop is an active Troop, but we need help from parents to make everything happen! There are many ways to help. The best way to find out about the Troop needs is to attend the monthly Troop Committee Meeting. Typically we meet at 7:00 p.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church. Sometimes the meeting gets moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday if there are conflicts. The meeting covers the whole gamut of Advancement, Activities, Leadership, Training and Finances. All Parents are invited to attend. You do not have to be a registered Committee Member or Leader to attend, but you may want to be! Every Committee Member and Leader in the Troop is a volunteer. But we can't do it all! Please ask what you can do!

Scouts is one of the best activities in which your child can participate. It can be even more rewarding for the Scout if the parent is involved and for the parent, too.

We are looking for Merit Badge Counselors. What is your expertise, vocation or avocation? There are 135 Merit Badges, certainly you could be a counselor for one! Merit Badges are the core of advancement for the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle. Go to [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) to see the full list and the requirements for each of them. Merit Badge Counselors must register to be a counselor and take Youth Protection Training. There are two types of Merit Badges: Eagle required and electives. Twenty one Merit Badges are required for Eagle, 13 of which are Eagle required and 8 are electives. Most Eagle Scouts earn more than the requisite 21 however and some earn as many as 40-60. Merit Badges open up a whole world of knowledge and adventure to Scouts.

One activity we ask every parent (and Scout) to participate in is our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March. We start planning for it in November and need parents to help with the planning. The committee meets during Troop meetings. Watch for the announcements.

## Popcorn News

*Elise Nester*

Elise Nester is the Popcorn Kernel and Jill Gallagher is the assistant Popcorn Kernel this year.

Keep selling popcorn! The popcorn season is almost over. We've had lots of successful Show & Sells and several Scouts taking popcorn around their neighborhoods. If you would like to do that, please contact Elise Nester (330-730-8007) to arrange to pick up product.

Just a few reminders:

- Scouts are expected to sell \$450 worth of popcorn/coffee or owe the Troop \$75.
- Popcorn turn is 10/23 at the Troop meeting.

Thanks to all the Scouts who have set sales goals and are working hard to achieve them.

- As always, if you have any questions, please contact Elise or Jill (330-690-0288)
- Oct 23rd - Finish Line - Sell \$750 & receive a \$25 gift card (see above)
- Sell a minimum of \$450 - 1 free camp weekend (\$10 camp)

## Sewing 10/16/18

Mrs. Mularcik will be at the troop meeting to help scouts sew their patches on their uniforms and sashes. Thread and needles provided!

## Adult Youth Protection Training

Registered Adults must renew their youth protection online at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) by 1/1/19. It takes about 1.5 hours to complete. The current version became available in March 2018. If you have taken it since then you are good for 2 years from the date you took it. It is recommended that all parents take it too.

## Upcoming Campouts

*Ed Kuchar*

10/12-14 Davis-Besse Nuclear Science Camporee  
11/10 Climbing w/ Webelos at Kendall Cliffs 3-5pm  
11/30-12/2 Klondike Warm-up @ Stigwandish (Madison)  
1/11-1/13 Klondike at Manatoc  
2/9/19 Scout Ski Day at a NY Ski Resort (TBD)  
3/22-24 Campout (TBD)  
June 15-28, 2019 Philmont High Adventure (New Mexico)  
June 23-28, 2019 Red River Gorge High Adventure  
July 22-Aug 2, 2019 World Jamboree (West Virginia)

## Important Dates to Remember

10/20/18 Justin Bartlett Eagle COH at his home 6:30pm  
10/23/18 Popcorn sale ends – turn in your order form!  
11/3/18 Faith Lutheran Rummage Sale Cleanup 1:30  
11/6/18 Cub Scout Open House during our meeting

## November Climbing with Webelos

The troop is treating everyone to free climbing at Kendall Cliffs on 11/10/18 from 3-5pm and then free pizza dinner at 5pm. You must complete an online waiver before you arrive. Sign up at the troop meeting!

## Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure

**6/15/19 - 6/28/19**

In 2019 our troop will go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. It is the premier high adventure camp for boy scouts. Scouts are required to be 14 years old or completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and be first class rank by

January 1, 2019 to attend. The cost is \$1950.00/person which includes airfare. We have 7 scouts and 2 adults signed up. The next \$400.00 payment will be due 11/23/18.

## Merit Badge Information

**Robotics, Programming, Electronics** – Contact Mr. Mularcik when you are ready to review the material.

## Red River Gorge High Adventure

**6/23/18 – 6/28/18 Cost: 250.00**

We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> high adventure in 2019 to the Red River Gorge. Scouts who have completed First Class are eligible. More details coming soon!

Sign up starting November 1<sup>st</sup> with a \$50 payment. Additional payments of \$50 will be due in February, March, April, & May. Commitments are required.

## Religious Awards

Did you know that boy scouts has religious awards for most denominations? Scouts interested in pursuing these, please let Mr. Horvath know. We hope to start Ad Altari Dei (Catholic Award) soon.

## Scout Bulletin Board

We are looking for a parent(s) to update our bulletin board at Faith Lutheran Church twice a year. Update photos and information. Probably 4 hours/year. Let Mr. Horvath know if you can help.

## Troop Committee

We are looking for a parents to attend and participate in the troop committee which meets once a month usually the first Sunday of the month 7pm-8:30pm to discuss Troop Advancement, Activities, Leadership, Training and Finances. Please consider joining us!

## Davis-Besse Nuclear Science Camporee October 12-14, 2018

We meet at Faith Lutheran Church this Friday at **6:00 pm**. Scouts will return home between 11:00 and noon on Sunday. Commitments were required by

## Troop Website

*Elise Nester*

Check out our new, up to date website at:

<http://www.bsatroop390.org>