



TROOP 390

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The Great Trail Council

The Signal Tree District

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Scoutmaster News

Jim Horvath

A couple months ago the Troop announced a second high adventure for 2019. This is at the Red River Gorge in southern Kentucky. There is much to do at the Gorge and it is highly recommended by Tim Knight (son Justin is an Eagle from Troop 390) who has taken groups there several times. It is a great place for camping, hiking and has a terrific natural rock wall for climbing and repelling. The wall has different areas for varying levels of climbers.

Since announcing this second high adventure several months ago, we have had no one show an interest. The Troop Committee decided that we should move the date away from the time that our Philmont Scouts will be gone in order to permit them to do both Philmont and the Red River Gorge, if they wish. We discussed this at Troop closing last week and several Scouts have indicated an interest. The Philmont Crew is gone from Jun 15 to June 28 and the 4th of July is the next week, so the best dates for the Red River Gorge Trek are to start Sunday or Monday, July 7 or 8 and return July 11 or 12. That gives Scouts a couple days to prepare for Summer Camp which is the week of July 14 to 20.

We need Scout and parent input to know what participation we will have in the Red River Gorge Trek. It makes for a tight timeframe with Summer Camp, but it will be a great event. Our price of \$250 is extremely low for a five day adventure and the Scouts will remember it for a long, long time. If there is minimal interest we will not do it in 2019 and will consider it for 2020 or beyond. We request your input by our third Troop Supper, January 8.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The troop will not be meeting on 12/25/18 or 1/1/19.

Spaghetti Dinner

Tara Mostoller

Our second fundraiser for the troop is our annual spaghetti dinner which will be on 3/4/19. Tara Mostoller is our chairperson for this event. We need every scout and parent to help with this event. We have spaghetti to prepare, bake sale table and a basket raffle. Please plan to donate some bakery and a few items for the basket raffle.

The first spaghetti dinner meeting is 12/11/19 at 7pm during the troop meeting. All parents are asked to attend.

The Scout Shop is Moving

Great Trail Council is closing the S. Main Street Scout Shop and Office location at 6:00 pm December 18. Grand Opening at 4500 Hudson Dr, Stow 44224, is January 12, 9 am-1 pm. They will have more office space and a bigger scout shop!

Hotdog Supper

2nd Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 – 7:00

We will be having a hotdog supper (or other entre) each 2nd Tuesday of the month. This is our second one and are committed to do three. Please provide your feedback to Mr. Portteus or Mr. Horvath. Scouts and their families are invited to attend. If you'd like to come a little early at 6pm to help Mr. Portteus setup, please do. The purpose of this supper to help the parents get to know the other parents and Troop Leaders better.

Adult Youth Protection Training

Registered Adults must renew their youth protection online at 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

1/11-1/13 Klondike at Manatoc
2/9/19 Scout Ski Day at a NY Ski Resort (TBD)
3/22-24 Ft. Steuben Campout (Freeport, OH)
4/26-4/28 Muskingum Valley Campout (Coshocton OH)
5/17-5/19 Backpacking at Zaleski SF or Hickory Creek
June 15-28, 2019 Philmont High Adventure (New Mexico)
June 23-28, 2019 Red River Gorge Adventure (KY)
July 14-20, 2019 Manatoc Summer Camp (Peninsula)
July 22-Aug 2, 2019 World Jamboree (West Virginia)

Important Dates to Remember

12/??/18 PLC at 6pm
12/25 No troop meeting
1/1/19 No troop meeting
2/3/18 Scout Sunday 11am – 1pm
3/2/19 Troop Spaghetti Dinner
1/6/18 Troop Committee Meeting at 7pm

Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure 6/15/19 - 6/28/19

The first Philmont contingent meeting was held on 12/6/18 at Camp Butler Conference Center. The next meetings there will be 2/7/19 and 5/16/19. All scouts and parent(s) who are going to Philmont must attend these meetings. Please wear your scout uniform. The next \$400.00 payment for the trip will be due 1/16/19. Please pay at the scout shop or call 330-773-0415 to put the payment on your credit card.

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 2nd 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 1st 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 Popius XII (Catholic Award for High School age Scouts) soon.

Scout Bulletin Board

We are looking for a parent(s) to help 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.

Head Start Gift Giving

Christmas is a time to think of those less fortunate than us. For many years Troop 390 families have provided a Christmas for a Family in the Summit County Head Start Program. The Troop will do it again this year with the help of each of our families.

Head Start provided us with paper ornaments with an item that the child wants or needs, plus an article of food or supplies for the family. Our Scouts selected one or more ornaments at the Troop meeting December 4. The **items are to be brought unwrapped to the Troop meeting on December 18** where the Scouts will wrap them for delivery to the family.

Troop Website

Elise Nester

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