

**Scoutmaster News***Jim Horvath*

The holidays are a busy time! We appreciate the turnout for the Stigwandish Campout, both Scouts and Adults. Again we ate well! Three Scouts cooked three meals each for either 1st Class, Camping MB or Cooking MB. They were all delicious!

At this week's Troop meeting we will be cleaning the gear and the stoves and the trailer to insure that we have everything ready for the next campout. We really need the tents that are missing because several tents now have broken poles. Mr. Porteus is fixing or ordering new poles, but this takes time and is expensive.

Some tags are still available for the Head Start Gifts. They will be at the meeting Tuesday the 10th.

We would like to have a Christmas Party after the Head Start Gift wrapping next week. We will get input from the Scouts at the meeting this week. It may be as simple as bringing cookies to share. It will depend on how quickly the wrapping is finished.

Cellphones are becoming more prevalent at the Troop meetings and campouts. I know we cannot prevent this, however, please counsel your Scout to not be texting or calling at Scout events unless it is urgent. Playing games on the phone is not appropriate until all activities are done.

Also I ask that if a Scout calls a parent and wants to come home that you call me (330-283-4422) and discuss it before agreeing to pick them up.

Happy Holidays to everyone! May the Blessings of the Season be felt now and throughout 2020.

High Adventure 2020 Survey

Paula Knott emailed a survey a few weeks ago to help decide which week in June would be best for this year's high adventure. We had only 3 replies. It was sent again on Sunday. Please take just 2 minutes out to review your schedule and reply to help us best plan for the scouts!

It's Spaghetti Dinner Planning Time! A message from Tara Mostoller, our Coordinator:

The Troop's biggest fundraiser will be here soon. Please reserve **March 14, 2020** for our annual Spaghetti dinner. Lots of help is needed to make this event a success. **Our next parent meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th.**

Donations are now being accepted for Spaghetti Dinner raffle baskets. If you see a good deal while you are out shopping, just drop it off at the troop meeting. We will take care of the packaging!!

Some ideas are family movies and games (new or gently used), camping equipment, wine and accessories, candy, blankets, service donations, electronics (new or gently used Kindle, iPad, xbox etc.), pet items, candles ... and I'm sure that there are many other great ideas that I haven't thought of.

Please call Tara at 330-714-1101 with questions. We hope to see you at the Spaghetti Dinner Parent Planning Meeting on January 7th!

Dec 17th: Head Start Gifts to be Wrapped & Christmas Party

Last week we pulled tags for the Summit County Head Start Program. Please make sure your items (gift and food item) are at the meeting on the 17th, we will wrap all the gifts!

It's important the tags you received accompany the items on the 17th. If you cannot be at the meeting on the 17th, contact [Jim Horvath](#) to arrange to get them there ahead of time.

After we are all done with wrapping – we'll have a Christmas Party! More details at this week's meeting.

Upcoming Campouts & Events *Ed Kuchar*

Jan 7 Welding Merit Badge at Troop Meeting

Jan 31-Feb 2 Klondike at Manatoc

Feb 29 Ski Trip to Holiday Valley

Feb 29 Goodyear STEM day at U of A

Mar 20-22 Wright Patterson Air Force Base

April 24-26 Laurel Caverns - Geology Merit Badge

May 15-17 Muskingum Valley Camp- Scout Skills

June 2020 Bike Trip Great Allegheny Passage & C&O Canal Trail

July 19-25 7/19-25 Summer Camp @ Camp Manatoc

Important Dates

Dec 17 Summit Cty Head Start gift/food collection and wrapping

NOTES:

No meetings 12/24 and 12/31

No PLC meeting in December. Next PLC meeting is Jan 7.

2/9 Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran and Court of Honor

3/14 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Popcorn Wrap-up From Elise Nester, Our Popcorn Kernel:

Sales were positive this year and prizes have been passed out! We still have 4 extra Buffalo Cheddar – **They make Great Christmas Gifts!** Contact [Elise](#) if you'd like to purchase one, some, or all!

Giving Tree at Great Trail Scout Store

\$125 in gifts requested on the Giving Tree was donated by Troop 390. If you are at the Scout Store between now and December 16, please consider giving a gift, too.

Troop Website

Elise Nester

Check out our website at:

<http://www.bsatroop390.org>

Wrap Up:

Stigwandish: We had some good food and a good campout!

Cub Chariot Race: Our help was much appreciated – they had a great turnout!

Welcome New Scouts!

Alex and Collin! Let's give them a warm welcome at our next meeting.

Acme Cashback Program

The annual ACME cashback program began August 8 and will **end December 28**. The Scout who turns in the receipt gets the 5% of the cashback amount on the bottom of the receipt. Please turn in any receipts at the meetings with the scout's name written at the top. **Paula Knott is the ACME Cashback coordinator. Please contact her with any questions at mspknott@gmail.com**

Troop Committee Needs Members

The purpose of the group is to meet once a month to help plan troop activities, fundraisers, and high adventure trips. Please consider joining us.

TROOP TENTS! We are NOW missing 4 tents! Scouts take a tents home to clean and dry after a campout. **Please dry yours, pack and return for upcoming trips. Tents should be returned at the meeting following the campout.**

Assistant Scoutmasters Needed

We need more adults to be part of the Troop Leadership. Assistant Scoutmasters are needed to participate at Campouts and Troop meetings. Youth Protection Training and Leader Indoor and Outdoor Training is also required.