



Issue 69

The Great Trail Council The Signal Tree District

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## Scoutmaster News

*Jim Horvath*

Now that the Holidays are behind us, it is time to focus on the Troop Scouting program. Our focus at the January 7 meeting is going to have an SPL (Senior Patrol Leader Council sometime call a PLC) meeting during the Troop meeting so that all Scouts can see what goes into the process of defining the Troop meetings for the month and the campout.

When an SPL meeting is done properly with attendance of all officers of the Troop, the meetings for the month have a focus. Troop meetings contain 7 elements that are critical to the development of the Scout for education, rank advancement, learning leadership and having fun. The meetings for the month should have a theme. This month should be preparation for the Klondike. Some months should have a theme related to current events or history or a merit badge and may include having the Scouts invite a speaker.

We are a Scout Lead Troop and that requires Scouts to grow in their Leadership Ability. It takes time, but is very rewarding to watch it happen.

That brings me to the commercial! We need adult leaders who are available to work with Scouts as necessary at Troop meetings and who can and will camp with us. Sometimes we struggle to have enough transportation for Scouts to get to campouts and back. If you are interested, please contact me. Moms and Dads can all participate. My email is [jhorvath99@aol.com](mailto:jhorvath99@aol.com) and my cell is 330-283-4422.

## High Adventure 2020 Bike Trek

Based on the responses received from the surveys sent, the Bike Trek will be 6/21-6/28. We must have enough Scout commitments for us to continue to plan this event. Permission slips will be at the meeting starting 1/7. Parents are welcome to participate. Cost is \$400.00. We must have commitments by March. When the weather improves we weekly start training.

## 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. Please participate this Tuesday, your help is needed!**

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.

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Please call Tara at 330-714-1101 with questions.  
**We hope to see you at the Spaghetti Dinner**

## Welding Merit Badge is Starting!

If interested in participating in this badge, you must be at the meeting on Tuesday Jan 7 & 14 for the required Welding Safety Training and class work.

## Scout Sunday is Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

We ask Scouts and Families to attend the 11:00 service at Faith Lutheran Church to show the congregation our appreciation for sponsoring the Troop. Usually some of our Scouts will do readings or be part of the service. Following the service the Troop has a potluck luncheon and a Friends of Scouting presentation and Court of Honor.

## Upcoming Campouts & Events *Ed Kuchar*

Jan 7 & 14 Welding Merit Badge at Troop Meeting

Jan 31-Feb 2 Klondike at Manatoc

Feb 9 – Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran

Feb 9 – Court of Honor

Feb 15 – Winter Activity Day-TBD

Feb 16 – Zack Spatz's Eagle Ceremony -Time TBD

Feb 22 Ski Trip to Peak & Peak

Feb 29 Goodyear STEM day at U of A

March 14 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Mar 21-22 Wright Patterson Air Force Museum

April 25-26 Muskingum Valley Campout

May 16-17 Laurel Caverns - Geology Merit Badge

June 21-28 Bike Trip Great Allegheny Passage & C&O Canal Trail

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

## Peak & Peak Ski Trip 2/22 Details:

Commitments are needed by 2/11

This is for EXPERIENCED SKIERS. Permission Slips containing the costs of Lift Tickets and Equipment Rental will be at the meetings starting January 14th.

\*We MUST have enough drivers.

Depart from the Acme Montrose parking lot at 6am sharp and return that evening.

## 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 Gifts or your family can eat it!** Contact [Elise](#) if you'd like to purchase one, some, or all!

## Court of Honor is Around the Corner

The next Court of Honor is scheduled for February 9. Please make note of the date and use these next few weeks to wrap up requirements for badges or rank advancements.

## Acme Cashback Program

The annual ACME cashback program has come to an end. Bring in any receipts dated on or before **December 28 to the Jan 7 meeting** with the scout's name at the top. The Scouts who turns in the receipt gets the 5% of cashback amount on the bottom of the receipt put in their Scout Account. **Paula Knott is the ACME Cashback coordinator. Please contact her with any questions at [mspknott@gmail.com](mailto: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 3 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, Leader Indoor and Outdoor Training and Hazardous Weather Training are also required.

## Troop Website

*Elise Nester*

Check out our website at:

<http://www.bsatroop390.org>