

**Scoutmaster News***Jim Horvath*

The "Rise Against Hunger" service project last Saturday was amazing! We had 15 Scouts and Adults participate, but there were over 100 people total. Over 10,700 meals were packed in less than 2 ½ hours. It was quite a production! See the pictures on our bulletin board or on the Troop web site. "Rise Against Hunger" sends the food packets to starving people in Africa and elsewhere. When they have several hundred thousand packet they will ship them to a country and tell us where they went. Faith Lutheran Church expects to do this again in September. Our Scouts get credit for Service Hours for this. We appreciate both Scouts and Adults who participated. Thank you!

We don't hear from very many Parents between Courts of Honor, however, we would very much like to! The Troop Committee meets monthly usually at 7:00 pm on the 1st Sunday of the month at Faith Lutheran. All Parents are welcome to attend and participate. You do not have to be a Committee Member.

Participating in the Spaghetti Dinner is a great way to meet other Parents and Leaders and see our Scouts in action! We are able to keep costs to the Scouts low and offer many of the benefits we do by asking for Scout and Parent participation in our Fundraisers. AND IT'S FUN!

The Wright Patterson Museum trip and the Laurel Caverns trip are both fairly long drives and adults are needed for them to be successful. Usually these two activities are well attended, so if you are available to drive, please indicate that on the bottom of the Permission Slip. Both Permissions Slips are available at the Troop meetings. Adults are required to pay some of their own costs to participate on these two activities.

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 are now available. Parents are welcome to participate. Cost is \$400.00. After March 31 the fee goes up to \$425.00. When the weather improves we will start weekly training.

Spaghetti Dinner Needs

Our Troop's biggest fundraiser, the Spaghetti Dinner is quickly approaching. Several things are needed to make this event to be a success. Please email, text or call Tara Mostoller (330-714-1101), or taramostoller@yahoo.com) if you are able to help with any of the following items:

1. We have several adult shifts that need coverage on March 14th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. If you have not signed up yet, please let me know, as soon as possible, which position you are able to cover.
 - *One Adult to prepare the bread and salads for the servers.
 - *One to two adults to prepare "to go" meals
 - * Four people to help in the kitchen from 4-7pm
 - * Six or more people to help with clean up. The more we have, the faster it goes!
2. We also need to borrow the following items: Please let Tara know if you have any, and bring it to Tuesday's meeting March 10.
 - *5 Power Strips
 - *5 Large Roasters
 - *3 Large Pots for boiling spaghetti
 - *4 Crock Pots
3. All families are asked to provide a baked good to sell at the bake sale. Please drop off before the event on Saturday, March 14th.
4. We don't have enough raffle basket donations! If you have not turned in a donation, please either donate toward a basket or drop your donation on my porch at 4215 Janwood Drive, Copley, before this Sunday.

Scouts:

1. Very important prep/training next Tuesday, 3/10 at the troop meeting
2. Scouts should put their name on the back of each dinner ticket for a chance to win a prize. Ticket money and unsold tickets (hopefully you don't have any) must be turned in at next week's troop meeting March 10.
3. Scouts should report for their shift, in clean uniform at 3:00pm on Saturday, March 14th, if they would like to eat a spaghetti dinner. The Baughman family has once again bought meals for the scouts! All other scouts should arrive by 4:00pm to begin their shift.
4. Help is needed for decorating beginning at noon on March 14th. Come if you are available to help decorate.

Upcoming Campouts & Events *Ed Kuchar*

March 14 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

March 28-29 (New Date) Wright Patterson Air Force Museum

April 24-26 Manatoc Campout - Scout Skills

May 16-17 Laurel Caverns - Geology Merit Badge

May 19 Court of Honor & Last Day to pay Summer Camp Early bird fee of \$295

May 25 VFW Memorial Day Service 9:00 to 10:00 am

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

July 19-25 Summer Camp @ Camp Manatoc

August –Possible Allegheny National Forest Backpacking Campout

Scouts BSA Physicals are not only for Summer Camp

Each Scout and Adult Leader is required to have a Scouts BSA Medical form annually. To attend Summer Camp the physical (Part C) must be dated within 12 months of the last day of Summer Camp. However, these are important to the Troop all year long. If a Scout or Leader is hurt or becomes ill on a campout or other activity, we have them to reference and provide to medical professionals as necessary. The parent completes Parts A & B of the form and Part C should be completed by Medical Professional such as a doctor or a physician's assistant. Copies of sports physicals are not accepted.

Here is a link to the [new physical form](#) required for this year.

Contact [Mr. Horvath](#) with any questions.

Summer Camp Payments and Class sign-ups are now active

The class list and form for Scouts to indicate what they are interested in taking at Summer Camp will be available starting at the March 10 Troop meeting. Advancement and Merit badges at Summer Camp is important and the Troop will help the Scouts to get the most out of the opportunity.

TROOP TENTS! We are still missing 2

tents! Scouts take a tent home to clean and dry after a campout. **Tents should be returned at the meeting following the campout. Someone must have these tents!**

Welding Merit Badge Continues

Congratulations to Elizabeth Nester, Gwen Pszonowsky and Lohen Middendorf for completing the MB Tuesday 3/3! Brad Mularcik will only be at the troop meetings when notified by Scouts that they are ready to review the safety requirements. Participating Scouts should come prepared to talk about the requirements. Welding sessions will be available by appointment. Each Scout must have parent present during the welding. The parent may weld too! Contact Brad Mularcik directly to schedule. bnpwood4@gmail.com

Peak & Peak Ski Trip 2/22 Wrap up

Only 6 Scouts and Mr. Gallagher signed up for the NY Ski, so we could not do it as a Troop activity without the required 2 deep leadership Scouting requires for Youth Protection. However, Mr. Gallagher offered to take the boys as a non-Troop activity providing the parents approved. Everyone had a great time! One additional glitch was that there were not enough people to qualify for the group rates. The Troop will review and determine whether the Scouts owe additional amount.

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

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Check out our website at:

<http://www.bsatroop390.org>