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Scoutmaster News

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We are doing everything we can to stay connected with our Scouts during this time of uncertainty. We have been meeting in the Church parking lot on Tuesdays for the last month. The Scouts that have attended are enjoying it. Social distancing is easier outside and the activities lend themselves that. We have been lucky so far that it has not rained.

We are not participating in the Cybertoc Camp (see Summer Camp Update) offered by Great Trail as a Troop because many Scouts have said they are tired of Virtual anything. However, if a Scout wants to do it, they are encouraged to.

We are looking for places to camp that will permit us to do some of the things that Scouting is all about. Many State Parks are opening. That would permit us to camp at reasonable costs. We will keep you informed.

Great Trail Council just released guidelines for Unit Camping Friday morning. We will be assessing them and determine what we can do.

Stan Hywet Building Challenge

Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and the Great Trail Council are partnering to present 'The Stan Hywet Building Challenge - Designing the Future of the Past.' Great Trail Council is offering the opportunity for Scouts BSA members to earn the Architecture or Landscape Architecture merit badges in a unique and historical setting at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Learn about these two professional disciplines from experts in the field and in a place so unique that it will leave a lasting impression.

The cost is \$12. Parents can attend for \$12 also. Scouts select one of the Merit Badges at registration. Class is 10am to 5pm. Registration by August 1 at:

https://scoutingevent.com/433-architectureday#

Summer Camp Update

Great Trail Council has canceled Resident Summer Camp at Camp Manatoc due to restrictions put in place by the Ohio and Summit County Health Departments. However, Great Trail is offering a Virtual Summer Camp. The name of the Camp is Cybertoc! Scouts can choose from four different weeks in July. Fee is \$125.00.

Week 1 - July 5th - 9th

Week 2 - July 12th - 16th

Week 3 - July 19th - 23rd

Week 4 - July 26th - 30th

A Flyer is available at

http://www.manatoc.org/forms/camp2020_flyer.pdf

A Box will be sent to every participant that includes:

T-Shirt, Patch, and Cinch Sack Backpack.

Earn Up to 6 Merit Badges

Newer scouts can earn rank

Virtual Opening Campfire

Spirit Camp Programs

Closing fire with reading of the Spell of Marnoc

OA call-out Ceremony

Scouts own Service

Weekends to complete hands on requirements.

When the Registration is available we will send the link to all Troop 390 and 7390 Families. Registration will be up to the family.

High Adventure 2020 Bike Trek

The Troop Bike Trek is still planned but a firm date has not been set. Scouts wanting to attend can still sign up by emailing me at jhorvath99@aol.com. We are holding the fee at \$400. We started warm-up rides using social distancing several weeks ago, but Scouts can and should start riding in their neighborhoods as soon as they can. Remember Scouts BSA rules require each youth and adult to wear a bike helmet

Place and time of each ride will be sent each week. So far we have been doing rides of 10 to 16 miles.

All Scouts and Parents are invited!

Spaghetti Dinner Update

We are still planning to have our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this fall, if possible. The Church will reassess permitting larger groups after July 1. We are hoping for a September or October date for the dinner and will keep everyone posted.

Eagle Scout Updates

We are so proud to announce that Joe Bartlett had an excellent Board of Review for his Eagle Scout Rank on 5/13! His Eagle Court of Honor date will be determined in the near future. Let's celebrate and congratulate Joe!

Johnny & Ben Mostoller's Eagle Leadership projects are still to be completed and are approved to move forward. Dates for Scouts to provide support will soon be provided.

Other Good News

The next Court of Honor will happen after summer to allow for completion of badges over the summer. Date to be announced.

We plan to organize our storage facility in the near future and will need Scouts to help. We are planning to have a Troop meeting at the Storage Unit or do it on a Saturday morning. More to come.

The next COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on July 6 at Faith Lutheran Church (or virtually if you prefer) at 7pm. Please join us! We are looking for more parent involvement to ensure the success of the Troop.

Troop Elections

Jackson Gamsby was elected SPL. Congratulations! Douglas Knott was elected as PL for the Squirrels. Alex Haran was elected as PL for the Flaming Waffles. Olivia Rumpf was elected at PL for the Flying Yetis.

PLC Meetings will soon be on the schedule.

Please Share!

If you are helping others, going out of your way, practicing the Scout Oath or Laws throughout your everyday life, we want to know!

Please share photos, thoughts, or sentiments.

Alternatively – if you are looking for an opportunity to help, need some inspiration, or focus, we want to know!

All communication is good - let's just connect!

Call or text 330-283-4422 or email jhorvath99@aol.com

Service Projects

We hope to do a couple service projects plus Johnny's and Ben's Eagle Leadership Projects in the near future. Johnny's and Ben's Projects will take place at St Hilary back by the playground. Johnny will install a foundation for a GAGA Pit next to the St. Hilary School playground and Ben will construct the Gaga Pit on the foundation.

One of a Kind Pets has asked for help at their 2 locations and the City of Fairlawn has Ok'd Scouts painting Stars on the grass at Croughan, Griffiths and Bi-Centennial parks for the 4th of July.

An email showing the stars and the template will be emailed to everyone in a day or so. Scouts will make the stencils at the Troop meeting June 23. Scouts are asked to bring cardboard, rulers and utility knives to the meeting. Then on June 30 during the Troop meeting we will divide into 3 groups to go to the parks and paint the Stars.