

**Scoutmaster News***Jim Horvath*

We have been meeting in the Church parking lot on Tuesdays for almost two months. 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 have added a mask requirement to the meetings to comply with the Summit County order.

Great Trail Council released guidelines for Unit Camping that require Scout Units to camp at Council camps in Ohio only. Camping is permitted at Manatoc, Butler and Stambaugh. Less than half of the campsites will be in use and social distancing is required. We spoke with the Scouts at the Troop meeting on the 14th and they prefer to camp on July 31-August 2. I have reserved two campsites at Butler. GTC limits sites to 8 Scouts and 2 Adults. This will be a 2nd class and 1st Class cooking opportunity. Scouts must submit their proposed menus at the meeting the 21st.

Muskingum Valley Council Summer Camp was excellent. Seven Scouts earned 34 merit badges. The camp was well organized to run a program that permitted each Scout to select from several merit badges at each of the four periods.

Scout Leader Training for Youth

Great Trail Council is offering a virtual training from 12 pm to 6 pm on August 8. It is for Scouts 13 and older. The cost is \$40. We will recommend it to several Scouts. Deadline to register is July 24.

High Adventure Bike Trek 2020 - Cancelled

The Troop Bike Trek is cancelled for this year. It is unfortunate. But as things keep changing we cannot wait any longer. All monies paid for the trip have been transferred to the individuals Scout Account.

Great Trail Cybertoc Update

Great Trail is offering a Virtual Summer Camp. The name of the Camp is Cybertoc! There is one week left for this program. Fee is \$125.00.

Week 4 - July 27th - 30th - Registration closes 7/20

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/433-cybertoc2020#>

For help with registering, please call Jim Horvath at 330-283-4422.

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

Scouts own Service

Weekend to complete hands on requirements is July 25 & 26.

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 one of 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. Register by

August 1 at:

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

Spaghetti Dinner Update

We are still planning to have our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this fall, if possible. The Church will re-assess permitting larger groups after July 20. We are hoping for a September or October date for the dinner and will keep everyone posted.

Eagle Scout Project Updates

The Eagle Leadership Projects by Johnny & Ben Mostoller are going to install a Gaga Pit for St Hilary School. Johnny's is to install the foundation and Ben's is to install the pit on the foundation.

Johnny will work his project at St Hilary July 25, starting at 8:00 am. Meet in the St Hilary rear of the parking lot by the playground.

Ben will announce the date and time to work his project later. Ben's is dependent on the completion of Johnny's.

Troop Committee Meeting

The next COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on August 2 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.

Storage Unit Clean up

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.

Recent Service Projects

June 27, three Scouts and four adult weeded areas at One of a Kind Pets. From 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

June 23, Scouts made stencils of Stars out of cardboard during the Troop Meeting.

June 30, in lieu of the Troop meeting we met at Croughan Park to paint Stars in the grass for the 4th of July. Then we moved to Griffiths Park and did the same thing.

The Fairlawn Police took pictures by drone the next day. See Troop pictures on the Troop website. Go to BSATROOP390.ORG

Popcorn Sale Kick-off coming soon. The Theme is "Nuts for Popcorn".

Coffee will not be part of the sale this year, rather Trail Mix will be introduced.

As soon as we have the information, we will pass it on.

Court of Honor planned for September

The next Court of Honor will happen after summer to allow for completion of badges worked on over the summer. Many Scouts need to complete merit badges that we conducted virtually in April and May.

We will be emailing each Scout family with the badges and requirements to be completed by there Scout.

Date of the Court of Honor to be announced.