Issue 80 Great Trail Council Signal Tree District December 12, 2020

#### **Scoutmasters News**

Laura and Jim

The Holidays are here and we hope everyone enjoys them in whatever way works for them. Safety is so important now. We don't want anyone to suffer like we are seeing on TV and in the Newspapers. Please take care during the whole Holiday Season.

We are anxious for the Covid 19 virus infections to subside. It is really causing havoc with our lives and Scouting too. Great Trail Council sets the rules for what Troops can do based on the county health department guidelines. So things will get better when infections decline.

In the meantime we are trying to do as much as we can to keep the Scouts connected and involved. Please encourage them to keep participating.

### **Head Start Christmas Gifts Drop-off**

The Sign-up Genius link that Laura created worked wonderfully for Troop Families to select items for the Head Start Families we adopted. All items have been taken.

Tuesday 12/15 is Drive-thru Drop-off for the gifts and food items. Drop-off is from 7-7:30 at the Faith Lutheran Church Parking lot. Please wrap the gifts and mark them with the child's name and/or age. Food items are not to be wrapped.

If anyone did not select a gift before they were all gone, please duplicate one of the gifts and/or bring additional food items.

We will record the items dropped-off and separate gifts and the food items by child/ family.

Thank you, Troop Families, for your generosity!



## New Scouts!

Troop 7390 has 2 new scouts, Clara and Sophia Rauschert! Please be sure to give both a warm welcome (even virtually) when you have the opportunity to meet.

Clara and Sophia – we are so happy to have you as a part of our scouting family!

## **Virtual Troop Meetings**

We are temporarily back to virtual meetings and will be working on several merit badges. A zoom meeting link will be sent out for each meeting until we are back meeting in person.

Scouts, please bring ideas to the meeting for the badges you'd like to work on! Some ideas already discussed are *Hiking, Scouting Heritage,*Astronomy, Indian Lore, Genealogy & Sustainability.



## **Upcoming Event Calendar**

NO TROOP MEETING 12/22/2020

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\*\*Virtual Troop meetings will resume 1/5/2021

District 2 Klondike Manatoc 1/22-24

2/7 – Scout Sunday, via PowerPoint/video

District 1 Klondike Camp Butler 2/12-14

7/4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

7/18-24 Manatoc Summer Camp

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#### Calendar continued...

Events in the planning:

Wright Patterson Air Force Museum- March 2021

Dover Dam Days Camp Tuscazoar 4/30-5/2

Bike/Camp/Canoe in May 2021

Summer Camp either at Manatoc or Muskingum

Valley Council Camp – July 2021

Astronomy Campout – August 2021

## 2021 Sea Base High Adventure

We have more details regarding the Sea Base High Adventure tentatively set for Summer 2021.

- Date is set for 8/19-26 and we are looking at the Key West Adventure.
- We have 6 scouts and 1 adult committed, need a minimum of 8 scouts and 2 adults.
- Scouts must be 13 years old prior to arrival at Sea Base.
- Cost is about \$1,000 plus transportation.
- Please contact Tim Gallagher with interest or questions.

#### Klondike 1/22-24 at Manatoc

We cancelled the Klondike warmup at Stambaugh out of an abundance of caution due to the spread of the virus.

We are still planning to move forward with the Klondike scheduled for January 22-24 as long as Council permits. More information to come in the coming weeks!

## Wrap Ups & Coming Ups

Troop Open House went well. Weather cooperated beautifully and it seemed the participating Webelos had fun. Thanks to all that helped make it a success!

December 5 Troop Hike attendance exceeded expectations and was a great introduction to Hiking Merit Badge, We can all work on it together.

#### **Popcorn Wrap Up**

Scouts should have delivered all popcorn to their customers by now. Prizes are in. Mrs. Nester distributed the prizes to those at the hike on December 5 and will again at the Head Start Drop-off on

the 15<sup>th</sup>. Or you can please contact Elise Nester to arrange to get your prize. 330.730.8007

Mrs. Nester will have final popcorn orders at the Head Start Drop-off.

#### ACME CASH BACK Final Stretch

WE ARE SOOOO CLOSE! We are at \$1398 in Acme Community Cash Back Receipts and we need a minimum of \$1500 to receive any cash back. We need an influx of receipts to pass the minimum required!

Scouts can ask relatives, friends and neighbors for their receipts too. If we are successful this year, 100% of the Cash Back money will go into the Scout Accounts of the Scouts turning in the receipt.

# AS ALWAYS, OUR SCOUTS RECEIVE THE MOST WHEN WE ALL PARTICIPATE.

Paula Young (Knott) is coordinating. She has volunteered to accept the receipts by email and text. Please write the Scout's name on the receipt and copy or photograph the whole receipt. The Community Cashback amount at the bottom of the receipt must be legible. It would help if your name is in the email or text. Scouts can also turn in the receipts at the Troop meetings.

Paula's email is <a href="mspyoung@zoho.com">mspyoung@zoho.com</a> and her cellphone is 330-208-3926.

# **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on January 3, 2021 and will be virtual, via a zoom link. You don't need to be on a committee to attend – ALL ARE WELCOME! We are looking for more parent involvement to ensure the success of the Troop.