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### Scoutmasters News

Laura and Jim

The Troops re-chartered the Scouts, Leaders and Committee in December for the year 2021. The cost of doing that was \$3,102. Our Troops are very different in our handling those fees. Most Troops collect the current \$78 re-charter and Boys' Life fee per Scout from each family. Because we continue to have successful fund raising events, the Troops can pay the re-charter fees. Each family is asked to participate in making our fund raisers successful.

The Troop Committee and Leaders continue to look for ways to keep our Scouts active and find things to do that interest them. But we can use help from the parents. Please let us know what resources and ideas you may have that will help us do that!

We are finding that many Scouts do not see the weekly meeting emails or the monthly Newsletters, and do not know what is in them. Many of the Scouts for whom we have email addresses evidently do not check their emails. The Troop Committee is hoping that we can get cellphone numbers and email addresses for more of our Scouts so that we can send our weekly meeting notices and other items by text in addition to email. Parents will always get the same texts and emails. Please email or text the Scout's cellphone number and email address to the Scoutmasters.

# **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*.

We hope to resume in person meetings in February!



## **Upcoming Event Calendar**

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

Canal District Klondike 1/22-24 - CANCELLED

2/7 – Scout Sunday, via PowerPoint/video Soaring Eagle District Klondike

Camp Butler 2/12-14

3/13 Spaghetti Dinner. Note, if we cannot do in person in March, May 15 is a backup date.

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

7/18-24 Manatoc Summer Camp

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Events in the planning:

Toboggan and/or Sledding in Jan/Feb

Wright Patterson Air Force Museum- March 2021

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

Bike/Camp/Canoe in May 2021

Summer Camp at Manatoc or Muskingum Valley

Council Camp –July 2021

Astronomy Campout – August 2021

We Have a New District Name
We are now in the "Soaring Eagle"
District.

## **HIKING 2021**

We are in the planning stages for more hikes in 2021. Keep an eye out for updates and your hiking shoes ready!

## 2021 Sea Base High Adventure

Details regarding the Sea Base High Adventure for Summer 2021.

- Date is set for 8/19-26 for Key West Adventure.
- We have 6 scouts and 2 adults. The event is full!
- Tim Gallagher and Ed Kuchar are the leaders.

## **Wrap Ups**

The Head Start Christmas Family "Adoption" was a great success – thank you to all of the participating scouts and families!

All popcorn and prizes are delivered. Great job this year, Scouts!

## **Coming Ups**

The annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for 3/13/2020 for in-person dining. If in-person cannot be done on 3/13, May 15 will be either in-person or drive thru. Tara Mostoller and Paula Young will be Spaghetti Dinner Committee Co-Chairs this year. They are gearing up for the initial committee meetings to keep us organized and on track. Please keep an eye out for future communications and opportunities to help make it a success once again!

### **ACME CASH BACK last call!**

WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL! We have collected over \$2000 in community cash back! Thank you scouting families! All outstanding receipts need turned in by Friday 1/8/2021 so we can turn the total into Acme.

Scouts can ask relatives, friends and neighbors for their receipts too. The Troop gets 5% of the cash back amount submitted and 100% of the Cash Back money will go into the Scout Accounts of the Scouts turning in the receipt.

Paula Young (Knott) is coordinating. She will 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 It amount at the bottom of the receipt must be legible. It would help if your name is in the email or text.

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

# Recharter & Journey To Excellence Update

Our recharter for 2021 is completed and turned into the District. Both Troops 7390 and 390 received Gold status on the Journey to Excellence. We appreciate Scouts and Adult participation to help continue to achieve high standards annually.

# **Troop Committee Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on February 7, 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.

