



Issue 84

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Scoutmasters News

Laura and Jim

Things change almost as fast as we tell you about something. As we told you last week our Troops' Summer Camp has been moved to Muskingum Valley Council Scout Reservation (MVSr) in Coshocton, July 11-17. They are offering a better camping experience for all ages of our Scouts. However, we have been informed that the change to a week earlier in July will not work for a few of our Scouts. So we will also do Camp Manatoc Summer Camp, July 18-24, for those Scouts and a limited number of others. As we see it the total number will be limited to 8 Scouts. Please let us know ASAP that your Scout will be attending Summer Camp and whether they need to be considered for Camp Manatoc. The two Camps have slightly different fees. Please refer to the two different Summer Camp Permission Slips to register your Scout.

There is much preparation to do for Summer Camp so the sooner we know who is attending the better. Each Scout will need a BSA Medical Report that includes a physical by a medical professional. Sports physicals are not acceptable, but your doctor can fill out both forms from the same visit. It is critical that we know any allergy, special food concern and medical events that could occur at camp. All information is kept confidential and only shared with leaders on a need to know basis.

Annual Swim testing of every Scout before Summer Camp is preferred to save time at camp, however, we typically do that at Copley High Natatorium that we think is closed to us at this time. If you belong to a Swim Club that we might use to do the swim tests, please let us know so we can schedule in June.

Class offerings for Summer Camp will be distributed at the Troop meeting in the near future. Once the Scout registers for Summer Camp we pay that Council and register the classes for the Scout. Some classes have participant limits. So early registration helps. Most Scouts that are working on Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class Ranks will attend some classes for those ranks and take a Merit Badge or two. There is plenty of time to do fun

things like hiking or open Archery, Swimming, etc., or to just hang out! Summer Camp is FUN!

Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for 5/15/2021 for in-person and take-out dining.

Tara Mostoller and Paula Young are the Spaghetti Dinner Committee Co-Chairs this year. **This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!**

We will have online ticket purchasing this year and our [facebook event page](#) (HINT: super easy to share info and options for ticket purchases!) in addition to traditional ticket sales. We will have flyers and tickets available at upcoming meetings. It is a wonderful time for all.

Our next Spaghetti Dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4/1/2021 via Zoom. We can use the help of all parents in this planning process. **Parents – please refer to a recent email from Paula as to how you can help out!** Please contact Paula at mspyoung@zoho.com or 330.208.3926 to get involved!

Upcoming Events

- 4/17 Visit to Medici Art Museum
- 4/23-25 Service Hours for the Yellow Creek Foundation and Akron University. More to come.
- 4/25 Ad Altare Dei Mass
- 4/30-5/2 Campout at Butler
- 5/15 Spaghetti Dinner
- 5/30 Memorial Day Flag Placement at Western Reserve Cemetery
- 7/11-17 Summer Camp, Coshocton
- 7/18-24 Manatoc Summer Camp

Events in the planning:

Wright Patterson Air Force Museum- TBD

Laurel Caverns - TBD

Astronomy Campout – TBD

Bike-Camp-Canoe – August 2021

National Youth Leadership Training

Known as NYLT, we are excited to announce that we have four Scouts participating this year. Kudos to Alex, Gwen, Elizabeth and Olivia. It is scheduled for June 13-18

Details on Summer Camp

We are gathering more details on preparation for summer camp. For parents: Scouts will need physicals and parts A B & C of the Medical Form completed. The medical form can be found [HERE](#) under the “Going to Camp” header.

We are coordinating swim tests, and remember the EARLY BIRD price deadline is MAY 11 at \$280. Price will increase after that. Permission Slips and more details available at the meetings.

Adult Leader Outdoor Training

There is an adult Leader Outdoor training scheduled 4/30-5/1 at Camp Manatoc. This is one of two required Leader Trainings for Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters. We hope some parents will consider joining us in leadership.

Medici Art Museum Visit

The BSA art exhibit at Medici Art Museum in Warren, OH, is a wonderful collection of Scout related art by Norman Rockwell, Walt Disney and other artists. We want to see this exhibit in conjunction with Scouting Heritage merit badge and also because the collection may be sold due to the law suits against the BSA. Permission slips at upcoming meetings. **We may need parent drivers!**

2021 Sea Base High Adventure

Details regarding the Sea Base High Adventure for Summer 2021.

- Date is set for 8/6-11 for Key West Adventure.
- We have 8 scouts and 2 adults.
- Tim Gallagher and Ed Kuchar are the leaders.

In-Person Troop Meetings Continue

We are excited to continue in-person meetings and the start of our new Patrols. Lots of planning in the works for spring summer and fall! **Social Distancing and masks required**

Hiking and Biking 2021

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

Eagle Service Project Update

Mark Nester has submitted his plans for building a dugout at one of the ball fields at Fort Island School to the City of Fairlawn and Summit County. More to come!

Wrap Ups

March Campout: Cold but beautiful. 30 Scouts attended! Cold, fun and muddy!

Troop Elections: We have 2 new SPLs!! Gwen and Douglas. We look forward to your leadership.

Troop Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held on May 2, 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 Troops.**

