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#### **Scoutmasters News**

Elise and Dale

So much has happened since this newsletter last came out. We have missed Mr Horvath's presence at all the meetings and will miss him at the upcoming campouts. We have felt very supported by the outreach from our Scouting community, both within the Troop and from Council. Our sincere appreciation for parents who have offered to step up and take on more responsibility within Troop. Things might look different as we all learn new roles and responsibilities and we are very grateful for your patience during this transition period.

For adults stepping up into leadership positions, you will be asked to complete an adult leader application and take the online Youth Protection Training, which can be found at <a href="https://my.scouting.org/">https://my.scouting.org/</a>.

In October, we invite the 5th grade Cub Scouts to attend a Troop meeting (Open House) on October 19th. We look forward to having them visit us and know our Scouts will give them a warm welcome. We're sure our new scouts remember being in that position just last year and all Scouts will work to make the evening fun and welcoming for our guests.

## **Fall Popcorn Sale Update**

News from Jill Gallagher, the Troop Popcorn Kernel:

Show and Sells are scheduled, and most times are filled up. If you would like to participate in a show and sell, please contact Jill @ 330.690.0288

Online ID's should be set up shortly in case anyone wants to sell online.

Popcorn sales are a large part of the Troop's fundraising efforts. We share half of the profit with the Scouts that participate in the Popcorn Sale. Sell \$500 to have fees paid for. Alternatively, should you choose not to sell, you will need to contribute \$100 to your Scout's account.

#### Reminders:

Faith Lutheran is requiring masks for all indoor activities. Please bring masks.

Court of Honor is Scheduled for 10/5.

Please return Family Life Merit Badge books if you have them.

### Hiking 2021

ScoutMaster Dale Sroka is coordinating hikes to help scouts complete the requirements for the Hiking Badge. The first 5 mile hike was September 12 and was a success.

The next hike is scheduled for 9/26.

If you are considering this badge, or just enjoy hiking, please join in! For scouts who aren't fans of swimming, this is a great alternative badge!

### **Service Opportunities:**

The Committee is working to find additional service opportunities for the scouts. If you have any ideas, they are warmly welcomed!

## **Eagle Service Project Updates:**

Mark Nester's project of building a dugout at one of the ball fields at Fort Island School began! Thank you to the Scouts that showed up to help. More project details and ways to support Mark will be shared soon.

**Wrap Ups** Sea Base: Everyone is back and plenty of fun was reported. We are waiting for pics.

#### **Upcoming Events**

9/17-19 – Camp at Chicagami Metro Park with Night visit to Geauga Astronomy Park

10/05 – Court of Honor

10/08-10 Camp Tuscazor Campout

10/19 – Arrow of Light Open House

11/6 8am to Noon Adaptation, Inclusion &

Diversity Training for leaders @ Manatoc

11/11 – Veterans Day – activities TBD

11/12-14 – Campout @ Fort Steuben

11/16 – Head Start Tags Distributed

\*\*Possible Cancer Discovery Shop Volunteering in

November. More to come on this.

12/3-5 Dutch Oven Cooking Campout-Manatoc

12/14 – Head Start Christmas Wrapping

1/7-9 Camp Stambaugh Campout – Klondike

Warmup

2/6 – Scout Sunday @ Faith Lutheran

2/11-13 Soaring Eagle Klondike-Manatoc

3/25-27 – Camping and Caving at Laurel Caverns

4/8-10 – Shooting/Fishing @ Ashtabula Rod & Gun

4/23 – Spaghetti Dinner

5/13-15 – Backpacking, Zaleski StPK/Lake Hope

6/26 – 7/2 – High Knoll, Pulaski VA, scouts must

be First Class

17-23 Summer Camp @ Manatoc

8/22 – Ohio Pyle White Water Rafting

### **Adult Volunteer Opportunities:**

As the current troop leadership is working on breaking down the ScoutMaster job into more reasonable chunks, we are looking for a parent to step up into the following position:

### Merit Badge Chair (Advancement Chair In-Training)

- Keep a list of current Merit Badge Counselors
- Are a point of contact for Scouts wanting to earn Merit Badges
- Work with the Troop Librarian to maintain the Merit Badge book library
- Great position for a new parent

#### **ACME Cash Back Time**

Troops 7390 and 390 are collecting the Acme Cash Back receipts again this year.

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 is coordinating this again this year. 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 <u>mspyoung@zoho.com</u> and her cellphone is 330-208-3926.

#### **Troop Committee Meeting**

Troop Committee is a parent advisory board for the Troop. We welcome all parents who are interested in becoming more involved in the Scouting program, regardless of your knowledge or experience.

Please join us on Oct 3, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church at 7pm. Meetings last about 1.5 hours

Many thanks to those who have already stepped up! Including Todd Blevins, our new Treasurer, Natalie Will our incoming Secretary!