



Issue 93

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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## Scoutmasters News

*Elise and Dale*

In December, we had 16 Scouts attend the Weathervane Playhouse Theater Workshop. The kids really enjoyed it. Several families returned to watch Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat play that evening. In order to earn their merit badge, **Scouts must watch 3 plays or musicals and complete a review on each one. Either watching them on TV or in person is acceptable.**

*We successfully rechartered our Scouts, Leaders and Committee for our Troops for 2022.*

It was cold at Camp Stambaugh this past weekend. Scouts had a great time working on their GPS Merit Badge while Geo-caching around camp. Thank you to the parents who joined us at camp and helped with transportation to and from camp.

## Service Opportunities

**Bridge Street Outreach:** We will be collecting new or gently used sleeping bags and blankets during the month of January. Please Bring your items to any January Troop Meeting.

## Scout Sunday History:

February 8 is the anniversary date of Scouting so usually the Sunday before Christian Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday. It commonly entails participating in mass with the charter organization for the congregation to see their Unit. Scouts may sometimes participate in the mass by doing readings or other presentations. It is not unusual for a dinner or pot luck meal after the service to include the congregation. Troop 390 also would link it with a Court of Honor after the service.

**This year Scout Sunday is on February 6th at 10:45 AM at Faith Lutheran. Following the service, we will have the Court of Honor Ceremony at 12 PM.**

## High Knoll Information:

High Knoll is a 5 day backpacking trek in the rugged backcountry of the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. Hiking 7-10 miles a day along footpaths & abandoned logging roads is typical. At the end of the hike, the crew stays in a backcountry camp where there is a guided activity such as horseback riding, rock climbing, blackpowder shooting, tomahawk throwing, geo-caching, whitewater rafting and mountain boarding. Crews are restricted 10 youth & every crew must have two adult leaders, one of whom is required to be certified in CPR/First Aid. The camp fee for High Knoll is \$425 per person if paid in full by April 1. After that date the camp charges an additional fee. There will be additional cost for transportation & meals during travel. Expect the total cost to come in around \$500. Due to the physical nature of the adventure we are restricting participants to age 14 years and above and First Class by June 2022. We plan to send a boy crew and a girl crew. The sooner we can get commitments, the better the chance to secure the trek we want. **We are requesting a deposit of \$100 by January 11<sup>th</sup> to reserve a slot with a crew.**

## Adult Volunteer Opportunities:

We are looking for parent volunteers who have a particular skill-set that you would be interested in teaching or helping the Scouts earn a merit badge. To learn more information go to <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/> or contact Ann Gentile, our new Merit Badge Counselor Chair. Volunteers need to fill out a Merit Badge Form and go through Adult Youth Protection Training. The form may be obtained from Debbie Forster.

## Upcoming Fundraiser:

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Please mark your calendars for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held on April 23, 2022. Paula Young will be conducting meetings each Tuesday while the Troop is meeting. The following are the various positions where help is needed.

### **Prep:**

**Cookies:** We make 400 cookies to provide a dessert.

**Advertising:** Consists of working with the scouts to advertise the event and get the tickets out to the scouts.

**Raffle Baskets:** Gather and assemble the baskets.

### **Day of Help:**

**Kitchen Staff:** Kitchen help assist with making the sauce, making pasta, and plating meals.

**Tickets/Admissions:** These are the people taking the tickets and checking people in. They will also be selling the 50/50 raffle tickets.

**Raffle/Baskets:** Man the raffle basket table. The last task is to pull the winning tickets.

**Set Up:** Set up consists of making sure the basket table is put together, the greeter table is set up, the 50/50 raffle is ready to go, decorations are up.

**Order Coordinators:** These people will take the orders from the scouts and coordinate getting the food from the kitchen. We don't want the scouts in the kitchen.

**Salad and Bread Station:** This consists of creating the salads and making sure there is bread available.

**Clean Up:** Clean up after the dinner concludes. Should take about 1.50 hours.

Paula's email is [mspyoung@zoho.com](mailto:mspyoung@zoho.com) and her cellphone is 330.208.3926.

## Adult Youth Protection Training:

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 <https://my.scouting.org/>.

## PLC Committee Meetings:

PLC Committee Meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6 PM.

## Upcoming Events

1/18 – BOR @ Faith Lutheran

2/6 – Scout Sunday @ 10:45, Faith Lutheran with Court of Honor @ 12 PM

2/11-13 – Soaring Eagle Klondike, Manatoc

2/26 - Tentative Ski Trip @ Peek'n Peak

3/25-27 – Concord, Manatoc

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

4/23 – Spaghetti Dinner

5/13-15 – Camping @ MAPS, Canton

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

7/17-23 – Summer Camp, Manatoc

8/22 – Ohio Pyle White Water Rafting, Ohio Pyle PA

### **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 February 6, 2022 at Faith Lutheran Church after Scout Sunday at 1:30 PM. Meetings last about 1.5 hours.**