



Issue 94

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Thank you to all the scouts and families that attended mass at Faith Lutheran for Scout Sunday. Both Troops made a great showing and we think Pastor Jean was pleased with the turnout.

We had several scouts earn new ranks and/or Merit Badges at the COH ceremony. We have 3 new Eagle Scouts: Dan Bartlett, Ben Mostoller, and Mark Nester. Congratulations to all!

It looks like the snow and cold weather will be sticking around. Please be prepared and dress accordingly for the Soaring Eagle Klondike campout at Manatoc this coming weekend. The Klondike Competition requires 2 adults to accompany each patrol on the course. We need some parent volunteers to come on Saturday, February 12. Morning flag raising is at 9 AM and the trail closes at 3:45 PM. Food will be provided, and the adults are welcome to stay Saturday night in either a tent or cabin.

Ski Trip to Peek'n Peak:

We are still finalizing plans for the ski trip. We will communicate as soon as we have more information. If you are interested in going skiing please contact Tim Gallagher.

High Knoll Information:

We are awaiting information from the BRMC. It looks like we will be sending two crews; one for the boys and one for the girls. If you have not turned in your \$100 deposit, please do so to reserve your spot. Stay tuned for more planning information.

Service Opportunities:

Bridge Street Outreach: We will continue collecting new or gently used sleeping bags and blankets. Please bring your donations to any Troop Meeting.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

Spaghetti Dinner: The Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 23, 2022. Paula Young will be conducting meetings each Tuesday while the Troop is meeting. Money raised by the dinner keeps the cost of campouts & other activities low.

Help needed ASAP to fill the key role of Marketing for the dinner. This position consists of working with the scouts to advertise via social media, creating/posting fliers and selling tickets. If you have any marketing experience or ideas, please contact Paula Young.

The following are the various other positions where help is needed.

Prep:

Cookies: We make 400 cookies to provide a dessert.

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 and her cellphone is 330.208.3926.

Summer Camp:

Summer camp will be held July 17-23 at Camp Manatoc. The early bird registration fee is \$335. Money is due to the Troop by April 26th.

There are a limited amount of Campership funds available for Great Trail Council units attending Camp Manatoc. If you have a Scout that needs financial assistance, please contact Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester. The date to submit campership applications is March 31st.

Scouts will need a Scouts BSA Medical Parts ABC. Part C requires a physical by a medical professional. All scouts will also need to take the swim test.

This year, we are asking parents to volunteer in 4 hour shifts during the day and/or night throughout the week. More information will be forthcoming.

ACME Cash Back News:

We have met the requirements and collected approximately \$1,600 in community cash back receipts! Thank you scouting families!

The Troop will receive 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.

Thank you, Paula Young, for coordinating again this year.

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.

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/>.

Upcoming Events:

2/11-13 – Soaring Eagle Klondike, Manatoc

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

3/15 – Troop & OA Elections

3/25-27 – Manatoc, Concord

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

4/23 – Spaghetti Dinner

5/13-15 – Camping @ MAPS, Canton

5/24 – COH

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

7/17-23 – Summer Camp, Manatoc

8/13-14 – Hale Farm Civil War

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

PLC Committee Meetings:

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

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 March 6, 2022 at Faith Lutheran Church after Scout Sunday at 7 PM. Meetings last about 1.5 hours.