



Issue 96

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Congratulations to the newly elected youth leadership!

- Senior Patrol Leaders: Douglas Knott, Olivia Rumpf
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders: Ryan Ingersoll, Ryan Mostoller
- Quartermasters: Timmy Gallagher, Elizabeth Nester
- Scribes: Jackson Gamsby, Clara Raushert
- PL Charlie Raymen, APL Charles Nester
- Flame Breathing Dragons: PL Oliver Lake, APL Oliver Neihaus
- Toxic Sharks: PL Alex Henry, APL Ben Cooley
- Flaming Waffles: PL Landon Slenn, APL John McCarron
- Flying Yetis: PL Marie Gentile, APL Anna Mostoller
- Squirrels: PL Tyler Kuchar

Mr. Weber led a 4-hours Youth Leadership training session on 3/20. Ten of the new leaders were in attendance.

Haven of Rest - Hope for Totes: A big thank you to all the families who donated items for this worthy cause. Mrs. Nester was able to drop off the donations this week.

- 6 boxes tissues
- 8 pocket packs tissues
- 18 pairs of socks
- 5 packages of baby/body wipes
- 29 tubes of toothpaste
- 6 cans of shaving cream
- 9 dental floss
- 2 hairbrushes
- 68 chapsticks
- 6 bottles of hand soap
- 125 razors
- 6 hand sanitizers
- 14 deodorant
- 6 bottles of lotion
- 65 bars of soap
- 12 bottles of conditioner
- 9 bottles of shampoo
- 18 bottles of body wash
- 3 bottles of all-in-1 body wash
- 45 toothbrushes



Upcoming Fundraiser:

Spaghetti Dinner, April 23, 2022: The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is only 2 weeks away and there are many volunteer slots that need to be filled. Please contact Paula Young for more information. Paula's email is mspyoung@zoho.com and her cellphone is 330.208.3926. **Here is the link to the sign up:** <https://signup.com/go/KKXguMX>

Scouts can donate money, gift cards or items for their patrol themed baskets. **Please bring in or send items for the donation baskets at the Troop Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th.** Raffle baskets will be assembled on April 16th.

- w Flaming Waffle Patrol - Snack Basket
- w Flying Yeti Patrol - Spa Basket (bath salts/candles, etc.)
- w Toxic Sharks Patrol - All Things Sports
- w Flame Breathing Dragons Patrol - Arts and Crafts
- w Older Scout Patrol - Candy (There's a surprise!)

Upcoming May Campout information:

The Maps Museum Campout will be held May 13-15 in Canton. This campout is limited to the first 20 scouts who register. Please register ASAP if you would like to attend. Scouts will work on their Aviation MB.

Upcoming Service Opportunity:

The Troop has an opportunity to participate on May 28th laying flags at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. More information will be forthcoming.

High Knoll:

High Knoll warm up hikes are being scheduled and will begin the end of April. Details will be sent to HK participants.

Did you know?

- The Summer Camp early bird registration fee must be paid before April 29. The fee is \$335/Scout.
- The next BOR date is May 10th. The next COH will be held on May 24th.
- Summer Camp swim test is June 12th. It is mandatory for those swimming at camp.
- All Scouts must complete and turn in updated medical forms for summer camp by June 21st.
- Troop t-shirts may be worn between Memorial Day & Labor Day. The troop has shirts available for purchase. Cotton t-shirts are \$7 and moisture wicking shirts are \$11.
- Anyone interested in going to Philmont in 2023 should speak with a leader ASAP. Scouts must be age 14 and rank 1st Class by next summer.
- Venture Crew 652 in Brecksville is looking for 3 additional Scouts to join them on their High Adventure crew to Sea Base (USVI), August 3-9. Scouts must be 13 and 1st class to participate. The cost is \$1350 plus transportation. If interested, please let Mrs Nester know.

Summer Camp, Camp Manatoc, July 17-23:

Council offers early bird pricing for fees paid before April 29, \$335/Scout. The fee goes up for those who pay between April 30 and July 8, \$355, and a late fee for those who pay at check in, \$370.

Attending Summer Camp is highly encouraged for all Scouts. Daily camp activities, an opportunity to sign up for some of the 40 merit badges offered, spending time with fellow Scouts, marching the parade field for roll call, eating in the dining hall, closing night bonfire ceremony are all things that make Summer Camp unique.

The BSA is strict on health forms. They can be downloaded from the Troop website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms>. Tetanus shots must be current. Part C must be completed by a doctor and needs to be renewed every year. The Camp will not accept athletic/sports physicals. Please do not wait until the last minute to schedule a physical for your Scout; the Camp will not admit them without it.

Similarly, Scouts are not allowed in the water without an annual swim test. Camp Manatoc has reserved the pool from 1 to 4 PM Sunday, June 12, for swim tests.

MORE MUSINGS ON SUMMER CAMP

Scouts staying at Summer Camp this year will sleep in tents set up by Camp Manatoc. They are 2 man wall tents sitting on a plywood platform. Cots make for more comfortable than sleeping on the floor and helps alleviate the Scouts walking on their sleeping bags; it always rains at summer camp. When my son went to summer camp we would take a piece of indoor/outdoor carpeting (5X7) to put down before setting up the cots. After camp it was hosed off, dried and put away until next time needed. Storage trunks or Rubbermaid bins are a great way to pack gear and keep everything together. If you want to use a lock, make it a combination lock because keys have a way of vanishing at camp. Some Scouts put their bins under a tarp behind their tents to have more room in the tent. A folding chair is recommended for sitting out front of the tent and around the campfire.

The Scouts will need to be in their field uniform, (sometimes incorrectly referred to as Class A) when they report to camp as well as when they march to the parade field before breakfast and to retreat at the end of the day. Otherwise they will be wearing their Troop 390 T-shirts. At least 2 shirts is suggested though many Scouts appear to be perfectly fine wearing the same clothes all week. Shorts should be Scout-like colors: green, khaki. A length of rope and a clothes hanger is a good way to keep uniform shirts off the floor when not being worn.

There is a Trading Post so the Scouts should bring some spending money in addition to money they may need for Merit Badge supplies. Scouts should not bring their own food or snacks to camp. Skunks, raccoons and chipmunks will not only come in for the food but will also destroy gear in their search for snacks.

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/>.

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 Events:

4/23 - Spaghetti Dinner

5/10 - BOR

5/13-15 - Camping @ MAPS, Canton

5/24 - COH

6/3-6/5 - Cedar Point, TBD

6/26-7/2 - High Knoll, Pulaski VA

7/17-23 - Summer Camp, Manatoc

8/12-14 - White Water Rafting, Ohio Pyle PA - TBD

9/9-11 - Pig Gig @ Camp Tuscazoar

October TBD - Laurel Caverns

11/4-6 - Camp Manatoc

12/2-4 - Camp Manatoc, White Elephant/Christmas Campout

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 May 1, 2022 at Faith Lutheran Church after Scout Sunday at 7 PM. Meetings last about 1.5 hours.