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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

At the Seven Ranges campout out, everyone braved another wet, icy weekend. The kids had a great time playing games and team building activities. They also mulched around the property.

The Spaghetti dinner was a huge success. The Troop would like to thank all the scouts and parent volunteers who participated in the event. And a special thank you to Paula Young for managing this fundraiser event.

Upcoming Events in May: May will be a very busy month. Please see below.

- May 9 - Swim Tests conducted @ Copley High at 7 PM. Swimmers need to be in swimwear and bring their current BSA Health Form along with \$2.
- May 10 Board of Review (BOR) – This is the last day for Scouts working on Theater or Communication Merit Badges and to submit their completed Blue Cards. BOR is when a Scout completes rank advancement requirements. Blue Cards are turned in when Scouts complete Eagle required Merit Badges.
- May 13-15 MAPS Museum Campout in Canton. Scouts will work on their Aviation MB.
- May 24 – Troop Court of Honor @ Faith Lutheran
- Saturday, May 28 - The Troop will participate in placing flags on graves of the veterans at the Ohio Western Reserve Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Rittman. We will meet at the Church at 8 AM.
- Sunday, May 29 there will be an Eagle Court of Honor for our 5 latest Eagle Scouts at Faith Lutheran beginning at 2 PM.
- Memorial Day morning our Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Fairlawn VFW ceremony held in Fairlawn's Bi Centennial Park. Ceremony begins at 10 AM.
- Girl Scout Troop 91116 is collecting new and gently used shoes. Clean out your closets and bring shoes to any troop meeting in May.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

Fall 2022: Selling Popcorn

The Troop needs a Popcorn Kernel. If interested in this role, please contact Dale or Elise.

High Knoll:

High Knoll warm up hikes with Mr. Kuchar and Mr. Portteus have begun. These practices hikes are critical preparation for those going on the trek. Scouts attending HK need to turn in 2 copies of the Health Form by May 14.

Did you know?

- The fee for summer camp registration is now is \$355/Scout. This rate is through July 8. Those campers who pay at check-in will pay \$370.
- Summer camp swim tests are mandatory to swim at summer 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 \$1,350 plus transportation. If interested, please let Mrs. Nester know.
- This is our Troop website:
<https://www.bsatroop390.org/>
- All parents are welcome at Troop Committee Meetings. The next meeting is Sunday, June 5, at 7 PM at Faith Lutheran.

PLC Committee Meetings:

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

Summer Camp, Camp Manatoc, July 17-23:

Early bird registration has ended, and the fee is \$355 for those who pay between April 30 and July 8, and a late fee for those who pay at check in, \$370.

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. Swim tests will be held on May 9 at 7 PM at Copley High School. Swimmers need to bring the current BSA Health form and \$2. Camp Manatoc has reserved the pool from 1 to 4 PM on Saturday, June 11, for swim tests. Swimmers need to bring their current BSA Health form.

Shooting Sports Waiver

A Shooting Sports Waiver will need to be on file for any Scout who wishes to participate in a shooting Merit Badge, (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun) or may want to shoot during their free time at Summer Camp. The form requires parental signature. For those allowed to shoot a color-coded wrist band will be issued to the Scout upon check in. Without the appropriate wrist band, the Scout will not be able to enter the range. The Shooting Sports Waiver is only valid for one event so for example, if the Troop decides to another shooting event in the future, new forms will be required. Please advise Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka if you are against your Scout participating in any shooting activities.

Camper Release Form

If your Scout will need to leave Summer Camp for any reason, (for example a sports event), a Camper Release Form will be required. Any Scout leaving camp needs to notify their Scoutmaster and will wait for their ride in the Camp Office. When the adult arrives, the Camp Office will ask for a photo ID. That ID will be checked against the names listed on the Camper Release Form. No camper will be released to anyone not listed. The adult will sign out the camper on a sign out sheet that will include the campers name, time of departure, expected time of return and the signature of the person the camper is being released to.

More Musings on Summer Camp

Scouts staying at Summer Camp will sleep 2-person wall tents sitting on a plywood platform set up by Camp Manatoc. 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 are suggested though many Scouts appear to be perfectly fine wearing the same clothes all week. Shorts should be Scout- like colors: green or 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.

Upcoming Events:

5/10 - BOR
5/13-15 - Camping @ MAPS, Canton
5/24 - COH
5/28 - Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Flag Laying
5/29 - ECOH, 2 PM @ Faith Lutheran
5/30 - Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Service, Bicentennial Park
6/3-6/5 - Cedar Point, East Harbor SP
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