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Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

May was such a busy month for the Troop!

The MAPS Museum campout went really well until the storm came and got our gear wet. All scouts who attended were able to work on their Aviation Merit Badges.

At the Court of Honor Ceremony held on May 24th, there were 12 rank advancements: 2 Ad Altare Dei awards, 20 Polar Bear awards & 34 Merit Badges were distributed. Congratulations to all!

A special congratulations goes out to our 5 newest Eagle Scouts: Dan Bartlett, Joe Bartlett, Ben Mostoller, Johnny Mostoller and Mark Nester. The 5 shared the day along with their families in one big ceremony!

There were three service opportunities during the month of May. The Fairlawn City Women's Club needed help packing up donations from their rummage sale. Seven Scouts & 5 adults helped take the remaining items to the Salvation Army. At the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Flag laying ceremony, 10 scouts participated with a couple of other service groups and laid 34,000 flags in 1.5 hours' time. On Memorial Day morning 9 scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Fairlawn VFW ceremony held in Fairlawn's Bicentennial Park. Dale & Elise received many compliments from the Veterans, Police and Fire Departments.

The Cedar Point campout was a lot of fun for all. We had a few scouts who had not previously been there, and this was the first campout since last summer without any rain!

Upcoming Fundraiser:

Fall 2022: Selling Popcorn

The Troop Popcorn Kernels are Jill Gallagher & Tanya Rumpf. Thank you!

PLC Committee Meetings:

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

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.
- 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.
- This is our Troop website:
<https://www.bsatroop390.org/>
- All parents are welcome at Troop Committee Meetings. The next meeting is Sunday, July 10, at 7 PM at Faith Lutheran.

Volunteer Hours Available:

Whether your scout is looking for volunteer hours to advance rank, to fulfill school requirements, or they just like to help other people, the Summit County Historical Society has a variety of volunteer opportunities available. They are looking for everything from lawn work and weed pulling to photographers, special event guides and assistants to researchers. Please let Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester know if you (or your whole family) would like to help.

Cub Scout Day Camp:

Staff members are needed to help with the Soaring Eagle Cub Scout Day Camp from July 14-16 at Camp Butler. Scouts aged 14-17 and First Class rank are encouraged to apply. If interested, please contact Camp Director, Jeff Rogers at jeffrogers07@gmail.com or Camp Program Director, Scott Evans at Scott.evans@scouting.org.

Upcoming Events:

6/11 - Swim Test, Manatoc
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
10/14-16 - Laurel Caverns
11/4-6 - Camp Manatoc
12/2-4 - Camp Manatoc, White Elephant/Christmas Campout

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. Similarly, Scouts are not allowed in the water without an annual swim test.

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. The waiver can be found on our website under permission slips:

<https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>.

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. The release form can be found on our website under permission slips:

<https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>.

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.

Insect Repellent

Summer in July can be almost tropical, and the bugs love it. Insect repellent is a must have item for summer camp. Mosquitoes aside, tick populations are growing, and other species are migrating into Ohio. My recommendation is an insect repellent containing 30 to 40% DEET. While 100% DEET is available but I would not recommend it. DEET is a compound with the property of being a plasticizer. That means some items possibly made of polymers like watch faces, cell phone cases, sunglass frames and synthetic fabrics can be damaged. My personal experience is while on staff at Cub Scout Day Camp, my container of 100% DEET leaked in my duffel bag dissolving the rubber waterproof coating on the bottom and continued through the nylon floor of my tent. There is another product, Permethrin which can be used to pre-treat fabric making it insect repellent for up to 5 or 6 washings. While DEET will discourage a tick and lead it to drop off, permethrin kills them. Permethrin is not meant to be sprayed skin or on clothes while being worn. Picaridin is yet another alternative to DEET and Permethrin. It can be used on both skin and fabric and is effective for about 12 hours. Picaridin is like DEET in that it doesn't kill ticks it repels them. These are all serious compounds and the Scouts should not take them handling them lightly. While there is a collection of cans of insect repellent in the Troop trailer you may wish your Scout to use a specific product.