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Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Scouts who attended High Knoll had a great time. Along with miles of hiking, scouts were able to participate in mountain boarding, horseback riding, shot black powder, ziplining and rock climbing.

Summer camp is upon us this Sunday, July 17th. The Troop will be setup at Manatoc, the Concord Cabin. There is one-way traffic at drop off and pick up. You will enter through the main gate and exit via the service road behind the dining hall. Mrs. Pszonowsky will check in Scouts and their forms at the Concord campsite. Check-in will be from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Medication must be brought in their original containers and they cannot be expired. Do not leave your Scout at camp until all the paperwork has been cleared by Mrs. P. Please make sure your Scout has been fed prior to arriving as they will not eat again until dinner Sunday night. If your Scout has not taken the swim test, they need to be prepared to test on Sunday. There will no Family Night at camp this year. Scouts can be picked up on Sunday, July 23rd @ 10 AM at the Concord Campsite.

The Troop is need of parent volunteers at summer camp to ensure we have adequate coverage at all times. There are still shifts available. Please sign up for a shift or two:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-scout>. We appreciate all the help we can get. You must check in at the Admin building and get a wristband before starting your shift. Parking at Admin is limited this year, so you might need to check in at Admin, then exit camp and come back in the service drive, park by the Training Lodge, and walk to Concord. Plan to check in with Admin 15-20 minutes before your shift.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

Fall 2022: Selling Popcorn

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

Did you know?

- This is our Troop website:
<https://www.bsatroop390.org/>
- PLC Committee Meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6 PM.
- All parents are welcome at Troop Committee Meetings. The next meeting is Sunday, August 14, 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.

2023 National Scout Jamboree Forward:

- Hosted at the Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve – The Summit in Beckley, West Virginia
- Trip Details: July 19, 2023 (Leave), July 19-30, 2023 (National Jamboree), July 28, 2023, Return Home
- Cost: \$2,000 per Scout
- The Summit will feature 6 High Adventure Camps: Aquatics, BMX & Skateboarding, Climbing, Mountain Biking, Shooting Sports, Zip Lines & Challenge Courses
- For more information: www.gtcbasa.org/jamboree

Upcoming Events:

7/17-23 - Summer Camp, Manatoc
8/12-14 - White Water Rafting, Ohio Pyle PA
9/9-11 - Pig Gig @ Camp Tuscazoar
9/25 - Ad Altare Dei, 2 PM, Cathedral in Cleveland
October TBD - Open House for Prospect AOLS
10/14-16 - Laurel Caverns, Farmington, PA
11/4-6 - Camp Manatoc, Concord
12/2-4 - Camp Manatoc, White Elephant/Christmas Campout, Gilwell Lodge
January TBD

Summer Camp, Camp Manatoc, July 17-23:

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 Repellant

Summer in July can be almost tropical, and the bugs love it. Insect repellant 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 repellant 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 repellant 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 repellant in the Troop trailer you may wish your Scout to use a specific product.