



Issue 102

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Court of Honor ceremony was held on October 4th. Sixteen Scouts advanced rank and over 100 Merit Badges were earned. Congratulations to everyone!

The next campout, October 14-16, will be at Laurel Caverns. Scouts need to turn in their waivers for the campout.

Popcorn Fall 2022 Fundraiser:

- There are still Show and Sell opportunities in October. Please contact Tanya Rumpf to sign up.
- October 25th - Take orders due. Money can be collected at this time. Any checks received will be held by the troop and not cashed until Dec 5th. Scouts will choose their prizes at this time.
- November 19th - Popcorn available to fill the take orders

Contact Information:

Popcorn Kernel - Jill Gallagher

Feel free to call, text or email with any questions or selling needs at 330-690-0288 or jkvolgstadt@yahoo.com.

Show and Sell contact - Tanya Rumpf

Tanya is coordinating show and sells and take and deliver. Please contact her at 330-322-7664.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year. Scouts can ask friends, relatives, and neighbors for their receipts too. If we are successful, 100% of the receipts will go into the Scouts accounts who are turning in the receipts. Please email a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at sjeckert22@hotmail.com.

2023 Sea Base:

- Scouts interested must commit and pay a \$500 deposit by November 1st. Payments will be \$250 per month afterwards.
- Date & Destination TBD
- Cost will be approximately \$2,500

Thank you to Brad Mularcik:

Mr. Mularcik has been working on repairing the trailer. The fender on the trailer needed repaired and it needed a mount for the spare tire. Condor Welding fabricated the plate that will mount the spare tire to the trailer. Thank you for your time and dedication to the Troops.

Cyber Chip:

The Troop did a Cyber Chip training with the Scouts in August. If a Scout missed that meeting, they are responsible for watching the movies on their own at home. Please use the following link: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/> to access the videos by grade level. Scouts also need to write and sign a personalized contract with their parent/guardian that outlines rules for using the computer and mobile devices, including what can be downloaded, what can be posted, and consequences for inappropriate use. Families may also use the Troop form which can be accessed on the troop website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>. All Scouts must update their Cyber Chip every year.

Scout Service 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.

Parent Volunteers Needed:

The Troop needs parents to help with the Troop and to keep it moving forward. The Troop is looking for a Spaghetti Dinner Chair and a Camping Merit Badge Counselor.

Winter Camping Advice from Mr. Sroka:

October will be the first month we have camped in weather below 50 degrees since April. Being prepared can make the difference between a long weekend and an enjoyable event. You can't have fun if you're too busy being cold.

There is a cold weather camping gear list on the website under Forms/Checklists:

<https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/> The list goes back to 2005 but is still relevant.

The importance of good foot care cannot be over emphasized. Wool socks are more expensive but good quality ones keep your feet comfortable and wear like iron. My personal favorites are Smartwool and Darn Tough. (Socks are great Christmas gift ideas.) Cabin shoes also are a good item to pack. (Another gift idea.) This allows the scouts to get out of wet footwear and have protection against wood splinters and nails in the cabin floor. Boots that can be laced tightly and will not fill with snow in a knee-deep drift are preferable for Klondike. Rubber boots (like LL Bean) will not keep your feet warm when you're outdoors all day. The website has good suggestions on gloves. (A great gift idea.) I find that Thinsulate will keep hands and heads warm, even if wet.

For warmth, down is king but synthetics rule; whether it's sleeping bags or clothing. Down is the warmest but loses its ability to insulate if it gets wet. Wool is also traditional cold weather wear which will keep you warm even if wet. The cold weather best strategy is layers with a tech fabric (polypropylene) base which will let moisture evaporate yet keep in body heat. Fleece also breathes and retains heat. Great thing about fleece is you can find plenty at places like Gabe's, Salvation Army, or Village Discount Outlet. Don't spend good money on clothes that may get torn or burn holes their first time out. With clothes put names on EVERYTHING. We are always finding unclaimed clothes.

For cold weather sleeping, what is underneath can be more important than what's covering you. The ground will drain away body heat faster than cold air. An extra blanket may achieve more under than above the sleeper. Inflatable ground pads will not insulate against the ground as well as a closed cell pad.

While good quality gear is generally worth the price, if you can afford it, it is not for young Scouts. The older Scouts have generally developed an appreciation of taking care of gear and will need better quality gear for High Adventure outings.

OA Fall Fellowship Weekend:

OA Fall Fellowship weekend is October 7-9 at Camp Butler. Check-in is from 7-8 PM at the BP Pavilion and the cost is \$25. The theme is "Ahoy, Me Fellow Brothers". There will be pirate themed activities, HAM radio training, Signs, Signals, and Codes course (can use towards the Signs, Signals & Codes merit badge). All Scouts who have been through an OA Ordeal are invited to attend. To view the tentative schedule of events and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-oafall>.

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, November 6, at 7 PM at Faith Lutheran.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 11 – Open House for Prospect AOLs
Oct 14-16 – Laurel Caverns, Farmington, PA
Oct 23 – Scout Leadership Training, Faith Lutheran/Youth Room, 1-4 PM
Nov 4-6 – Camp Manatoc, Concord
Dec 2-4 – Camp Manatoc, Gilwell Lodge (White Elephant/Christmas)
Jan 20-22 – Camp Manatoc, Klondike Warmup with evening skiing at Boston Mills or Brandywine
Feb 17-19 – Klondike
Mar 4 – Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 17-19 – Camp Manatoc, Scout Skills
Apr 21-23 – Shooting/Fishing Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club
May 19-21 – Hocking Hills, Logan, OH