



Issue 105

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

January 2023

Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Head Start gift wrapping was a success. Thank you to all who participated. We look forward to continuing the tradition later this year.

The next campout will be January 27-29 at Manatoc, the Legion Lodge. Scouts will work on skills for the Klondike during the day and be able to go skiing on Saturday evening at Brandywine. Permission slips were handed out to the Scouts at the last meeting and are due back January 17. **Helmets are required for all participants and are available for rental.** Drivers are needed for this activity.

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge:

Judge Jon Oldham will lead a Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge class on Sunday, January 15 from 7-8 PM at Faith Lutheran Church. All Scouts who need this merit badge are invited to attend. The class is designed to kick off the badge, but a lot of the work is on the individual scout to complete. Scouts will reach out to Judge Oldham when they have completed all the requirements. There will also be an opportunity to visit Judge Oldham's courtroom for a court session on a Saturday (TBD).

Scout Sunday History:

February 8 is the anniversary date of Scouting so usually the Sunday before Christian Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday. It commonly entails participating in mass with the charter organization for the congregation to see their Unit. Scouts may sometimes participate in the mass by doing readings or other presentations. Troop 390 also would link it with a Court of Honor after the service.

This year Scout Sunday is on February 5th at 10:30 AM at Faith Lutheran. Immediately following the service, we will have the Court of Honor Ceremony at 11:30 AM. Please plan on attending with your Scout. Topics of discussion will include Scout Rank Advancement, Merit Badges, Sea Base, Bike Trek, Summer Camp Information, & Medical Forms.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 have collected over \$2,500 in Acme Receipts The final date to turn in Acme receipts is January 17. 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 Upcoming Fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner:

- Save the Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023
- Paula Young is the Committee Chair and Susie Schultz, Sara McKee, Lisa Blevins, and Kurt Kleidon have volunteered to help.
- All Scout and parent involvement is needed for a successful dinner.
- Stay tuned for more information and upcoming meetings.

2023 High Adventure - Sea Base Sailing Trip:

- Dates: July 25-30, 2023
- There are 10 scouts signed up and we still need of one adult female to join the crew.
- \$100/month payments per attendee will be due beginning in January

2023 Low Adventure – Bike Trek, Great Allegheny Passage, July 25-29, 2023:

This trek is open to Scouts of all ranks and ages. Prerequisites: can ride a bicycle and it's in good working order. The riders will carry their gear on their bikes and camp. Along the way will be a day of whitewater rafting and a train ride back up the mountain. Trek leader, Andre Porteus, promises ice cream every day. We will need adults to accompany the Scouts. Cost for the trip is estimated to be around \$500. Those interested in going should make it known and plan on paying \$100/month beginning in January.

Did you know?

- This is our Troop website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>
- Scouts can learn more about their faith and earn the corresponding religious emblem. There are faith emblems for almost all religions. Please let Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester know if you are interested. Please see the following link for more information: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/chart/>
- 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, February 5, at 12 PM at Faith Lutheran immediately following the COH ceremony.

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. Please let Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester know if you (or your whole family) would like to help.

Mularcik Welding Scholarship

In 2012, long time SCFB member, Mr. Brad Mularcik of Copley, began teaching the Welding Merit Badge for the Boy Scouts of America. He also was a past Troop 390 Assistant Scout Master. A self-taught hobby welder, Mr. Mularcik believed that he knew enough about welding to introduce kids to it. Teaching the merit badge caused him to become aware of the skills gap in America and the need for more young people to enter the skilled trades, particularly welding.

Despite having a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Mularcik believes that a college degree is not the only path to success, that there is too little attention paid to the skilled trades as a career choice for young people and decided to put his money where his mouth is by offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship to help young people of Summit County Ohio who are seeking a career in welding.

Mr. Mularcik established this fund to provide scholarship support to deserving individuals seeking a degree and/or advanced training in the field of welding. The annual distribution shall provide at least one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student who meets the selection criteria:

- Recipient must be a resident of Summit County, Ohio.
- Recipient must be a high school graduate or individual enrolled in or plan to enroll in a post-secondary vocational training program, college, or university in the United States seeking accreditation, certification, or a degree related to welding.

Individuals interested in applying for this scholarship can visit the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation website by [clicking here](#) to submit their application between January 2 and March 31, 2023.

Winter Camping Advice from Mr. Sroka:

There is a cold weather camping gear list on the Troop website under Forms/Checklists. The importance of good foot care cannot be over emphasized. Wool socks (Smartwool or Darn Tough) are more expensive but good quality ones keep your feet comfortable and wear like iron. Cabin shoes also are a good item to pack. 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. The website has good suggestions on gloves (Thinsulate) that will keep hands and heads warm, even if wet.

For warmth, down is king but synthetics rule, whether it is 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. With clothes put names on EVERYTHING.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 17 – BORs
Jan 24 – BORs (if needed)
Jan 27-29 – Klondike Warmup/Skiing Campout, Camp Manatoc, Legion Lodge
Feb 5 – Scout Sunday with COH immediately following Faith's 10:30 AM Service
Feb 23 – Pack 3390 Blue & Gold Ceremony
Feb 17-19 – Klondike Campout, Manatoc, Legion Lodge
Mar 4 – Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 14 – Troop Elections
Mar 17-19 – Scout Skills/New Scout Campout, Manatoc, Concord
Apr 21-23 – Shooting/Fishing Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club
May 6 – Fairlawn City Women's Club Rummage Sale
May 9 – BOR
May 7 – Fairlawn City Women's Club
May 16 – BOR
May 19-21 – Hocking Hills, Logan, OH
May 27 – Western Reserve Flag Laying
May 29 – Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony
May 30 – COH
Jun 2-4, Cedar Point Campout, Firelands
Jul 16-22 – Summer Camp, Manatoc
Jul 25-39 – Bike Trek, Great Allegheny Passage
Jul 25-30 – Sea Base High Adventure
Aug 17-19 – D Day Re-Enactment, Conneaut
Sept ? – TBD
Oct 20-22 – Tuscazoar, MB Signs/Signals/Code
Nov ? – Scouts Skills/AOL's invited, Manatoc
Dec ? – Wilderness Survival