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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The last campout was muddy and the scouts had a great time. There were 12 scouts who went skiing at Brandywine. Please be sure to dry out your tent. The next campout is the Soaring Eagle Klondike at Manatoc. It will be February 17-19 at the Legion Lodge.

Troops 7390 & 390 have collected \$2,836.25 in Acme Receipts. Thank you to everyone who turned in receipts.

Thank you all who attended Scout Sunday and the COH ceremony. Congratulations to the six scouts who advanced rank! Also, five scouts received Merit Badges and two Scouts received the Peace of Light award. Troop 7390 welcomed new Scout: Emily Henry.

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge:

Any scout who participated in the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge class led by Judge John Oldham, was given paperwork. Scouts will need to reach out to Judge Oldham when they have completed all the requirements.

2023 Summer Camp at Manatoc:

The 2023 Camp Manatoc Summer Camp Guide is available for viewing on the Troop website, Forms/Checklists page, see <https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>. The guide is a great resource for most questions about the summer camp program, trainings, merit badges being offered, and fees. Summer Camp Early Bird fee is \$375. Summer camp swim test will be in March with date and time TBD.

It's the time of year when the 2022 BSA Health Forms are beginning to expire. If you have a question about an expiration date please ask Mrs. Nester, Mrs. Forster, or Mr. Sroka. Parts A&B are required for weekend camping, additionally, Part C is required for summer camp and the adventure trips.

2023 High Adventure - Sea Base Sailing Trip:

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

2023 Low Adventure – Bike Trek, Great Allegheny Passage, July 24-29, 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 Yougiogheny River and a train ride up the mountain side. We will need some adults to accompany the Scouts on this ride. Trek leader, Andre Porteus, promises ice cream every day. Cost for the trip is estimated to be around \$500. Those interested in going should make it known and plan on paying \$100/month. A gear list is available.

2023 Upcoming Fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner:

- Save the Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023
- Scouts were given envelopes with tickets to sell. We are also accepting online ticket sales. Money is due February 28.
- Each Patrol chose a theme for their raffle basket. Please send in raffle donations by February 21. It's a great time to go through your regift closet.
 - Flame Breathing Dragons: Relaxation Basket
 - Flaming Waffles: 80's Theme
 - Toxic Sharks and Vikings: Snacks - All Sorts
 - Flying Yetis: Arts and Crafts
- At the February 28 Meeting, Scouts will go through training for the dinner, wrap utensils, and parent volunteers will work on the raffle baskets.
- Parent & Scout participation are crucial to making this event a success! Please sign yourself and your scout up for a shift or two: <https://signup.com/go/vMbCLuJ>
- The timing of the actual day should be:
 - 12:30 - Set up and decoration. We will plan on more eat-in meals as the weather may have more people eating in the church instead of taking the meals to go
 - 4:00 - The scouts will eat. They do not have to purchase their meals.
 - 4:30 - Doors open. First Shift starts
 - 5:30/6:00 - Shift change. Scouts scheduled for 2nd shift will begin relieving the scouts who worked the 1st shift
 - 7:00 - Begin cleanup. This includes pulling the winners of the baskets.
- Parent & Scout participation are crucial to making this event a success!

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.

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.

Did you know?

- This is our Troop website:
<https://www.bsatroop390.org/>
- Dues, \$25, are deducted from each Scout's account biannually. Dues will be deducted from Scout accounts this month.
- 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, March 5, at 7 PM at Faith.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 9 – Blue & Gold Ceremony for Pack 3390 at Faith, 6-8 PM
Feb 17-19 – Klondike Campout, Manatoc, Legion Lodge
Feb 23 – Pack 3300 Crossover, 6:30 PM @ Ft. Island Primary School
Mar 4 – Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 14 – Troop Elections
Mar 17-19 – Scout Skills/New Scout Campout, Manatoc, Concord
Apr 1 – Fairlawn City Women's Club Rummage Sale
Apr 21-23 – Shooting/Fishing Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club
May 9 & 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 24-30 – Bike Trek, Great Allegheny Passage
Jul 25-30 – Sea Base High Adventure
Aug 18-20 – Bike/Camp/Canoe
Sept 22-24 – GTC 100 Year Camporee, Manatoc
Oct 20-22 – Tuscazoar, MB Signs/Signals/Code
Nov ? – Scouts Skills/AOL's invited, Manatoc
Dec ? – Wilderness Survival