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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Welcome to the 6 new Scouts: Jack Cooley, Trevor Garvey, Jaxson Chalupsky, Mikey McCarron, Colin McKee, and Danny Mostoller who crossed into our Troop from Pack 3390 & Pack 3300.

The Troops were very successful in Soaring Eagle Klondike at Manatoc. Scouts placed 4th and 9th out of 31 Patrols. Will Davis' chili took 2nd place in the Submarine Galley Challenge. Congratulations to everyone! You can see pictures from this event on the Troop website:

<https://www.bsatroop390.org/photo/klondike-2023/>.

Thank you to Paula Young for chairing the 2023 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Parent and scout participation helped make this event a success. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. Believe it or not, discussions are already underway for next year. The Troop is looking for Paula's replacement to take on the 2024 fundraiser.

Troop elections are coming on March 14. Scouts who need leadership positions for rank advancement should be thinking about a position they are interested in.

The next campout is scheduled for March 17-19 at Manatoc, the Concord Lodge. The plan is to work on scout skills. The Troop is looking for parents who will help drive scouts and camp for the weekend.

Troop Campership Applications:

This year the Troop is offering camperships for 2023 summer camp and adventure outings. Factors involved in the decision may include but are not limited to the financial status of the Troop, the number of applications received, participation of the Scout in Troop activities, the Scout's participation in fundraising activities, and disciplinary issues. No cash will be awarded directly to the applicant, nor is the campership to be applied toward gear or personal expenses. Applications will be kept confidential & approved by the Scoutmasters and the Troop Committee. Applications are available on the Troop's website under Forms -> Applications and should be turned in to Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka by March 28, 2023.

2023 High Adventure - Sea Base Sailing Trip:

- Dates: July 25-30, 2023
- \$100/month payments per attendee are due each month. (The crew is full.)

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 Summer Camp at Manatoc, July 16-22:

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 if paid in full before April 14th. The price increases to \$385 from April 15-July 6. Afterwards, the price will be \$395. There is a sibling discount of \$35 which will be applied after the first sibling pays the regular fee. Certain Merit Badges may incur an additional fee for class materials. The summer camp swim test is coming soon. Date and time TBD.

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.

Upcoming Service Opportunity:

April 1 – Fairlawn City Women's Rummage Sale @ Fairlawn Community Center @ 1 PM. Scouts will assist in cleaning up after that event.

Rubber Ducks Fundraising for Groups:

Scouts have been invited to participate in the Rubber Ducks Fundraising for Groups. Scouts 12+ will have the volunteer opportunity to work concession stands in 4-5 hour shifts. This will entail setup, selling concessions, and cleanup at the baseball games. Parents will need to volunteer with their Scout. Each person who participates will be eligible to earn \$50 per shift to go toward their Scout's account. Stay tuned for more information.

Den Chief Training

Council will be hosting a Den Chief training session on April 1 from 9 AM – 12 PM at Camp Butler. Den Chiefs are Scouts who volunteer to work with local Cub Scout Packs to assist Den Leaders at Den meetings. They serve as helpers and Scouting role models. Please let Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka know if you are interested in becoming a Den Chief.

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.

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.

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, April 2, at 7 PM at Faith.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 14 – Troop Elections
Mar 17-19 – Scout Skills/New Scout Campout, Manatoc, Concord
Apr 1 – Fairlawn City Women's Club Rummage Sale @ 1 PM at the Fairlawn Community Center
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, East Harbor State Park
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