



Issue 108

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

During the March 17-19 campout, new scouts worked on skills. Training was led by the intermediate Scouts. Despite the weather, everyone had a great time.

Troop elections were held on March 14. The members of the 2 Troops elected their new leadership team for the next six months. Congratulations to all!

- Senior Patrol Leaders: Elizabeth Nester, Ryan Ingersoll
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders: Marie Gentile, Ben Blevins, Ryan Mostoller
- Quartermasters: Olivia Rumpf, Alex Henry
- Troop Scribe: Jackson Gamsby
- Biking Vikings: PL Charlie Raymen, APL Charles Nester
- Flame Breathing Dragons: PL Terrill Marshall
- Toxic Sharks: PL Joe Nester, APL Ben Cooley
- Overdone Waffles: PL Nathan Schultz, APL Joey Knott
- Flying Yetis: PL Anna Mostoller, APL Charlotte Oldham
- Boxing Goldfish: PL Danny Mostoller, PL Jack Cooley

The next campout is scheduled for April 21-23 at Firelands Scout Reservation. Please make sure your scout brings a mess kit. The Troop is looking for parents who will help drive scouts and camp for the weekend. Permission slips due April 11th.

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.)
- 2 copies of physical forms are due by June 6th.

2023 Low Adventure – Bike Trek, Great Allegheny Passage, July 24-29, 2023:

- Prerequisites: Any Scout who can ride a bicycle and it's in good working order. The riders will carry their gear on their bikes and camp each day.
- If interested, please sign-up ASAP. Currently there are 2 adults and 10 Scouts signed up.
- Estimated cost is \$500. Payments are being collected at \$100/month.
- A gear list is available.
- 2 copies of physical forms are due by June 6th.
- **There will be a mandatory parent meeting during the Troop meeting on April 18 @ 7 PM.**

Pack 3390 Chick-fil-A Fundraiser:

Please support Pack 3390 on April 25 from 4 PM – 9 PM at the Fairlawn Chick-fil-A. Please mention that you are there to support the Pack and the Pack will receive 20% of sales.

Rubber Ducks Concession Volunteers Needed:

Scouts have been invited to participate in the Rubber Ducks Fundraising for Groups. Scouts 12+ will have the volunteer opportunity to work at the concession stands. 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 earn a minimum of \$50 per shift to go into their Scout's account.

Uniform requirements for both parent and scout: blue summer scout shirt, uniform-colored pants, close-toed shoes, and Rubber Ducks hat. Hats are available for purchase for \$5 each at Troop meetings.

*****April 8th Volunteers – Everyone will need to be there by 4:05 PM. Parking is free. Please be there dressed appropriately according to the listed requirements and weather. Everyone must wear a hat. Text Sarah if you are going to be late. You must stay until the game is over and the concession stand is cleaned up to get credit for your shift. *****

Future volunteer dates: May 7, May 26, June 20, June 23, July 7, August 3, August 4. Times will vary depending on the day of the game. Stay tuned for the Sign-Up Genuis emails. We will try to give a month's notice for future dates.

Questions? Please reach out to Sarah Eckart 330-671-1052 or sjeckert22@hotmail.com.

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. Most of the requirements were completed in the class. Scouts need to complete 8 service hours, attend a board meeting (school, city council, etc.) in uniform, and complete the bold and starred items in the packet. Scouts will need to reach out to Judge Oldham when they have completed all the requirements.

Personal Management Merit Badge:

Any Scout First Class rank and up are invited to attend the Personal Management Merit Badge class on April 30 from 7 PM – 8 PM at Faith Lutheran.

BSA Health Forms:

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. Two copies of the physical forms will be required for summer camp and will be due by June 6th. Forms can be found on our Troop website.

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.

Attending Summer Camp is highly encouraged for all Scouts. Daily camp activities, an opportunity to sign up for some of the 40 merit badges offered, spending time with fellow Scouts, marching the parade field for roll call, eating in the dining hall, closing night bonfire ceremony are all things that make Summer Camp unique.

The BSA is strict on health forms. They can be downloaded from the Troop website. 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. Please do not wait until the last minute to schedule a physical for your Scout; the Camp will not admit them without it.

Similarly, Scouts are not allowed in the water without an annual swim test. Stay tuned for more information.

MORE MUSINGS ON SUMMER CAMP

Scouts staying at Summer Camp this year will sleep in tents set up by Camp Manatoc. They are 2-man wall tents sitting on a plywood platform. 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

the next time it was 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, 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.

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, May 7, at 7 PM at Faith.

Upcoming Events:

Apr 21-23 – Firelands

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