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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Summer camp was a lot of fun! The Scouts earned: Merit Badges, Totin Chips, and Fireman Chits. Some partial Merit Badges were earned, and the Troop will try to get those completed before winter. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered during the week of summer camp.

Scouts who attended Sea Base & the Bike Trek had a great time!

Nine Scouts and five adults rode the Great Allegheny Passage bike trek and ten Scouts, and two adults had a sailing adventure in the Virgin Islands. Everyone had a great time!

Scouts are to return to wearing their Field Uniforms to Troop meetings As of September 5th.

August Campout:

The Bike/Camp/Canoe campout will be August 18-20. Parents will drop Scouts & bikes off at the Clinton Trailhead (2749 North Street, Clinton) at 6 PM. Scouts must have a bike helmet to participate in the ride. Scouts will bike about 8 miles Friday night and set up camp. Saturday morning, scouts will bike a few miles to Ernie's Canoe Livery, then canoe 3 miles downriver to the campsite, eat lunch, then canoe the remaining 3 miles to the pickup point. Scouts will then bike back to the campsite. On Sunday morning, the Scouts will bike back to the Clinton Trailhead and will be picked up by parents there. The cost will be \$25.

Rubber Ducks Concession Volunteers:

The Rubber Ducks Fundraising for Groups has been going well. Scouts and parents have been working at the concession stands to earn money for their Scout Accounts. The last volunteer date of the year is August 20th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Eckert 330-671-1052 or sjeckert22@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for next year's volunteer opportunities!

Membership:

- Fees - Fees are going up due to an increase in the cost of liability insurance which is being passed on through registration fees. August 1 Scouting began transitioning to an annual membership structure. The charter process will be changing and introduce changes in the way individual registration will be handled. Registration will be moving to a process like an annual subscription service like cable or a magazine subscription. Personal registration fees will no longer be handled through the re-charter process. Billing will be directed to the individual.
- Recruitment - Pack 3390 has requested Troops 390/7390 help to recruit new Scouts. St. Hilary is having their Back to School Night on Thursday, August 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If we can get some Scouts (boys and girls) to work the table alongside Pack 3390, it would help them attract new Cubs.

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel will be Ben Ingersoll. The Troops still needs an Assistant Popcorn Kernel this fall.

Responsibilities include:

- ordering the show & sell popcorn
- scheduling show & sell locations (dates & times)
- scheduling scouts to work show & sell shifts
- preparing popcorn for show & sells and tracking inventory

As you can see it's a big job for one person, which is why we are looking for another volunteer. Our troop has had several very successful popcorn years thanks to the support of our families. We want to continue that tradition to help keep overall costs for families as low as possible. If you are interested, please let Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester know.

Parent Volunteers Needed:

The Troop is looking for a Spaghetti Dinner Chair and additional Co-Chairs for this event. The Spaghetti Dinner will be March 2, 2024. Please consider volunteering.

New - Youth Protection Training for Adult Volunteers:

Effects of the bankruptcy settlement continue to reverberate through Scouting. Agreements in the settlement are resulting in the promulgation of new policies which impact how we operate at the Troop level.

Beginning September 1, 2023, all adults camping overnight with their Scouting Units must be registered with Scouts BSA. Registration includes submitting an adult application, completing Youth Protection Training (YPT) and a background check. The YPT certification is required to process an adult application.

- Youth Protection Training must be renewed every 2 years.
- Adult leaders must be registered in the position(s) they serve in.
- Any adult staying overnight at a Unit activity must be registered as either an adult leader, adult volunteer, or program participant.
- Adults attending an event for more than 72 hours must be registered as a leader, (even if the 72 hours is not continuous).
- Youth Protection Training must be renewed before the last business day of the month it expires. Failure to renew YPT will result in immediate removal from the list of registered volunteers and denying the ability to attend meetings or events.

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Troop Meetings:

- There **will not** be a Troop Meeting on August 15.
- The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on September 10 at 7 PM. All are welcome.

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 sieckert22@hotmail.com.

2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

- Dates: TBD
- The Troop needs commitments and a downpayment by October 3.
- Scouts must be over age 14.

Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

Upcoming Events:

August 18-20	Bike/Camp/Canoe
Sept 12 & 19	BORs
Sept 22-24	GTC 100 Year Camporee, Manatoc
Sept 26	Troop Elections
Oct 3	COH
Oct 10	AOL Open House
Oct 20-22	Tuscazoar, Blackfoot Campsite
Nov 10-12	Scout Skills/AOL's invited, Manatoc
Nov 21	Head Start Tags
Dec 12	Head Start Wrapping
Dec 15-17	Camp Alaska, Firelands