



Issue 113

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

September 2023

Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Bike/Camp/Canoe campout was fun! Many Scouts must have been working on their Canoe Merit Badges since they were showing off their paddling skills!

The Rubber Ducks games have been completed for 2023 and were a huge success! Scouts and parents who worked these events enjoyed the opportunities. Thank you to Ms. Eckert for signing the Troop up for the games! Stay tuned for 2024 volunteer opportunities.

With cooler weather coming soon, the Troop is selling Troop sweatshirts for \$23. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.

Troop elections are scheduled for September 26th. Scouts will be selecting their leaders for the next 6 months. Many Scouts need a leadership role to rank up. New leadership will be required to attend a training workshop on October 8th.

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel is Ben Ingersoll. Each Scout is expected to sell at least \$450 in popcorn/nut sales. Any Scout who does not sell the minimum goal amount will owe the Troop \$75. Show and Sells are underway. There are still slots available on Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A8AB2FA4F4CE9-popcorn/30685022#/>.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year. Acme is requiring \$2,000 in receipts for the Troop to receive credit. Acme has also extended the program until February 15, 2024. 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 give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

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

September Campout:

The 100 Year Manatoc Camporee campout will be September 22-24. Scouts are to bring their camping gear to the September 19th Troop meeting. The trailer will be loaded in advance. Gear brought to the campout on Friday night will have to be carried to the campsite. There will be shooting activities to the Camporee. Any Scout who wishes to participate in any shooting sports will need to submit a Shooting Sports Waiver. They can be found on the Troop Website <https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>.

Merit Badge Expo at the Cent-O-Ree:

Scouts visiting the Merit Badge Expo will participate in hands-on activities to fulfill one or more merit badge requirements. The following badges will be available: Art, Chemistry, Cycling, Fingerprinting, Geology, Plumbing, Pottery, Pulp and Paper, Stamp Collecting, Textiles. Did your Scouts and scouters start the Manatoc Heritage Award at Summer Camp but still need to finish a merit badge? The Merit Badge Expo will have counselors for American Heritage, Scouting Heritage, Pioneering, and Woodcarving. The program will be limited to 120 scouts per hour.

Spaghetti Dinner Chair Needed:

The Troop is looking for a Spaghetti Dinner Chair and additional Co-Chairs for this event. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be March 2, 2024. This is the Troop's 2nd biggest fundraiser. Please consider volunteering.

Haunted Hayride Helpers Needed

Would you like to earn \$75 towards the cost of summer camp? Camp Butler is looking for Scouts to work at their annual Haunted Hayride. Scouts who help all five nights of the will earn credit towards summer camp. The dates are October 9, 10, 16, 17, & 23. Please see the link for the application: <https://247scouting.com/forms/433-hayridemonster>. Please let Dale or Elise know if you're interested.

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.

Fees are going up. Insurance requirements of the settlement are resulting in an increase in the cost of liability insurance which is being passed on through registration fees.

The charter process will be changing and introduces 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.

Troop Committee Meeting:

- The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on October 1st at 7 PM. All are welcome.

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.

2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

- Dates: TBD
- The Troop needs commitments and a \$300 downpayment by October 3.
- Adult volunteers are needed.

Earn Religious Faith Emblems:

Scouts are invited to learn more about their faith by earning the corresponding religious emblem. There are faith and emblems for (almost) all religions. Currently, Catholic Scouts, grade 6-8 are being invited to participate in earning their Ad Altare Dei with Troop 385. The meetings will be held outside of regular Troop meetings with dates TBD. The award ceremony will be held at St. John's Cathedral in the Spring. Catholic high schoolers may earn the Pope Pius XII award. Please see the following link:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/chart/>. Please let Mr. Sroka or Mrs. Nester know if you are interested.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 19	BOR
Sept 22-24	GTC 100 Year Camporee, Manatoc
Sept 26	Troop Elections
Oct 3	COH
Oct 8	Scout Leadership Training
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
Jan 19-21	Scout Skills/Skiing, Manatoc