



Issue 114

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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### Scoutmasters News

*Elise and Dale*

Congratulations to the newly elected Troop leaders! Scouts selected their leaders for the next 6 months. There will be a mandatory Introduction to Leadership Skills Training workshop on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 PM at Faith Lutheran. It is important that the new leaders attend the class to learn what will be expected of them in their positions and participate in activities designed to impart leadership skills.

The 100 Year Manatoc Camporee campout went well. There were over 2,800 attendees. Seven Scouts worked on a Plumbing Merit Badge and the Bike Trek Scouts were able to complete their Cycling Merit Badge.

The next Court of Honor Ceremony (COH) will be held on October 3 at 7:30 PM. Scouts should arrive in their Class A uniform along with their sashes at 7 PM to help setup. Many scouts earned Merit Badges during summer camp and we have scouts who are advancing rank. We invite all parents of scouts to attend. We are asking mothers to wear your ribbons to the ceremony. Sashes will be available for purchase. All are welcome!

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Troop will be hosting our annual AOL Open House. This is an opportunity for Scouts to introduce potential new Scouts to our Troop.

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

### 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.

### October Campout:

The next campout is October 20-22 at the Blackfoot Campsite in Tuscazoar. Scouts will be working on a Signs/Signals/Codes MB. The Troop reserved 20 seats for the class. It may be possible to add a few more seats; however, it's not guaranteed. Some pre-requisites will be performed at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. Permission slips are due soon.

### 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. **The deadline to turn in order forms, money, and prize selection is October 17<sup>th</sup>.** Show and Sells are underway and 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.

### Spaghetti Dinner Chair Urgently 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 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest fundraiser. Please consider volunteering as Scouts age out, we lose experienced parents and need to get new help in the mix before they all leave.

## 2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

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

## New - Youth Protection Training for Adult Volunteers:

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.

## 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.

## Troop Committee Meeting:

- The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on November 5th at 7 PM. All are welcome.

## 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.

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

## Upcoming Events:

Oct 3	COH
Oct 8	Scout Leadership Training
Oct 10	AOL Open House
Oct 17	Popcorn/Nut Order Forms, Money, Prize Selection Due
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
Feb 4	Scout Sunday/COH/Friends of Scouting
Feb 16-18	Soaring Eagle Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 2	Spaghetti Dinner
Mar ?	Backpacking, Raccoon Creek State Park
Apr ?	COPES Course, 7 Ranges
May 3-5	Observatory, Camp Chickagami
May 4	Fairlawn City Rummage Sale
May 25	Western Reserve Flag Laying
May 27	Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony
Jun ?	Kelleys Island State Park
Jul 14-20	Summer Camp, Concord, Manatoc
Aug 16-18	D Day Re-enactment, Conneaut
Sept ?	Pirate ship, Camp Independence
Oct ?	Cedar Point Halloweekend