



Issue 115

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

At Camp Tuscazoar all Scouts who attended earned their Signs/Signals/Codes Merit Badge. The next campout is November 10-12 at the Forester Campsite at Manatoc. Scouts will be working on Scout Skills. AOLs have been invited from Pack 3390. Please dress and pack your gear accordingly for the weather. See the Troop website for camping lists.

Medina Candlelight Walk

Scouts can help Medina get into the holiday spirit and earn service hour credit by lighting luminaries at the Medina Town Square on November 17-19. Volunteers are needed to help light and extinguish approximately 2,000 luminaries on and around the square. Dress for the weather and in your Scout uniform and bring two aim-a-flame type lighters per person. Check in/out each day will be on the east side of the square by the Troop 501 trailer. Please sign up for one or more shifts on Sign-up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A8A929AAFDC25-45755612-candlelight>.

Upcoming Service Project:

Head Start Tags: Christmas is a time to think of those less fortunate than us. This will be the 23rd year the Troop has participated in sponsoring a family and Head Start Tags. Scouts will pull tags on November 21st. Head Start provided us with tags of an item that the child wants or needs, plus an article of food or supplies for the family.

Please bring the unwrapped gift/food item to the December 12th Troop meeting. The Scouts will wrap the gifts for delivery to the family.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:

Caroline Davis is our new Spaghetti Dinner Chair. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be March 2, 2024. This is the Troop's 2nd biggest fundraiser. The next meeting will be held November 14th during the Troop meeting. Please consider volunteering. Stayed tuned for more information.

2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

- Dates: Depart on June 20, arrive in Philmont on June 21, and return home on July 3, 2024.
- Payments are due monthly in the amount of \$300.
- Additional adult volunteers are needed.

A Little About Popcorn:

Why are we so big on selling popcorn in Scouting? The proceeds generated by popcorn sales are divided 3 ways: 33% goes to pay for the product itself, 33% goes toward Great Trail Council, and 34% goes to the individual Scouting Unit. The portion that goes to Great Trail is used to help cover the administrative expenses of conducting the popcorn sales itself, as well as supporting the programs at Camps Manatoc and Stambaugh. The remaining 34% goes to the Troops, so Scouts who don't sell any popcorn affect both Council and their Unit. In our case, we divide our portion in half with 17% going into the Troop's account and 17% into the Scout's individual accounts; that is why Troops 390 and 7390 request that Scouts who didn't sell popcorn make a monetary donation of \$75 to offset the 17% loss to the Troop not generated by sales. Unfortunately, this still results in a loss for the Great Trail Council.

Popcorn News from Mr. Ingersoll:

The Troop sold \$16,673 in popcorn and nuts sales. Popcorn is in and ready for pickup on Sunday, November 12th from 12-4 PM. Please sign up for a timeslot on Sign-Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A8AB2FA4F4CE9-45630558-troop/30685022#.

Troop Reminders:

- The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on December 3rd at 7 PM. All are welcome.
- PLC Committee Meeting will be December 5th at 6 PM.
- Troop sweatshirts can be purchased for \$23. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.
- Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

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.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 10-12	Scout Skills/AOL's invited, Manatoc
Nov 17-19	Medina Candle Lighting Ceremony
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 12-14	Observatory, Camp Chickagami
May 3-5	COPES Course, 7 Ranges
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