



Issue 116

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Scouts who attended the November campout worked on new scout skills, along with knife and ax safety skills. They were also treated to a 5-mile hike! The next campout is December 15-17 at Camp Beaumont. Scouts will be working on Survival Skills. Scouts who began working on their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, will be working to complete it.

At the last Troop Meeting, Scouts worked on their Dutch Oven skills. The scouts had fun and I heard there were some very interesting tasting options. Be sure to ask your scout about their Patrol's dish!

December kicks off the Council's Polar Bear Season. Scouts camp two nights (they cannot be consecutive) in below freezing weather to earn their merit badge. There is a series of badges to be earned over the years. Please dress and pack your gear accordingly for the weather. See the Troop website for camping lists.

In lieu of the December 26th Troop Meeting, Scouts will meet at Kendall Cliffs from 6-8 PM, located next to Appalachian Outfitters in Peninsula, for a rock-climbing activity. The address is 60 Kendall Park Road, Peninsula 44264. Permission slips will need to be turned in and parents need to complete online waivers. The cost is \$15/scout. Waivers can be found on their website: <https://www.kendallcliffs.com>.

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 pulled tags on November 21st. **Please bring the unwrapped gift/food item to the December 12th Troop meeting.** The Scouts will wrap the gifts for delivery to the family. If you have any small boxes available, please bring them to the meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:

Caroline Davis is our new Spaghetti Dinner Chair. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is the Troop's 2nd biggest fundraiser which will be held on March 2, 2024. The next committee meeting will be held December 5th during the Troop meeting. A Sign-Up Genius has been setup for raffle basket donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AA8A62CA5FA7-46187662-spaghetti>. The Troop will begin collecting donations in January. Stay tuned for more information.

2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

- Dates: June 20 - July 3, 2024
- Payments are due monthly in the amount of \$300. The December installment payment is due now.

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge:

A class will be offered for Citizenship in Society Merit Badge in the Youth Room at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, December 10th from 1-5 PM. This is an Eagle required merit badge. There is a workbook that needs to be completed before the scouts arrive at the meeting. All attendees are required to participate in discussions. The class is open to Scouts ages 12+. Please let Mrs. Nester or Anne Gentile know if your Scout is interested in earning this merit badge.

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge:

A class will be offered for Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge in the Youth Room at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, January 14, from 2-3:30 PM. This is an Eagle required merit badge. The class is open to Scouts ages 12+. Please let Mrs. Nester or Jon Oldham know if your Scout is interested in earning this merit badge.

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. So far, approximately \$1,200 has been collected in receipts. Please give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

Troop Reminders:

- The next PLC Committee Meeting will be January 2, 2024, at 6 PM.
- The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on January 7, 2024, at 7 PM. All are welcome.
- Troop sweatshirts can be purchased for \$23. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.
- Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

Upcoming Events:

Dec 12	Head Start Wrapping
Dec 15-17	Survival Skills, Camp Beaumont
Dec 19	BOR
Jan 16	BOR
Jan 19-21	Scout Skills/Skiing, Manatoc
Jan 23	BOR
Feb 4	Scout Sunday/COH/Friends of Scouting
Feb 16-18	Soaring Eagle Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 2	Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 8-10	Backpacking, Raccoon Creek State Park
Mar 12	Troop Elections
Apr 12-14	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
May 31-Jun 2	Kelleys Island State Park
Jun 20-Jul 3	Philmont
Jul 14-20	Summer Camp, Concord, Manatoc
Aug 16-18	D Day Re-enactment, Conneaut
Sept ?	Pirate Ship, Camp Independence
Oct ?	Cedar Point Halloweenweekend