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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Thank you to everyone who participated with the Head Start Gift Tags. The wrapping event was a success. We look forward to participating again later this year.

During the December campout at Beaumont, Scouts worked on survival skills, set up outdoor shelters, and slept in them. Scouts had an amazing race and found buried treasure. They set up the spaghetti Christmas tree and had a white elephant gift exchange.

On December 26th, Scouts met at Kendall Cliffs for a rock-climbing activity. There were approximately 17 Scouts and 2 adults. Everyone had a great night!

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge:

A class will be offered for Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge with Jon Oldham in the Youth Room at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, January 14, from 2-3:30 PM. This is an Eagle required merit badge. Eligible Scout families were sent an email invitation.

Scout Sunday History:

February 8th is the anniversary of Scouting, so typically the Sunday before Christian Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday. It commonly entails participating in the church service with the Charter Organization, which allows the congregation an opportunity to see the Scouting Unit their church supports. Scouts may sometimes participate in the mass by doing readings or other presentations.

This year Scout Sunday is on February 4th at 10:30 AM at Faith Lutheran. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend the service with Scouts in full uniform. Immediately following the service, we will have the Court of Honor Ceremony at 11:30 AM. Please plan on attending with your Scout. Topics of discussion will include Scout Rank Advancement, Merit Badges, Philmont, 2024 Low Adventure, Summer Camp Information, & Medical Forms.

Friends of Scouting:

The Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America serves over 6,000 Scouting families throughout Summit, Portage, Medina, Northern Wayne, Trumbull, and Mahoning Counties. We deliver incredible programs preparing our youth with the skills that develop values, character, leadership, citizenship, team building and fitness. It is our mission to provide these programs to all kids, including inner city and special needs youth.

Friends of Scouting is our annual campaign that supports all youth by helping them become the future leaders of Greater Akron and the Mahoning Valley. These funds allow us to conduct leadership training for over 2,000 adult volunteers, provide registration assistance and camperships to address accessibility and financial obstacles, support Eagle Scout service projects and maintain two camps with over 900 acres, \$325,000 in program equipment, 3 pools, 3 lakes and numerous cabins and buildings. Help us build the future, donate to Friends of Scouting today!

To offer a better donor experience this year, Great Trail Council has assigned each Unit a unique fundraising site to collect online donations. The site for Troop 390 is:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/gtcfos/team/troop-390>

and the donation site address for Troop 7390 is:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/gtcfos/team/troop-7390>.

For those preferring to text their donation, please text the phrase: **buildthefuture** to (512) 920-5521. You will then be directed to the main donation page where you will select your Unit.

January Campout:

The next campout will be January 19-21 at Manatoc, the Legion Lodge. Scouts will work on a camp service project Saturday from 9 to 3. Saturday evening Scouts will be skiing at Boston Mills and/or playing board games and watching a movie in the cabin. Permission slips were handed out at the last meeting and are due back on January 16. **Helmets are required for all participants and are available for rental.** Drivers are needed to transport Scouts from Camp Manatoc to the ski slopes. The time is TBD.

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 January 16th 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
- The crew has been set.
- Payments are due monthly in the amount of \$300. The January installment payment is due now.

2024 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2024 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 14 – 20. Registration opens January 29th. This year's early bird fee, due by April 19th, is \$415. Afterwards, the price rises to \$425 through July 5th and then the price will be \$440 per Scout. The Troop would like to get commitments for summer camp as soon as possible. **A \$100 deposit per Scout is required for us to honor a commitment.**

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 \$1,600 has been collected from the 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 Troop Committee Meeting will be on February 4, 2024, immediately following the COH ceremony. All are welcome.
- The next PLC Committee Meeting will be February 6, 2024, 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/>

Service Chair Needed:

The Troop is looking for a Service Project Chair. This position would entail scheduling service projects for the Troop on a quarterly basis. Please consider volunteering.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 16	BOR
Jan 19-21	Scout Skills/Skiing, Manatoc, Eagle Lodge
Jan 23	BOR
Feb 4	Scout Sunday/COH/Friends of Scouting
Feb 16-18	Soaring Eagle Klondike, Manatoc, Eagle Lodge
Mar 2	Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 8-10	Backpacking, Raccoon Creek State Park, Sioux Campsite
Mar 12	Troop Elections
Mar 23	Scout Leadership Training
Apr 19-21	Observatory Park Campout
May 3-5	COPEs Course, Campsite TBD
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