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Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Nine Scouts attended the March Raccoon Creek State Park campout. Campers went through various weather conditions. The backpackers hiked to the Pioneer campsite and spent the night.

Please consider supporting Troop 380's Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on April 13, 2024, from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. It will be held at the Frank Bender American Legion, Post 473, 3255 Copley Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7.50 for kids ages 5-14.

The next campout will be April 19-21, at Nassau Observatory in Geauga County. Scouts always enjoy this campout. You can view past campout photos from September 2021 on the Troop's website.

Permission slips are due for the May campout on April 23. The campout will be May 3-5 at Firelands Scout Reservation. Saturday will be a COPE event (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) event, sometimes referred to as the "high ropes course". Depending upon the Scout turnout, adults may have the opportunity to participate in the activity.

Eagle Court of Honor:

Timmy Gallagher, Jr. will be having his Eagle Court of Honor (ECOH) ceremony on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 3 PM. The ceremony will be held at Faith Lutheran in the Fellowship Hall. Please come dressed in your uniform to celebrate Timmy becoming Troop 390's 125th Eagle Scout. Cake and refreshments to follow.



Manatoc Service Opportunity:

- ❖ There are plans to plant 200 chestnut trees at Camp Manatoc this Saturday, April 13th. This would be a good opportunity for Scouts needing Conservation hours for rank advancement. Pre-registration is required, so let Mrs. Nester or I know if your Scout is interested in helping plant trees.

Northern Ohio Golf Charities & Foundation Service Opportunity:

Northern Ohio Golf Charities, Inc. (NOGC) is a volunteer organization which has helped conduct professional golf tournaments at Firestone Country Club for over sixty-five years. The organization is looking for volunteers that may walk with the golfers and hold a scoreboard. Volunteers ages 13-23 are free and volunteers ages 24 and up will be charged a \$75 fee to cover uniforms, food, and a 5-day pass for the PGA Tournament. The organization is looking for a multiple-day commitment if possible. Jim Kozlosky is part of the NOGC and a new member of the Troop. Please reach out to him if you have any questions at: Jameskozlosky@gmail.com. Registration is open until July 1st and more information may be found on the NOGC website: <https://www.nogcf.org/>.

Electricity Merit Badge:

Brad Mularcik has been conducting classes during Troop meetings for Scouts to earn the Electricity MB. There will be at least 2 more meetings on 4/30/24 and 5/7/2024. There is an Electricity MB worksheet, <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/electricity.pdf>. Please print the worksheet and have your Scout complete this worksheet outside of class. During the Troop Meetings, the scouts completed 3 requirements (3, 11a, 11b) that involved building something. If your scout missed this opportunity, please contact Mr. Mularcik.

2024 High Adventure - Philmont Trip:

- Dates: June 20 - July 3, 2024
- The crew has been set and warm-ups are being held each weekend.
- Please make sure you are current on your \$300 monthly payments.

2024 Mountaineer Low Adventure:

The Mountaineer Program is at the Blue Ridge Mountain Council in Pulaski County, VA. The dates for camp are July 7 - July 13, 2024. The cost is \$465. The fee for adults is \$200. There is still time to sign-up.

This is a week is geared to Scouts (mostly ages 13-14) who want another week of summer camp, but don't want to focus on badges. The premise of the camp is that Scouts are living the life of the early settlers in the 1830's. 12-year-olds may also participate. Scouts are put into patrols & will cook by patrols over an open fire.

Scouts will:

- Make their own sheath knife from a tang.
- Shape the wooden handle of the knife.
- Put in the rivets.
- Make their own sheath from raw leather, doing the cutting & stitching.

There is also:

- Blacksmithing - one scout mans the bellows; one mans the forge.
- Black Powder Shooting
- Knife & Tomahawk Throwing
- Build Fires without Matches
- Learn about survival, traps, snares, edible plants, tracking.
- Learn to skin roadkill (frozen) - "if you're lucky."
- Possibly learn to scrape & tan deer hide.

Scouts will sleep on cots in platform tents. Must have your gear packed in such a manner that you can hike 1.5 miles from the parking lot. Scouts will be provided with a Mountaineer shirt (rough linen) and will wear long earth tone pants (provided by family) such as dockers or khakis, No camouflage, jeans. No synthetic materials at the forge. There is a Commissary where you can buy old fashioned root beer at night and play games like they had in the 1830's

2024 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2024 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 14 – 20. Registration is now open. 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 has 22 boys and 11 girls signed up. Please make sure you are current on payments.

Merit Badge registration began March 1st. Scouts need to turn in their list for Merit Badge classes they wish to sign up for.

As a reminder, Scouts will need to have current, updated BSA Health forms which may be found on the Troop's website. These forms are mandatory for camping.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be May 7, 2024, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on May 5, 2024. All are welcome.
- ✓ Troop sweatshirts can be purchased for \$23. Troop t-shirts can be purchased for \$15. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.
- ✓ Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

Upcoming Events:

Apr 19-21	Observatory Park Campout
May 3-5	COPE Course, Firelands Scout Reservation
May 11	Fairlawn City Rummage Sale
May 14	COH
May 25	Western Reserve Flag Laying
May 27	Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony
May 31-Jun 2	Kelleys Island State Park
Jun 2-7	NYLT for boys
Jun 9-14	NYLT for girls
Jun 20-Jul 3	Philmont
Jul 7-13	Mountaineer
Jul 14-20	Summer Camp, Concord, Manatoc
Aug 16-18	D Day Re-enactment, Conneaut
Sept ?	Pirate Ship, Camp Independence
Oct ?	Cedar Point Halloweekend