



TROOP 390

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Scoutmaster News

Jim Horvath

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. Overall it has been a wonderful year for Troop 390. We had many great Campouts, plus the Boundary Waters High Adventure and Summer Camp. Several of our Scouts helped at Cub Scout Day Camp. We did a number of service projects and Eagle Leadership Projects.

As adult leaders we watched our Scouts grow in stature and in Scouting Skills. Cooking Merit Badge is an Eagle Required Merit Badge and is one of the most challenging Merit Badges for our Scouts to earn, but a byproduct of that is that the food we enjoyed on the campouts has been far better than before and less boring. The goal of Cooking Merit Badge is to promote healthy living. It certainly succeeded on our campouts and hopefully will stay with the Scout for the rest of their lives.

Several Parents have stepped forward to assist Counsel Merit Badges that fall in their areas of knowledge, training or interest. Astronomy, Electricity and Robotics Merit Badges are examples. Many Scouts take advantage of these opportunities on their own, but some may require a gentle suggestion or push from their parents. Most Merit Badges are fun with learning involved. It bothers me when I see a Scout who has no desire to put forth any effort in new areas. Missed opportunities rarely come around again.

We wish our entire Troop Family a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and Season of Joy and renewal for all Faiths and for a Happy New Year. In fact, that thought raises my interest in Genealogy Merit Badge. It would be very interesting for our Scouts to have the opportunity to know more about their Heritage. Maybe some families already have done research. Would one or more Parents be willing to Counsel this Merit Badge for our Scouts this spring?

2018 High Adventure:

High Knoll Backpacking Trip

6/23/18 - 6/30/18 Cost: \$400.00

Next summer will be a backpacking trip. This is a great, fun Trek. It is our Troop requirement for those that wish to participate in our Philmont Trek in 2019. So, if you want to go to Philmont, you should be going on this trip! High Knoll mornings will be spent hiking and afternoons will be spent in camp doing activities such as Rock Climbing and Rappelling, Horseback riding, Black Powder Rifle Shooting and more.

Reserve your spot by paying a deposit of \$75.00 by 12/19/17. Monthly payments of \$75.00 are expected.

Parent Meeting 1/9/18 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Please join us for a parent meeting to meet other parents and gain useful information about the troop.

Missing Tents

We are missing some tents from the Dec. campout. Please return them ASAP at a troop meeting.

Troop Website

Elise Nester

Check out our new, up to date website at:

<http://www.bsatroop390.org>

There are lots of forms and information on the website.

Upcoming Campouts

Ed Kuchar

Jan 19-21 Klondike (Camp Butler)

Feb 17 Tobogganing (Strongsville)

Mar 23-25 Scout Skills at Stigwandish (Madison)

May 4-6 West Branch (backpacking/Ravenna)

June 1-3 Dover Dam Days (backpacking/Tuscazoar)

June 10-15 NYLT (Butler)

June 23-30 High Knoll High Adventure

July 8-30 Cub Scout Day Camp (Manatoc)

July 15-21 Summer Camp (Manatoc)

Aug 10-12 Bike & Canoe Trip (Massillon)

Sep TBD Aviation MB at MAPS (Canton)

Oct 19-21 Shooting sports (North Lawrence)

Nov 9-11 Scout skills Ft Steuben (Steubenville)

Nov 30-Dec 2 Klondike warm-up (Seven Ranges)

June 2019 Philmont High Adventure (New Mexico)

July 22-Aug 2, 2019 World Jamboree (West Virginia)

Acme Cashback Program *Cathy Savage*

Scouts should put their name on each receipt and turn them in at the troop meetings. Receipts with the date of August 10, 2017 thru Dec 30, 2017 are accepted. Any questions, contact Cathy @ 330-631-1852.

Important Dates to Remember

12/19/17 Head Start Gift wrapping during meeting

12/26/17 No Troop meeting

1/2/18 PLC 6pm

1/7/18 JJ Katcher Eagle COH 3 pm

1/7/18 Troop Committee meeting 4:30 pm

2/4/18 Scout Sunday at Faith Lutheran 10:30 – 1:30

3/3/18 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 4:30 pm

Merit Badge Information

Astronomy – 1/9/18 Akron Astronomy Club at the troop meeting.

Electricity – will be finishing up 12/19

Robotics, Programming, Electronics – will begin in Jan. after electricity class is over. These three merit badges have much overlap and will require significant effort to complete.

Nuclear Science – coming fall 2018

Spaghetti Dinner

Lorri Baughman & Dawn Nabors

3/3/18 4:30 – 7:00

The first meeting 12/5 went well and we are working on reaching potential corporate sponsors and seeking donations. Next meeting 1/9/18 at 7:30.

Head Start Gift Giving

Scouts are asked to bring their UNWRAPPED gift items **and the Tag to the Troop Meeting**

December 19, where the Scouts will wrap the gifts. The tag also lists a food product or other item that the family can use.

Scouts Working on T-2-1 *Brent Bartlett*

Scouts working on Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class requirements should bring their scout handbook to EVERY scout meeting (and remember to take it home, too!) Mr. Bartlett must see the handbooks to record all completed requirements in Troop Master.

Newsletter Items

To add items to the monthly newsletter, contact Paula at bnpwood4@gmail.com