

Troops 7390 & 390



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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Congratulations to Mrs. Nester for being awarded Scoutmaster of the Year by Soaring Eagle District!

On the March Campout, new scouts worked on rank skills with the older scouts. It was a great weekend. During the April 7th Troop Meeting, Scouts spread mulch around Faith Lutheran. The church was very pleased with the results.

Order of the Arrow (OA) Elections will be held on April 21st.

April Campout:

April 17-19 campout will take place at Ft. Steuben at the Cherokee campsite. Everyone must arrive at the church in your Scout Uniform in order to attend the campout. For those attending High Knoll this summer, there will be a shake-down. Temperatures for the weekend will be a high of 80 and a low of 45. The Warm Weather Gear List can be found at: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/forms/>.

May Campout:

May 1-3 campout will take place at Camp Tuscazoar near Bolivar, OH. We will need any tents or gear taken home after the April outing to be returned in time for this campout. Depending on adults available there may be another High Knoll shakedown hike taking place this weekend. Camp Tuscazoar will be hosting Dover Dam Days celebration, and the camp will be offering Archaeology Merit Badge as part of the celebration activities. The release of the merit badge sign-up sheet was delayed, and the registration deadline is this Friday April 17. Scouts interested in the Archaeology merit badge need to let me know before we leave for the Ft. Steuben campout.

2026 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2026 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 19-25. Registration is now open. This year's early bird pricing, due by April 19th, is \$445, which includes a \$25 discount from the Great Trail Council Adventure fee. Afterwards, the price rises to \$485. Please let Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka know if you plan on attending summer camp.

Please view the Merit Badge Class Schedule:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kRHvWrhDPXVugRE-OaFnpIuOL_9hTcscivA92ts41n4/edit?tab=t.0.

You may print and bring your merit badge class selection to the meeting or pick up a copy at a troop meeting. We will not register scouts for summer camp, until we have received payment.

2026 Scout Summer Camp Swim Test:

Each year, Scouts are required to take the swim test for summer camp. Manatoc will hold a pre-camp swimming test session on June 6 from 1-4 PM. Scouts may also test on the first day of summer camp, but that is the least preferable option.

2026 Health & Medical Forms:

BSA Health and Medical Forms must be updated annually. Two copies of updated forms are due. Part C must be signed by a doctor and turned into the Troops before summer camp. Don't forget to include a copy of the front and back of your insurance card.

Merit Badge Opportunities:

Communications Merit Badge - The next meeting for those working on the Communications Merit Badge will be Sunday, April 19, from 4-5 PM in the Youth Room at Faith. An email was sent letting Scouts know what requirements need to be completed.

Popcorn Inventory:

We have some popcorn inventory remaining to sell. Please reach out to Dan Chalupsky at chalupd@electioniq.net or (805) 729-1091 if you are interested in purchasing or selling popcorn to reduce our inventory.

Mom's Night Out:

Calling all adult ladies...Let's get together for some social time, snacks, and fun! The next meetup will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 750ml, 2287 W Market St, Akron, 44313 at 7 PM. Please join us!

High Knoll Trek 2026 High Adventure:

- ❖ Dates: July 5-11, 2026
- ❖ The estimate for the adventure is \$650.
- ❖ **Reminder: \$100 per participant is due each month.**
- ❖ Mr. Henry's phone number is: (330) 256.1570. Mr. Henry sent out the Warm-up hike schedule. Scouts should make every effort to attend the warm-up hikes so we can ensure everyone is properly conditioned for High Knoll. This is the first backpacking trip these scouts have ever been on. It is important that everyone has the proper gear, so they have an enjoyable week. The troop has some backpacking tents available.

Charitable Opportunity, GTC & Akron Canton Regional Foodbank Donations:

GTC has partnered with the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank for a Stuff the Bus Food Drive. The food drive is from April 27-May 22, 2026. The goal is to collect items 10,000 pounds of food in the "Super Six" plus items that can be used in local backpack programs. Each week has specific requested items. **If you wish to donate, please bring the food items to a Troop Meeting no later than May 19th.** Below is a list for each week:

- Week 1: April 27 – May 2 = Boxed Cereal, Granola Bars, Canned Soup/Stew
- Week 2: May 3 – May 9 = Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Cup Noodle/Ramen
- Week 3: May 10 - 16 = Fruit Cups, Cereal Cups, Macaroni & Cheese
- Week 4: May 17 – May 22 = Canned Vegetables, Instant Oatmeal Packets

Troop Reimbursement Form:

The Troop has a new form to submit for reimbursement. It can be found on the Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/download/61110/?tmstv=1757641260>

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ Troop sweatshirts are on sale for \$23. Many Scouts like to wear them at campouts. Troop t-shirts may also be purchased for \$15. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.
- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be held on May 5, 2026, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on May 3, 2026. All are welcome.

2026 Upcoming Events:

Apr 14	Troop Elections
Apr 21	OA Elections
Apr 21	BOR
Apr 17-19	Ft. Steuben, Cherokee Campsite
Apr 26	Leadership Skills Training, 2-6 PM
Apr 28	BOR
May 1-3	Tuscazoar, Turtle Campsite
May 12	COH
Jun 7	Swim Test, Manatoc 1-4 PM
Jun 7-12	NYLT, Stambaugh
Jul 5-11	High Knoll, VA
Jul 19-25	Summer Camp, Manatoc, Concord
Aug 7-9	Cedar Point, Firelands
Sept 11-13	Tuscazoar, Pig Gig

2027 Upcoming Events:

Mar 6	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
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