



Issue 124

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

August 2024

### Scoutmasters News

*Elise and Dale*

The Low Adventure Mountaineer Crew had a fun time at camp. The Scouts made knives with leather sheaths, iron hooks, and were able to do rifle shooting. Stayed tuned for information regarding the 2025 Adventure.

Summer Camp at Manatoc was a great time! The weather cooperated this year and Scouts earned quite a few Merit Badges.

### August 2024 Campout:

The August 16-18 Campout will be a D-Day Re-enactment at Conneaut.

### September 2024 Campout:

The September 20-22 Campout will be at the Heritage Scout Reservation in Farmington, PA. Scouts will go white water rafting on Saturday. The cost will be approximately \$15 for the campout and \$108 for the adventure. Permission slips will go out soon.

### New Council Adventure Fee:

For months now we have written about the coming changes in Scouting. Whereas, in the past Scouts were registered in conjunction with the annual re-charter process, registration has gone to individual registration on the Scouts annual anniversary date. Scouts registered with Troops 390/7390 before August 2023 will all see their registration come due December 31. In lieu of Friends of Scouting, Great Trail Council instituted the annual 'Adventure Fee' which was explained in the June and July newsletters. Recently there were some updates released regarding details of the Adventure Fee: there will be a 2 Scout maximum per family however any additional Scouts in the family will enjoy the same benefits, the weekend tent camping credit was changed to a \$10 camping credit for each Scout in the Unit which allows the Unit to choose between camping in tents or cabins, lastly, the Summer Camp discount for Great Trail Council members has been set \$25.

### **Thank You Note to the Troop from the Mostoller Family:**

*"To All of the families in Troop 390,*

*I very sincerely apologize for not writing each of you individually, as I should. Please know that we know who you are and that we are deeply grateful. Thankful for all of your support; financial, cards sent, attendance at Johnny's calling hours and funeral, caring words, thoughts, and most especially prayers. These things have meant more to our family than you will ever know.*

*Our Johnny, much older than many of your children; loved Scouting. His favorite place to be was camping with "the guys". He didn't care so much for the written work, but he made it to Eagle Scout, an accomplishment he was very proud of. It is a consolation to us to know that although his life was cut short, he was able to have many great adventures through and with Troop 390. You have all been and continue to be a blessing to us.*

*Thank you so very much,*

*Tara, Andy and all the Mostoller Crew*

### Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel will again be Ben Ingersoll. Mr. Ingersoll has been working diligently setting up Show and Sell dates and locations. Please stay tuned for more information.

### Campout Fees:

The Troop has kept normal campout fees at a cost of \$10/Scout plus the cost of any additional adventure fee and absorbed any additional cost. The campout fee has not been raised since the Troop began. In order to help the Troop break even financially, beginning with the September 2024 campout, the base cost for a campout will be \$15/Scout plus the expense of any adventure (i.e.: White Water Rafting expense). We will also be charging \$15/Adult.

### Scout Account Balances:

Many Scout accounts have become negative.  
The negative balance range is between \$10 - \$90. This is mostly due to the \$25 deduction of semi-annual troop dues that occurred recently. During the year, Scouts can earn money for their accounts by selling popcorn, turning in Acme receipts during the Acme Cash Back season, participating in Rubber Ducks games. The following scouts need to add money to their accounts: Ben Blevins, Jillian Blevins, Jaxon Chalupsky, Maria Davis, Trevor Garvey, Marie Gentile, Alex Henry, Cameron Kozlosky, John McCarron, Collin McKee, Owen McKee, Anna Mostoller, Ryan Mostoller, Gwen Psonowsky, and AJ Setzekorn. Please see Mrs. Forster to add to your Scouts' account.

### Electricity Merit Badge:

Scouts who need to complete their Electricity Merit Badge should reach out directly to Mr. Mularcik. He will not be available for a few months. He can be reached at 330.807.6200 or email: [bnpwood4@gmail.com](mailto:bnpwood4@gmail.com).

### Budgeting for Campout Meals:

Scouts should budget \$8 per Scout when planning their campout menus. This will help alleviate overspending and purchasing too much food.

### Troop Sweatshirts & T-Shirts:

Troop sweatshirts are on sale for \$23. Many Scouts like to wear them at campouts. Troop t-shirts also may be purchased for \$15. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.

### Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year. 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. Please give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

**Troop Website:** <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

### Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be September 3, 2024, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on September 8, 2024 @ 7 PM. All are welcome.
- ✓ Troop t-shirts may be worn between Memorial Day & Labor Day.

### Upcoming Events:

#### 2024

Aug 16-18	D Day Re-enactment, Conneaut
Aug 20	BOR
Aug 27	BOR
Sept 10	COH
Sept 20-22	White Water Rafting, Camp Independence
Oct 8	AOL Open House
Oct 18-20	Cedar Point Halloween
Nov 15-17	Manatoc
Dec 6-8	Beaumont

#### 2025

Jan TBD	Skiing, Peek n' Peak
Feb TBD	Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 14-16	Leprechaun Hunt
Apr TBD	April Fool's Campout
May TBD	Tuscazoar Campout
Jun 8-13	NYLT
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp