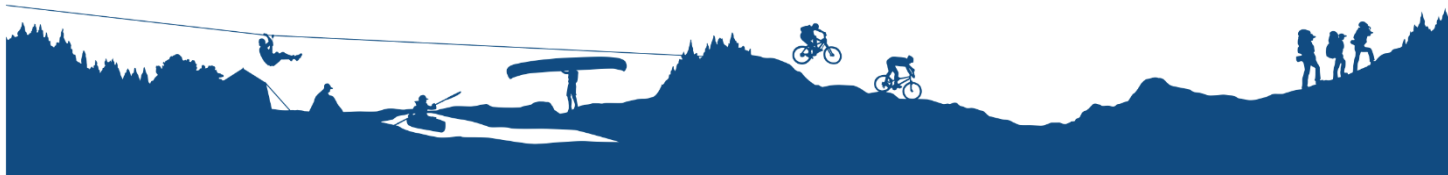


Troops 7390 & 390



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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

February 2025

Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Although the January campout was changed to a day trip, we had 5 scouts who enjoyed skiing at Holiday Valley.

Thank you to all the families that attended our Scout Sunday activities at Faith Lutheran last weekend. We had seven Scouts who ranked up and many Scouts who earned Merit Badges. Congratulations to all!

February 2025 Klondike Campout:

The February 14-16 campout brings the Klondike Competition at Camp Manatoc. We will be staying in Legion Lodge. This year's theme is High Noon at the Klondike Corral. There is no participation fee for this campout as it is covered under the Adventure Scout Fee. We will charge a minimal fee to cover the cost of food. Please pack and dress appropriately for the weather.

Swamp Base 2025 High Adventure:

- Dates: June 30 – July 7, 2025
- Base Cost: \$800/person + transportation.
- Deposits Due: \$150/participant is due for February 2025. Please be sure you are up to date on payments.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year through February 15, 2025. **The Troop deadline to turn in receipts is February 11th meeting.** So far, the Troop has collected approximately \$3,000. Acme reimburses 5% of the cash back value, which will go directly into the Scout's account. Please give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

In Need of Baskets for the Raffle:

The Spaghetti Dinner Committee is looking for baskets, small totes, or buckets to help create the raffle baskets for the spaghetti dinner. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the next Troop meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:

- Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025, 4:30 PM – 7 PM
- Spaghetti Dinner Chair: Dan Chalupsky
- Parent and Scout involvement is crucial to our 2nd biggest fundraiser's success. All Scouts and at least one adult from each family are expected to participate in this fundraiser.
- Packets were distributed with fliers and tickets. Please distribute the fliers and sell tickets.
- Volunteers can sign up to help before and during the dinner.
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/9431344140109/false#/invitation>
- There will be two opportunities for 2 Scouts to pre-sell tickets after mass at Faith Lutheran on February 16 and February 24 from 10 AM-10:30 AM and 11 AM-12 PM. Please let Mr. Chalupsky know if you're interested in working a time slot.
- This year we are asking the Scouts to purchase their raffle tickets prior to the start of their shift rather than at the end.
- **February 18th** - Please drop off raffle basket donations during the Scout meeting. You can drop off complete baskets or individual items for a basket that we will assemble for you.
- **February 25th** – Raffles baskets will be assembled. We welcome any help with this process. Last minute donations will be accepted.

2025 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2025 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 13-19. Registration is now open. This year's early bird fee, due by April 19th, is \$430. Afterwards, the price rises to \$445 through July 5th and then the price will be \$465 per Scout. The merit badge list has been sent out. Please let Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka know if you plan on attending summer camp. Each year, Scouts are required to take the swim test for summer camp. Manatoc will hold a swim test session on June 8. We are working to schedule a troop swim test at Copley HS and will keep everyone posted with date/time/cost.

Troop Forms:

Please take a few minutes to review and complete the following forms. They can be found on the Troop's website. The forms can be turned into Mrs. Forester.

- Scouts are asked to review and sign the Code of Conduct each year. Please review and sign the form with your Scout.
- Photo Release Permission Form – Pictures are posted on the Troop Website throughout the year. Please take a minute to review and sign this form.
- BSA Health and Medical Forms must be updated annually.

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

Scout Volunteer Service Opportunities:

- ❖ Pinewood Derby for Packs 3330 and 3390, February 8, 2025, from 9 AM – 12 PM @ Faith Lutheran
- ❖ Manatoc Service Days: February 15, March 22, April 26, and May 10 from 12 PM – 3 PM
- ❖ Den Chief Training – Train to help with local Pack Dens, March 1, 2025 @ Manatoc from 8:30 AM - 2 PM
- ❖ District Pinewood Derby, May 10, 2025, from 10 AM – 12 PM 2 Summit Mall
- ❖ Cub Scout Camp at Camp Butler, July 24-26, 2025

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ Scouts are expected to wear their full uniforms to every meeting, even when arriving late from sports practices.
- ✓ The base cost for monthly campouts has been raised to \$15/Scout + the expense of the Adventure.
- ✓ Scouts should budget \$10 per Scout when planning their campout menus. This will help alleviate overspending and purchasing too much food.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be March 4, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be Sunday, March 2, 2025. All are welcome.

Personal Management Merit Badge:

Anne Gentile and Mike Kaminsky will be conducting classes for Scouts to earn the Eagle Badge required Personal Management MB. The class will be kicking off with a Financial Literacy presentation on "How to Become a Millionaire" led by someone who did exactly that and wished to share his knowledge with our Scouts. This presentation will be open to all Scouts and their parents. Stay tuned for more information. Classes will begin on February 23rd. Please notify Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka if you are interested in earning this Merit Badge.

2025 Upcoming Events:

Feb 8	Pinewood Derby, Packs 3300/3390
Feb 14-16	Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 1	Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 1	Den Chief Training, Manatoc
Mar 14-16	Leprechaun Hunt, Beaumont
Mar 22	MB University, Akron
Mar 25	Troop Elections/OA Elections
Apr 11-13	April Fool's Campout
May 2-4	Tuscazoar Campout
May 20	COH
Jun 6-8	NYLT
Jun 27-29	NYLT
Jun 30-Jul 7	Swamp Base, Lafayette, LA
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc