



Issue 129

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Thank you to all the Scouts and families who participated in the Troop's 24th year of sponsoring a Head Start family. In lieu of the December 31st Troop Meeting, 12 Scouts met at Kendall Cliffs and climbed for 2 hours. All had a great time.

Congratulations to Tyler Kuchar had his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on January 11, 2025.

Scouts who have not renewed their Scout membership fee will not be eligible for advancement.

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 2, 2025, at Faith Lutheran. Please read details below.

Scout Sunday History:

February 8th is the anniversary of Scouting, so typically the Sunday before Christian Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday. It commonly entails participating in the church service with the Charter Organization, which allows the congregation an opportunity to see the Scouting Unit their church supports. Scouts may sometimes participate in the mass by doing readings or other presentations.

This year Scout Sunday is on February 2nd at 10:30 AM at Faith Lutheran. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend the service with Scouts in full uniform. Immediately following the service, we will have the Court of Honor Ceremony at 11:30 AM. Afterwards, cake and punch will be served. Please plan on attending with your Scout. Topics of discussion will include the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Scout Rank Advancement, Merit Badges, 2025 Swamp Base, Summer Camp Information, & Medical Forms, and Photo Release Forms. The Troop Committee will meet immediately after the COH ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

Collection of Old Christmas Tree Lights:

As a service project, Cub Scouts are collecting old or broken Christmas Tree lights. If you have any lights that you wish to dispose of, please bring the lights to the next Troop meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner Chair Urgently Needed:

Congratulations to Dan Chalupsky, our new Spaghetti Dinner Chair! Dan is looking for other adult volunteers to help make this year's Spaghetti Dinner our biggest success yet! Please reach out to him if you can help at (805) 729-1091. Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 1st!

January 2025 Campout:

On the January 24-26 Campout, the Troop will be skiing at Holiday Valley in New York while camping at Camp Merz. Scouts do not have to ski to attend this campout. Permission slips were handed out on January 7th. Helmets are mandatory.

Swamp Base 2025 High Adventure:

- Dates: June 30 – July 7, 2025
- Base Cost: \$800/person + transportation.
- Deposits Due: \$100/participant is due for January 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.*** There is a \$2,000 minimum before we can submit receipts. So far, the Troop has collected approximately \$1,670. Scouts can ask friends, relatives, and neighbors for their receipts, too. 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.

Collection of Old Prescription Glasses:

The Troop collected 73 pairs of used glasses for the Lion's Club. Thank you to all who donated.

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 February 4, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be after the COH Ceremony on February 2, 2025. All are welcome.

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

Upcoming Events:

2025

Jan 21	BOR
Jan 24-26	Skiing, Holiday Valley, New York
Feb 2	Scout Sunday, COH
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
Apr 11-13	April Fool's Campout
May 2-4	Tuscazoar Campout
Jun 6-8	NYLT
Jun 27-29	NYLT
Jun 30-Jul 7	Swamp Base, Lafayette, LA
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc