

Troops 7390 & 390



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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Thank you to all the Scouts and families who participated in the Troop's 25th year of sponsoring a Head Start family.

In lieu of the December 30th Troop meeting, the Troop switched from rock climbing at Kendall Cliffs to Whirly Ball. Thirteen Scouts and two AOLs attended and had a great time!

The January Campout changed to a Manatoc campout. We had five Scouts attend. They hiked and worked on advancement skills. As a reminder, the Troop also needs 2 adult volunteers for each Troop and a registered female leader if the girls wish to camp.

Ryan Ingersoll made a \$150 donation from his Scout Account to the Troop. Thank you, Ryan, for continuing to support the Troop!

Scout Sunday and the next COH will be celebrated on February 8, 2026, at Faith Lutheran. Please read the details below.

Scout Sunday History:

February 8th is the anniversary of Scouting, which is 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. Sometimes, Scouts participate in the mass by doing readings or other presentations. This year Scout Sunday is on February 8, 2026, at 10:30 AM at Faith Lutheran. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend.

Cour of Honor (COH) Ceremony:

The next COH will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026, following the Scout Sunday Service at 11:30 AM. Scouts should be dressed in clean, pressed Class A uniforms with their sashes. Mothers should wear their pin ribbons.

Afterwards, cookies 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, 2026 High Knoll Base, Summer Camp Information, and Medical Forms. The Troop Committee will meet immediately following the COH ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

February 2026 Klondike Campout:

February 13-15 campout brings the Klondike Competition at Camp Manatoc. We will be staying in the small Concord Lodge. This year's theme is Tales of Our Past. The participation fee for this campout is \$20. Please pack and dress appropriately for the weather.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year through February 15, 2025. **The deadline for the Troop is to turn in receipts is February 11th.** There is a \$2,000 minimum before we can submit receipts. So far, the Troop has **not** collected very many receipts. 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.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:

Mark your calendars as our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on March 7, 2026. Dan Chalupsky has agreed to once again be the Spaghetti Dinner Chair! Dan is looking for other adult volunteers to help make this year's Spaghetti Dinner a success! Please reach out to him if you can help at (805) 729-1091. The next meeting will be held on January 20th during the Troop Meeting.

Donations for the Spaghetti Dinner Raffle:

The Spaghetti Dinner Committee is looking for donations to raffle off at the dinner. There will also be a Silent Auction for bigger ticket items. Also, the committee is looking for baskets, small totes, or buckets to help create the raffle baskets for the spaghetti dinner. Please bring donations to the next Troop Meeting(s).

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Scouts who did not sell \$450 in products will be expected to pay \$150 (or a prorated amount based on sales) to the Troop. Scouts will be contacted soon.

Merit Badge Opportunities:

- Communications Merit Badge - The next meeting for those working on Communications merit badge with the Troop will be Sunday, February 22, 2026, from 4-5 PM.
- Welding Merit Badge meetings are scheduled for January 20, 2026, and January 27, 2026.

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 starting in January**
- ❖ Warm-up hikes will start in the middle of April. Scouts should make every effort to attend the warm-up hikes so we can ensure everyone is properly conditioned for High Knoll.
- ❖ In addition, High Knoll participants should also make every effort to attend the shake down campout in May at Camp Tuscazoar. 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.
- ❖ We know a lot of our scouts are involved in spring sports. Please let Mr. Henry (330) 256-1570 know your spring sports schedule as soon as possible so he can begin to schedule the hikes.

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/6110/?mstv=1757641260>

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be held on February 3, 2026, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on February 8, 2026, immediately following the COH ceremony. All are welcome.

2026 Upcoming Events:

Feb 8	Scout Sunday/COH
Feb 13-15	Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 7	Spaghetti Dinner
Mar 13-15	Manatoc, Forester Lodge
Apr 17-19	Ft. Steuben, Tippecanoe
May 1-3	Tuscazoar, Turtle Campsite
Jun 7-12	NYLT, Stambaugh
Jul 5-11	High Knoll, VA
Jul 19-25	Summer Camp, Manatoc, Concord
Aug 7-9	Cedar Point
Sept 11-13	Tuscazoar