



Issue 123

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The High Adventure Crew has returned from their trek to Philmont. They had a fun time; and some Scouts would have liked to extend their trip. The Low Adventure Crew left early Sunday morning and will return just in time for Summer Camp.

On Sunday, July 7th, Elizabeth Nester and Marie Gentile became Troop 7390's 1st and 2nd Eagle Scouts. Congratulations ladies!!

2024 Summer Camp at Manatoc, July 14-20:

Summer Camp is upon us this Sunday, July 14th. The Troop will be set up at Manatoc, the Concord Cabin. There is one-way traffic at drop off and pick up. You will enter through the main gate and exit via the service road behind the dining hall. Scouts should arrive in their Class A Uniform. You will check in your Scout(s) along with their forms at the Concord campsite. Check-in will be from 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Medication must be brought in their original containers, and they cannot be expired. Do not leave your Scout at camp until all the paperwork has been cleared. Please make sure your Scout has been fed prior to arriving as they will not eat again until dinner Sunday night. ***If your Scout has not taken the swim test, they need to be prepared to test on Sunday.*** Scouts can be picked up on Saturday, July 20th @ 10 AM at the Concord Campsite.

The Troop is need of parent volunteers at summer camp to ensure we always have adequate coverage. There are still shifts available. Please sign up for a shift or two:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-49660236-scout/30685022#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-49660236-scout/30685022#/)

We appreciate all the help we can get. You must check in at the Admin building and get a wristband before starting your shift. Parking at Admin is limited this year, so you might need to check in at Admin, then exit camp and come back in the service drive, park by the Training Lodge, and walk to Concord. Plan to check in with Admin 15-20 minutes before your shift.

BSA Health Forms:

BSA Health Forms are due. Parts A, B & C are required for summer. Two copies of the physical forms will be required for summer camp along with a copy of your insurance card. Parents should keep the original form and make copies to be turned into the Troop. Forms can be found on our Troop website.

Summer Camp Merit Badge Pre-Requisites:

Several summer camp merit badges have pre-requisites for Scouts to complete ahead of time to earn the badge while at summer camp. These badges include Mammal Study, Nature, Plant Science, Pulp & Paper, Soil & Water, Weather, Bird Study, E Science, Fish & Wildlife, Fishing, Forestry, Geology, Insect Study, First Aid, E Prep, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, Collections, Photography, Art, and Moviemaking. You find the complete list of prerequisites at:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/433131513/OR/2024_Merit_Badge_PreCamp_Requirements.pdf.

If your scout signed up for a class which has an additional fee, that amount is deducted from their scout account. You will find which classes have fees in the same document as above.

Shooting Sports Waiver

A Shooting Sports Waiver will need to be on file for any Scout who wishes to participate in a shooting Merit Badge, (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun) or may want to shoot during their free time at Summer Camp. The form requires parental signature. For those allowed to shoot a color-coded wrist band will be issued to the Scout upon check in. Without the appropriate wrist band, the Scout will not be able to enter the range. The Shooting Sports Waiver is only valid for one event. Please advise Mrs. Nester or Mr. Sroka if you are against your Scout participating in any shooting activities. The waiver can be found on our website under permission slips.

Camper Release Form

If your Scout needs to leave Summer Camp for any reason, a Camper Release Form will be required. Any Scout leaving camp needs to notify their Scoutmaster and will wait for their ride in the Camp Office. When the adult arrives, the Camp Office will ask for a photo ID and it will be checked against the names listed on the Camper Release Form. No camper will be released to anyone not listed. The adult will sign out the camper on a sign out sheet that will include the camper's name, time of departure, expected time of return and the signature of the person the camper is being released to. The release form can be found on our website under permission slips.

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

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 Pszonowsky, and AJ Setzekorn. Please see Mrs. Forster to add to your Scouts' account.

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel will again be Ben Ingersoll. The Popcorn Kick-Off date is August 10th. Please stay tuned for more information.

August 2024 Campout:

The August 16-18 Campout will be a D-Day Re-enactment at Conneaut. The camp will cost \$15 per Scout and permission slips will go out soon.

Electricity Merit Badge:

Mr. Mularcik will be able to work with Scouts on the Electricity MB on July 30, August 6 or August 13. He will only come if Scouts working on the MB are in attendance. Afterwards, he will not be available for a few months. Scouts who can come to meetings on any of the above dates should reach out and confirm with him. He can be reached at 330.807.6200 or email: bnpwood4@gmail.com.

Ohio ACE Program:

For families who meet the eligibility requirements based on residency or income, the Afterschool Child Enrichment Education Savings Account program (ACE) has more time to spend funds. The deadline for families to spend funds was previously July 1, 2024, and has now been extended to September 1, 2025. You can request a receipt from the Great Trail Council for summer camp. Please contact Kristen Bradshaw at the Scout Center: 330.773.0415 ext. 215 or at kristen.bradshaw@scouting.org. Please note that the ACE program is fully subscribed, and no additional accounts will be awarded. The extension applies to families with existing accounts only.

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.

New - Council Adventure Fee

The Council has adopted an \$85 Adventure Fee structure beginning January 1, 2025. This is as a means of ensuring the sustainability of the Council while at the same time providing an increased level of program to our youth members. In addition, this structure will allow the Council, the units, and families to more effectively budget resources to provide safe, meaningful, and FUN programs at all levels. This fee replaces the Friends of Scouting Program.

The Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouts Adventure Fee includes (\$115 value):

- Klondike
- Target & Range Sports Day
- Merit Badge University
- Weekend Merit Badge Day
- Den Chief Training
- Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops district run weekend training.
- 2 Tent Camping Weekends for your unit at GTC properties
- Summer Camp Discount for GTC run Summer Camp programs.

More information can be found on the GTC [website](#) or you can email any specific questions to AdventureFee@gtcbsa.org.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be August 6, 2024, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on August 13, 2024 @ 6 PM. All are welcome.
- ✓ Troop t-shirts may be worn between Memorial Day & Labor Day.
- ✓ Troop sweatshirts are \$23 and Troop t-shirts can be purchased for \$15. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.

Upcoming Events:

2024

Jul 14-20	Summer Camp, Concord, Manatoc
Aug 16-18	D Day Re-enactment, Conneaut
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

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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