

Troops 7390 & 390



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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Swamp Base High Adventure was loads of hard work and fun! Scouts, leaders, and parents paddled 61.60 miles over the course of 5 days. They swam in the swamp, held baby alligators, and camped with the mosquitos. The group also visited the Tabasco Factory on Avery Island! heard that Scouts can't wait to go canoeing again! As the final Swamp Base cost is being computed, any refunds will automatically go into Scout Accounts.

Congratulations to AJ Setzekorn who became an Eagle Scout in June!

2025 Summer Camp at Manatoc, July 13-19:

Summer Camp is upon us this Sunday, July 13th. 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 11:00 AM. 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. Scouts can be picked up on Saturday, July 19th @ 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/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-56790361-scout#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-56790361-scout#/)

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.

Merit Badge Pre-Requisites:

Several summer camp merit badges have pre-requisites. Scouts need to complete the pre-requisites before arriving to camp. You find the complete list of prerequisites at:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/433157103/OR/2025_Merit_Badge_PreCamp_Requirements_Difficulty_Recommendations_UPDATED_04232025.pdf.

BSA Health Forms:

BSA Health Forms are due. Parts A, B & C are required for anyone attending summer camp. The date of the tetanus shot is important as the vaccination should occur every 10 years. Please send 2 copies along with both sides of Health Insurance Cards. **Scouts missing their updated health forms: Anna, Clara, Trevor, and John McCarron.**

Camper Release & Shooting Waiver Forms:

All campers should have the Camper Release and Shooting Waiver forms turned in for summer camp. Forms may be found on the Troop's website. **Scouts missing the Shooting Waiver: Jillian, Marie, Anna, Clara, Trevor, and John McCarron.**

Troop T-Shirts and Sweatshirts Available:

Summer Camp is the perfect time to purchase a Troop sweatshirts or t-shirts. Sweatshirts are \$23 and Troop t-shirts can be purchased for \$15. Please contact Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.

All forms and campout checklists can be found on the Troop's website:

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

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel will be Dan Chalupsky. The Popcorn Kick-Off date is August 5th. Please stay tuned for more information.

August 2025 Campout:

The August 8-10 Campout will be at the Laurel Caverns. The camp cost is TBD and permission slips will go out soon.

More Musings on Summer Camp from Mr. Sroka:

Scouts staying at Summer Camp this year will sleep in tents set up by Camp Manatoc. They are 2-man wall tents sitting on a plywood platform. Cots make for more comfortable than sleeping on the floor and they help alleviate the Scouts walking on their sleeping bags; it always rains at summer camp. When my son went to summer camp, we would take a piece of indoor/outdoor carpeting (5X7) to put down before setting up the cots. After camp it was hosed off, dried, and put away until the next time it was needed. Storage trunks or Rubbermaid bins are a great way to pack gear and keep everything together. If you want to use a lock, make it a combination lock because keys have a way of vanishing at camp. Some Scouts put their bins under a tarp behind their tents to have more room in the tent. A folding chair is recommended for sitting out front of the tent and around the campfire.

The Scouts will need to be in their field uniform, (sometimes incorrectly referred to as Class A) when they report to camp as well as when they march to the parade field before breakfast and to retreat at the end of the day. Otherwise, they will be wearing their Troop 390 T-shirts. At least 2 shirts are suggested though many Scouts appear to be perfectly fine wearing the same clothes all week. Shorts should be Scout-like colors: green, khaki. A length of rope and a clothes hanger is a good way to keep uniform shirts off the floor when not being worn.

There is a Trading Post so the Scouts should bring some spending money in addition to the money they may need for Merit Badge supplies. Scouts should not bring their own food or snacks to camp. Skunks, raccoons, and chipmunks will not only come in for the food but will also destroy gear in their search for snacks.

Cub Scout Day Camp Volunteer Opportunity, July 23-25:

- Council is looking for Scouts aged 14+ to help with the camp. Volunteers get to stay in camp overnight, meals are provided, and the time can be used toward service hours.
- Scouts guide the groups of Cubs around camp and/or work at the activity stations.
- This is a great opportunity to meet Scouts from other Units and serve as a role model for the Cubs.
- Normally "class B" shirts are provided for those working on staff.
- There is a 1.5-hour online training course required to be registered as a member of camp staff.

Ryan Ingersoll's Eagle Project:

Ryan is working with the Summit County Public Library to add guitars to the lending music library. Ryan hopes to collect 2-3 acoustic guitars and 2-3 electric guitars. The purpose is to allow patrons who are interested in music to try out a guitar before purchasing one. Ryan would like to have items that accompany guitars such as a cord strap, sheet music, and tuner. He is looking for donations through people, businesses or Facebook Marketplace. Ryan would like to work with Scouts to promote and advertise the program through radio advertising, the newspaper, flyers, and social media. Ryan will be speaking to Scouts during Summer Camp.

Terrill Marshall's Eagle Project:

Terrill is working with the Stow-Munroe Falls School District to provide sensory bins to the Special Education Teacher's classrooms. Terrill hopes to provide educational items to enhance the student's education. The kids are 5-6 years old. Why did Terrill pick this project? The Special Education teachers only receive \$200 each year per classroom. There are at least 10 students in each classroom which means there is only about \$20 or less to spend on each student. Terrill is asking for donations for the bins such as Pop Its, Play Doh, bubble wands, etc. Here is the sign-up link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9A62EA6FBC07-57245775-terrills#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA9A62EA6FBC07-57245775-terrills#/) Terrill will be speaking to Scouts during Summer Camp. Terrill would like to complete this project mid-August to give the bins to the school for the start of the school year. Questions: Please reach out to Terrill at 330.835.8036.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be held on August 5, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on August 3, 2025. All are welcome.

2025 Upcoming Events:

Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc
Aug 8-10	Laurel Caverns
Aug 26	BOR
Sep 2	BOR
Sep 5-7	Bike/Camp/Canoe Campout
Sep 30	COH
Oct 10-12	7 Ranges
Oct 21	AOL Open House
Nov 7-9	Manatoc, AOLs
Dec 5-7	Beaumont