

Troops 7390 & 390



Issue 145

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

July 2026

Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Scouts have returned from their High Knoll Adventure. They did many activities during the week. Scouts hiked, rode horseback, did rock climbing, mountainboarding, and black powder shooting. Their goal of turning their white t-shirts gray was accomplished!

The Troop has a new Treasurer, Jason Russo. Thank you for taking on this role!

2026 Scout Summer Camp:

Summer Camp is upon us this Sunday, July 19th. 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 25th @ 10 AM at the Concord Campsite.

The Troop is in 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/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-63648231-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.

The following Scouts need to do a swim test: Elin, Leonard, and Jillian. They may do so on the first day of summer camp. Scouts missing their online form for the kayaking trip: Anna, Emerson, Emily, Alex, and Sami. The camping checklists and required forms may be found on the Troop's website.

Mrs. Nester sent out an email listing all the merit badge pre-requisites for each scout required for summer camp. Several merit badges require scouts to have them completed before summer camp to earn the badge and not receive a partial.

2026 Heath & Medical Forms:

BSA Health and Medical Forms must be updated annually. Two copies of updated forms are due. Part C must be signed by a doctor and turned into the Troops before summer camp. Don't forget to include a copy of the front and back of your insurance card. Scouts missing their updated health forms: Anna, Clara, Jillian, Sami, Charlie R, Danny, Jaxon, Mia, and Terrill. Adults missing their updated health forms: Mr. Chalupsky, Mr. Cooley, Mrs. Nester. Parts A & B for Mrs. Rauschert and any other adult who is planning to stay overnight.

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: Ian, Charlie R, and Elin.

Troop T-Shirts and Sweatshirts Available:

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

Troop Website:

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

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 are more comfortable than sleeping on the floor and they help alleviate the Scouts walking on their sleeping bags. It will rain 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 cot. 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, keep everything together and dry. 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 in 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.

August 2026 Campout:

The August 7-9 Campout will be at Cedar Point and will be staying at the Firelands High Meadows Campsite. The camp cost is TBD and permission slips will go out soon.

Mom's on Hiatus:

Please join us for some social time, snacks, and fun! The next meetup will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 7 PM. We will meet at the Bent Ladder, 13550 Mt Eaton Rd N, Doylestown, OH 44230. Please join us!

Popcorn Inventory:

We have some popcorn inventory remaining to sell. Please reach out to Dan Chalupsky at chalupd@electioniq.net or (805) 729-1091 if you are interested in purchasing/selling popcorn to reduce our inventory: Salted Peanuts (10 tins), Honey Roasted Peanuts (5 tins), Salted Caramel (24 bags), Sweet & Salty Kettle Corn (30 bags), Popping Kernels (6 buckets), Microwave Popcorn (5 boxes).

Service Project Opportunity:

This Saturday is the Blue Heron Homecoming Festival sponsored by Akron Waterways Renewed. At the Mustill Store they will be raffling away rain barrels and are asking if we can supply some Scouts to help load them. They are looking at two 2-hour shifts, 10 AM to Noon and Noon to 2 PM. Mustill Store is located at 168 Otto St in Akron. Please let Mrs. Nester or I know if anyone is available to help.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be held on August 4, 2026, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on August 2, 2026. All are welcome.

2026 Upcoming Events:

Jul 19-25	Summer Camp, Manatoc, Concord
Aug 7-9	Cedar Point, Firelands, High Meadows
Aug 25	BOR
Sept 11-13	Tuscazoar, Pig Gig
Sept 20,29	BOR
Oct 6	COH
Oct 16-18	7 Ranges, Mingo Mesa
Oct 20	AOL Open House
Oct 24	MB College, Manatoc, 8-5
Oct 27	Troop Elections
Nov 7	University of Scouting, Walsh HS
Nov 13-15	Manatoc w/ AOLs
Dec 4-6	Beaumont, Lodge 8

2027 Upcoming Events:

Jan 8-10	Firelands, Camp Alaska
Feb 7	Scout Sunday/COH
Feb 12-14	Klondike, Legion Lodge
Mar 6	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Mar 12-14	Manatoc w/ New Scouts
April ?	West Point