

Troops 7390 & 390



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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

May was a busy month for the Troop. Thank you to all the Scouts and parents who participated in the Western Reserve Flag Laying Ceremony and the Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony. During the May Court of Honor ceremony, we had several Scouts rank up, earn their Polar Bear badges, and Merit Badges. Congratulations! Also, congratulations to the graduating seniors!

Eagle Court of Honor:

Please join Elizabeth Nester, Marie Gentile, and Olivia Rumpf in celebrating their Eagle Court of Honor. The ceremony will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 7 PM at Faith Lutheran Church. Food will be provided. RSVP to 330.808.2073. Congratulations ladies!

June 17th Troop Meeting:

Only Swamp Base participants are asked to come to Faith at the regular time meeting. Everyone else, please join us at the Copley High School pool at 8 PM for swim test, lifesavings skills practice, and pool party fun. Pickup will be at 9 PM. Please bring \$3 to cover the cost of the lifeguards.

Swamp Base June 30 -July 2025 High Adventure:

- Dates: June 30 – July 7, 2025
- 2 sets of Physical forms are due by June 10th
- Swamp Base meeting on June 17th at Faith from 7-7:45 pm. We will do 3 things during the meeting: Gear check and shakedown. Crews will vote/confirm youth crew leader positions. Parents will have a chance to talk to crew leaders regarding potential health concerns.
- Please refer to the June 1st email titled: Travel & Logistics Details sent from Mrs. Nester regarding flight arrangements and arrival schedule.
- All participants need to show proof of age. Either with an ID, passport, or a copy of birth certificate.
- Please turn in a completed Swamp Base Risk Advisory Form.

New Swamp Base Adults Training Needed:

Adults attending Swamp Base need to complete the following online trainings. You can access them at <http://my.scouting.org/>.

- Hazardous Weather
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Current Youth Protection Training Certificate

Please send your completed certificates to emnester1@gmail.com.

Swamp Base Required Participation Gear:

These items are required to participate on the high adventure trek.

- Safety whistle, Headlamp, Compass, Pocket knife
- 4 large-mouth Nalgene® 32 oz. water bottles
- 1 bottle non-oily sunblock and sunscreen spray (SPF 30+)
- Large sponge for removing water from canoe

Swamp Base Essential Paddling Gear:

- Quick dry clothes (2-3 short or long sleeve shirts and 1 pair of shorts) - **Troop will provide 1 long sleeve and 1 short sleeve SPF shirt treated with mosquito repellent.**
- Lightweight zip-off long pants (for sun protection while paddling). **Note: Dark colored clothes attract mosquitoes)**
- Hat (wide brim recommended)
- Close toed water shoes are required for swimming
- Tennis shoes or boots for walking and for the "Swamp Stomp" portage
- Lightweight rain gear (pants optional)
- Sunglasses with strap (polarized are best)
- Swim trunks or board shorts (males)
- One-piece swimsuit or tankini (females)
- Insect repellent (containing 20% DEET)
- Powdered Gatorade or Powerade or equivalent electrolyte supplements
- 1 towel
- 2 dry bags – 20 liters each or larger
- Snack pack – 5 days of trail snacks in freezer-grade Ziploc bags. **Note: Avoid snacks that will melt in the heat.**

Swamp Base Camping Gear:

- Queen sized sheet, sleeping bag liner, or lightweight compact sleeping bag rated over 50°F
- Camp pillow
- Toiletry kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, biodegradable soap, deodorant, etc.), hand sanitizer
 - **Note:** *Unscented soaps, shampoos, and deodorants will help reduce mosquitoes*
- Mess Kit (plastic bowl, spoon, and fork)
- One roll of toilet paper in a Zip-lock bag (remove the cardboard center for easier storing)

Swamp Base Crew Gear (provided by the troop):

- First-Aid kit
- Baby powder or Gold Bond®
- Garbage bags (10 total)

Swamp Base Optional Items:

- Smartphone or waterproof camera and cell phone dry bag for trek documentation purposes
- Canoe seat
- Paracord, rope, or straps for securing gear and water bottles to the canoe
- Bandana, small towel, or a Cool towel

2025 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2025 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 13-19. Camping checklists may be found on the Troop's website. Here is the adult sign-up. Please sign up for a shift or two:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA4AA2BA0FF2-56790361-scout/135246014#/>

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, NYLT or Swamp Base. The date of the tetanus shot is important as the vaccination should occur every 10 years. Please send 3 copies along with both sides of Health Insurance Cards. Currently there are 19 Scouts whose Health Form will be expired before Summer Camp.

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.

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

- Council is looking for Scouts ages 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 to those working on staff.
- There is a 1.5-hour online training required to be registered as a member of camp staff.

Northern Ohio Golf Charities & Foundation Service Opportunity:

Northern Ohio Golf Charities, Inc. (NOGC) is a volunteer organization which has helped conduct professional golf tournaments at Firestone Country Club for over sixty-five years. The organization is looking for volunteers that may walk with the golfers (Juniors) and hold a scoreboard. Volunteers ages 13-23 are free and volunteers ages 24 and up will be charged a \$80 fee to cover uniforms, food, and a 5-day pass for the PGA Tournament. The organization is looking for a multiple-day commitment if possible. Please reach out to Jim Kozlosky you have any questions at: Jameskozlosky@gmail.com. Registration is open until June. The Tournament is June 18-22. More information may be found on the [NOGC website: 2024 Kaulig Companies Championship](#).

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be on July 8, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, July 9, 2025. All are welcome.
- ✓ Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

2025 Upcoming Events:

Jun 6-8	NYLT
Jun 17	Swamp Base Shakedown, Faith @ 7-7:45 PM
Jun 17	Swimming @ Copley High School, 8-9 PM
Jun 27-29	NYLT
Jun 30-Jul 7	Swamp Base, Lafayette, LA
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc
Aug 8-10	Laurel Caverns
Sep 5-7	Bike/Camp/Canoe Campout
Oct ?	7 Ranges
Nov ?	Manatoc, AOLs
Dec ?	Beaumont