

Troops 7390 & 390



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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

Several Scouts worked on earning conservation hours in April by volunteering at the Little Cuyahoga River Cleanup or planning trees at Manatoc.

Ten Scouts attended the Dover Dams Campout. The eight Scouts earned the Plant Science Merit Badge during the campout. Despite being a very rainy campout, everyone had fun.

Alex Henry joined the OA Brotherhood. Congratulations Alex!

Upcoming Events in May:

- May 20 - Court of Honor (COH) – Scouts arrive at 7 PM and families should plan to arrive at 7:30 PM. Moms should wear their ribbons. Scouts should wear their Class A uniform with sashes.
- May 24 – Western Reserve Flag Laying Ceremony. The Troop will participate in placing flags on graves of the veterans at the Ohio Western Reserve Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Rittman. We will meet at the Church at 8:30 AM and caravan to the cemetery. Scouts need to be in Class A uniform. Please bring gloves and a screwdriver to make holes in the ground for the flags.
- May 26 – Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony Memorial Day morning our Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Fairlawn VFW ceremony held in Fairlawn's Bicentennial Park. Troop 390 has participated in this event for over 20 years. Scouts can earn service hours. The ceremony begins at 9 AM. Scouts need to be in Class A uniform and be there at 8:45 AM.

Merit Badges:

- Cooking MB – Emily Rauschert will conduct a meeting on May 27. Please reach out to her if you were not able to make the first meeting.
- Any Scout completing a MB, please turn in your Blue Card by May 13th.

2025 Scout Summer Camp:

The 2025 Summer Camp will be at Camp Manatoc from July 13-19. BSA Health and Medical Forms must be updated annually. **One copy of updated Physical forms is due.** There will be an adult sign-up posted soon.

Eagle Projects:

We have several scouts who are close to starting their Eagle projects and just months away from aging out. Please keep in mind Scouts must present their project idea to the Troop Committee and receive the committee's approval before it gets sent to District for approval. The Troop Committee usually meets on the 1st Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be June 1st. Due to the timing of Swamp Base and Summer Camp, our July Committee meeting will be on July 9th at 7 PM.

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 June 3, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be Sunday, June 1, 2025. All are welcome.
- ✓ Troop Website: <https://www.bsatroop390.org/>

Swamp Base 2025 High Adventure:

- Dates: June 30 – July 7, 2025
- May payments of \$150 are due.
- 2 sets of Physical forms are due by June 10th
- Hotel accommodations and flight arrangements will be announced soon.

Swamp Base Required Participation

Gear: *These items are required in order 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 2 long sleeve SPF shirts 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 – required for all 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 (larger dry bags are acceptable)
- “Snack pack” – 5 days of trail snacks in freezer-grade Ziploc bags. **Snack packs should be used to supplement individuals that require more daily food than is provided by Swamp Base.**
 - **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.)
 - **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)
- Hand sanitizer

Swamp Base Crew Gear (provided by the troop):

- First-Aid kit
- Baby powder or Gold Bond® (to cut down on chafing)
- Garbage bags (10 total)

Swamp Base Optional Items:

- Smartphone or camera (waterproof is optimal) for trek documentation purposes
 - Cell phone dry bags are highly recommended
- Canoe seat
- Paracord, rope, or straps for securing gear and water bottles to the canoe
- Bandana, small towel, rag, or a Real X Gear – Xtreme Cool towel

Scout Code of Conduct & New Rules:

Scouts have not been following the Scout Code of Conduct. With that said, the Troop Committee is implementing the following disciplinary action effective immediately. Any Scout who breaks the Code of Conduct at any Scout event or meeting will face the following discipline.

- ❖ **Strike 1:** The Scout will miss the next Troop campout.
- ❖ **Strike 2:** The Scout will be required to go before the Troop Committee and meet with them.
- ❖ **Strike 3:** The Scout will not be allowed to attend the High Adventure.

2025 Upcoming Events:

May 6	BOR
May 20	COH
May 24	Ohio Western Reserve Flag Planting
May 26	Fairlawn VFW Memorial Day Ceremony
May 27	Cooking MB Class
Jun 6-8	NYLT
Jun 27-29	NYLT
Jun 30-Jul 7	Swamp Base, Lafayette, LA
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc
Aug 8-10	Bike, Camp, Canoe Campout