



Issue 125

Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Scouts who attended the D-Day Re-enactment had a great time and came home with lots of souvenirs.

Congratulations to all the Scouts who ranked up and to all the Scouts who earned Merit Badges at the COH Ceremony.

Several Scouts have negative balances in their Scout Accounts. Please see Mrs. Forster to bring your account current and add funds to your Scout's Account.

The next Troop election will be held on September 24th. There will be ISLT training for the newly elected youth leaders to be held on Sunday, September 29th at Faith Lutheran from 6 PM – 8 PM.

September 2024 Campout:

The September 20-22 Campout will be at the Heritage Scout Reservation in Farmington, PA. Scouts will go white water rafting on Saturday. Please be sure to turn in your permission slips. All participants must have a waiver. Please complete a waiver online using the link: [Sign your waiver online by AdventureRes](#). Please print the emailed confirmation and bring it with you to camp. Information required to complete the waiver: Group Leader-Sroka, Reservation Number -151010, the date is September 21.

Olivia's Eagle Project:

Olivia is working with Summit County Children's Services to provide "birthday bags" for children in foster care. The bags will contain birthday party supplies for families that may not otherwise be able to afford to have a celebration. Below is a Sign-Up Genius link to pledge items to fill the bags. Please Note: Olivia's birthday is approaching, and she needs to complete her Eagle Project prior to then; therefore, she needs to collect these products ASAP. Please visit: [BSA: Birthday Bags \(signupgenius.com\)](#).

Swamp Base 2025 High Adventure:

- Dates: June 30 – July 6, 2025
- Base Cost: \$800/person + transportation. We are still working on the logistics of getting to and from Lafayette, LA.
- Deposit Due: \$250 due September 24th.
- Scouts who will be 13 by June 30th may attend this adventure.
- TBD... Possible side trips include visiting Avery Island for the Tabasco Factory Tour & Museum or possibly a day in New Orleans.
- We need to confirm with Swamp Base by September 13th if we will have 1 or 2 crews (or possibly 3). A crew is 8-11 people.
- Here is a short video: [Swamp Base... Adventure Awaits! \(youtube.com\)](#).

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel, Ben Ingersoll, has setup all the Popcorn Show and Sells. Please sign up for a time slot. The link is below: [Troop 0390/7390: 2024 Popcorn Show & Sell \(signupgenius.com\)](#).

A Little About Popcorn:

What is the significance of our Scouts selling popcorn? The proceeds generated by popcorn sales are divided in 3 ways: 33% goes to pay for the product itself, 33% goes to Great Trail Council and 34% goes to the individual Scouting Unit. The portion that goes to Great Trail is used to help cover the administrative expenses of conducting the popcorn sale itself, as well as supporting the programs at Camps Manatoc and Stambaugh. The remaining 34% goes to the Troops. Therefore, Scouts who don't sell any popcorn affect both their Council and their Unit. In our case we divide our portion in half with 17% going into the Troop's account and 17% into the Scout's individual accounts. We have set a goal of selling \$450 by each Scout and that is why Troops 390 and 7390 request that Scouts who choose not to sell popcorn make a monetary donation of \$150; to offset the 17% loss to the Troop not generated by sales. Unfortunately, in this scenario Great Trail Council loses their revenue.

Guide to Safe Scouting:

Changes to the Guide to Safe Scouting became effective September 1, 2024. These include changes to the **Buddy System, Accommodations, and Participation Parents/Legal Guardians**. You can learn more about these changes by visiting this link: [Guide to Safe Scouting | Boy Scouts of America](#). The topics mentioned are about two-thirds down the page.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year. We will collect receipts from August 1, 2024 through February 15, 2025. Scouts can ask friends, relatives, and neighbors for their receipts too. If we are successful, 100% of the receipts will go into the Scouts accounts who are turning in the receipts. Please give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

Cell Phones at Troop Meetings:

Many Scouts are on their cell phones during Troop Meetings. Leaders are asking Scouts to refrain from using their phones or we may begin to collect them at the beginning of a Troop meeting and return them to Scouts at the end of the meetings.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ Since Labor Day has passed, Scouts should wear their uniforms to Troop meetings.
- ✓ The base cost for monthly campouts has been raised to \$15/Scout + the expense of the Adventure.
- ✓ Scouts should budget \$8 per Scout when planning their campout menus. This will help alleviate overspending and purchasing too much food.
- ✓ Troop sweatshirts are on sale for \$23. Many Scouts like to wear them at campouts. Troop t-shirts also may be purchased for \$15. Please see Mrs. Forster if you would like to purchase one.
- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be October 8, 2024, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be on October 6, 2024 @ 7 PM. All are welcome.

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

Upcoming Events:

2024

Sept 20-22	White Water Rafting, Camp Independence
Sept 24	Troop Elections
Sept 29	ISLT Training, Faith, 6 PM – 8 PM
Oct 8	AOL Open House
Oct 18-20	Cedar Point Halloweekend
Nov 15-17	Manatoc, Small Forester Lodge
Nov 19	Head Start Tags
Dec 6-8	Beaumont
Dec 17	Head Start Wrapping

2025

Jan 11	Merit Badge Day, Medina
Jan 24-26	Skiing, Peek n' Peak
Feb 14-16	Klondike, Manatoc
Mar 14-16	Leprechaun Hunt
Apr TBD	April Fool's Campout
May TBD	Tuscazoar Campout
Jun 8-13	NYLT
Jun 30-Jul 6	Swamp Base, Lafayette, LA
Jul 13-19	Summer Camp, Manatoc