

Troops 7390 & 390



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Great Trail Council

Soaring Eagle District

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Scoutmasters News

Elise and Dale

The Laurel Caverns and Bike/Camp/Canoe campouts went well. Those who attended Laurel Caverns explored two levels in the caverns; the upper cavern which is open to the public and the lower cavern which has restricted access. There were a couple of ice cream stops during the biking portion of the September campout. Yum! Several scouts camped out under the stars.

Fall and Winter campouts are the perfect time for Scouts to work on their Cooking Merit Badge. Scouts who are continuing to work on their Merit Badge should prepare their menus for Mrs. Rauschert's approval and schedule your cooking time at a campout.

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Our Popcorn Kernel is Dan Chalupsky. Popcorn sales are underway. Over the first weekend, sales and donations were just over \$3,000. Everyone should have downloaded the Great Trails App. It allows sales to be made online as well as donations. Scouts can sign up for Show and Sells within the App; along with taking payments through the application. Please reach out to Mr. Chalupsky with any questions.

Octoberfest Fundraiser Opportunity:

Our Troop will be participating in a fundraising opportunity at Cuyahoga Falls Octoberfest on September 19 & 20 evenings. We will need scouts and parents to assist with keeping the streets clean and the trash cans emptied. Please wear your blue troop t-shirt along with scout shorts/pants. Shifts will be from 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM and from 7 PM - Midnight. The shifts are in 5-hour increments. There is an overlap in the middle during the busiest part of the festival. The Troop will earn \$1,500, which will be split between the troop and scout accounts of those of who work. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445AAA62DA0FA7-58636623-octoberfest>.

Conservation Hours Opportunity:

For Scouts needing conservation hours, the Camp Manatoc SCAT Committee will be planting 800 trees at Camp Manatoc from 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, September 20. Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-tree>. Scouts who attended Swamp Base and would like to earn their 50-Miler award need to perform 10 hours of conservation service hours. Hours earned at this event would count toward the 10 hours.

Fall Range & Target Days:

Great Trail Council will be offering 3 Range and Target program days this fall:

1. September 13 - Rifle & Tomahawk
2. October 4 - Rifle & Archery,
3. October 11 - Shotgun & Archery

If we have enough interested Scouts and the Leadership is available, we could register a group. For registration details visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-ratascouts>.

October 2025 Campout:

The October 10-12 Campout is at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation in Kensington, OH. Permission slips will go out next week and will be due September 30. We need to get better at getting slips turned in on time to avoid the last-minute scramble of menu planning, shopping, and arranging for adequate adult supervision.

Acme Receipts Cash Back Time:

Troops 7390 & 390 are collecting Acme Receipts again this year. We will collect receipts from August 1, 2025, through February 15, 2026. Scouts can ask friends, relatives, and neighbors for their receipts too. ACME donates 5% of the rewards redeemed which are added to the Scout Account of the Scout who provides the receipts. Please give the paper copies of receipts or text a picture of your receipt to Sarah Eckert at (330) 671-1052.

New Merit Badge Opportunities:

- **September 20 - Merit Badge Day** - Council will be offering Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation and Citizenship in the World. Classes will be 9 AM-4 PM at Medina United Methodist Church, 4747 Foote Road, Medina, 44256. Registration is required.
- **September 27 - Merit Badge Day** - Council will be offering American Business, Digital Tech, Salesmanship and Surveying, hosted by Canal District. Classes will be 9 AM-2 PM at Wedgewood United Methodist Church, 2350 Wedgewood Drive, Akron 44312.
- **October 4 - Merit Badge Day** - Council will be offering Fire Safety, Orienteering and Scouting Heritage hosted at Camp Stambaugh, 3712 Leffingwell Road, Canfield, 44406.
- **October 25 - Merit Badge College** - Great Trail Council is scheduling a day of merit badges at Camp Manatoc from 8 AM-4 PM. The following classes will be offered: American Business, Bugling, Citizenship in Society, Cycling, Emergency Preparedness, Exploration, Public Speaking, Radio, Railroading, Safety and Veterinary Medicine.

Troop Reimbursement Form:

The Troop has a new form to submit for reimbursement. It can be found on the Troop Website:

<https://www.bsatroop390.org/download/6110/?tmstv=1757641260>.

Troop Reminders:

- ✓ Since Labor Day has passed, Scouts should wear their uniforms to Troop meetings.
- ✓ The next PLC Committee Meeting will be held on October 7, 2025, at 6 PM.
- ✓ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be held on October 5, 2025. All are welcome.

2025 Upcoming Events:

Sept 12	BOR
Sept 16	COH
Sept 20	SCAT, Manatoc – planting trees
Sept 20	MB Day, Medina
Sept 27	MB Day, Canal District
Sept 30	Troop Elections
Oct 4	MB Day, Stambaugh
Oct 4-5	ISLT Training
Oct 10-12	Seven Ranges
Oct 21	AOL Open House
Oct 25	MB College, Manatoc
Nov 7-9	Manatoc, Forester Lodge, AOL Scouts
Nov 18	Head Start Tags
Dec 16	Head Start Wrapping
Dec 5-7	Beaumont, Lodge 8

2026 Upcoming Events:

Jan 9-11	Firelands, Camp Alaska
Feb 8	Scout Sunday/COH
Feb 13-15	Klondike, Manatoc, Legion Lodge
Mar 7	Spaghetti Dinner