

TROOP 152 NEWS

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MARCH TRIP - WASHINGTON, DC

Join Troop 152 for an exciting trip to explore Washington DC 3/28 – 3/30. Combine camping and a day exploring the monuments and Mall of Washington, DC. Immerse yourself in the living history of our country. Sign-Ups are due by 3/11. Don't wait. Sign up now! The trip flyer is on the Troop website, or contact Harry Weber for more info 610-584-9055.

TRUSCOTT'S TRAIL

The Troop had another great weekend at the Klondike Derby. The "Bear Chested Men" Patrol was awarded first place in the derby competition and in the sled race. Congratulations to all the Scouts who participated in this General Nash winter event. Thanks to Jim Faber for organizing the trip. Chef Nagele and his staff continued the tradition of providing the Scouts, Leaders and Guest a weekend of great food. Thank you to all who helped. The Scouts who went to the Valley Forge Pilgrimage had a great time and received a special patch. Thanks to Ken Bauer for organizing this trip.

We had a large Junior Leader Training class in February. Congratulations to all the Scouts that can proudly wear the Trained Patch on their uniform. Thanks to Alex Murdoch, Mr Faber and Mr DeLong for their assistance with the training.

Thanks to all the scouts that helped with the Lions Club pancake breakfast and to Kim Bauer for coordinating our effort. The Upper Gwynedd Lions Club is the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 152. Please plan to support them by eating at the next pancake breakfast.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new Scouts and their families that have joined us in the past week or so. Congratulations to the new Scouts who earned their Arrow of Light. As you walk the trail to Eagle Scout you will look back on this high point and appreciate the work that went into getting it. Participating in the activities and adventures that Boy Scouting has to offer will ensure many fun filled experiences that will last a lifetime.

Bill Truscott

SUMMER CAMP DEPOSITS

Reservation deposits for summer camp at Heritage, 7/27 – 8/2 are due by **3/4/2008**. An initial deposit of \$50 per scout is requested, with full payment of the \$250 fee due by May 6, 2008. After 5/6, the camp fee increases to \$260. Get your reservation slip and fee in now to reserve your scout's spot. Call Barry Hornberger 215-368-2253 or Paul DeLong 215-699-7125 for more information.

ROB-ORTUNITIES

Rob Nagele is requesting the parent survey forms be returned ASAP for evaluation. Also, there are other summer camp options available to our scouts. Contact Rob Nagele to explore individual opportunities for summer adventures outside of the Troop's offering. Rob is also offering a Life –Eagle Seminar on Sat 4/5 at 9:00 AM. Sign up with Rob Nagele to participate.

SCHEDULE for MARCH 2008

3/ 1	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/ 4	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	<i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
3/11	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
3/18	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
3/25 Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
3/28-30 Δ	Camping Washington DC	(Weber)
	Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation	

BEING PREPARED IN 2008

4/ 5	Life to Eagle Seminar 9:00 AM	(RNagele)
4/ 5	OA CALLOUT	(CNagele)
4/ 5 - 6	Camping New Scout Campout	(Truscott)
4/ 6	New Scout Orientation 1:30 PM	(RNagele)
4/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/18 - 20	Camping Wolfe's Farm	(Magee)
4/27	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/ 2 - 4	Camping French Creek	(Murdoch)
5/27	FAMILY NIGHT	(Pakhtigian)
6/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/20 - 22	Camping Open	(OPEN)
7/27 - 8/ 2	Summer Camp – Heritage	(Hornberger/DeLong)
8/21 - 24	Camping Promised Land	(CNagele)
9/19 - 21	Camping Bloomsburg Fair	(DeLong)
10/10 - 12	Cub-O-Ree	(Truscott)
10/24 - 26	Camping Ockanickon	(Murdoch)
10/26	Lion's Club Breakfast	(KimBauer)
11/21 - 23	Camping Harrisburg ??	(KimBauer)
DEC	WREATH SALE	(Blauvelt)
12/16	Holiday Party	(DeLong)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT / ORIENTATION

Welcome to our new Webelos crossovers and their families for 2008. Encourage your scout to attend this introduction to Troop 152 camping on 4/5 – 4/6. Your scout will enjoy an overnight camping experience and learn the basics of pitching a tent and cooking in camp. Start completing those requirements for Tenderfoot! Then join your scout on Sun 4/6 in the Community Bldg at 1:30PM, to attend Rob Nagele's great New Scout Orientation presentation. Get the inside skinny on being a Scout in Troop 152. See the scoutmaster, Bill Truscott for information and the required camping permission slip.

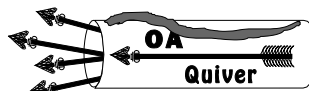
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Please help Troop 152 attain its first 100% participation in Council's Friends of Scouting fund drive. Let's be a perfect troop. Give what you can, but please give. Return FOS forms to Rob Nagele. Contact him on 215-699-4779 for more info.

OA ELECTIONS

The Troop's OA elections will be held on Tue **3/4/08**. Attendance of our scouts is important to the voting for our OA nominees. Please plan to attend the meeting.

Our scouts will soon be asked to nominate and elect several of their peers to the ORDER OF THE ARROW. This elite group exists to develop and maintain Scouting's spirit and camping traditions. It crystallizes the scout habit of helpfulness and leadership in cheerful service to others.



THE BASIC BOX OA ELECTIONS

Each troop's scouts are asked to select candidates who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible, a scout must be first class, have 15 days and nights camping, including 6 nights of summer camp, and their scoutmaster's approval.

To really know the OA, you must become a member. The ordeal teaches the meaning of the OA to its new members. Many of our scouts and adults are members advancing through its ranks with study and service. Most service is done at our council camps.

The lodge has provided thousands of service hours at *every* camp, and built the new Unami Lodge at Resica Falls entirely with volunteer labor and donations. The Order also services our high adventure camps such as Philmont and Northern Tier.

With members considered youth until 21, there is more opportunity for scouts to be active. Our own John Bickel has served as lodge chief for the last 3 years. The Order unites scouts across the council and allows them to share skills, activities, and ideas.

Attendance for all scouts at this meeting is important! 50% of the troop must be present to hold the election. Once nominated, the local OA Lodge inducts the new members through an ordeal and ceremony.

This year's election date is
Tue March 4, 2008

Election to this elite group is truly an honor that carries great responsibility. The OA is much more than a "social club". It is service to Scouting and to the ideals that Scouting holds

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COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong *
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	Donna McDonnell
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Gavin Murdoch *
Advancement	Suren Pakhtigian
Chaplain	Jim Faber *
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Chris Nagele *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Web Master	Dave Walsh, Sr
Webelos Liaison	Shelly Yost

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Ken Bauer	Greg Katucki
Lee Blauvelt	Dave Kobe
Larry Brasch	Joe Magee
Lorraine Burghart	Sal Nestor
Chris Hermann	Mark Vanek

* Assistant Scoutmasters

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Sr Patrol Leader
Alex Murdoch

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Bill Truscott**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Kim Bauer	Steve McClellan
Al Hibbert	Harry Weber

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joseph Archutowski *	Chris Johnson
Brian Bauer *	Bryan Kobe *
John Bickel *	Mike Mansuy *
Drew Bundschuh *	Mike Nagele *
Jeff Dantzer *	Christian Ost *
Chris DeLong *	Brian Sarris
Don Gallagher *	Jordan Sarris *
Sean Gorni *	Sean Sasso *
Jonathan Hibbert *	Bill Thorpe
	Scott Weaver

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