

## TROOP 152 NEWS

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### 2008 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community Building. There will be plenty of food, games, music, and *FUN!* Come on out for a visit. All Troop 152 members, past members, and their families are invited to attend. Don't miss this great year end celebration. Contact Paul DeLong if you have any questions, 215-699-7125.

### TRUSCOTT'S TRAIL

Our trip to the state's capital, Harrisburg, PA was a sincere initiation to the cold weather camping season. We camped near the Susquehanna River and enjoyed our day visiting the Capital Building and the new Civil War Museum. The temperature dropped to sub-freezing and made sure we were thankful for remembering our cold camping gear. Thanks to Mr. DeLong and all the leaders who helped organize this trip.

Thanks to Shelly Yost, Leaders, Parents and Scouts who helped our community with the Scouting for Food campaign. We were able to help the ever-growing number of people in our local community that would be incapable of providing food for their families without these provisions. Please Thank Mr. Blauvelt and Mr. Magee, and all the other Leaders who helped with the wreaths. Troop 152 appreciates all the time & effort they have contributed to this important fundraiser that keeps our troop well outfitted.

Leaders, Committee members and Scouts of Troop 152 want to wish you and your families a Happy & Safe Holiday Season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party 12/16 and don't forget to sign up for Klondike.

The Part Scouts Have to Play

*(Message from Pope John Paul to the 17th World Jamboree)*

The Scouts... have a special part to play in building the future. The more conscious Scouts are of the noble ideals of their movement and the more united in friendship, the greater will be their contribution to breaking down artificial barriers and to creating a new civilization of solidarity, service, and love.

Bill Truscott

### RAILFEST 2008

Interested in trains?? Get your fill on Sat Dec 6, 2008. Troop 152 will watch them, large and small. Watch the real thing, Norfolk Southern operations in and around Reading, PA. Then visit the GATSME Model Railroad club in Ft Washington, all in the same day. Contact Barry Hornberger 215-368-2253.

### 2008 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Lee Blauvelt, 610-222-0897.

## SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2008

12/ 2	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b> <i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
12/ 6	Railfest 2008	(Hornberger)
12/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 9	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b>	
12/16	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00PM</b>	
12/23	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b>	
12/30	<b>NO TROOP MTG – Happy Holiday</b>	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

## BEING PREPARED IN 2009

1/11	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/23-25	<b>Camping</b> – 2009 Klondike	(Truscott)
2/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
2/13 - 15	<b>Camping</b> – VF Pilgrimage	(KenBauer)
3/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/ 7	First Aid Meet	(TBA)
3/17	<b>FAMILY NIGHT</b>	(Pakhtigian)
3/20 -22	<b>Camping</b> – Resica Back Pack	(Murdoch)
4/ 4-4/5	<b>Camping</b> – New Scout Trip	(Truscott)
4/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/24-26	<b>Camping</b> – Wolfe's Farm	(TBA)
5/ 1- 3	<b>Camping</b> – COL Jambo	(TBA)
5/25	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade Cherokee Nation Pow-Wow (Temple Ambler)	
6/19 - 21	<b>Camping</b> – World's End	(Truscott)
7/26- 8/1	<b>SUMMER CAMP -Goose Pond</b>	DeLong/Hornberger
8/21 - 23	<b>Camping</b> – Trapp Pond	(TBA)
9/18 - 20	<b>Camping</b> – Gettysburg	(TBA)
10/ 9-11	<b>Cub-O-Ree</b>	(TBA)
10/23-25	<b>Camping</b> – Delaware Water Gap	(TBA)
11/20-22	<b>Camping</b> – Philadelphia	(Hornberger)
DEC	<b>WREATH SALE</b>	(Blauvelt)
12/22	<b>Holiday Party</b>	(DeLong)

### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Genuardi Credits [www.escrip.com/](http://www.escrip.com/) ID# 2106440  
Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and *SAFE* holiday season in 2008. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 30. Have a happy and healthy new year.

### GENERAL NASH 2009 KLONDIKE

The 2009 Klondike will be coming quickly in January! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp Hart 1/23-25 for the 2009 General Nash Klondike. Reservations are due by **12/09/2008**. Attendance at the 1/13 and 1/20 meetings is mandatory for attending the event. Reservation forms are on the website, or Contact Paul DeLong 215-699-7125

### MEMBER NEWS

Please congratulate Alex Murdoch for passing his Eagle Board of Review. We look forward to celebrating an Eagle Board of Review with Alex and his family.

# GENUARDI CREDITS

# BASICS BOX

# HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Shopping at Genuardi's Markets can benefit Troop 152 and your scout! Register today for Genuardi's escrip program. Go online to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), visit a local Genuardi Market or call 1800700-5655 to sign up. Troop 152's escrip code is **2106440**. Register your name and the troop's escrip code. Every time you shop at Genuardi's, the troop receives 3% of the total sale as a contribution. A portion of this contribution will be credited to your scout's account, which can be used to pay for BSA trips and camping equipment.

It is that simple. No more tapes to staple or calculator calluses. Don't forget that your scout's troop account will be credited with points equivalent to 1/2 the amount received in your name.

With the holiday season just around the corner, don't forget scouting tools and equipment as a great gift idea for your scout. Upgrading equipment can make camping just a bit more comfortable. Try a Teflon fry pan or Thermo-Rest self inflating mattress, a Leatherman tool, or an LED head lamp.

Of special note is the compass. This is a basic tool for map reading skills and encourages interest in math.

Map reading and use of a compass is a requirement for all ranks through 1st class. Several merit badges also require extensive compass skills. So head your scout in the right direction this holiday .with a gift that is useful and educational.

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**COMMITTEE**

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**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Ken Bauer         | Greg Katucki |
| Lee Blauvelt      | Dave Kobe    |
| Larry Brasch      | Joe Magee    |
| Lorraine Burghart | Sal Nestor   |
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**Dave DeLong**

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