

## TROOP 152 NEWS

DECEMBER 2009

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### RAILFEST

Interested in trains?? Get your fill on Sat Dec 5, 2009. Troop 152 will watch them, large and small. Watch the real thing, Norfolk Southern operations in and around Reading, PA. Then visit the Coopersburg Area Model Engineers in Coopersburg, all in the same day. Contact Barry Hornberger 215-368-2253.

### BAUER'S BACKCOUNTRY BLOG

Wow, what a month we have had! The Annapolis trip was well attended and everyone enjoyed the football game. The scouts even made it back for Double-D's Eagle ceremony with time to spare!

Hiking around Philadelphia was a great experience and the scouts did an impressive job guiding us through the streets using a map and compass. We saw the Liberty Bell and were impressed by the Comcast Center video screen and the submarine Becuna. The tattoos that the scouts got will be a lifetime souvenir and our "SEPTA families" made the train ride fun. The s'mores were a hit at the campfire that night, can you believe how many Theo roasted at one time? I also never realized that two senior scouts could get such a good night's sleep under a pile of leaves!

We will be sharpening our out-door camping skills over the next few months. The winter trip in January, the Klondike derby and Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment will be memorable trips. I encourage you all to attend and see how winter camping can be fun and a great experience.

Remember all that you have to be thankful for this month and make a point to show your appreciation to those around you. Enjoy the fun and festivities and I'll see you at the holiday party!

Yours in Scouting,  
**Ken Bauer.**

### 2009 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.

### 2010 KLONDIKE

The 2010 General Nash Klondike will be coming up in early February, 2/5 - 7. Planning is under way. Start honing those scouting skills. Senior Division sign ups are due in January.

### 2010 RECHARTER

Scouts & Scouters, your 2010 Recharter fee, dues, and Boys Life subscription are due **NOW!** Please see Bill Kelso at any regular meeting. Everyone must renew their membership for 2010.

## SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2009

12/ 1	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	<i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
12/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 8	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/15	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/22	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> 7:00PM	
12/29	<b>NO TROOP MTG – Happy Holiday</b>	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

### BEING PREPARED IN 2010

1/10	<i>Eagle Court</i> Chris Vanek 2:00 PM	
1/15-17	<i>Winter Camping</i> – Resica	(C.Nagle)
2/ 5 – 2/ 7	<i>Camping</i> – Klondike Camp Hart	(Truscott)
2/12 – 2/14	<i>Valley Forge Encampment</i>	(SYost)
2/13	<i>Valley Forge Pilgrimage</i>	(SYost)
3/ 6	First Aid Meet	(Bogert)
3/12 – 3/14	<b>SKI TRIP</b> – Shawnee Scout Weekend	(GMurdoch)
3/21	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	(R.Nagele)
3/30	Family Night	(Pakhtigian)
4/10 – 11	New Scout Campout	(KBauer)
4/23 - 25	<i>Camping</i> – Wolfe's Farm	(Magee)
5/21 - 23	<i>Camping</i> – White Water Rafting	(TBD)
6/11 - 13	<i>Camping</i> – Lincoln Speedway???	(Hornberger)
6/29	Family Night	(Pakhtigian)
7/26 – 8/ 4	National Jamboree – Ft AP Hill, VA	
8/ 8 – 8/14	<i>Summer Camp</i> - Resica	(DeLong/Hornberger)
9/24-26	<i>Camping</i> – Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
10/ 8-10	<b>CUB – O - REE</b>	(TBD)
10/24-26	<i>Camping</i> – Delaware Water Gap	(TBD)
11/19-21	<i>Camping</i> – Annapolis	(TBD)
DEC	WREATH SALES24-26	(TBD)

### 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/>

### 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 22 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.

### RESICA - DEEP WINTER

Join Troop 152 on an extraordinary camping trip in deep winter at Resica Falls, 1/15-17. There are many activity choices being planned. Something for everyone. Come on out and see how enjoyable winter camping can be! A warm fire, a hot meal, and a really good sleeping bag can make everything possible. See the trip flyer or call Chris Nagele for more information on 215-820-2271.

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and **SAFE** holiday season for 2009. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 29. Have a happy and healthy New Year.

## BASICS BOX LOST & FOUND

Have you noticed that your scout can't find that Lands End jacket, mess kit, utensils, gloves, hat, flash light or sleeping bag that you sent with him on our last outing? Before you run over to your favorite camping supply store to replace these items, check the Lost & Found at our next troop meeting. An increasing number of valuable, forgotten items have been accumulating at the Community Building. Always check with the trip organizer when searching for those lost items.

Here are a couple of tips to help prevent lost items and expensive replacements:

1. Mark all camping equipment & clothing with your scout's name. The troop has an engraving tool for metal items.
2. Use a check list, and let your scout pack his own gear for a camping trip. He will know what is in his pack, where it is, and be more likely to keep track of his own equipment.
3. Let your scout help unpack and store his gear after a trip. Note any missing items and have him check the Lost & Found at our next meeting.

As much as you may enjoy browsing in REI, replacing clothing and camping equipment can be expensive. Take a few preventive measures before the trip, and check your scout's equipment when he gets back.

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### COMMITTEE

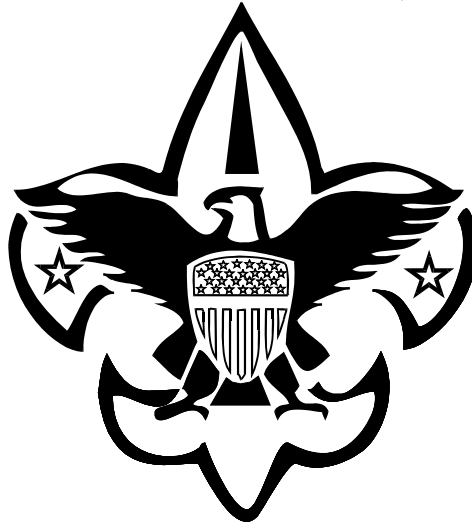
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### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Art Bogert	Chris Hermann
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### SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Ken Bauer**

### ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

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### EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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