

TROOP 152 NEWS

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2010 KLONDIKE

Troop 152 will be participating in the 2010 General Nash Klondike at Camp Hart 2/5 – 2/7, 2010. We will be camping at Schweiker Lodge in Delmont. Cabin and tent camping will be offered. Chris Nagele and Don Gallagher are planning their great turkey dinner for Saturday Night. Get your scout skills ready for the Klondike stations and practice for the great race up the hill. Contact Bill Truscott for more info on (215) 896-5072.

BAUER'S BACKCOUNTRY BLOG

The troop is off to a great start this year. January has been a busy month and February looks to be a great month for camping. We had a lot of fun on the Resica Falls trip which split the scouts between tent/cabin camping and backpacking. Scouts learned to start a fire with one match (or less!) and I even survived our "not-so-extreme" sledding! Visiting the Wolf Preserve was a memorable experience and everyone was impressed with the hard work and dedication the owners put in every day to give the wolves, bobcats and foxes a nice home to live. We all signed our names on a class B shirt (thanks Mike Purcell!) and hung it on the lodge wall as a lasting reminder of our visit.

The troop spent the month working on team building skills in preparation for the Klondike Derby and the First Aid Meet. I would like to thank all the scouts and leaders who helped with the activities.

Make sure you attend the Order of the Arrow elections scheduled for our February 16th scout meeting. If you know the names of the scouts who were elected into OA last year and went through their Ordeal, make a point to see me!

Yours in Scouting,
Ken Bauer.

2010 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Troop 152 will be participating in the 2010 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/12-14. The Pilgrimage is a Saturday morning function. The encampment is a cold weather camping experience beyond equal. It is the longest running BSA camping function in the history of Scouting. Please see the P&E Flyer for details. Attendance at the **MANDATORY** Cold Weather seminar is required to participate. Contact Shelly Yost for more info on 215-661-9355.

SUMMER CAMP RESERVATIONS

Can you believe it is time to make reservations for Troop 152's summer camp at Resica, Aug 8 – 14, 2010? Camp fee this year is \$300, if a \$50 deposit is received by 2/23 and the full payment is made by 4/20. Please see the Summer Camp reservation and payment plan sheet or call Barry Hornberger on 215-368-2253.

SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 2010

2/ 2	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00PM <i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
2/ 5 – 7	Δ	Camping – Klondike Camp Hart	(Truscott)
2/ 6		Committee Meeting 8:00 PM @ Schweiker Lodge	
2/ 9	Ω	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
2/12 – 14	Ω	Valley Forge P&E	(SYost)
2/16		TROOP MTG 7:00PM – OA ELECTIONS	
2/23		TROOP MTG 7:00PM – Summer Camp Res Due	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2010

3/ 6		First Aid Meet	(Bogert)
3/ 7		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
3/12 – 3/14		SKI TRIP – Shawnee Scout Weekend	(GMurdoch)
3/18		District Dinner	
3/21		Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	(R.Nagele)
3/30		Family Night	(Pakhtigian)
4/10 – 11		New Scout Campout	(KBauer)
4/11		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
4/23 - 25		Camping – Wolfe's Farm	(Magee)
5/ 2		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
5/21 - 23		Camping – White Water Rafting	(TBD)
6/ 6		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
6/11 - 13		Camping – Lincoln Speedway???	(Hornberger)
6/29		Family Night	(Pakhtigian)
7/11		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
7/26 – 8/ 4		National Jamboree – Ft AP Hill, VA	
8/ 8 – 8/14		Summer Camp - Resica	(DeLong/Hornberger)
9/24-26		Camping – Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
10/ 8-10		CUB – O - REE	(TBD)
10/22-24		Camping – Delaware Water Gap	(TBD)
11/19-21		Camping – Annapolis	(TBD)
DEC		WREATH SALES 24-26	(TBD)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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

OA ELECTIONS

Troop 152 OA Elections will be held at our regular troop meeting on Tuesday February 16. All scouts need to attend this meeting to elect the candidates that qualify to be elected.

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

With all that is going on in February, an abbreviated Committee meeting will be held on Saturday night of the Klondike Derby, 2/6/2010 at approximately 8:00 PM in Schweiker Lodge. Come on up and join us!

MEMBER NEWS

Please congratulate Nick Iaquinto upon passing his Eagle Board of Review. We look forward to celebrating an Eagle Court of Honor for Nick and his family.

SHAWNEE SKI TRIP

The permission slip for the Troop's March Ski Trip 3/12-14 is now available and due February 23, 2010. Get your reservations in now for this great skiing weekend! Don't be late!

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

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.

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.

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 February 16, 2010

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	Steve Hoffman
Advancement	Suren Pakhtigian
Chaplain	Jim Faber *
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Quarter Master	Chris Nagele *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
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Webelos Liaison	Shelly Yost

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Art Bogert	Alan Fleck
Lee Blauvelt	Isaac Holland
Larry Brasch	Stephen Stofka

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ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

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EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brian Bauer *	Don Gallagher *
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Jeff Bell	Jonathan Hibbert *
Graham Bickel *	Bryan Kobe *
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