TROOP 152 NEWS DECEMBER 2010

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LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Life scouts should be attending this informative General Nash seminar to understand the necessary steps to make that final assault to Eagle. Contact Rob Nagele for info 215-699-4779.

BAUER'S BACKCOUNTRY BLOG

November was another busy month for the troop. Besides wreath orders, the troop took part in two weekends of scouting for food activities plus the now-classic Annapolis camping trip. The cadets, football game (and even the food) left a lasting impression on everyone. Mr. Fleck deserves a scout thank-you for putting this event together again this year! A big thanks also goes out to Mr. Kobe for organizing the scouting for food work. If anyone knows the exact number of items we collected make a point to see me.

What would Thanksgiving be without our annual wreath pickup? Scouts, leaders and parents were on hand early Friday morning to unload the truck and organize the shipment. As always the wreaths looked great and will be the envy of the neighborhood! Many thanks to Mr. Blauvelt and the other leaders for organizing this very important fundraiser. I am still however waiting to see a few push-ups from Joe V.!

It's hard to believe it is December already. Although we won't be doing any camping this month we will be spending time getting ready for a whole bunch of winter camping in January, February and March. Resica Falls, Klondike, Valley Forge Encampment and Shawnee skiing await us in the new year. When it comes to Troop 152 "hibernation" is not in our vocabulary!

Yours in Scouting,

Ken Bauer.

RESICA - DEEP WINTER

Join Troop 152 on an extraordinary camping trip in deep winter at Resica Falls, 1/21-23. Enjoy a 2 night back packing experience, or camp in or out at the Troop's cabin. A warm fire. a hot meal, and a really good sleeping bag can make everything possible Reservations due by 12/14/2010. See the trip flyer or call Bill Truscott for more information on 215-896-5972

RE-CHARTER / REGISTRATION

Once each year every Scout and Scouter must re-register with BSA and Troop 152. Your Recharter & Dues form was due to Bill Kelso by *NOV 23.* All scouts and scouters must re-register for continued participation in the Troop. See the Re-Charter information sheet or contact Bill on 215541-1112.

MEMBER NEWS

Please congratulate Jesse Gehringer as he passed his Eagle Board of Review on 11/3/2010. We look forward to celebrate an Eagle Court of Honor with Jesse and his family.

SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2010

12/4	Railfest	(Hornberger)
12/ 4	Life to Eagle Seminar	(R.Nagele)
12/7	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM	
12/12	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/14	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/21	HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00PM	
12/28	NO TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation	

BEING PREPARED IN 2011

1/21 - 23	<i>Camping</i> – Resica Falls	(Truscott)		
2/4-6	<i>Camping</i> – Klondike	(KBauer)		
2/18 - 20	<i>Camping</i> – Valley Forge Pilg/Encamp	(Yost)		
3/ 6	First Aid Meet	(TBD)		
3/11 - 13	SKI TRIP – Shawnee	(Murdoch)		
3/29	FAMILY NIGHT	(Pakhtigian)		
4/2-3	<i>Camping</i> – New Scout Campout	(KBauer)		
4/22 - 24	Wolfe's Farm	(Magee)		
5/20 - 22	Camping – Washington DC	(Weber)		
6/17 - 19	Camping – French Creek	(Blauvelt)		
7/24-30	Summer Camp – Ockanickon (DeLon	g/Hornberger)		
8/18 - 21	<i>Camping</i> – Wallenpaupack	(TBD)		
9/16 - 18	Camping – Ockanickon. Cycle Trip	(Hornberger)		
10/7-9	Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)		
10/21 - 23	<i>Camping</i> – TBD	(TBD)		
11/18 - 20	<i>Camping</i> – TBD	(TBD)		
12/20	Holiday Party	(R Nagele)		
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Genuardi Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440				
Gen Nash Web Site <u>http://www.generalnash.org/</u>				

2010 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, on 610-222-0897

RAILFEST 2010

Interested in trains?? Get your fill on Sat Dec 4, 2010. Troop 152 will watch them, large and small. Watch the real thing, Norfolk Southern operations in and around Reading, PA. Then visit the Schuylkill Valley Model Railroad club in Phoenixville, all in the same day. Possibly start the Railroading Merit Badge? Contact Barry Hornberger 215-368-2253.

2010 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 15th annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 21 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. Contact Paul DeLong if you have any questions, 215-699-7125

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and *SAFE* holiday season in 2010. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 28. Have a happy and healthy new year.

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 <u>www.escrip.com</u>, 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.

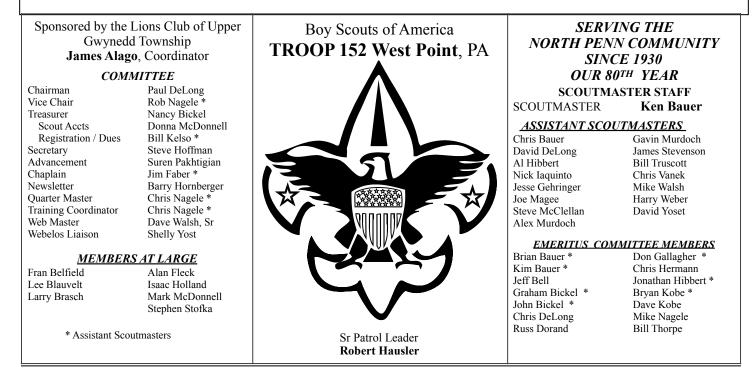
It is that simple. No more tapes to staple or calculator calluses. Don't forget that your scout's troop account will be credited with points equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount received in your name.

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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