# **TROOP 152 NEWS**

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## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Greg Steuer and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Greg's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 2 PM at the Upper Gwynedd Twp Building. Attendance is a requirement for all Scouts of Troop 152. Scouts should arrive by 1:45 PM in class "A" uniforms.

## BAUER'S BACKCOUNTRY BLOG

April was a month to remember! The new scout trip was a lot of fun, with 12 new scouts in attendance and almost as many older scouts there to help out. Putting up and taking down the tents in the wind was a challenge. It was so much fun though we decided to do it again! Later that afternoon we held the new scout/parent orientation which was well attended. Thank you to the leaders who made these events a success.

Wet doesn't begin to describe this year's Wolfe's Farm trip. Where do I start? This is the type of trip where words don't do it justice, you just had to be there. I can definitely say that leaders and scouts alike learned something from this trip and I know each and every one of us can think of something to be better-prepared for next time. Scouts gain invaluable experience when they go on trips like this one. The 40 boys and 26 leaders/parents that attended will be stronger, more "weathered" scouts as a result, pun fully intended! BTW, I wonder how many inches of rain fell? Many thanks to Mr. Magee and all the leaders and parents that made this trip possible.

Looking ahead, we have a variety of trips coming up, Washington DC and French Creek to name the next two. I encourage you to sign up for these with some words of advice, bring your poncho and plenty of extra socks!

Yours in Scouting, *Ken Bauer*.

# MAY TRIP - Washington DC

Join Troop 152 on an excursion to Washington DC, May 20-22. We will camp at Green Belt National Park and spend Saturday and Sunday Morning visiting the Nation's capital, on the Mall from the Capitol building, Smithsonian Museum to the Jefferson Memorial. Sunday, we will visit Arlington National Cemetery and the Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial. Permission slips are due May 10. Contact Harry Weber for more info, 610-584-9055.

#### LANSDALE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The troop will be marching in Lansdale's Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 30, 2011. See Mr DeLong to sign up. We will be getting more information as to where and what time to assemble. Come out and watch the parade. The ceremony at Lansdale's Memorial Park, Main and Line Sts, is a very moving event. Join the Troop as we recognize those who sacrifice for our Liberty and Freedom.

#### SCHEDULE for MAY 2011

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5/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30	(DeLong)
5/ 3	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM	
5/10	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
5/15	EAGLE COURT Greg Steuer 2 PM	
5/17	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
5/20 -	- 22 $\triangle$ <i>Camping</i> – Washington DC	(Weber)
5/24	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
5/30	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	(DeLong)
5/31	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
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## BEING PREPARED IN 2011

6/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)		
6/17 - 19	Camping – French Creek	(Blauvelt)		
6/26	EAGLE COURT Ian Truscott 2 PM			
7/10	EAGLE COURT Jesse Gehringer 2 PM			
7/ 10	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)		
7/24 - 30	Summer Camp – Ockanickon (DeLo	ng/Hornberger)		
8/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)		
8/14	EAGLE COURT James Stevenson 2 PM			
8/18 - 21	Camping – Wallenpaupack	(TBD)		
9/16 - 18	Camping – Ockanickon. Cycle Trip	(Hornberger)		
10/ 7 - 9	Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)		
10/21 - 23	Camping – Delmont COPE	(Pacaro)		
10/30	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 8 – Noon	(Rnagele)		
11/18 - 20	<i>Camping</i> – Evansburg	(Davey)		
12/20	Holiday Party	(R Nagele)		
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#### SUMMER CAMP

This year's Summer Camp will be at Camp Ockanickon in Bucks County. The Camp fee will be \$368 if paid in full by 5/24/2011. Webelos crossing over into the troop are eligible for the camp's early bird fee of \$335 if paid by 5/24/2011. If you scout is going, we need to know NOW! See the summer camp fee schedule on the Troop Website.

#### Member News

Please congratulate Ian Truscott and Joe VanGalen for passing their Eagle Boards of Review. We look forward to celebrating this achievement at their Eagle Courts of Honor Also, please welcome a new member of the Troop's Committee, Tony Pacaro. Please thank Robert Hausler for a job well done as the Troop's Senior Patrol leader for the past 6 months, and welcome Ben Hoffman as our new Senior Patrol Leader.

## JUNE TRIP - FRENCH CREEK

Planning is underway for Troop 152's June camping trip to French Creek State Park 6/17-19. Mr Blauvelt is organizing a great week end. We will visit Hopewell Furnace, work on map and compass skills, and enjoy the pleasures of camping. The Dutch Oven Desert contest should be memorable as well. Sing ups are under way. Permission slips are due 6/07/2011. Get a copy on the troop's website. Contact Mr Blauvelt for more info on 610-222-0897.

# BASICS BOX ANNUAL SCOUT PHYSICALS

The Boy Scouts of America recommends that all youth and adult members have annual medical evaluations by a certified and licensed health-care provider. In an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured and to provide youth members and adult leaders a better understanding of their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America has established minimum standards for providing medical information prior to participating in various activities.

Our troop is very conscious of this new annual requirement and we are striving to have all Scouts provide the troop with their current annual physical – using the prescribed forms found on our web site (<a href="www.troop152westpintpa.org">www.troop152westpintpa.org</a>) "Latest Medical Forms". Those standards are offered through the completion of the three-part medical form and signed and dated by their physician. In addition to the completed medical forms, each family must attach a copy of both sides of their insurance card as stated in Part C of the medical form.

All Scouts are **REQUIRED** to have this new annual medical check up and complete the official BSA form. The completed forms are valid for one year from the date entered by your physician. Summer camps require this date to be valid through the troop's entire summer camp stay. Scout physicals not meeting this requirement will result in your scout not being able to participate with the troop at summer camp or on other Troop activity.

The completed medical forms are to be given to Bill Kelso who maintains a troop record of all physicals for the Scouts and provides these records for all encampments and our annual Summer Camp Program.

The leaders of Scout Troop 152 take pride in following the requirements established for us through the BSA National Council.

Time is growing short in collecting these medical forms and we are asking that all the parents or guardians of our Scouts make this a priority for their Scout.

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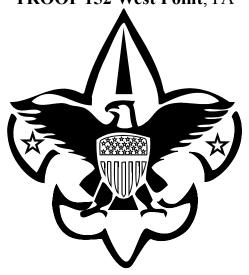
#### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

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