

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Chris Bauer and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Chris's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at 2 PM, 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.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join James Stevenson and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. James' Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 2 PM, 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

Hot, hot, hot! As I write this the troop is getting ready for summer camp amidst another lengthy heat-wave. A scout definitely needs to be prepared to get through these multiple days of 100+ deg F temperatures. Whether it's Pilgrimage and Encampment (below freezing temps in February) or hot July days, the saying goes that there is really no "bad weather" just a "poor choice of clothing"! Drink plenty of fluids, hang out in the shade and take advantage of the swimming pool and lake at summer camp. Who knew staying cool would be so much fun?

From astronomy and chemistry to mountain boarding and air bands, we have a lot planned for OSR (Ockanickon Scout Reservation) this year. If you know the number of scouts that attended camp and the address of the camp make a point to see me in August. I'm sure there will be many stories to tell and I'll report back next month on some of the highlights. A hearty thank-you to the leaders who worked through the details this year. Mr. Hornberger, Mr. DeLong, Mr. Kelso, Mr. Nagele and all the mentors.

In addition to preparing for summer camp the troop was busy with the Mom-Scout Mini-Golf Outing, Eagle Court of Honors for David Yost and Jesse Gehringer, Junior Leader Training and two pre-camp swim test sessions. There were also a number of scouts that put time in working at Cub Scout resident and day camps at Musser Scout Reservation.

Whether it be Cub camp or Boy Scout camp, summer camping for boys leaves a lasting impression and provides stories that will be told for a lifetime. I hope you are making the most of your summer!

Yours in Scouting,
Ken Bauer.

AUGUST TRIP - LAKE WALLENPAUPACK

Join the troop for a SPECIAL 3 night camping trip on the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono's Thur 8/18 – 8/21. We leave Thursday evening and spend Friday tubing and water skiing on the Lake. Saturday, just kick back and enjoy the canoes. Join the great cardboard boat competition and enjoy campfires on the beach. Does it get any better than this? Get your permission slip in by 8/9/2011. Contact Alan Fleck for info 215-699-2963.

SCHEDULE for AUGUST 2011

- 8/ 2 NO TROOP MEETING – summer break
BIKE RIDE @ Peace Valley Park 6:30 PM
- 8/ 7 EAGLE COURT Chris Bauer 2 PM
Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
- 8/ 9 TROOP MTG 7:00PM
Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM
- 8/14 EAGLE COURT James Stevenson 2 PM
- 8/16 Ω TROOP MTG 7:00PM
- 8/18 – 21 Ω Camping – Wallenpaupack (Fleck)
- 8/23 Swim Party 6:30 PM @ Bickels
- 8/30 Fun Night @ the UG Pavilion 6:30 PM (RNagele)

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2011

- 9/11 Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
- 9/16 – 18 Camping – Ockanickon. Cycle Trip (Hornberger)
- 9/27 FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 10/ 2 Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
- 10/ 7 - 9 Cub-O-Ree (TBD)
- 10/21 – 23 Camping – Resica COPE (Pacaro)
- 10/30 Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 8 – Noon (RNagele)
- 11/ 6 Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
- 11/18 – 20 Camping – Evansburg (Davey)
- 12/11 Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
- 12/20 Holiday Party (RNagele)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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

BIKE RIDES

The troop will be sponsoring a series of bike rides during August and September to get ready for our bike trip to Ockanickon 9/16 – 9/18. We will start with a Troop bike ride on Tuesday 8/2/2011 on the bike trail at Peace Valley Park. Meet at 6:30 on the south shore boat ramp parking lot off Creek Rd. See the invite and permission slip. Bring the permission slip with you to the ride. Contact Barry Hornberger for info 215-368-2253

FUN NIGHT

Scouts - our last meeting in August will be the Troop's annual fun night, 8/30/2011 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Upper Gwynedd Park Side Place Pavilion. Enjoy a rousing volley ball game. Bring any games that may challenge your competitive spirit. But leave the lawn darts at home. The Troop will provide refreshments. Contact Rob Nagele for further information.

SUMMER FUN

Please note that there are several SPECIAL nights of fun activities planned during the summer months where the troop does NOT meet at the Community Building. Make sure to mark your calendars to attend these special events at special places:

- Tue 7/26/11 Summer Camp NO TROOP MEETING
Tue 8/ 2/11 NO TROOP MEETING / Bike Ride
Tue 8/23/11 Swim Party at the Bickels?
Tue 8/30/11 Troop FUN Night at the UG twp Pavilion

Youth protection is a vital part of the Scouting program. Developing responsibility and independence in your scout means that you let them venture a bit outside your field of influence and constant supervision. Scouting's program encourages this adventure under the watchful eye

of its leaders. Scouts are encouraged to be trusting and obedient. It is part of the Scout Law.

The BSA youth protection program assures that leaders cannot take advantage of these traits to exploit the scouts. The major points of the Scouting youth protection program are listed here, and can be found in the front section of the Boy Scout Handbook. Review them with your scout. He should recognize all of these points by the example set by our leaders while running scouting activities.

THE BASIC BOX

YOUTH PROTECTION

1. Scouts always do things with "BUDDIES", never alone!
2. Scouts never tent alone or with an adult (except with a scout's parent)
3. All Scouting activities require two leaders. This includes regular scout meetings and side trips on outings.
4. Leaders and adults are not permitted to be intoxicated or consume alcoholic beverages while leading or attending a Troop function.

Troop 152 will not tolerate hazing or harassment of scouts by leaders or by other scouts. We have a strong commitment to ensure that each of our scouts has a pleasant experience in the Troop.

All registered BSA Leaders are required to take BSA Youth Protection Training, every 2 years, to be officially registered as a Troop 152 Leader. The training is available on BSA National's Website - <http://www.scouting.org/>

If you have any suspicions or concerns about reports of child abuse within our Troop, please contact any of the Troop leaders or committee members, and also contact the Council's chief executive.

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