TROOP 152 NEWS

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DAY TRIP - ROADSIDE AMERICA / CABELA'S

Join Troop 152 for a day trip on Saturday 12/ 3/2011 to this amazing miniature village and Lionel scale train layout. We will round out the morning with lunch and a chance for holiday shopping at Cebela's. See the flyer or contact Barry Hornberger for info! Get more info on http//www.roadsideamericainc.com

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Hola,

What a great month, another opportunity to help others with "Scouting for Food". During November's camp out David Franco organized a Flag Retirement ceremony. Thanks to everyone who helped out. A big wahoo thanks to Mr. Davey for running the November camping trip to Fort Washington;, Mrs. Holland and Mr. Magee for spearheading the annual wreath sale, Mr. Delong and Mr. Kobe for organizing "Scouting for Food" for the troop.

The other day I asked a friend if his kids were in scouts. He said "No, scouting is about camping and camping won't get you into a good college." That really surprised me. I explained that while camping is important, we have a lot to offer; leadership opportunities, personal challenges, building of life skills, and merit badges offer the chance to explorer possible career paths. I explained what being an Eagle Scout meant and how few people earn it. He didn't realize what it takes to be a Scout. Ask your friends if their kids are in scouting or better yet why they aren't involved in scouting, the answers might surprise you.

Coming up are cold weather training, the Klondike, the Valley Forge Pilgrimage and Encampment, the annual First Aid Meet and OA This month's Scout Master's cooking challenge: Cook elections. something with a root vegetable other than a basic white potato. Sorry scouts, peeling and eating raw carrots doesn't count as "cooking".

Hasta luego,, Mr. Blauvelt

RE-CHARTER / REGISTRATION

All scouts and scouters must re-register for continued participation in the Troop. Don't forget to return your Recharter & Dues form to Bill Kelso by NOV 29, 2011. See the Re-Charter information sheet or contact Bill Kelso on 2155411112.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and SAFE holiday season in 2011. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 27, 2011. Have a happy and healthy new year.

JANUARY CAMPING

Our January camping trip to Resica, 1/20-22 / 2012 will be coming up shortly after the New Year! Reservations are due 1/3/12, and cold weather training at our meeting on 1/10/12 is MANDATORY! See the trip flyer or contact Alan Fleck, (215) 699-2963. ALSO - See Alan's flyer for CPR Training. Sign ups by 12/20.

FEBRUARY KLONDIKE SIGN-UPS

The General Nash 2012 Klondike sign ups are due by 1/10/12. Please see the trip flyer or contact Bill Truscott, (215) 896-5972

SCHEDULE for December 2011

12/ 3	Roadside America / Cabelas	(Hornberger)
12/ 6	TROOP MEETING	
	Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM	
12/13	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/11	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/20	HOLIDAY PARTY	(R Nagele)
11/27	NO TROOP MTG	
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BEING PREPARED IN 2012

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1/7	CPR Training	(Fkeck)
1/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/10	Cold Weather Training	()
1/20/ - 22	Camping Resica Deep Winter Camp	(Fkeck)
2/5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
2/10 - 12	Camping - Klondike	(L.Blauvelt)
2/17 - 19	Camping - Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(K.Bauer)
3/4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/9-11	SKI TRIP – Shawnee	(G.Murdoch)
3/25	Lions Club Breakfast	Nagele)
3/27	FAMILY NIGHT	•
3/31-4/1	New Scout Campout / Orientation	(L.Blauvelt)
4/1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/20-22	Camping - Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/18 - 20	<i>Camping</i> – Worlds End Back Packing	(TBD)
6/3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/22 - 24	Camping - COL Camporee	(TBD)
6/26	FAMILY NIGHT	•
7/22 - 28	SUMMER CAMP - Hawk Mountain	(DeLong/Hornberger)
8/17 - 19	Camping - Trapp Pond / Rehobeth	(TBD)
9/22 - 243	Camping - Bloomsberg Fair	(TBD)
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT	•
10/12 - 14	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/26 - 28	Camping - TBD	(TBD)
10/31	Lions Club Breakfast	Nagele)
11/16 - 18	Camping - TBD	(TBD)
12/20	Holiday Party	(TBD)
7/15 24/2012	National Jambaraa Daahtal Summit	

7/15-24/2013 National Jamboree – Bechtel Summit

INDICATES ADDITION	N OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS	<mark>LIST</mark>
Genuardi Credits	www.escrip.com/ ID# 210644	40

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2011 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible.. Contact Angela Holland, 215-393-1756, if you have questions concerning sales or your orders

2010 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 16th annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 20 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.

BASICS BOX

GENUARDI CREDITS

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.

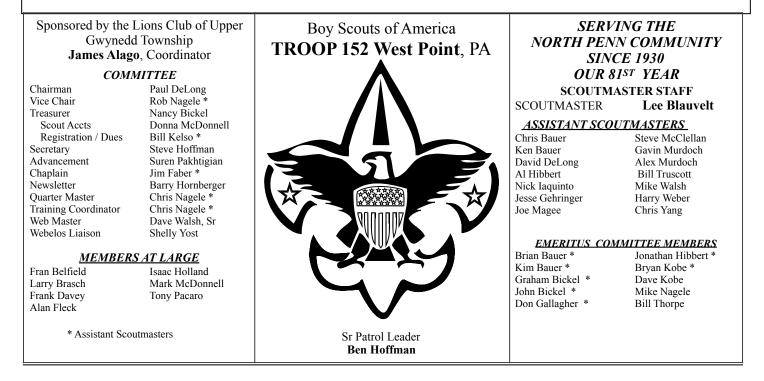
It is that simple. No more tapes to staple or calculator calluses. Don't forget that your scout's troop account will be credited with points equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount received in your name.

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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