

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Joe Van Galen and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Joe's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, Jan 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Township Building. Attendance is a requirement for all Scouts of Troop 152. Scouts should arrive by 1:45 PM in class "A" uniforms.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

He!

Last month we had the "Scouting for Food" activity. Last week the "Scouting for Food" chairman announced that the General Nash District scouts did an awesome job collecting approximately 50,000 food items.

Mr. Chris Nagele, Mr. Weber and Ryan McDonnell excelled at the scoutmaster's cooking challenge by making Potato Latkes before a meeting for all the scouts. Many thanks!

Thanks to: Mr. Kelso for running the registration drive, Mr. Rob Nagele for leading the district's "Life to Eagle" seminar, Mr. Hornberger for leading the Roadside America Cabela's trip, and to Mrs. Holland and Mr. Magee for spearheading our wreath sales.

Checkout the schedule on this page; we are busy next year. The trip leaders can use an extra hand on the trips with dual activities of a base camp and backpack trip. The scouts want more back packing trips and these dual activity trips will be increasing. The first step is to take "Youth Protection" training, available on-line for free and it takes about 20 minutes to complete, and then turn in your completion certificate to Mr. Fleck to record.

This month's cooking challenge: prepare a hot meal you would make on a campout. For last month's challenge we made a stew with potatoes, carrots, onions and parsnips. What did you prepare?

Xu lapi knewel (xhoh lah-pee knay wuhl), Mr. Blauvelt

Youth Protection Training Site → <http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html>

JANUARY CAMPING

Our January camping trip to Resica, 1/20-22 / 2012 is quickly approaching. 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 were due 12/20.

FEBRUARY KLONDIKE SIGN-UPS

The 2012 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Schwieker Lodge Feb 10 - 12, 2012 –for the 2012 General Nash Klondike. Reservations are due by 1/10/2012. Attendance at the Cold Weather Training on 1/10/2012 and the 1/31 & 2/ 7 meetings are MANDATORY for attending the event. Reservation forms are on the website, or Contact Bill Truscott on (215) 896-5972.

SCHEDULE for January 2012

1/ 3	TROOP MEETING)	
	<i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
1/ 7	CPR Training	(Fleck)
1/ 8	EAGLE COURT – Joe Van Galen 2 PM	
1/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/10	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00PM	<i>COLD WEATHER TRAINING</i>
1/17	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
1/20-22	Ω Camping Resica Deep Winter Camp	(Fleck)
1/24	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
1/31	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2012

2/ 5	EAGLE COURT Mike Walsh 2 PM	.
2/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
2/10 – 12	Ω Camping - Klondike	(Truscott)
2/17 – 19	Ω Camping - Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(K.Bauer)
3/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/ 9 – 11	Ω 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	Camping – 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 – 24/3	Camping - Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT	.
10/12 – 14	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/26 – 28	Camping - Back Packing	(CNagele)
10/31	Lions Club Breakfast	(RNagele)
11/16 – 18	Camping - Annapolis	(Fleck)
12/18	Holiday Party	(TBD)
7/15-24/2013	National Jamboree – Bechtel Summit	

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Genuardi Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440

Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

Holiday **WREATH** Sale

Our wreath sale for 2011 is now in the history books. All of your sale money should be turned in by now. Please turn in all sales money at our next meeting... Contact Angela Holland, 215-393-1756, if you have questions concerning sales or your orders

2012 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Preparation for the 100th Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/17 - 19 is under way. This should be a memorable event. Scouts can camp for the weekend or attend the Saturday events. Please see the P&E Flyer for details. A MANDATORY Cold Weather seminar will be offered at the troop's 1/10/2012 meeting. Reservations are due by 1/24/2012. Make sure you sign up early! Contact Ken Bauer for more info on 610-222-0384

COLD WEATHER CAMPING

Troop 152 camps all year long, except December, including the colder winter months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Cold weather camping is an extraordinary experience. The beauty of the cold landscape can be breath taking. Cold weather camping does require special planning to keep scouts and scouters safe in extreme conditions. A really good sleeping bag, rated for the temperatures expected, is a must. An additional fleece sleeping bag liner is recommended. Proper clothing such as Wool hats, gloves, ear protection and good boots are essential

The key to enjoying cold weather camping is keeping dry, and wearing "layers" of clothes that can be taken off and put on as needed to keep warm, and not overheat.

Keeping dry is a challenge, especially if strenuous activity is expected. Cotton clothing is to be AVOIDED as it gets damp with perspiration and absorbs body heat as the moisture evaporates. Underwear and outer clothing that is designed for "wicking" moisture away from the body is recommended. Wool clothing is also very good in keeping in warmth while being wet. So break out the under-armor, fleece, gortex, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats and join us for some great cold weather trips. Watch the Newsletter schedule for the Cold Weather Training offered at a troop meeting. Scouts, Scouters, and parents are welcome to attend to learn what to wear, what to sleep in, and what to eat to keep warm and safe during our winter camping adventures.

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