

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Mike Walsh and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Mike's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb 5, 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

Hello Everybody - What a great month, can you believe this crazy weather? Joe Van Galen came down from the North to have his Eagle award ceremony. Mike Walsh has his Eagle ceremony scheduled for February 5th. Rob Hausler's Eagle ceremony is April 29th. We would really like to see as many scouts attend these ceremonies as possible.

Great job to Azad Niroomand, Henry Hoffman and Tony Pacaro for attending the cold weather "Trainer the trainer" class and doing an excellent job leading the cold weather training class for the troop. Mr. Fleck for arranging for the CPR class and the Recessa Falls trip. Thanks to the other leaders and parents for going on the Recessa Falls trip as well. We had enough leaders for the back packing and base camping groups to do their "thing". Thanks for stepping up.

This time of year is when Webelos crossover from Cub Scouts and join their selected troops. We should have at least one new patrol formed by scouts from Packs 229, 200, and 152

Coming up are the Klondike, the Valley Forge Pilgrimage and Encampment, the annual First Aid Meet and OA elections. At the end of March is Family Night so your scouts should be looking at their books to see if they can complete for their next rank advancement by mid-month. We need the last two weeks of the month to schedule scoutmaster conferences and boards of review.

This month's Scout Master's cooking challenge: Make a pizza. While doing this feat try to envision how you might do it on a campout. Pizza was made at Wolfe's farm last year under memorable conditions. See you around the campfire!

Mr. Blauvelt

Ps - Anyone figure out what language last month's greeting was in? It was the language of the Lenape Indian Tribe. You won't find that on Babelfish!

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

FEBRUARY KLONDIKE

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 and Cold Weather Training are complete. Contact Bill Truscott on (215) 896-5972.

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2012 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/3/2012, at St Stanislaus School, Main & Lansdale Ave. See Mr Nagele for the event flyer and permission slip, which must be completed and signed by a parent. This is a great opportunity for scouts to hone their first aid skills for advancement.

SCHEDULE for February 2012

2/ 5		EAGLE COURT – Mike Walsh 2 PM	
2/ 7	Ω	TROOP MEETING) Summer Camp \$30 Reg Due <i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>	
2/10 - 12	Ω	Camping - Klondike	(Truscott)
2/11		Committee Mtg 7:00 PM @ Delmont	(DeLong)
2/14	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
2/17 – 19	Δ	Camping - Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(K.Bauer)
2/21		TROOP MTG 7:00PM	OA Elections
2/28		TROOP MTG 7:00PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2012

3/ 3		General Nash First Aid Meet – St Stanislaus	(RNagele)
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		Camping – Worlds End Back Packing	(Pacaro)
6/ 3		Eagle Court – Mason Pakhtigian 2 PM	.
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 / Rehoboth	(Davey)
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)
10/28		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

Genardi Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440

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

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. Contact Ken Bauer for more info on 610-222-0384

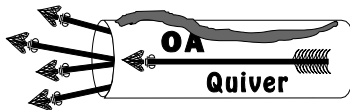
SHAWNEE SKI TRIP

This ski trip is quickly becoming a troop "favorite". Join Troop 152 on 3/9 – 3/11 on a great weekend of reasonably priced skiing activity at Shawnee. Indoor accommodations and meals are provided by the trip sponsor. All our scouts have to think about is skiing and fun. Reservations are due by 2/21/2012. See the trip flyer or contact Gavin Murdoch for more info on 215-512-5345 cell or 215-997-1805 home

OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for 2/21/2012. We need as many scouts at this meeting as possible for voting.

Our scouts will soon be asked to nominate and elect several of their peers to the ORDER OF THE ARROW. This elite group exists to develop and maintain Scouting's spirit and camping traditions. It crystallizes the scout habit of helpfulness and leadership in cheerful service to others.



THE BASIC BOX OA ELECTIONS

Each troop's scouts are asked to select candidates who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible, a scout must be first class, have 15 days and nights camping, including 6 nights of summer camp, and their scoutmaster's approval.

To really know the OA, you must become a member. The ordeal teaches the meaning of the OA to its new members. Many of our scouts and adults are members advancing through its ranks with study and service. Most service is done at our council camps.

The lodge has provided thousands of service hours at every camp, and built the new Unami Lodge at Resica Falls entirely with volunteer labor and donations. The Order also services our high adventure camps such as Philmont and Northern Tier.

With members considered youth until 21, there is more opportunity for scouts to be active. The Order unites scouts across the council and allows them to share skills, activities, and ideas.

Attendance for all scouts at this meeting is important! 50% of the troop must be present to hold the election. Once nominated, the local OA Lodge inducts the new members through an ordeal and ceremony.

This year's election date is
Tue February 21, 2012

Election to this elite group is truly an honor that carries great responsibility. The OA is much more than a "social club". It is service to Scouting and to the ideals that Scouting holds

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COMMITTEE

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Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
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Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Fran Belfield	Mark McDonnell
Larry Brasch	Kris Neild
Frank Davey	Tony Pacaro
Alan Fleck	

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Lee Blauvelt**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Ken Bauer	Steve McClellan
David DeLong	Gavin Murdoch
Al Hibbert	Alex Murdoch
Nick Iaquinto	Bill Truscott
Joe Magee	Mike Walsh
	Harry Weber

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brian Bauer *	Bryan Kobe *
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Kim Bauer *	Mike Nagele
John Bickel *	Bill Thorpe

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