

TROOP 152 NEWS

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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. See the trip flyer or contact Gavin Murdoch for more info on 215-512-5345 cell or 215-997-1805 home

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Hello Everybody - Another great month has come and gone. That's one step closer to summer camp. Rob Hausler's Eagle ceremony is April 29th. We would really like to see as many scouts attend this ceremony as possible. Please RSVP to Rob and his family when you receive an invitation.

The big news this month is the Webelos are having their cross over ceremonies. We will have one or two new patrols. If you see a new face at the meeting say "Hi" and introduce yourself. New scouts are just friends you haven't met yet.

Three additional events we need on your radar. Lions club pancake breakfast at the Upper Gwynedd Fire Hall on, 3/25. The Lions club is our sponsor and they do a lot for our troop. We should make a concerted effort to attend the breakfast and support them. Family night is 3/27, cut off for advancement is 3/13. To allow scheduling the scout masters conferences and board of reviews. In April is our annual rod and gun weekend. There will be mandatory gun safety training for everyone planning on attending this trip. This means parents, leaders and scouts. No training, no camping. We will announce the dates of the training at the meetings.

Our troop is getting bigger, both in the number of scouts and the size of the scouts. A bit of "machismo" is starting surface in the use of inappropriate language, horse play and verbal retaliation. I have had a one on one discussion with a few scouts about these. Proper language has been the topic of two scout master minutes. We will continue to address these but we need the parents to chat up proper behavior as well. I know we can count on your support.

I was not at the Valley Forge Pilgrimage, but I understand some scouts did make pizza on the weekend. Great job. This month's Scout Master's cooking challenge: Go grocery shopping with a parent. Look at what's on sale. Compare prices. See you around the campfire!

Mr. Blauvelt

LION'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please help our sponsoring organization and attend their February Pancake Breakfast, Sun 3/25/12, 8 AM – Noon, at the West Point Fire House. It's a great breakfast! Bring the whole family! Scouts interested in service hours can contact Rob Nagele on 215-699-4779 to sign up!

SUMMER CAMP

This year's Summer Camp will be at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation 7/22 – 7/28. The Camp fee is \$300 if paid in full by 3/27/2012. Fill out the Summer Camp Registration form and get your fee paid in full to take advantage of this early rate. For more information check out the Summer Camp page on the Troop's website or contact Barry Hornberger on 215-368-2253 or Paul DeLong 215-699-7125

SCHEDULE for March 2012

3/3	General Nash First Aid Meet – St Stans (RNagele)
3/5	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM (DeLong)
3/6	Ω TROOP MEETING) <i>Patrol Leaders Council 6:30 PM</i>
3/9–11	Ω SKI TRIP – Shawnee (G.Murdoch)
3/13	TROOP MTG 7:00PM
3/20	TROOP MTG 7:00PM
3/25	<i>Lions Club Breakfast</i> (Nagele)
3/27	<i>FAMILY NITE</i> 7:00PM <i>Summer Camp Fee Due</i>
3/31-4/1	New Scout Campout / Orientation (L.Blauvelt)

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2012

4/1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
4/20-22	<i>Camping</i> - Rod N Gun (Magee)
4/29	Eagle Court – Robert Hausler 2 PM
5/6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
5/18 – 20	<i>Camping</i> – Hawk Mountain & AT Back Pack (Pacaro)
6/3	Eagle Court – Mason Pakhtigian 2 PM
6/3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM (DeLong)
6/22 – 24	<i>Camping</i> - Canoe Trip (Niroomand)
6/26	<i>FAMILY NIGHT</i>
7/22 - 28	SUMMER CAMP – Hawk Mountain (DeLong/Hornberger)
8/17 – 19	<i>Camping</i> - Trapp Pond / Rehoboth (Davey)
9/22 – 24	<i>Camping</i> - Bloomsburg Fair (TBD)
9/25	<i>FAMILY NIGHT</i>
10/12 – 14	<i>General Nash Cub-O-Ree</i> (TBD)
10/26 – 28	<i>Camping</i> - Back Packing (CNagele)
10/28	<i>Lions Club Breakfast</i> (RNagele)
11/16 – 18	<i>Camping</i> - Annapolis (Fleck)
12/18	<i>Holiday Party</i> (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/>

New Scout Campout and Orientation

New Scouts and parents – Welcome to Troop 152. Mark your calendars now for the weekend of 3-31 – 4-1. Scouts will enjoy an over night camping trip in the UG Twp pool parking lot, to become familiar with our troop's camping gear and camp logistics. Then at 1PM on 4/1 (no fooling!), Rob Nagle will offer his infamous New Scout Orientation program in the Twp Community Center. Watch for more details from Mr Blauvelt and Mr Nagele.

FAMILY NIGHT

Please join the Troop 152 at its 1st Family Night for 2012 on Tue 3/27, 2012 in the Twp Community Bldg. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since Sept 2011. Meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152 and hear all about FOS!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Please help Troop 152 attain its first 100% participation in Council's Friends of Scouting fund drive. Let's be a perfect troop. Give what you can, but please give. Return FOS forms to Rob Nagele. Contact him on 215-699-4779 for more info.

Rod N Gun 2012

Start planning for the Troop's 2012 Rod N Gun camping trip in April – a new place to camp and explore! Please thank the Wolfe family for hosting this event for almost 25 years! We will miss the farm!

BASICS BOX TRIP PLANNING

Troop 152 camps each month throughout the year, except in December. Getting ready for a trip is always easier with a little planning.

TROOP PLANS – Organizing a trip for the troop requires a month or more of planning. It is important to let the troop know that you plan to attend, at least two (2) weeks before the trip. Getting the permission slip in by this due date helps the organizer submit the tour permit with Council, schedule transportation, assign tent partners, and distribute cash to the patrols to buy food. If you wait until the last Tuesday, planning becomes difficult.

PERSONAL PLANS – The information that you and your scout need to prepare for the trip are provided on the permission slip, and at the meetings marked on the newsletter schedule as “required” for trip attendance. This is typically one or two Tuesdays prior to the trip. Some points to watch for:

- **Cooking** – By troop, patrol, or tent partner. You may have to bring your own food or buy for the patrol.
- **Special activities** - Pack what you need for the weather expected and activities published, swimming, hiking, skiing, etc

- Spending money for road stops or special activities.
- Medications are usually held by the scoutmaster or designee. Make sure meds are in their original bottles with dosage instructions.

So, do a little planning for your scout’s camping trip. Do it early. Let us know that you are going ASAP. Pack for the trip and have a GREAT time!

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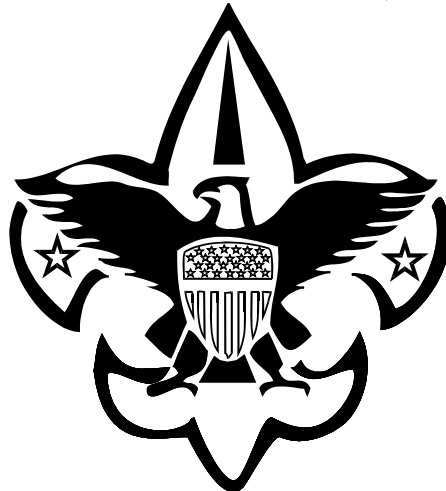
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