

TROOP 152 NEWS

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AUGUST TRIP – TRAPP POND/REHOBOTH

Join Troop 152 on a great weekend at the beach. We will camp at Trapp Pond State Park in Delaware. Enjoy the park on Saturday morning, and then venture to Rehoboth Beach for a day at the ocean and enjoy the great atmosphere on their board walk in the evening. This is a great weekend get away. The permission slip is on the Troop's website. Forms and Fees are due by August 7, 2012. Try to get them in before summer camp, as we do not meet on 7/24 and 7/31. Contact Frank Davey for info on 215-716-3210 if you have questions.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Belfield and all the scouts and scouters that have done such a great job replacing our storage building. Big thank you's to the Fleck's for letting us use their garage to store the troop's gear during the building and to the Nagele's for letting us store the trailer in their yard.

This is the time of the year where things seem to slow down as the dog days of summer settle in. It is a great time to evaluate how we are doing on our summer reading and the other assignments for school.

Our senior scouts are making good progress towards earning their Eagle rank. Three have completed their projects and are finishing their merit badges. One has an approved project and will be doing his project soon. A fifth is working through the project approval process. Keep it up scouts!

We need to pay attention to the calendar for August. Not all of the meetings are at the community center; we have the pool party, the mini golf outing, and the fun night. So to participate you need to pay attention to the calendar.

Our next family night is in September. In August review your remaining requirements and see if you can complete these for your next rank advancement.

Mr. Blauvelt

AUGUST MEETINGS ARE FUN !!!!

Please pay extra-special attention to this month's troop calendar. We only have ONE regular meeting at the Community Building (on 8/14 to get ready for the Trapp Pond Trip). 8/7 we meet at Freddy Hill Family Fun Center for our 24th annual mom/scout mini-golf tournament. 8/21 we meet at the home of Nancy Bickel for a swim party, and on 8/31 we meet at the Park Side Place Pavilion for an evening of games and fun. Don't be the one standing at the Community Center door asking "WHERE IS EVERYONE" We will all be somewhere having fun in August!

8SCHEDULE for August 2012

7/31	NO TROOP MTG - Summer Break	
8/ 5	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
8/ 7	24th Mini-Golf 6:30PM @Freddy Hill)	
8/14	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
8/17 - 19	Ω Camping - Trapp Pond / Rehoboth	(Davey)
8/21	POOL PARTY 6:30-8:30 @ Bickels	(N.Bickel)
8/28	FUN NIGHT 6:30-8:30 @ The Pavilion	(R.Nagels)

BEING PREPARED IN 2012

9/ 9	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
9/22 – 24	Camping - Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT	.
10/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
10/12 – 14	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/26 – 28	Camping - Back Packing	(CNagele)
10/28	Lions Club Breakfast	(RNagele)
11/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
11/16 – 18	Camping - Annapolis	(Fleck)
12/ 2	group Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/18	Holiday Party	(TBD)

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

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Genuari Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440

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

MOM/SCOUT MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Moms / Guardians are invited to join their scout(s) at the Troop's 24th annual **Fred Haws Memorial** mom/scout mini-golf tournament at 6:30 PM on 8/25/09. Meet at the MiniGolf entrance at 6:30 to register and enjoy an evening of miniature golf with your favorite scout(s). Total your scores for the great competition.

SWIM PARTY

Come and cool off at the troop's annual swim party 6:30 – 8:30 8/21/2012 at the home of the Bickels, 3019 Stumphall Rd, in Worcester Twp. Come hungry. There will be plenty to eat. Call 610-584-7277 for further information.

FUN NIGHT

Scouts - our last meeting in August (can it be fall already?) will be the Troop's annual fun night, **8/28/2012** 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 CAMP

As we re sending out the newsletter a bit early, you are getting this as we are settling in at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. Everything seems to be lining up for a great week of camp. There will be lots of stories to tell when we get back. See you at camp or shortly there after!

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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