# **TROOP 152 NEWS**

December 2012

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www.troop152westpointpa.org/

### DOYLESTOWN ROCK CLIMB

Join troop 152 for a day trip to the Doylestown Rock Climbing gym, Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 1 - 3 PM. Get your permission slip and the Rock Gym Liability Waiver form in ASAP. Contact Ken Bauer for questions and information on 610-222-0384.

# SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Saturday 11/24/12 Thanksgiving Day is done and gone; does that mean we stop giving thanks for what we have? I hope not.

We had the Scouting for food drive. Mr. Nagele had a minor panic when some scouts did not show up on time. Luckily a phone call or 2 and some help from a couple of parents and the wayward scouts were set to their task. Pick-up Saturday went rather well. The scouts gathered enough food to stuff 2 + pickup trucks (well over 4000 items).

Mr. Blauvelt has turned over the Scoutmaster duties to me (Mr. Belfield) and Brandon McDonnell turned over the SPL duties to Azad Niroomand. I guess Azad and I get to figure it out together. I expect everyone to give Azad their utmost respect and cooperation.

I was told the Annapolis camping trip was great fun. Sadly I did not get to go. Thanks to Mr. Fleck for running that one.

December will be a busy month too. Mr. Bauer is running a day trip December 8th to the Doylestown Rock Gym for an afternoon of rock climbing. December 18<sup>th</sup> is the holiday party. Throw in a couple of scout meetings and some shopping and 2013 will be here.

We also have Alex Bauer's Eagle Ceremony January 6. Nothing ever goes exactly as planned but to achieve a goal we need a place to start.

Mr. Belfield

## 2013 RECHARTER

Troop Recharter for 2013 is in full swing. EVERY Scout and Scouter must re-register with Troop 152 for 2013. Recharter registration form is available on the troop website. Contact Bill Kelso for questions and information on 215-541-1112

## 2012 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our  $17^{\text{th}}$  annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 18 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.

#### **HOLIDAY** GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and SAFE holiday season in 2012. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 25 or Jan 1. Have a happy and healthy new year in 2013

#### **SCHEDULE for December 2012**

12/ 2	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/4	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 8	Doylestown Rock Climb 1-3 PM	(KenBauer)
12/11	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/18	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
12/25	NO TROOP MTG	
1/1	NO TROOP MTG	
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#### **BEING PREPARED IN 2012**

12/18	Holiday Party	(TBD)
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## LOOKING INTO 2013

2/16	Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(TBD) (RNagele)		
$\frac{2}{3}/2$	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)		
3/3	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)		
3/26	FAMILY NIGHT			
4/7	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)		
4/26 - 28	Camping - Rod N Gun	(Magee)		
5/24 - 26	Camping – Back Packing	(Pacaro)		
5/27	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	(TBD)		
6/21 - 22	Camping – TBD	(TBD)		
6/25	FAMILY NIGHT			
7/15-24	2013 National Jamboree - Bechtel Summit			
7/19 - 21	<i>Camping</i> – TBD	(TBD)		
8/4 - 10	SUMMER CAMP – Goose Pond (Hornb	erger/DeLong)		
9/20 - 22	Camping – Gettysburg	(Davey)		
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT			
10/11 - 13	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(Blauvelt)		
10/26 - 28	<i>Camping</i> – TBD	(TBD)		
11/16 - 18	Camping - Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty	(TBD)		
12/17	Holiday Party	(Committee)		
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Gen Nash Web Site <u>http://www.generalnash.org/</u>				

JANUARY 2013 CAMPING TRIP

Join troop 152 for a weekend of winter camping and or back packing in beautiful Resica Scout Reservation. Come and test your winter camping skills. Join up with the back packers for a weekend of back woods hiking and camping or base camp on Porcupine Ridge and possibly visit the Lakota Wolf Preserve (weather permitting). Look for the permission slip on the web site or call Kris Neild on 267-640-5014

#### 2012 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account contact, Hong Fan 215-259-3210.

# ESCRIPT CREDITS

# BASICS BOX

# HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Shopping at merchants that participate in "ESCRIPTS" can benefit Troop 152! Register today for the escrip program. Go online to <u>www.escrip.com</u>, 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 a participating merchant, the troop receives a percentage of the total sale as a contribution. This is a great way to support our Troop and bring in some extra income to defray the cost of equipment and our Troop's program.

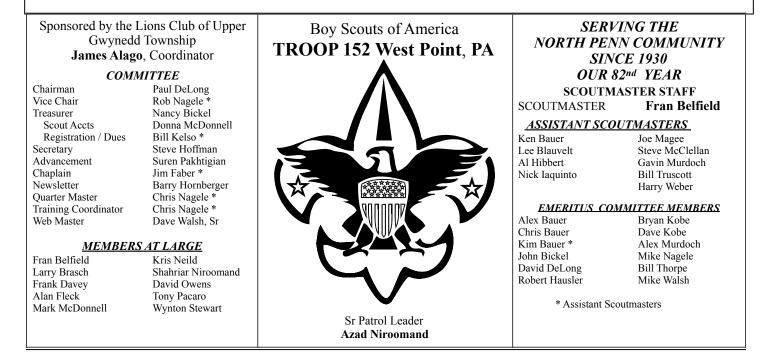
It is that simple. No tapes to staple or calculator calluses. Just register and shop at participating merchants.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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