

# TROOP 152 NEWS

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## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Alex Bauer and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Alex's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, Jan 6, 2013 at 2 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Community 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

12-16-12 Mr. Hornberger is trying to get the newsletter done before the holiday crunch so I am projecting into the future.

First- thanks to Mr. Bauer for running a great trip to the Doylestown Rock Gym and our Belayers, Mr. Fleck, Mr. Niroomand, and Mr. Pacaro. I don't know about the rest of you but I had a good time even though Scotty Castle showed me up by making it to the top of the rope ladder and I could not.

Once again the holiday party was a great success. Plenty of food, plenty of drinks, and friends, what more do we need?

Once again it is the end of December. Another year has come and gone. When I look back on it we did hit a few bumps with a few scouts but we managed to deal with them without too much angst. On the plus side we had a lot of great camping trips with I believe ??? only 1 trip to the emergency room. For this we should sincerely thank all of our leaders. I have watched some scouts make great strides towards advancement and maturity. This includes 5 scouts earning the rank of Eagle, Alex Bauer, Alex Chasar, Ben Hoffman, Brandon McDonnell and David Franco. I even had a few do things I did not think they could.

Don't forget Alex Bauer's Eagle Ceremony on January 6th.

As for the future, some say it looks grim, some say it looks bright. I say it looks like a bank. You can't get anything out of it unless you put something into it

Mr. Belfield

## 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

## COLD WEATHER TRAINING !

Winter is here !! Troop 152 will be camping !! Scouts and Scouters planning to attend any of the outdoor events in January, February, or March, must attend the troop's Cold Weather Training seminar at the Troop Meeting on Jan 8, 2013. Don't miss this meeting

## SCHEDULE for January 2013

12/25	<b>NO TROOP MTG</b>	
1/ 1	<b>NO TROOP MTG</b>	
1/ 6	Eagle Court of Honor Alex Bauer	2 PM
1/ 6	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/ 8	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b> Cold Weather Training PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
1/15	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b>	
1 /18 – 20	<b>Camping</b> – Deep Winter Resica	(Neild)
1/22	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b>	
1/29	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00PM</b>	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

## BEING PREPARED IN 2013

2/ 3	Eagle Court of Honor Ben Hoffman	2 PM
2/ 8 - 10	Klondike Derby	(Truscott)
2/10	Committee Meeting @ Klondike	(DeLong)
2/15 - 17	<b>Camping</b> – Valley Forge Encampment	(TBD)
2/16	Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(TBD)
3/ 2	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 3	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
3/26	FAMILY NIGHT	
4/ 7	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
4/26 – 28	<b>Camping</b> - Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/24 – 26	<b>Camping</b> – Back Packing	(Pacaro)
5/27	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	(TBD)
6/21 – 22	<b>Camping</b> – TBD	(TBD)
6/25	FAMILY NIGHT	
7/15-24	2013 National Jamboree – Bechtel Summit	
7/19 – 21	<b>Camping</b> – TBD	(TBD)
8/ 4 - 10	SUMMER CAMP – Goose Pond	(Hornberger/DeLong)
9/20 – 22	<b>Camping</b> – Gettysburg	(Davey)
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT	
10/11 - 13	<b>General Nash Cub-O-Ree</b>	(Blauvelt)
10/26 – 28	<b>Camping</b> – TBD	(TBD)
11/16 - 18	<b>Camping</b> – Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty	(TBD)
12/17	Holiday Party	(Committee)

## INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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## 2013 RECHARTER & WREATHS

The Troop has re-chartered for 2013. Contact Bill Kelso on 215541-1112 to complete your re-registration. Also, turn in any remaining wreath money to the troop. Contact Mr Fan on 215259-3210 for info concerning your wreath account.

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

February is a very busy scouting month. Ben Hoffman will be celebrating his Eagle Court of Honor. The General Nash Klondike and the COL Valley Forge Pilgrimage and Encampment are scheduled only 1 week apart. Don't forget that participation in either activity requires all scouts, scouters, and parents to attend the troop's **Cold Weather Training** Seminar on **Tuesday Jan 8, 2013**.

## KLONDIKE DERBY

The Klondike Derby, 2/8 – 2/10 2013, Permission slip is now available, and due by January 22, 2013. Sign up early and get ready for the great competition.

# 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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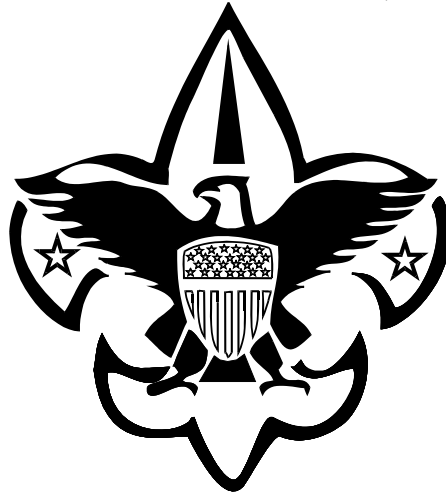
**COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Paul DeLong
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**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Larry Brasch	Kris Neild
Frank Davey	Shahriar Niroomand
Alan Fleck	David Owens
Mark McDonnell	Tony Pacaro
	Wynton Stewart

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**Azad Niroomand**

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 OUR 83<sup>rd</sup> YEAR***

**SCOUTMASTER STAFF**

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

**ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS**

Ken Bauer	Joe Magee
Lee Blauvelt	Steve McClellan
Al Hibbert	Gavin Murdoch
Nick Iaquinto	Bill Truscott
	Harry Weber

**EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Alex Bauer	Bryan Kobe
Chris Bauer	Dave Kobe
Kim Bauer *	Alex Murdoch
John Bickel	Mike Nagele
David DeLong	Bill Thorpe
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