

## TROOP 152 NEWS

February 2013

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### EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Ben Hoffman and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Ben's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb 3, 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

It's only the end of January and 2013 is moving quickly already. Between school/work and scouts and everything else we have to do the things we want to do tend to sneak up on us. We all need to work on being responsible for ourselves and get our trip permission slips in on time.

Thanks to Mr. Neild and all the other leaders we had a great time winter camping at Resica this past weekend. In comparison to the past 2 years we had a heat wave. The temperature only went down to 20 degrees. Mr. Pacaro guided some of our newer scouts on a nice hike thru the woods Saturday morning. In the afternoon the boys built a nice snowman and because they had extra snow they commenced to have a snowball fight.

Azad has been training us hard for the Klondike Derby. Right after that is the Encampment weekend at Valley Forge. "Be Prepared" Let's make sure we have the proper attire for whatever weather we may have on these trips.

March 2 is the First-Aid meet; will we be able to hold onto the title? March 26<sup>th</sup> is Family Night-plan appropriately if you want to be recognized for advancement.

Don't forget about Ben Hoffman's Eagle Court of Honor on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." *T. S. Eliot*

Mr. Belfield

### KLONDIKE DERBY

The 2013 Klondike is all set! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp 2/8 – 2/10 for the 2013 General Nash Klondike. Permission slips and cold weather training are all complete. Contact Bill Truscott on for more information on 215-896-5972.

### GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEEET

The 2012 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/2/2013, at the Indian Valley Middle School, 130 Maple Ave, Harleysville, PA. 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 2013

2/ 3	Eagle Court of Honor Ben Hoffman	2 PM
2/ 5	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
2/ 8 – 10	Ω <b>Camping</b> Klondike Derby	(Truscott)
2/ 9	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM @ Schweiker	(DeLong)
2/12	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00PM	
2/15 - 17	Δ <b>Camping</b> – Valley Forge Encampment	(KenBauer)
2/19	TROOP MTG 7:00PM – <b>OA ELECTIONS</b>	
2/26	TROOP MTG 7:00PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

### BEING PREPARED IN 2013

3/ 2	First Aid Meet – Indian Valley MS 8:30 - 12:30	(RNagele)
3/ 3	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
3/ 9	SKI TRIP – Shawnee Day Trip	(Murdoch)
3/26	FAMILY NIGHT	
4/ 7	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
4/19 - 21	<b>Camping</b> - Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/17 - 19	<b>Camping</b> - Back Packing - Bear Rocks on the AT	(Pacaro)
5/27	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	(TBD)
6/21 - 23	<b>Camping</b> - BootNPaddle Mohican Outdoor	(Niroomand)
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> – TBD	(TBD)
9/25	FAMILY NIGHT	
10/11 - 13	<b>General Nash Cub-O-Ree</b>	(Blauvelt)
10/25 – 27	<b>Camping</b> – Gettysburg	(Davy)
11/16 - 18	<b>Camping</b> – Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty	(TBD)
12/17	Holiday Party	(Committee)

### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Escrip Credits [www.escrip.com/](http://www.escrip.com/) ID# 2106440  
Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

### MARCH SKI TRIP

Winter is here !! Join Troop 152 for a day trip of skiing and snowboarding at Shawnee, **Saturday, March 9, 2013**. The permission slip is on the Troop's website and due by Tue, Feb 26, 2013. Contact Gavin Murdoch for additional info on 2155125345 (cell)

### Member News

Please congratulate Brandon McDonnell and David Franco upon passing their Eagle Boards of Review. We look forward to celebrating Eagle Courts of Honor with Brandon, David and their families.

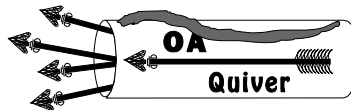
### Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Preparation for the 101<sup>ST</sup> 2013 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/15 - 17 is all set. Permission slips are in and cold weather training has been completed. Contact Ken Bauer for additional info on 215-767-3829

### OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for 2/19/2013. We need as many scouts at this meeting as possible for voting. New members are nominated based camping experience and exemplification of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Make sure your scout is there to vote!

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. Our own John Bickel has served as lodge chief for the last 3 years. 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 19, 2013**

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

Chairman	Paul DeLong
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	Donna McDonnell
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Steve Hoffman
Advancement	Suren Pakhtigian
Chaplain	Jim Faber *
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Chris Nagele *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Web Master	Dave Walsh, Sr

### 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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Sr Patrol Leader  
**Azad Niroomand**

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### 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
Robert Hausler	

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