# **TROOP 152 NEWS**

**July 2013** 

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## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Alex Chasar 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, July 7 at 2 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Twp 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

Life goes on and so does scouts. June saw Paul Steuer's Eagle Court of Honor, and Mr. Niroomand ran an excellent Boot & Paddle camping trip. We have 2 scouts, Henry Hoffman, and Anthony Pacaro attending a week of NYLT training. We had a good number of scouts take the (prerequisite for summer camp) swim test.

July is poised to be another hectic month. Don't forget you r flag on the 4th. Sunday July 7th its Alex Chasar's Eagle Court of Honor. Hopefully everyone has RSVP'd yes or no. We will have several scouts working at Camp Hart as councilors and CITs. We have a group of scouts off to JAMBO. Good luck to them. The weekend of July 19th will be the French creek camping trip.

Hopefully everyone going to summer camp has turned in their merit badge/activity choices and is starting to plan. Make sure you check on the prerequisites for the merit badges you are taking.

Summer time for a lot of you scouts is a time to break away from the regimented routine of school. Staying up late getting up late and goofing off, but don't forget the Scout Law. Somewhere in there when we put 2 or 3 of them together we still need to be RESPONSIBLE for the things we are supposed to do. Try doing them without being told.

In regard to last week's SMM

"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway" John Wayne

Mr. Belfield

## JULY CAMPING TRIP

Join the Troop for a weekend of Hiking and exploring French Creek State Park. This is a two option trip. Enjoy an overnight back packing trip on the Horse Shoe Trail or stay in base camp to enjoy patrol cooking and a campfire. Explore Hopewell Furnace and the rest of the park. See the trip flyer on the Troop's web site. Contact Lee Blauvelt for more information on 610-256-5613.

#### SUMMER MEETINGS

Troop 152 meets all through the summer except for the week of summer camp, and the Tuesday after summer camp (Leaders' Break). We have special meeting places throughout the summer. July 9 will meet at Freddy Hill's Mini Golf 6 PM. Aug 20 will be a swim party at the Bickels', and Aug 27 will be Mr Nagele's famous Fun Night at the UG Twp Pavilion. See the schedule.

### **SCHEDULE for July 2013**

|                    | •   |            |
|--------------------|---|------------|
| 7/ 2               | TROOP MTG 7:00PM                                  |            |
|                    | PLC Meeting 6:30 PM                               |            |
| 7/ 7               | Eagle Court Alex Chasar 2PM                       |            |
| 7/ 7               | Committee Mtg 6:30 PM                             | (DeLong)   |
| 7/ 9               | Mom/Scout Mini-Golf Freddie Hill                  | 6 PM       |
| 7/15 - 24          | 2013 National Jamboree – Bechtel Sum              | mit        |
| 7/16 Δ             | TROOP MTG 7:00PM                                  |            |
| $7/19 - 21 \Delta$ | Camping – French Creek                            | (Blauvelt) |
| 7/23               | TROOP MTG 7:00PM                                  |            |
| 7/30               | TROOP MTG 7:00PM                                  |            |
| Ω                  | or Λ Attendance required for outing participation |            |

## BEING PREPARED IN 2013

|            | <del></del>                      | <u></u>           |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8/ 4 - 10  | SUMMER CAMP – Goose Pond (H      | ornberger/DeLong) |
| 8/ 6       | Committee Meeting at Goose Pond  | (DeLong)          |
| 8/6        | NO TROOP MTG – Summer Camp       |                   |
| 8/13       | NO TROOP MTG – Summer Break      |                   |
| 8/20       | Swim Party @ Bickels 6:20 – 8:30 | (NBickel)         |
| 8/27       | Fun Night @ Pavilion 6:20 – 8:30 | (RNaglele)        |
| 9/8        | Committee Meeting                | (DeLong)          |
| 9/13 - 15  | Camping – Ockanickon / Bike Trip | (Fleck)           |
| 9/24       | FAMILY NIGHT                     |                   |
| 10/ 6      | Committee Meeting                | (DeLong)          |
| 10/11 - 13 | General Nash Cub-O-Ree           | (Blauvelt)        |
| 10/25 - 27 | <i>Camping</i> – Gettysburg      | (Davey)           |
| 10/27      | Lions Club Pancake Breakfast     | (RNagele)         |
| 11/ 3      | Committee Meeting                | (DeLong)          |
| 11/15 -17  | <i>Camping</i> – TBD             | (TBD)             |
| 11/16      | Scouting for Food Bag Drop       | (TBD)             |
| 11/23      | Scouting for Food Bag Pick-Up    | (TBD)             |
| 12/ 1      | Committee Meeting                | (DeLong)          |
| 12/17      | Holiday Party                    | (Committee)       |
|            |                                  |                   |

#### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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#### SUMMER CAMP 2013

Summer camp planning is in full swing. Get your merit badge selections to your mentor. Mr DeLong will enter them onto Goose Pond's website. Select your tent partner. Don't forget those physicals!! Contact Barry Hornberger on 215-368-2253.ot Kris Neild on 215-631-1250 for more info.

#### 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 Contact him on 215699-4779 if you have any questions.

## MOM/SCOUT MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Moms / Guardians are invited to join their scout(s) at the Troop's 25<sup>th</sup> annual *Fred Haws Memorial* mom/scout mini-golf tournament at 6:00 PM on 7/09/2013. Meet at the MiniGolf entrance at 6:00 to register and enjoy an evening of miniature golf with your favorite scout(s). Total your scores for the great competition. Call Paul DeLong for more information 215-6997125

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

- . 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.
- 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 - <a href="http://www.scouting.org/">http://www.scouting.org/</a>

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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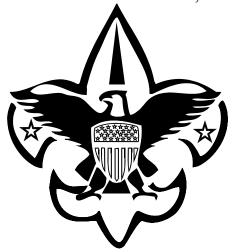
#### **COMMITTEE**

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#### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

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# **TROOP 152 West Point, PA**



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