

TROOP 152 NEWS

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DOYLESTOWN ROCK GYM

Join Troop 152 for a DAY TRIP to the Doylestown Rock Gym on Saturday 12/ 7, for 2+ hours of indoor rock climbing. All minors **MUST HAVE** a Doylestown Rock Gym disclaimer/consent form filled out by their parent or legal guardian prior to entering climbing area or participating. The disclaimer and Troop permission slip is on our web site. Both forms are due by 12/3. Contact Ken Bauer for additional information 2157673829

<http://doylestownrockgym.com>

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Ahh November- the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting colder. We all start dreaming about what we want "Santa Claus" to bring us. Time doesn't seem to slowdown the way it used to. So throughout this holiday season let us take a few moments to remember all of the things and people we do have to give thanks for.

As in every November we had "Scouting for Food". I was told the bag drop-off went painlessly this year. (I was out killing Bambi. Venison will be on the menu at a future camp-out). The food pick-up went well too. There was plenty of help and once again we filled 2 pick-up trucks again.

We also had a great camping weekend in Fort Washington/Philadelphia. Thanks Mr. DeLong. I hope the boys got a better understanding of what our Founding Fathers went thru. Lunch at the Reading Terminal Market was interesting too. Saturday night/Sunday morning gave them a better appreciation of what the revolutionary soldiers went thru. It was in the teens Sunday morning and our cleaning water would start to freeze as soon as you let it stand.

December will be a fast month we will have regular meetings on the 3rd and the 10th. December 7th Mr. Bauer will be running a trip to the Doylestown Rock Gym. I went last year. It is defiantly a good trip for all ages and skill levels. The 17th will be our Christmas Party. Everyone is invited moms, dads, siblings, scouts past and present. We will not have meetings on the 24th or the 31st.

"Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it." Bill Cosby

Mr. Belfield

JANUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Jan 5, 2014. Leave at 6:45 AM from the pavilion and return around 7 PM. . The permission slip is posted on the troop's web site. Contact Alan Fleck on 215-699-2963 Home or 215-264-8024 cell.

JANUARY CAMPING TRIP

Watch for more details on January's Deep Winter Camping trip on the far northern NY / PA border. 1/17 – 1/19. Contact Chris Nagele for more info 215-820-2271.

SCHEDULE for December 2013

12/ 3	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	<i>Rock Gym Perm Due</i>
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 7	Doylestown Rock Gym	(KenBauer)
12/ 8	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 10	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
12/17	HOLIDAY PARTY 7PM	<i>Ski Trip Perm Due</i>
12/24	NO TROOP MTG	
12/31	NO TROOP MTG	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2014

1/ 5	SKI Trip	(Fleck)
1/12	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
1/17 – 19	Camping Deep WINTER	(C.Nagele)
2/ 2	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
2/ 7 - 9	Camping 2014 Klondike Hart	(Truscott)
2/14 - 16	Camping Valley Forge Encamp/Pilgrimage	(TBD)
3/ 2	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
3/??	Camping Hickory Run	(TBD)
4/ 6	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
4/11 – 13	CAMPING – Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/ 4	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
5/??	Camping Back Packing	(TBD)
6/??	Camping Canoe Trip	(TBD)
7/20 - 26	Summer Camp – Resica	(Neild)
8/??	Camping Lehigh Gorge Bike Trail	(TBD)
9/??	Camping Cape May Coast Guard	(TBD)
10/??	CUB – O - REE	(TBD)
10/??	Camping Statue of Liberty Ellis Is	(TBD)
11/??	Camping Annapolis	(TBD)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Escript Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440
Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

2013 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 Tim Bonitz on 215-412-2158 or Arun Giddu on 6102220163.

2013 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 18th annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 17 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 2013. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 24 or Dec 31. Have a happy and healthy new year.

ESCRIP CREDITS

BASICS
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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Shopping at merchants that participate in “ESCRIPTS” can benefit Troop 152! Register today for the escrip program. Go online to www.escrip.com, 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 1st 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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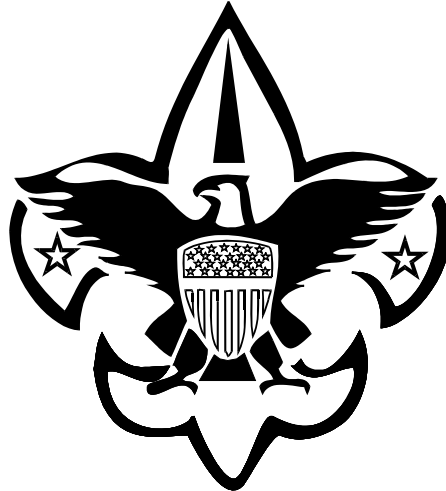
COMMITTEE

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	Shahriar Niroomand
Frank Davey	David Owens
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Scott Keaton	Brian Shaw

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

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

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alex Bauer	Bryan Kobe
Chris Bauer	Dave Kobe
Kim Bauer *	Alex Murdoch
John Bickel	Mike Nagele
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