

TROOP 152 NEWS

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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.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

December 18, 2013- another year all but done. It seems like I just got everything put away from summer camp. Plans for 2014 are falling into place. Some of them will be at the last minute as they always are.

Looking back at the past year, for me at least, it's been a good one. The success of this troop can be attributed to 2 things- Good leaders and Good scouts. So at this point I just want to thank everyone and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday, good health and good cookies.

Effort is that thing you put into a pile of stuff to pull out a masterpiece.

Mr. Belfield

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* at the Troop Meeting on Jan 7, 2014. Don't miss this meeting !

2013 WREATH SALE !!!

Our wreath sale for 2013 is now in the history books. All of your sale money should be turned in by now. Please turn in all sales money at our next meeting. If you have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Tim Bonitz on 215-412-2158 or Arun Giddu on 6102220163.

JANUARY CAMPING TRIP

Join Troop 152 for an exceptional deep winter camping trip at Salt Springs State Park on the PA/NY border, 1/17 – 1/19. Bring your warmest sleeping bag and warm yourself by the fire. Good warm meals will be on the menu and exploring this park will be on the schedule. The flyer/permission slip is on the Troop web site. Attendance at the Troop's *Cold Weather Training* on 1/7/2014 is **MANDATORY** for attending this trip. Contact Chris Nagele for more info 215-820-2271.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop's first Committee Meeting for 2014 will be held on Sunday 1/12/2014, 6:30 PM. All leaders and committee members are expected to attend. Parents are welcome to sit in or better yet, sign up as an adult member of the troop's committee and join the fun. Contact Paul DeLong, 215-699-7125, if you have any questions concerning the Troop's committee.

SCHEDULE for January 2014

1/ 5	SKI Trip	(Fleck)
1/ 7	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	<i>Winter Camp Perm Due</i>
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
	<i>Cold Weather Training</i>	
1/11	Wilderness First Aid – Troop 84 Cabin	(Pacaro)
1/12	Wilderness First Aid – Park Pl Pavilion	(Pacaro)
	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/14	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
1/17 – 19	Ω <i>Camping</i> - Salt Springs	(C.Nagele)
1/21	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
1/28	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2014

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

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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GENERAL NASH 2014 KLONDIKE

The 2014 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp 2/7 - 2/9/2014 for the 2014 General Nash Klondike. Reservations are due by 1/22/2014. Attendance at the *Cold Weather Training* on 1/7/2014, and the 1/24 and 1/31 meetings is **MANDATORY** for attending this event. Reservation forms are on the website, or Contact Bill Truscott on (215) 896-5972

2014 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Preparation for the 2014 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/14 - 16 is under way. Details will be on the P&E Flyer. Attendance at the Troop's *Cold Weather Training* on 1/7/2014 is **MANDATORY** for attending this trip. Watch for the permission slip on the web site. Make sure you sign up early! Contact Alan Fleck for more info on 215-264-8024 (cell)

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Scouts preparing for the Philmont Trip are expected to attend the Wilderness First Aid training on Sat 1/11/2014 at the Troop 84 Scout Cabin in North Wales, and Sun 1/12/2014 at Park Place Pavilion, approx 9 AM both days. All Troop 152 scouts, scouters, and or parents are welcome to sit in on the training. Contact Tony Pacaro for more information on (610) 584-8788.

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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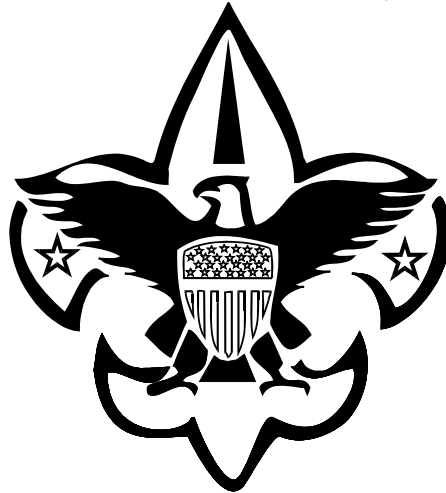
COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong
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Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
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Secretary	Steve Hoffman
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Chaplain	Jim Faber *
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Chris Nagele *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Larry Brasch	Shahriar Niroomand
Frank Davey	Tony Pacaro
Alan Fleck	Brian Shaw
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Sr Patrol Leader
Theo Fleck

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

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

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Bauer *	Alex Murdoch
John Bickel	Mike Nagele
David DeLong	Bill Thorpe
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