

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Henry Hoffman and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Henry's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb 23, 2014 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.

GENERAL NASH 2014 KLONDIKE

Feb 7 – 9 is the General Nash Klondike. Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Reservations were due 1/28. Attendance at the *Cold Weather Training* on 1/7/2014, and the 1/28 and 1/31 meetings is **MANDATORY** to attend this event. Contact **Bill Truscott** on (215) 8965972

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Moms and Dads, I want to tell you about our last camping trip to Salt Springs State Park. It was a good trip. We had 9 scouts and 7 adults. We got there Friday night about 10:30 and pitched our tents in a frozen, open field. We awoke to 3" of snow, and as far as I know everyone slept warm and toasty. The interesting part started when it was time for breakfast. First, I think most of them would have starved if I did not suggest to them that they start cooking. Next, when it came to cracking eggs, I think the scouts thought the eggs would blow up if they hit them too hard. Have you ever watched someone bang an egg 8 times on the edge of a cast iron pan before they get it to crack? When it came to flipping the eggs, they would stand at arm's length (Mind you we are cooking over an open fire on steel grate about 10" off the ground) and try to do it with one hand tied behind their back. Needless to say lunch and dinner were very similar with the added features of random scouts constantly asking, what time is it? Or does anyone have a knife? In the end everyone did get to eat and I did not hear anyone grousing about being hungry.

I tell this story for a few reasons. 1. One of the best things about being a leader is watching your sons struggle with something they think they can't do and seeing the light bulb go on when the do. 2. To encourage you to get your sons to help cook. The only reason a scout goes hungry on a camping trip is because he won't eat what he cooked. 3. To ask you to remind them that on a camping trip a wrist watch belongs on their wrist and a pocket knife belongs in their pocket.

On another note Henry Hoffman's Eagle Court of Honor is Sunday, February 23. All scouts should plan to be there to show support for their fellow scout.

Mr. Belfield

SKIING WITH TROOP 152

Join us for a day trip Ski at Jack Frost on Sunday Feb 2 and Sunday Mar 2, 2014. Yes, you will be back in time for the Super Bowl on 2/2. Permission slips will be available on the Website and meetings. Questions - Contact **Alan Fleck** on 215-699-2963

FAMILY NIGHT

Please join Troop 152 for its 1ST Family Night of 2014, on Tuesday, 2/18. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since 9/13. Meet the scouts, leaders and families of Troop 152!

SCHEDULE for February 2014

2/ 2	Ski Trip – Jack Frost	(Fleck)
2/ 4	Δ Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
2/ 7 - 9	Ω Camping 2014 Klondike Hart	(Truscott)
2/11	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
2/14 – 16	Δ Camping Valley Forge Encamp/Pilgrimage	(Fleck)
2/16	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
2/18	FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM	(Pakhtigian/Fleck)
2/23	EAGLE COURT – Henry Hoffman 2 PM	
2/25	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	OA ELECTION

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2014

3/ 1	First Aid Meet	(R.Nagele)
3/ 2	Ski Trip – Jack Frost	(Fleck)
3/16	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
3/21 - 23	Camping - TBD	(TBD)
3/23	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	(R.Nagele)
3/30	New Scout Orientation	(R.Nagele)
4/ 5 - 6	New Scout Campout	(Belfield)
4/11 – 13	CAMPING – Rod N Gun	(Magee)
4/13	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
5/ 2 - 4	Camping French Creek Orienteering	(TBD)
5/18	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
5/31	General Nash Event	(TBD)
6/15	Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
6/20 - 22	Camping Canoe Trip	(TBD)
7/20 - 26	Summer Camp– Resica	(Neild)
8/21 - 24	Camping Wallenpaupack	(TBD)
9/19 - 21	Camping Cape May Coast Guard	(TBD)
10/10 - 12	CUB – O – REE	(TBD)
10/24 - 26	Camping Statue of Liberty Ellis Is	(TBD)
11/21 - 23	Camping Annapolis ??	(TBD)
12/23	Holiday Party	(DeLong)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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Gen Nash Web Site

<http://www.generalnash.org/>

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** to attend 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)

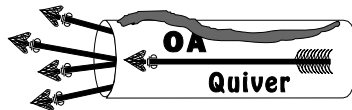
GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2014 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/01/2014, at Indian Crest MS, Souderton, 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.

OA ELECTION

OA Elections are set for 2/25/2014. We need as many scouts at this meeting as possible for voting. New members are nominated based on 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. 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 25, 2014

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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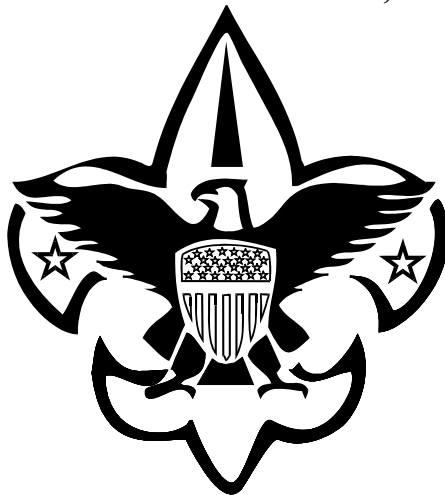
COMMITTEE

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	Shahriar Niroomand
Frank Davey	Tony Pacaro
Alan Fleck	Brian Shaw
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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
Bryan Kobe	Mason Pakhtigian
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