

TROOP 152 NEWS

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ROD N GUN 2014

The Troop's legendary Rod N Gun weekend will be coming up, April, 11 – 13, 2014. We will return to last year's New Ringgold campground. Participation on the trip required campers to have attended the **MANDATORY** gun safety program on 3/25/2014. The permission slip is on the Troop's web site. Get ready for a great weekend of camping. Permission slips and fees are due **APRIL 1, 2014**. For more information contact Joe Magee on 215-723-1615.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Good evening Scouts and Scouters,

According to the calendar spring is here but I don't think anyone has told Mother Nature. We did get a good group of new scouts and they are already fitting in rather nicely. I think we should keep them.

Our older scouts did rather well at the First Aid meet this month taking second place. They missed out on first by 3 points.

In the past, March has been our ski trip weekend but due to rising costs it has been switched to multiple single day trips. Our thanks to Mr. Fleck for running them. This past weekend we had a small group of scouts camp up at Camp Hart and participate in the Ropes, Bowes, and Barrels day. Everyone said they had a great time and would do it again.

When the 2 cooks started to prepare their pasta dinner they ran into a problem. Not enough tomato sauce. Instead of panicking they scrounged up a half a jar of salsa and threw that in. still not enough sauce. Next sitting on top of the monster box, they found 2 cans of tomato bisque soup, and in they went. When dinner was served the other boys wolfed it down without hesitation. Moral-things will go wrong. Sometimes all you have to do is look outside the box and the answer is sitting there. And a good **attitude** allowed everyone to give it a try and enjoy a good dinner.

April has the New Scout Camp-out and I hope all you new guys can make it. Mr. Magee has the Rod and Gun trip all planned out. It should be a good time too.

"You don't have to be great to start, but you do have to start to be great"

Mr. Belfield

WELCOME OUR NEW SCOUTS

Crossing over from Webelos are 14 new scouts joining Troop 152. Joining this spring are: Jacob Amberger; Andrew Bond; Michael Bradigan; Liam Carlin; Alec Chang; Brandon Collins; Tristan Coogan; Matthew Diehl; Brock Dyer; Joyce Cameron; Ed Leahy; Dennison Qu; Nate Reyes; and Matt Sayer. Please welcome our new scouts and their families! Take the time to get to know each one. They are the future of our Troop.

SCHEDULE for April 2014

4/ 1	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	(Rod N Gun Fees Due)
		PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
4/ 5 - 6		New Scout Campout	(Belfield)
4/ 8	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/11-13	Δ	CAMPING – Rod N Gun	(Magee)
4/13		Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/15		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/22		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	(Summer Camp Fees Due)
4/29		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2014

5/ 2 - 4	Camping	French Creek Orienteering	(TBD)
5/18		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
5/26		Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	
5/31		General Nash Event	(TBD)
6/15		Committee Meeting	(DeLong)
6/20 - 22	Camping	Canoe Trip	(TBD)
6/24		FAMILY NIGHT	(Fleck)
7/13		Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
7/20 – 26	Summer Camp	– Resica	(Neild/DeLong)
8/17		Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
8/21 - 24	Camping	Wallenpaupack	(TBD)
9/14		Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
9/19 - 21	Camping	Cape May Coast Guard	(TBD)
9/30		FAMILY NIGHT	(Fleck)
10/10 - 12	CUB – O – REE		(TBD)
10/24 - 26	Camping	Gettysburg	(Davey)
11/ 8		Scouting for Food Bag Drop	(D.Kobe)
11/15		Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up	(D.Kobe)
11/21 - 23	Camping	Annapolis ??	(TBD)
12/23		Holiday Party	(DeLong)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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

NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT

New scouts are invited to enjoy an overnight camping experience 4/5 – 4/6, to learn the basics of camping in a tent that he will pitch and cooking in camp. Start completing those requirements for Tenderfoot! Contact Fran Belfield for more information on (215) 368-3085.

MAY TRIP – FRENCH CREEK ORIENTEERING

Are you ready to test your map reading and problem solving abilities? Are you ready to work on the map and compass requirements for rank, award requirements or the Orienteering merit badge? Join troop 152, 5/2 – 5/4, 2014, as we venture to French Creek State Park to participate in their annual scout orienteering exercises. Permission slips were due 3/25. For more info, contact Shahriar Niroomand **Home:** 215-855-0270 **Cell:** 215-495-3553

SUMMER CAMP

We are getting down to the wire on summer camp sign ups.. The fee this year is \$355 and is due by **April 22, 2014**. Kris Neild will be accepting fees at our regular meetings. Contact Kris on 267-640-5014 (cell) or Paul DeLong on 215-699-7125 for additional information.

BASICS BOX TRIP PLANNING

Troop 152 camps each month throughout the year, except in December. Getting ready for a trip is always easier with a little planning.

TROOP PLANS – Organizing a trip for the troop is challenging but rewarding. Don't be afraid to volunteer to take us somewhere or help one of the organizers. It is important to let the troop know that you plan to attend, at least two (2) weeks before the trip. Getting the permission slip in by this due date helps the organizer submit the tour permit with Council, schedule transportation, assign tent partners, and distribute cash to the patrols to buy food.

If you wait until the last Tuesday, planning becomes difficult.

PERSONAL PLANS – The information that you and your scout need to prepare for the trip are provided on the permission slip, and at the meetings marked on the newsletter schedule as “required” for trip attendance. This is typically the Tuesday prior to the trip. Some points to watch for:

- **Cooking** – By troop, patrol, or tent partner. You may have to bring your own food or buy for the patrol.

- **Special activities** - Pack what you need for the weather expected and activities published, swimming, hiking, skiing, etc
- **Spending money** for road stops or special activities.
- **Medications** are usually held by the scoutmaster or designee. Make sure meds are in their original bottles with dosage instructions.

So, do a little planning. Do it early. Let us know that you are going ASAP. Pack for the trip and have a GREAT time!

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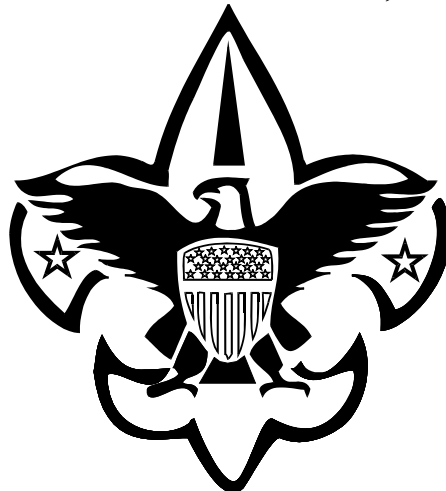
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