

TROOP 152 NEWS

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SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp will be upon us before we know it! Your scout should be getting ready by selecting a tent partner, selecting the camp programs and merit badges to attend, get that packing list to start loading the foot locker, watch for the pre-camp swim test, and don't forget to get those physicals completed and submitted to Bill Kelso. Need help with any of this, see your summer camp mentor (the list is posted on the bulletin board in the community building). For more general camp questions, contact Kris Neild on 267-640-5014 (cell) or Paul DeLong on 215-699-7125

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Requirement 9a for Second Class deals with addiction. Most of the scouts get a quick program in 4th or 5th grade and we gloss over it. There is only one way our kids will never become addicted, and that is if they never start. The best way to accomplish this is to talk with them about it and more than once. The more they know the better the chance they will say No.

My oldest sister was a Nurse with a BS. She was also addicted to drugs and alcohol. She killed herself 20 year ago. My oldest brother is a lawyer. He is now in rehab for alcohol. I grew up in a very vanilla middle class suburban family and 25 years ago my mom and dad would have said this would never happen to my kids. Think again. Rich, poor happy, sad, educated or not, no one is immune from this disease but we don't seem to talk about it much. It always seems to be hush hush.

The rehab he is in has a 2 day program for the families to help educate us on what addiction is, why it is a disease, the genetic factors and how to help the patient (our family member) as they progress thru rehab. At Sunday morning service all of the patients and visiting family attend. There was quite the group of young teens with their middle class moms & dads. (The youngest was 14 only because that's the youngest this facility will take.) If I didn't know, I could have been at any church service. And when some of these kids stand up and tell their stories of addiction and even the death of friends because of it, you can see and even feel the pain and devastation because of it.

Mr Belfield

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. Return FOS forms to Suren Pakhtigian or call (215) 362-3915 for more info.

Jim Alago

Please keep the Alago family in your thoughts and prayers. Jim passed away in early June. He was our Lions Club representative and long time friend of the troop. Please read his tribute on the back page. Jim will be missed!

SCHEDULE for July 2014

7/ 1	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
7/ 8	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
7/13	Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
7/15	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
7/20 – 26	Summer Camp – Resica	(Neild/DeLong)
7/22	NO TROOP MTG	
7/29	Pool Party 6:30 – 8:30 @ Bickels	(NBickel)

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

BEING PREPARED IN 2014

8/12	Mom/Scout Mini Golf – Freddy Hill	(DeLong)
8/17	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
8/21 - 24	Camping Wallenpaupack	(Belfield)
8/26	Fun Night – at the Pavilion	(RNagele)
9/14	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
9/19 - 21	Camping Cape May Coast Guard	(TBD)
9/30	FAMILY NIGHT	(Fleck)
10/5	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
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)
11/16	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
11/21 - 23	Camping Annapolis ??	(TBD)
12/14	Committee Mtg	(DeLong)
12/23	Holiday Party	(DeLong)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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NO MEETING 7/22/2014

The troop will NOT meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. The troop will be at Resica for summer camp.

SWIM PARTY 7/29/2014

Come and cool off at the troop's annual swim party Tue 7/29/2014 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the home of the Bickels, 3019 Stumphall Rd, in Worcester Twp. Come hungry. There will be plenty to eat. Call 610-584-7277 for further information.

PHYSICALS !!

ALL scouts and scouters must turn in a completed physical form. Parts A and B and C must be completed if scouts and scouters are participating in an event that exceeds 72 hours duration. Scouts and scouters attending summer camp must turn in physical parts A, B, and C. Contact Bill Kelso if you have any further questions about physicals, 215-541-1112.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

With summer camp taking 2 weeks off of the Troop's meeting nights, August activities will be approaching quickly. We have a great 4 day camping trip, Thur 8/21 to Sun 8/24, at Lake Wallenpaupack. We will only meet twice at the Community building, 8/5 and 8/19. There will be a mom/scout mini-golf night at Freddy Hill on 8/12, and fun night at the Upper Gwynedd Park Place Pavilion on 8/26. Watch for more details with the August Newsletter.

JIM ALAGO

June saw the passing of a prominent Upper Gwynedd Township resident, and friend of Troop 152, Jim Alago. Jim was a member of the Upper Gwynedd Lions Club and was our Troop's representative to the Lions who sponsor our troop. Jim was instrumental in the construction of the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community building where the troop meets. Jim attended every Eagle Scout ceremony, and presented the Eagle plaque in the name of the Lions Club.

Jim was born in 1930 in Puerto Rico. As a young boy, his parents moved to New York City. Jim graduated with a degree in Aviation

Mechanics from Manhattan High School of Aviation Trades.

In 1954 Jim and his wife Norma moved from New York and made their home in Lansdale. Jim was then employed with Transicoil in Worcester. Up until three months ago he was employed part-time with Spring Health Products, Norristown as a tool and die maker. Never one to sit still, Jim could be found working in his yard or basement and could repair just about anything. He loved family gatherings, visiting friends, going out to dinner and helping others. Since moving to Lansdale, he never missed the annual Mardi Gras parade.

In years past, Jim enjoyed attending various air shows both near and far. His all-time

favorite was the Airventure in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Jim was a member of Antique Airplane Assn., Experimental Aircraft Assn. and Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn. Jim's love of aviation was evident completing a homebuilt replica of a WW 1 Der Jager, single seat bi-plane in 1999. This labor of love took 28 years. Fulfilling a lifelong dream at the age of 69, Jim earned his solo pilot's license & flew his airplane for the first time.

Jim was an active member of St Peter's Lutheran Church, North Wales for 60 years, where the ceremony celebrating his life was held. Jim will be missed!

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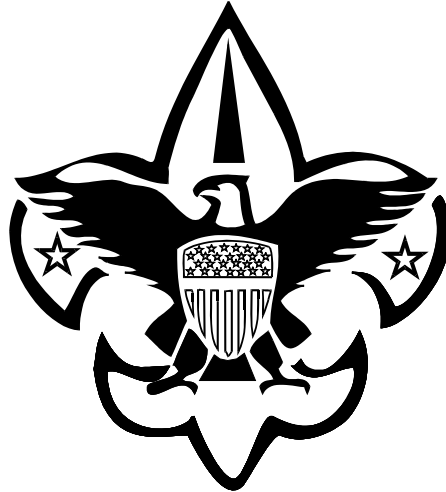
COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Larry Brasch	Scott Keaton
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OUR 84th YEAR

SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Ken Bauer	Steve McClellan
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Al Hibbert	Bill Truscott
Joe Magee	Harry Weber

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Bauer *	Alex Murdoch
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