

TROOP 152 NEWS

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JANUARY 2013 CAMPING TRIP

Join troop 152 for a weekend of winter camping and or back packing in beautiful Resica Scout Reservation 1/16-18. Come and test your winter camping skills. Join up with the back packers for a weekend of back woods hiking and camping or base camp with a possible visit to the Lakota Wolf Preserve. Contact Fran Belfield on (610) 615-5159.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

I was telling some guys in work about camping the past weekend and one of them asked, Is it worth all of the trouble?

It's November 26th and it's been 2 years since I was conned into taking the reins for Scoutmaster. At the time I had no idea what I was getting into. "Oh it only takes a couple of hours a week." They lied. Scouts are supposed to be honest but apparently when hunting for a new scoutmaster, leaders are not.

Don't panic just yet. This is not a Resignation letter. I have one son and most of the time that's enough, but every Tuesday and for 1 weekend a month it feels like I have a lot more. Mr. Belfield how do I do this, Mr. Belfield I can't do that, Mr. Belfield he's not doing Sometimes it's tiring, stressful, exasperating, frustrating, but mostly it's amazing. I have watched your sons pull into a pitch black field at 10: 00 at night and set up tents in the dark (and sometimes freezing cold). Get up at the butt crack of dawn and go all day. Get back to camp and cook their own meals, cover more ground than they thought possible, build things that are freestanding and 20 feet tall. But mostly I have watched them struggle with themselves and with each other, and every once in a while I get to see the light bulb light up.

So if you are standing there looking in wondering if you should take that step, Yeah it's worth all of the trouble, to me, to you, and most of all to our sons.

Mr Belfield

2014 WREATH SALE !!!

Our wreath supplier in Maine has gone out of business. A new local supplier has been located who can deliver our wreaths by 12/6. You will get a call when a pick up time has been established. Let your customers know that the wreaths will be a week late, and a little different, but still very nice Fraser or Douglas fir greens. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible. Contact Tim Bonitz , 215-285-8492 or Arun Giddu, 610222-0163, if you have questions concerning or your orders.

JANUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Jan 4, 2015. 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.

SCHEDULE for December 2014

12/ 2	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 6	Wreath Pick Up	
12/ 7	Committee Mtg 6:30 pm	(DeLong)
12/ 9	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
12/16	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
12/23	HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM	
12/30	NO TROOP MTG – Happy Holidays	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

1/ 4	SKI Trip – Jack Frost	(Fleck)
	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/ 6	COLD WEATHER TRAINING for the Troop	
1/16 – 18	CAMPING – Resica Falls	(Belfield)
2/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
2/ 6 - 8	Klondike – Hart / Schweiker Lodge	(Davey)
2/13 – 15	CAMPING – Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(Pacaro)
2/17	Family Night	(Fleck/Pahktigian)
2/24	OA Elections	(CNagele)
3/ 7	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/20 – 22	CAMPING – French Cr/ Delmont	(Fleck)
3/22	New Scout Orientation	(RNagele)
3/28 - 29	New Scout CAMPOUT	(Belfield)
3/29	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/17 – 19	CAMPING Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/ 3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/ 5	Family Night	(Fleck/Pahktigian)
5/22 - 25	CAMPING – Pioneering @ Firestone	(CNagele)
6/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/19 – 21	CAMPING – Canoe Trip	(TBD)
7/19 – 25	SUMMER CAMP Minsi Trails	(DeLong/Neild)
8/21 - 24	CAMPING – TBD	(TBD)
9/18 – 20	CAMPING – Coast Guard	(TBD)
10/ 9 – 11	Cub-O-Ree	(RNagele)

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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

2014 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 19th annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 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 2014. The troop will not meet on Tuesday Dec 30. Have a happy and healthy new year in 2015.

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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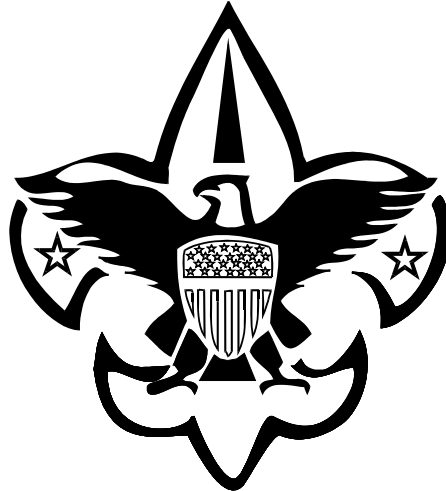
COMMITTEE

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	Open
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Kris Neild *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Web Master	Dave Walsh, Sr

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Larry Brasch	Shahriar Niroomand
Frank Davey	Tony Pacaro
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Alan Fleck	

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Sr Patrol Leader
Billy Snow

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Ken Bauer	Kris Neild
Joe Magee	Bill Truscott
Steve McClellan	Harry Weber

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Bauer *	Mike Nagele
John Bickel	Bill Thorpe
David DeLong	Mason Pakhtigian
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