

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

10:00 Christmas morning the house is quiet. Paula and Garrett went back to bed to rest up for the afternoon family visiting. There were no real toys under the tree this year, only clothes and practical things we could use. Things have changed.

Things have also changed in the troop too. This past summer Jim Alago died. In him we lost a good friend to Scouting and the troop. With his passing we also lost our Charter organization the Lions Club. So with some great effort the West Point Foundation was created and we are able to continue being Troop 152.

We also had a situation with our wreath sale this year. Our supplier of 30 years gave us 4 days' notice that he would not be supplying us wreaths this year. So in a mad scramble we were able to locate another source for the 1300 wreaths we needed but they would be a week late. When this information was passed on to another Troop who was scheduled to take 300 of those wreaths they said they did not want them. We were stuck with the 300 wreaths. That represents our profit and then some. In true Boy Scout fashion, a lot of people stepped up and tried to sell the extra wreaths. At this time I don't know how many have been sold but I heard we will at least break even. I/we thank everyone who stepped up.

The events of this year give a new meaning to the slogan "Be Prepared". We cannot foresee some of the things we will have to deal with in life but Boy Scouts helps us "Be Prepared" to deal with them.

On this Christmas Day I wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Belfield

Holiday WREATH Sale

Our wreath sale for 2014 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. Contact Tim Bonitz, 215-285-8492 or Arun Giddu, 610222-0163, if you have questions concerning or your wreath account.

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 January 2015

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| 1/ 4 | | SKI Trip – Jack Frost | (Fleck) |
| | | Committee Meeting 6:30 PM | (DeLong) |
| 1/ 6 | Ω | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM | |
| | | PLC Meeting 6:30 PM | |
| | | <i>COLD WEATHER TRAINING</i> for the Troop | |
| 1/13 | Ω | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM | |
| 1/16 – 18 | Ω | CAMPING – Resica Falls | (Belfield) |
| 1/20 | | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM | Klondike Res Due |
| 1/27 | Δ | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM | |

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

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| 2/ 8 | | Committee Meeting 6:30 PM | (DeLong) |
| 2/ 6 - 8 | Δ | 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

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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* seminar at the Troop Meeting on Jan 6, 2015. Don't miss this meeting

GENERAL NASH 2015 KLONDIKE

The 2015 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp Hart/Delmont (2/6 – 2/8/2015 for the 2015 General Nash Klondike. Reservations are due by 1/20/2015. Attendance at the 1/27/15 and 2/ 3/15 meetings is mandatory for attending the event. Reservation forms are on the website, or Contact Frank Davey on 215-407-3472 for more information.

2015 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Preparation for the 2015 Valley Forge P & E, 2/13-15 is under way. Please see the P&E Flyer for details. Plan to attend the Cold Weather Training. Reservations are due by 2/3/15 Contact Tony Pacaro for more info on 267-218-3121 (cell)

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 planning to attend these cold weather trips are required to attend the training 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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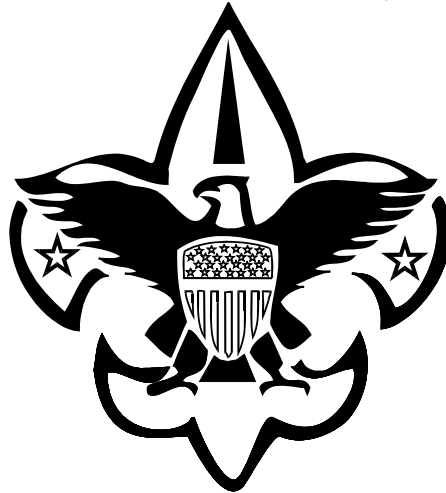
COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Larry Brasch	Scott Keaton
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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Ken Bauer	Kris Neild
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Kim Bauer *	Mike Nagele
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