

TROOP 152 NEWS

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GENERAL NASH 2015 KLONDIKE

Get your 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. Attendance at the 1/27/15 and 2/ 3/15 meetings is mandatory for attending the event. Make sure your sled is fully equipped with the required items on the check list. Contact Frank Davey on 215-407-3472 for more information

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

All thru November and December I kept thinking things will slow down after the holidays. January is all but shot and I'm still waiting!

This was the 3rd year I went to Resica in January to go see the wolves and once again we had to cancel because of the weather. We still had a great time. Saturday was gorgeous; we went for a walk in the morning and after lunch we just hung out and some scouts got a few requirements signed off. Sunday we woke up to a light mist that quickly turned to ice and even though we were ready to leave at 10:00 we did not get out until 1:30. And after dealing with C. Nagele's truck we didn't get back to the CC until after 4PM. But no wining so it was still a good day.

February has the Klondike at Delmont and the Pilgrimage and Encampment at Valley Forge. I think we are trying to swing a trip to New York City for March. Mr. Magee is already preparing for the Rod and Gun. Mr. Neild is pushing summer camp, and Mr. Kelso will soon be on us about physicals. Parents, if you can you want to get your payments in on time to get the discount price. Somewhere in the middle of all of that we will have a crossover or 2 and add another group of new scouts, and work our way through a New Scout camp out to help them get familiar with the troop. And then summer.

I'm still waiting.

Mr Belfield

SUMMER CAMP

It's still snowing, but plans for summer camp are in the works for Camp Minsi, 7/19-25, 2015. 'Early Bird' camp fee this year is \$325. We need a **\$100 DEPOSIT** by **Feb 17, 2015** and the balance by May 19 to take advantage of the "early bird" camp rate. See our summer camp sign up sheet on the web site or call Kris Neild on 267-640-5014

FEBRUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Feb 1, 2015. Leave at 6:45 AM from the pavilion and return in time for the Super Bowl. 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 February 2015

2/ 1	SKI Trip – Jack Frost	(Fleck)
2/ 3	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	Vly Forge P&E Due
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
2/ 6 - 8	Δ Klondike – Hart / Schweiker Lodge	(Davey)
2/ 7	Committee Mtg 7 PM @ Schweiker Lodge	(DeLong)
2/10	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
2/13 - 15	Ω CAMPING – Valley Forge Pilgrimage	(Pacaro)
2/17	Family Night 7:00 PM	SumCmp Dep Due (Fleck)
2/24	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	OA Elections

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

3/ 7	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/20 – 22	CAMPING – New York City ??	(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 Camp Minsi	(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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2015 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Camp at the oldest continuous BSA encampment in the US. Sign up for the 2015 Valley Forge P & E, 2/13-15, 2015. Please see the P&E Flyer for details. Reservations are due by **2/3/15**. Contact Tony Pacaro for more info on 267-218-3121 (cell)

OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for **2/24/2015**. 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!

FAMILY NIGHT

Please join the Troop 152 at its 1ST Family Night for 2015 on Tue, 2/24/2015 in the Twp Community Bldg. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since Spt '14. Meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152!

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2015 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning **3/07/2015**, 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.

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. Our own John Bickel has served as lodge chief for the last 3 years. 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 24, 2015

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
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Secretary	Steve Hoffman
Advancement	Suren Pakhtigian
Chaplain	Open
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Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Larry Brasch	Scott Keaton
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John Dyer	Tony Pacaro
Alan Fleck	Brian Shaw

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SCOUTMASTER **Fran Belfield**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Ken Bauer	Kris Neild
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Steve McClellan	Harry Weber

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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