

TROOP 152 NEWS

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ROD N GUN 2015

The Troop's legendary Rod N Gun weekend is scheduled for **APRIL 17 – 19, 2015**. We will return to last year's New Ringgold campground. Please see Joe Magee if you or your scout are coming and you missed the Gun Safety meeting on 3/31. Scouts and adults planning to attend should attend the 4/7 and 4/14 meetings to participate in the planning for the trip. Adirondack assignments, tent partners and cooking logistics will be discussed. A record turnout for this trip will require careful planning so that everyone has a pleasant camping experience. Get ready for a great weekend of camping. For more information contact Joe Magee on 215-723-1615.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

We had the "New Scout camp-out" this past weekend. It started at 9:00 with 34 boys (25 new scouts and 9 older scouts and 4 adults) throwing all their gear into my truck or the trailer and humping it back to the far side of the pool. Upon arrival we commenced to set up tents in a stiff breeze. 4 tents tried to escape. A quick trip to the shed for the hurricane stakes. After the tents, the Monster Boxes come out and they do a run thru of the contents and what they would be used for.

11:30 time to start lunch, 7 big loaves of bread 3 lbs. of ham, 6 lbs. of cheese, and 10 big cans of soup gone. Clean up; show the rookies how to hand wash dishes.

1:00 start the afternoon training – knife sharpening and safety, saw usage and safety, fire building and safety, axes & hatchets and safety, tent and equipment care and safety.

3:30 – cookie break

Dutch oven dinners –the boys cooked, pasta & meat sauce, mountain man breakfast, beef stroganoff, Tommy P's camp stew, chicken & stuffing with broccoli, and the adults cooked Mac & Cheese w/ ham. Should feed 48, we had 38, it was gone. After dinner a couple of scouts cooked 2 chocolate cakes and an apple cobbler too. They were gone. I checked, everyone said they had plenty to eat.

As the sun went down we did have a couple of scouts get cold so out came some blankets and they huddled around the fire to get warm. By 10:00 everyone was snug in their tents.

7:00 am, everyone up and moving, pork roll, egg and cheese sandwiches for breakfast. Take down and dry the tents, clean up, and back to the CC by 10:40.

In the end 9 - 15 and 16 year old young men gave up their weekend to show and teach 25 - 10 and 11 year old boys how to have a good time while learning some valuable skills in some tough conditions and they did it with a smile.

Why is this worth all of the trouble, because 5 years from now I know I will have some of these boys back at another NSCO teaching another new group of rookies that they can do it too.

This is Boy Scouts!

Mr Belfield

SCHEDULE for April 2015

4/ 7	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
4/ 9	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	
4/14	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/17 – 19	Ω CAMPING Rod N Gun	(Magee)
4/21	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/28	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

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)
6/12 - 14	CAMPING – White Water on Lehigh	(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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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 Rob Nagele. Contact him on 215-699-4779 for more info

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Please note that the Troop's April committee meeting has been rescheduled from Sunday 4/12/2015 to Thursday, 4/09/2015. We will meet in the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community Building (scout building) at 7:00 PM.

MAY TRIP - PIONEERING at FIRESTONE

Enjoy a special 3 night pioneer camping experience at Resica Scout Reservation's, Firestone campsite Fri May 22 thru Monday, May 25, 2015 (YES this is Memorial Day Weekend!). Learn lashings like never before, as you build everything that you will need at camp with Chris Nagele. This is a condensed version of Chris's week long pioneer camp that is offered at Resica each summer. The 4 day trip will make all the lashing effort worthwhile. Watch for the permission slip coming in April. Contact Chris Nagele more information on (215) 820-2271.

SUMMER CAMP

The "early bird" discount has past, but you can still sign up for summer camp. Fill out the form and give us a small deposit. New scouts just crossing over to Troop 152 will be eligible for the "early bird" fee of \$325. See our summer camp sign up sheet on the web site or call Kris Neild on 267-640-5014.

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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