

## TROOP 152 NEWS

October 2015

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### OCTOBER TRIP - #9 Coal Mine Tour

Join Troop 152 as we travel underground to explore the world's oldest continuously operated anthracite coal mine! #9 Coal Mine and Eckley's Village Tour and hiking in Hickory Run State Park, 10/16 – 18, 2015. Contact Alan Fleck, 215-264-8024, for more information. Sign ups are due **OCTOBER 6, 2015**

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

It's time to get started as the new scoutmaster. Last night was my first scoutmasters minute and I started with something that all scouts will be involved in as they advance, a position of responsibility (POR). Just like the scouts need to fill a position of responsibility for rank advancement, the leaders of the troop also have positions of responsibility. After a couple of camping trips just as a dad, I signed up as a committee member. It was a great way to really see how our troop works and get to know the scouts and scouters, my first POR. Now it's time to move on to my second POR as scoutmaster. It's a fantastic opportunity to be able to be in different POR's to learn how it all works and fits together and to grow as a person. For the scouts they will be in several POR's as they advance learning how the troop works but more importantly learning responsibility. School teaches responsibility but it's mostly individual responsibility. (study for the test, get your homework done, finish that project) In scouting a POR is more in depth, scouts and scouters learn responsibility for the position, other scouts, leaders, parents and much more. I'm looking forward to it all, it'll be an amazing journey.

John Dyer [dyerjohn@gmail.com](mailto:dyerjohn@gmail.com)

### 2015 WREATH SALE !!!

December is approaching quickly. Now is the time to get those wreath customers lined up. We need your order counts by **October 27, 2015**. **YOU MUST PLACE AN ORDER COUNT WITH THE TROOP, OR WREATHS WILL NOT BE PURCHASED FOR YOU!!!** Wreaths will arrive the Friday after Thanksgiving, 11/27. Order forms and sales information sheets are available to help your scout(s) with their sales. See this year's wreath co-chairs, Tim Bonitz, 215-285-8492 & Arun Giddu, 610-222-0133, if you have questions concerning the wreath sale.

### 2016 RECHARTER

Troop Re-charter for 2016 is in full swing. EVERY Scout and Scouter must re-register with Troop 152 for 2016. Registration forms and fees are due no later than **October 20, 2015**. If we do not have your re-charter form and fee by this date, you will lose the rights and privileges of being a Scout with Troop 152. Adult leaders MUST also have Youth Protection and current PA State and FBI Clearances. The re-charter registration form is available on the troop website, under "Permission Slips". Contact Bill Kelso for more information on 215-541-1112

### SCHEDULE for October 2015

10/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
10/ 6	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
10/ 9-11	<b>Cub-O-Ree</b>	(RNagele)
10/13	Ω <b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
10/16-18	Ω <b>CAMPING</b> #9 Coal Mine Hickory Run	(Fleck)
10/20	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Recharter DUE</b>
10/27	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Wreath Orders DUE</b>

cc or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015

11/ 7	General Nash Life to Eagle UG Twp Bldg 1 PM	(RNagele)
	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
11/14	Scouting For Food Bag Drop	(TBD)
11/20-22	<b>CAMPING</b> - Turnpike Tunnels	(Belfield)
11/21	Scouting For Food Bag Pick Up	(TBD)
11/27	Wreath Pick Up	.
12/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/22	Holiday Party 7:00 PM	(DeLong)

### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Escrip Credits [www.escrip.com/](http://www.escrip.com/) ID# 2106440  
Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.gneralnash.org/>

### LOOKING BEYOND 2015

2/ 5 - 7	2016 Klondike	(TBD)
2/13 - 15	2016 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment	(TBD)
10/ 7 - 9	2016 Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
7/17 - 26	2017 National Jamboree – The Summit	West VA

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

We have many scouts on the trail to Eagle, at the rank of Life. Scouts, parents, and leaders are encouraged to attend the General Nash Life to Eagle seminar, presented by Rob Nagele at the Upper Gwynedd Community Center on Saturday, Nov 7<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00 PM. Get the inside scoop on managing your Eagle project and completing the Eagle Application. Contact Rob Nagele on 215699-4779 to reserve a spot at the tables. Space is limited, so sign up early.

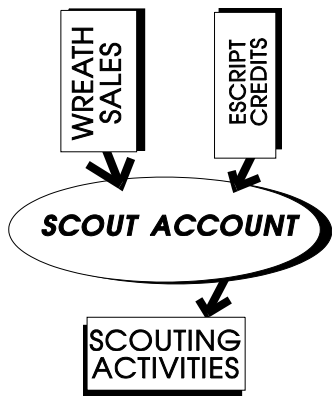
### PENNSYLVANIA CHILD ABUSE LAW

Laws recently passed by the State Legislature in Harrisburg require all adults, paid or volunteer, in direct charge of children, to complete a PA State Criminal Record Clearance, a PA State Child Abuse Clearance, and either an FBI clearance with finger prints or an FBI disclosure for volunteers affirming that volunteers have lived in PA for 10 years or more. All adults attending Troop 152 activities must complete these requirements by Dec 31, 2015. A link to the BSA site that provides instructions and explains what is required can be found on the General Nash Website - <http://www.gneralnash.org/>

### LEADERSHIP CHANGE

John Dyer will be taking over the reins of Troop 152 from Fran Belfield as of the September Family Night. Fran has been a great beam of direction for the last 2+ years, but time has come to rotate our leadership. Please thank Fran for a job well done, and welcome John Dyer as our new Scoutmaster.

## THE BASICS BOX SCOUT ACCOUNTS



With our wreath sale looming in full swing, a review of the Scout Accounts is in order. All profits from our fund raisers are credited to the Troop's general fund.

A portion of each scout's contribution from the wreath sales and any Escrip credits, submitted are tracked as account points. The troop's committee determines the number of points to be credited for each contribution.

Don't forget to use these points to pay for troop activities or purchasing Scouting related clothing or camping equipment.

Your scout's account point balance is available at any regular Scout Meeting. When registering for any troop activity, request payment to be taken from the scout account.

Credit for trips will be made from the troop treasury, provided the scout account balance is sufficient to cover the expense.

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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	Mark McDonnell
Frank Davey	Shahriar Niroomand
Alan Fleck	Ben Norton
Scott Keaton	Tony Pacaro
Fred Lynch	Brian Shaw

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Sr Patrol Leader  
**Alex Hotchkiss**

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### SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER      **John Dyer**

### ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Fran Belfield	Steve McClellan
Joe Magee	Kris Neild
	Harry Weber

### EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ken Bauer *	Mike Nagele
Kim Bauer *	Bill Thorpe
John Bickel	Mason Pakhtigian
David DeLong	Ian Truscott
Al Hibbert *	Bill Truscott *

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