

# TROOP 152 NEWS

December 2015

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## JANUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Jan 3, 2016. Leave at 6:45 AM from the pavilion and return around 5:30 PM. The permission slip will be posted on the troop's web site. Contact Alan Fleck for more information on 215-699-2963 Home or 215-264-8024 cell

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Wow it's December, so it's time to reflect on 2015. The highlights for me started with the new scout camp-out at the end of March. Despite the cold the scouts had a great time. The new scouts learned scout skills while the leaders and current scouts got to know them. In June we had a blast riding the white water down the Leigh River. Then in July I was at my first ever summer camp with the troop. The Muck Hike was amazing! In September we saw the inside of a C-5 cargo plane at the Air Command Mobility museum. November we were poking around abandoned tunnels and found out about the WWII prisoners of war kept nearby. Ask your scout what their top three adventures were with the troop, I'm sure you'll get fun stories of fun, excitement and adventure.

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

## 2015 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 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. We will need some sweets and snacks from the parents. Contact Rob Nagele on 215-699-4779 to let him know what you will bring to the party.

## 2015 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop by **Tue 12/15/2015**. See this year's wreath co-chairs, Tim Bonitz, 215-285-8492 & Arun Giddu, 610222-0133, if you have questions concerning the wreath sale.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Troop and Pack 152 collected, sorted, and delivered 3,447 nonperishable food items to the North Wales Food Cupboard on Saturday 11/21/2015. Great job! We are sure that the Food Cupboard greatly appreciates our efforts.

## DEEP WINTER - RESICA FALLS

Join Troop 152 for a deep winter camping experience at Resica Falls 1/15 – 1/17 2016. Practice those keep warm skills from the cold weather training. A day trip to the Lakota Wolf Preserve will be attempted. Watch for the permission slip and more details from Alan Fleck, 215-699-2963 Home or 215-264-8024 cell.

## SCHEDULE for December 2015

12/ 1	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b> PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 8	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
12/15	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
12/22	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM</b>	
12/29	<b>NO TROOP MTG</b>	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

**INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST**

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## LOOKING BEYOND 2015

1/ 3	Ski Trip	(Fleck)
1/10	Eagle Court of Honor Theo fleck 2:00 PM	
1/10	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/12	Cold Weather Camping Training	
1/15 - 17	<b>Camping</b> Resica / Wolf Preserve?	(Fleck)
2/ 5 - 7	2016 Klondike	(TBD)
2/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Klondike	(DeLong)
2/16	Family Night	(Fleck)
2/12 - 14	Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment	(TBD)
3/ 5	First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 6	Ski Trip	(Fleck)
3/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/18-20	<b>Camping</b> Washington DC ???	(TBD)
4/ 2 - 3	New Scout <b>Camp Out</b>	(Dyer)
4/ 3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/15 -17	<b>Camping</b> Rod N Gun	(TBD)
5/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/13 -15	<b>Camping</b> ???	(TBD)
5/24	Family Night	(Fleck)
6/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/17 - 19	<b>Camping</b> Canoe Trip	(TBD)
7/17 - 23	<b>Summer Camp</b> – Camp Tuckahoe	(DeLong/Neild)
8/19 - 21	<b>Camping</b> ???	(TBD)
9/23 - 25	<b>Camping</b> Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
10/ 7 - 9	2016 Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/21 -23	<b>Camping</b> ???	(TBD)
11/18 -20	Camping Delmont Back Pack	(TBD)
7/17 - 26	2017 National Jamboree – The Summit	West VA

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and **SAFE** holiday season in 2015. The troop will not meet on Tuesday Dec 29. Have a happy and healthy new year in 2016.

## 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 12, 2015. Don't miss this meeting

ESCRIP CREDITS

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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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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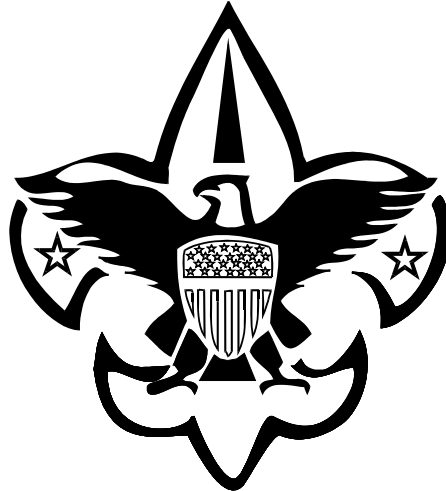
**COMMITTEE**

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**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

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**Alex Hotchkiss**

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SINCE 1930  
OUR 85<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

**SCOUTMASTER STAFF**

SCOUTMASTER **John Dyer**

**ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS**

Fran Belfield	Kris Neild
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**EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ken Bauer *	Al Hibbert *
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