

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Theo Fleck and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Theo's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community Building. Attendance is a requirement for all Scouts of Troop 152. Scouts should arrive by 1:45 PM in class "A" uniforms.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Last month I looked back on 2015, now it's time to look forward to 2016. Starting out it'll be camping at Resica in January and then Klondike Derby and the P&E adventure in February. The scouts will be preparing for cold weather camping next month with the annual training session. It's always fun and challenging to camp in the winter, you learn a lot and have blast all at the same time. It's a great time for the new and experienced scouts to get the fundamental concepts figured out.

One last bit of fun, while you're sipping hot coca by the fire, call your scout over and have a look through the troop 152 pictures. You'll get interesting stories about the adventures they had and see how the troop has grown.

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2015 WREATH SALE !!!

Please settle your wreath account and get your payments in to the Troop by **Tue 1/4/2016**. See this year's wreath co-chairs, Tim Bonitz, 215-285-8492 & Arun Giddu, 610222-0133, if you have questions concerning the wreath sale.

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. **THINK SNOW !!!**

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.

2015 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party was a great success. Thanks to those who came out and a special thanks to all those who helped set up and brought treats.

SCHEDULE for January 2016

1/ 3	Ski Trip	(Fleck)
1/ 5	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
1/10	Eagle Court of Honor Theo Fleck 2:00 PM	
1/10	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/12	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM – Cold Weather Training	
1/15-17	Ω Camping Resica / Wolf Preserve?	(Fleck)
1/19	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
1/26	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2016

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

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, 2016. Don't miss this meeting

GENERAL NASH 2016 KLONDIKE

The 2016 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Schweiker Lodge and Camp Hart 2/5 – 2/7 for the 2016 General Nash Klondike. Attendance at the **Cold Weather Training** is mandatory for attending the event. Reservation forms will be on the website, or Contact Kris Neild on 267-640-5014.

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 are welcome to attend 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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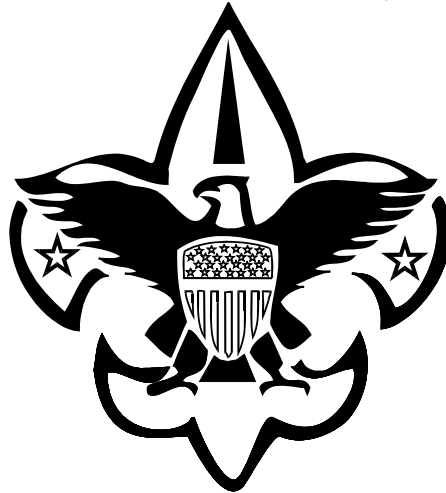
COMMITTEE

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