

TROOP 152 NEWS

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GENERAL NASH 2016 KLONDIKE

Preparation for the 2016 Klondike is in full swing. 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. This is a *Cold Weather* event. Reservation forms are on the website, or Contact Kris Neild on 267-640-5014.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Last month I had an interesting pair of discussions with one of the scouts. He was finishing up the EDGE requirement for Life (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide and Enable) where he chose to teach another scout about patrol menu planning and food safety. I talked to both scouts, first to hear that the younger scout had indeed learned about his requirements, then the Life scout to hear how he used the EDGE method. That went very well and I gladly signed off both scouts on their requirements. But then it really got interesting later when I had a scoutmaster conference with the life scout. He really liked talking to the other scout and teaching him about food safety. But his real excitement was how he re-learned about this by teaching the other scout. He felt now he has a better and deeper understanding of the other requirement too. It's a big part of scouting I enjoy as scoutmaster, scouts working with other scouts and both learning. It rarely happens in school but it's something scouting really strives to do. At dinner, chat with your scout about what he has taught another scout and is proud of, you to can enjoy the moment.

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FAMILY NIGHT

Please join Troop 152 at its 1ST *Family Night* for 2016 on Tuesday, **2/16/2016** in the Twp Community Bldg. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since Sept 2015. Meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152!

OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for **2/23/2016**. 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!

SCHEDULE for February 2016

2/ 2	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
2/ 5-7	Δ	2016 Klondike	(Neild)
2/ 6		Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	Schweiker Lodge (DeLong)
2/ 9	Ω	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
2/12-14	Ω	Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment	(Pacaro)
2/16		FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM	
2/23		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM - OA ELECTIONS	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2016

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 ???	(Keaton)
4/ 2 - 3		New Scout Camp Out	(Dyer)
4/ 3		Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/15 -17		Camping Rod N Gun	(Magee)
5/ 1		Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/13 -15		Camping Mt Taminy – Del Water Gap ? ?	(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

2016 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Join Troop 152 at BSA's oldest continuous encampment. Preparation for the 2016 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/12-14 is under way. Please see the P&E Flyer and permission slip on the website for details. This is a *Cold Weather* event.. Reservations are due by 2/2/2016 Contact Tony Pacaro for more info on 267-218-3121.

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2016 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning **3/05/2016**, at Indian Crest MS Gymnasium, 139 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA. Registration opens at 8:30 AM. 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. Adults interested in judging should also contact Mr Nagele. No previous medical experience is required.

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 23, 2016

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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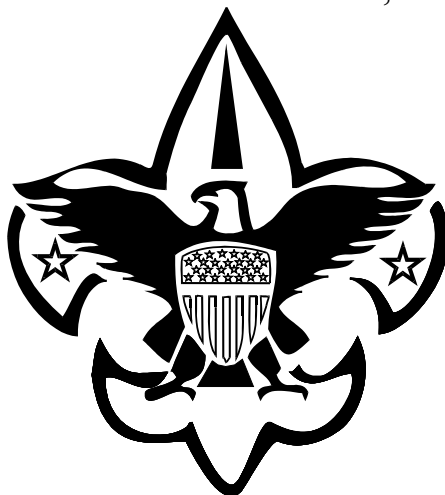
COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	Donna McDonnell
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Steve Hoffman
Advancement	Alan Fleck
Chaplain	Fred Lynch
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Kris Neild *
Training Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Web Master	Dave Walsh, Sr

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bob Bond	Mark McDonnell
Larry Brasch	Suren Pakhtigian
Dave Gartner	Tony Pacaro
Scott Keaton	

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **John Dyer**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Fran Belfield	Kris Neild
Joe Magee	Harry Weber
Steve McClellan	

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Bauer *	Ian Truscott
John Bickel	Bill Truscott*

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