

TROOP 152 NEWS

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Michael Pacaro and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, **January 8, 2017** 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

Phew I'm glad it's December, November was a busy month. The big event was wreath sales and then their delivery. This is where the scouts are helping **their** troop. Wreath sales are what keeps the troop going. Then on to helping our community, the scouts were dropping off the bags for scouting for food. Then next week back out picking up the donations. It was quite the bee hive of activity that Saturday in the community center, sorting things into boxes. A very friendly bee hive, no one was stung :) That weekend was also the troop camping adventure up at camp Delmont. Some of the scouts were on a hike with another troop and a good way to get some hiking in and just as important, learn about another troop and their scouts. The other group was backpacking and what an adventure that was. Chris Nagele dropped us off at one end of camp with a map. He then proceeded to drop our backpacking gear all over the camp. The scouts used the map and their scout skills to locate all of their gear. What a crazy fun afternoon and early evening that was and made all the more intense with a rain storm heading our way. It went from grim, to hopeful to grim and then back to hopeful all in a couple of hours. In the end, there were some happy scouts, their tents setup, a fire burning and dinner cooking on that small backpacking stove in the lean-too right as the rain / snow came down. Everyone slept soundly that night. OK, now about that relaxed December... John Dyer dyerjohn@gmail.com

2016 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 21ST annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 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.

JANUARY 2017 TRIP Gifford Pinchot St Park

Join Troop 152 on a weekend of deep winter camping 1/20-22 2017. Watch for the permission slip. Contact Chris Nagele for more info on (215) 820-2271.

SCHEDULE for December 2016

12/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 6	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/13	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
12/20	HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM	
12/27	NO TROOP MTG	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017

1/ 8	Eagle Court of Honor – Michael Pacaro	
1/ 8	Committee Meeting 5:00 PM	(DeLong)
1/20-22	CAMPING Gifford Pinchot St Park	(CNagele?)
1/29	Ski Trip	(Fleck)
2/10-12	CAMPING Klondike @ Hart	(TBD)
2/11	Committee Meeting @ Schwieker Lodge	(DeLong)
2/17-19	Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment	(TBD)
3/ 4	General Nash First Aid Meet	(TBD)
3/ 5	Ski Trip	(Fleck)
3/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/17-19	CAMPING ??	(TBD)
3/25	New Scout Orientation	(RNagele)
4/ 1 – 2	New Scout Campout	(Dyer)
4/ 2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/21-23	CAMPING Rod N Gun	(Magee /Hornberger)
5/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
5/19-21	CAMPING ??	(TBD)
5/29	Memorial Day Parade	
6/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/16-18	CAMPING Mt Tammany	(TBD)
7/17 - 26	2017 National Jamboree – The Summit	West VA
8/ 6 – 12	SUMMER CAMP Goose Pond	(DeLong/Neild)

2016 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop by **Tue 12/13/2016** See this year's wreath co-chairs, Tim Bonitz , 215-285-8492 & Arun Giddu, 610222-0133, if you have questions concerning the wreath sale.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and **SAFE** holiday season in 2016. The troop will not meet on Tuesday Dec 27. Have a happy and healthy new year in 2017.

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 to be scheduled in January, 2017. Don't miss this meeting

ESCRIP CREDITS

**BASICS
BOX**

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, 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 1st 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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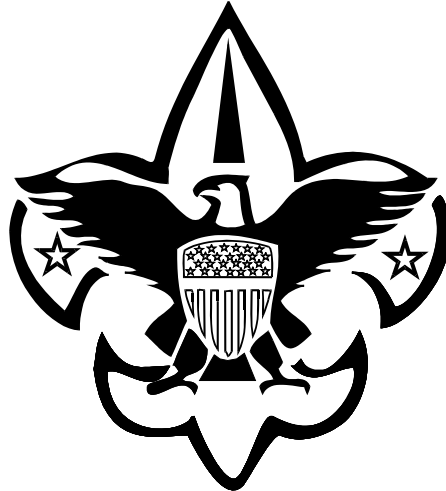
COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bob Bond	Fred Lynch *
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Theo Fleck	William Snow
Dave Gartner	Suren Pakhtigian
Henry Hoffman	Tony Pacaro
Scott Keaton	

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Joe Magee	Harry Weber
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