

TROOP 152 NEWS

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GENERAL NASH 2017 KLONDIKE

The 2017 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 2/10 – 2/12 for the 2017 General Nash Klondike. Attendance at the *Cold Weather Training* was mandatory for attending this event. Reservation forms will be on the website, or Contact Kris Neild 267-640-5014.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

The troop is getting ready for the annual Klondike Derby. It's always a fun time for the scouts, there's lots of fun and excitement as they move from station to station using their scout skills. One thing that I've been thinking about lately is teamwork. Teamwork is really important to scouting and is a huge part of the patrol method. The goal for patrol teamwork is to look smooth and effortless. Imagine a Friday night camping trip, the scouts arrive and without a word being spoken, tents are setup, gear unpacked, food stored and a campfire lit. OK, they need a bit more practice for a silent camping trip but it would be amazing to watch. I'll be chatting with the scouts about teamwork as they prepare for Klondike, trying to plant those seeds that allow the scouts to grow, learn and be prepared. Help out your scout and the troop, chat about teamwork over dinner. Reinforce what it means and how important it is. Then after Klondike, when your heading home that Sunday afternoon, chat again with your scout, ask how it went. See what went well and what didn't go that smooth. We're always learning and working hard to be prepared.

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OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for 2/21/2017. 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!

2015 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment

Preparation for the 2017 Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment, 2/18/2017 is under way. There is a major change in this activity this year. The encampment has been cancelled to meet Valley Forge Park's requirements. The pilgrimage program is also drastically reduced in scope. Watch for more information on the Troop's web site. Tony Pacaro is the coordinator for this activity.

SCHEDULE for February 2017

2/ 7	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
2/10-12	Δ	CAMPING Klondike @ Hart	(Dyer)
2/11		Committee Meeting @ Schweiker Lodge	(DeLong)
2/14		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
2/18		Valley Forge Pilgrimage & Encampment	(Pacaro)
2/21		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM OA Elections	
2/28		FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017

3/ 4		General Nash First Aid Meet	(TBD)
3/ 5		Ski Trip	(Fleck)
3/ 5		Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
3/24-26		CAMPING Phila Constitution Center	(Fleck)
3/26		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 French Creek	(Belfield)
5/29		Memorial Day Parade	.
6/ 4		Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/ 6		FAMILY NIGHT	.
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)
9/26		FAMILY NIGHT	.

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2017 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/04/2017, at Indian Crest MS Gymnasium, 139 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA. Registration opens at 8:30 AM. The event flyer and permission slip is available on the Troop's web site, 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 contact Mr Nagele, 215-699-4779. No previous medical experience is required.

FAMILY NIGHT

Please join the Troop 152 at its 1ST Family Night for 2017 on Tuesday, 2/28, 2017 in the Twp Community Bldg. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since September '16. Meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152!

COMMITTEE MEETING

February's committee meeting will be held after dinner at the Klondike, in Schweiker Lodge, 2/11/2017. If you want to attend be there between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. Contact Paul DeLong if you have any questions 215-699-7125.

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. 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 21, 2017

Election to this elite group is truly an honor that carries with 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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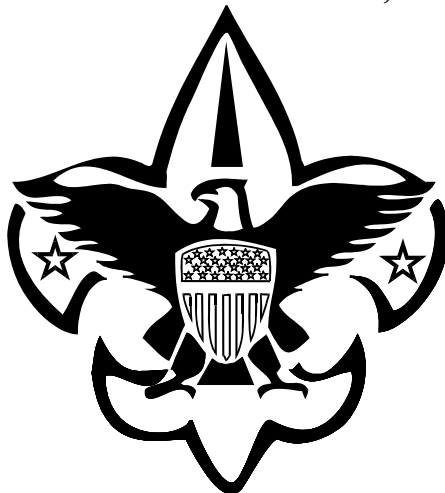
COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	Donna McDonnell
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Douglas Willen
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 *
Larry Brasch	Mark McDonnell *
Theo Fleck	William Snow
Dave Gartner	Suren Pakhtigian
Henry Hoffman	Tony Pacaro
Scott Keaton	

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SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER **John Dyer**

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Fran Belfield	Kris Neild
Joe Magee	Harry Weber
Steve McClellan	

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