TROOP 152 NEWS

March 2017

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MARCH TRIP - PHILADELPHIA

Join Troop 152 for a close encounter with Philadelphia on March's camping trip. We will camp at nearby Fort Washington State Park and venture on SEPTA into center city Philadelphia. Let coordinator Alan Fleck know what you want to see and he will set it up. There will also be an opportunity for a service project on Sunday to fulfill the new service project requirements for rank advancement. Reservation forms will be at the meeting and on the website, or contact Alan Fleck on 215-264-8024.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

It's March so that means springtime is around the corner. Spring is about change and new growth. For scouts it's Cub Scouts crossing over and becoming Boy Scouts. It can be a nervous time. It can be an exciting time. Usually it's nervous parents and excited scouts. I remember when my first son transitioned to the troop. Would he like it? Would be able to fit in with the other scouts in the troop? I still remember dropping him off at the new scout camp out. I was unable to stop thinking from Saturday to Sunday afternoon: What was going? Then I picked him and and wow was he excited! He had a blast! He talked about this and talked about that. Another observation, I started to notice the progression of the scouts during a meeting. The newest on one side of the room, the older scouts on the other and those in between. As the scouts slowly move across the room, they are also moving away from a young boy and towards becoming a man. It's a great thing to watch. The next time your in the back of the meeting room, look closely at this. The scouts are all making that great journey. Parents, enjoy it with them!

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NEW SCOUT ORIENTATION / CAMPOUT

Spring is a time of renewal. In scouting it means the infusion of new scouts into the troop, as Webelos cross over into scouting. Join your scout on Sun 3/26/2017 in the Community Bldg at 12:30 PM, to attend Rob Nagele's great New Scout Orientation program. Get the inside skinny on being a Scout in Troop 152. Next, your scout is invited to enjoy an overnight camping experience 4/1 - 4/2, and learn the basics of camping in a tent that he will pitch and cooking in camp. Start completing those requirements for Tenderfoot! Contact Scoutmaster, John Dyer for more information on (215) 368-3085

OA CALL OUT

Plan to attend this spectacular ceremony, lakeside at Delmont, 6:30 PM, March 18, 2017 to witness the General Nash induction of new scouts into the Order of the Arrow. This is a ceremony that never disappoints. Come on out and support our new OA inductees. Contact Chris Nagele for more information on (215) 820-2271.

SCHEDULE for March 2017

3/ 4		General Nash First Aid Meet	(TBD)
3/ 5		Committee Meeting 6:30	(DeLong)
3/ 7		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
		PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
3/14		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
3/16		District Dinner 5:00 PM	(DeLong)
3/18		OA Call Out Delmont Lake Front 6:30 PM	(CNagele)
3/21	Δ	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
3/24-26	Δ	CAMPING Philadelphia Walking Tour	(Fleck)
3/26		New Scout Orientation	(RNagele)
3/28		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	. •

 Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017

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4/1-2	New Scout Campout	(Dyer)
4/ 4	Rod N Gun Gun Safety Program	(Magee)
4/9	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
4/21-23	CAMPING Rod N Gun (Magee /	Hornberger)
4/30	EAGLE COURT David Shelly 2 PM	
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	<i>CAMPING</i> TBD	(TBD)
7/ 2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
7/7-8	Upr Gwynedd Night Sky Campout	
7/14 - 16	CAMPING Firestone	(CNagele)
7/17 - 26	2017 National Jamboree - The Summit	West VA
8/ 6 - 12	SUMMER CAMP Goose Pond (De	Long/Neild)
8/8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM @ Goose Pond	(DeLong)
9/ 3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
9/ 9	Lansdale Bike Night	
9/22 - 24	<i>CAMPING</i> - TBD	(TBD)
9/26	FAMILY NIGHT	
10/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
10/6	Cub-O-Ree	(Dyer)
10/21-23	<i>Camping</i> – TBD	(TBD)
11/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
11/11	Scouting for Food Bag Drop	(TBD)
11/18 - 20	<i>CAMPING</i> – Delmont	(TBD)
11/18	Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up	(TBD)
12/ 3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)

APRIL'S TRIP - Rod N Gun

The Troop's legendary Rod N Gun weekend will be coming up, April, 21 – 23, 2017. We will return to last year's New Ringgold campground. A *MANDATORY* gun safety program will be presented Tuesday, **April 4, 2017.** All scouts and adults attending this trip must attend. The permission slip is on the Troop's web site. Get ready for a great weekend of camping. For more information contact Joe Magee on 215-723-1615.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Please help Troop 152 attain a 100% participation in Council's Friends of Scouting fund drive. Let's be a perfect troop. Give what you can, but please give. Pick up or return FOS forms to Alan Fleck. Contact him on 215-264-8024 for more info.

BASICS BOX EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACTS

Emergency phone number contacts are critical when your scout is attending a scouting function. Please keep the leaders informed as to where you will be and how you can be reached while your scout is attending a troop 152 function.

Scout leaders are responsible to assess your scout's need for medical assistance. In the event of a medical emergency, the leaders will get your scout to a hospital. Hospital medical

Professionals will not treat your scout unless a family member has been consulted, even if a consent signature is on their BSA medical form. If you or another family member cannot be reached, treatment will be delayed.

This delay can be agonizing for a scout, and the Scout leaders who must accompany him to the hospital. So here are some tips to keep in mind when your scout is out and about with the troop.

- Make sure emergency contact phone numbers are listed on trip permission slips and on your scout's BSA medical form.
- Keep a pager or cell phone with you and give us the numbers
- Use answering machines and check them often during the outing
- List an alternate family member and phone number and let them know where you can be reached.

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