

## TROOP 152 NEWS

May 2017

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### EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Grayson Keaton and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Grayson's Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 4:00 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

Summer camp is getting closer so it's time to "Be Prepared". Some parts are simpler than others, writing a name on each sock sounds simple until you try it. Then there is Merit badge selection. This is easier if you start by elimination. What's on the list that your scout already has and what is not at all interesting to your scout in the main part. What's left is a reasonable list and a good starting point. For first year scouts, there are the basics to get their feet wet, basketry, wood carving and leather work. For the older scouts, what eagle scout badges do they need that are on the list. But really, in the end it should be fun and interesting. After all summer camp isn't school and we need to work hard to make sure it's not an extension of school. It should be hanging around with your friends in the woods. Swimming in the pond or pool. Learning the trails and paths to get around camp. Arguing over the best slushie flavors. Now we're getting to the important stuff! Before you know it, the trunk will be stuffed and you'll be setting the GPS for Goose Pond. So for now, chat with your scout about that list of merit badges. And get those socks labeled.

John Dyer [dyerjohn@gmail.com](mailto:dyerjohn@gmail.com)

### SUMMER CAMP

All outstanding summer camp early bird discount payments are due by **Tue 5/9** as the troop sends a check to the summer camp the next day. Please contact Kris Neild if you have any questions concerning your summer camp balance on 267-640-5014.

### MAY TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a great campout May, 5/19 – 21, at French Creek State Park. Campers may do some back packing or just enjoy base camp. A hike to Hopewell Furnace may be on the agenda, as well as a service project to help the park. Sign-ups are due **Tue 5/16** Watch for more details in the trip flyer, or contact Mr Belfield on (215) 264-7080.

### JUNE TRIP

Plans are being prepared for an exciting air show weekend in Ocean City, MD. We will camp at Trapp Pond state park in Delaware and travel to Ocean City on Saturday, June 17. Watch for more info from the trip organizer. <http://ocairshow.com>

## SCHEDULE for May 2017

5/ 2	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
5/ 7	Committee Meeting 6:30	(DeLong)
5/ 9	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	Summer Camp payments
5/16	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	French Creek Slips due
5/19-21	Δ CAMPING French Creek	(Belfield)
5/23	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
5/29	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade	
5/30	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
6/ 4	EAGLE COURT Grayson Keaton 4 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

**INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST**

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### LOOKING AHEAD IN 2017

6/ 4	EAGLE COURT Grayson Keaton 4 PM	
6/ 4	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/ 6	FAMILY NIGHT	
6/16-18	CAMPING Trapp Pond, DE Air show Ocean City	(Fleck)
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	(DeLong/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	CAMPING - TBD	(TBD)
9/26	FAMILY NIGHT	
10/ 1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
10/ 6	Cub-O-Ree	(Dyer)
10/21-23	CAMPING – TBD	(TBD)
11/ 5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
11/11	Scouting for Food Bag Drop	(TBD)
11/18 – 20	CAMPING – Delmont	(TBD)
11/18	Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up	(TBD)
12/ 3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/19	Holiday Party	(DeLong)

### 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.

### LANSDALE'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Join the Troop as we gather with scouts and scouters of General Nash District to participate in Lansdale's Memorial Day parade on May 29, 2017. The parade usually steps off at 9:00 AM from Cannon & Main and concludes at Lansdale's Memorial Park. Join the troop and the district at Lansdale's Memorial Park (Line and Main Sts) for a memorable ceremony to honor our Nation's veterans.

## BASICS BOX TRIP PLANNING

Troop 152 camps each month throughout the year, except in December. Getting ready for a trip is always easier with a little planning.

**TROOP PLANS** – Organizing a trip for the troop is challenging but rewarding. Don't be afraid to volunteer to take us somewhere or help one of the organizers. It is important to let the troop know that you plan to attend, at least two (2) weeks before the trip. Getting the permission slip in by this due date helps the organizer schedule transportation, assign tent partners, and distribute cash to the patrols to buy food.

If you wait until the Tuesday, planning becomes difficult.

**PERSONAL PLANS** – The information that you and your scout need to prepare for the trip are provided on the permission slip, and at the meetings marked on the newsletter schedule as

“required” for trip attendance. This is typically the Tuesday prior to the trip. Some points to watch for:

- **Cooking** – By troop, patrol, or tent partner. You may have to bring your own food or buy for the patrol.

- **Special activities** - Pack what you need for the weather expected and activities published, swimming, hiking, skiing, etc
- **Spending money** for road stops or special activities.
- **Medications** are usually held by the scoutmaster or designee. Make sure meds are in their original bottles with dosage instructions.

So, do a little planning. Do it early. Let us know that you are going ASAP. Pack for the trip and have a GREAT time!

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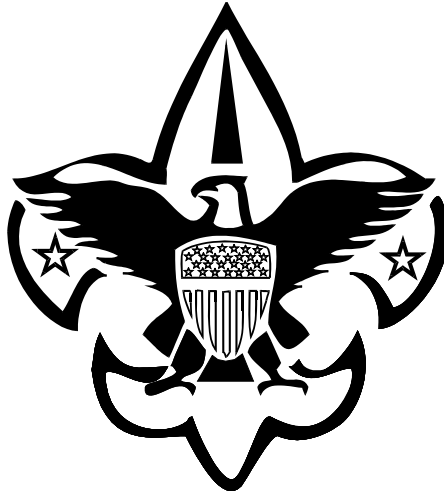
### COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong
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Scout Accts	<== OPEN ==>
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Bob Bond	Fred Lynch *
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### **SCOUTMASTER STAFF**

SCOUTMASTER **John Dyer**

### ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Fran Belfield	Kris Neild
Joe Magee	Harry Weber
Steve McClellan	

### EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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John Bickel	Ian Truscott

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