

## TROOP 152 NEWS

DECEMBER 2018

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### 2018 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 23RD annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 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. Contact Rob Nagele if you have any questions, 215-699-4779.

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

The weather sure has made this an adventurous scouting year! An early November snowstorm made things interesting for both Scouting for food drop off & pickup and the November camping trip to Ft. Washington State park. With the Green Ribbon trail a bit too treacherous for the ten mile hike back to the park, the scouts spent the extra time collecting vast piles of fire wood to warm our snow covered campsite. With our 2019 re-chartering complete, the time has come to re-align our patrols and re-invest in the patrol method. Scouts will be resorted into three patrols. Each of these patrols will have their own identity and some autonomy. As when scouts first joined the troop as new scouts, each patrol will come up with their own name, emblem, yell/cheer and flag. Each patrol will work for the benefit and advancement of its members and the troop as a whole with each patrol rotating through leadership and service roles within the troop. Patrols will also have to opportunity to plan and carry out patrol only activities. Each patrol will elect a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader to represent the patrol on the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) which meets on the first Tuesday of each month before the troop meeting. There can be some apprehension with change, but I ask each scout to do their best to make the most of their new patrol opportunities!

See you on the trail.

Dave Gartner [DGScout@davaga.com](mailto:DGScout@davaga.com)

### 2018 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop by Dec 11, 2018. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Rob Nagele, 215-699-4779. All monies are due by **12/11**.

### DISCOVERY SCUBA

Have you ever wanted to learn to scuba dive? Here is your chance to try it out on **12/9/2018!** **This event is open to all scouts and their family members 8 years of age or older.** Take advantage of this special \$15 offer with Indian Valley SCUBA. Activity includes class room instruction and a chance to try out SCUBA gear in their pool. Permission slip & info sent out on separate e-mail. Sign ups due **11/20/2018**. Contact Dave Gartner on (267) 218-4810 for more information.

### SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2018

12/ 2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/ 4	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 9	Discovery SCUBA	(Gartner)
12/11	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
12/18	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM</b>	
12/25	<b>NO TROOP MTG</b>	
1/ 1	<b>Happy New Year! NO TROOP MTG</b>	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

### LOOKING INTO 2019

1/19 - 21	<b>Camping</b> – Resica & Lakota Wolf Preserve	(Belfield)
2/ 8 - 10	Klondike	(DeLong)
3/ 2	General Nash First Aid Meet	(RNagele)
3/ 9 - 11??	<b>Camping</b> – New York City	(Fleck)
4/12 - 14	Rod N Gun – New Ringgold	(Magee / Hornberger)
5/ 3 - 5??	<b>Camping</b> – Johnstown/Flight 93	(TBD)
6/?? - ??	<b>Camping</b> – Delaware Beaches	(TBD)
7/14 - 20	<b>Summer Camp</b> – Rodney	(Neild/DeLong)
7/22 - 8/ 2	2019 World Jamboree – Bechtel Summit	
8/15 - 18	<b>Camping</b> – Thousand Islands	(TBD)
9/ ??	<b>Camping</b> – Turnpike Tunnels	(TBD)
10/11 - 10/13	Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/18 - 20	<b>Camping</b> – Knoebels	(TBD)

### TOYS FOR TOTS

Troop 152 is participating in the Toys for Tots 2018 campaign. Please contribute an unwrapped toy to be distributed to area youths. Collections are ongoing though December 11. Contact Scoutmaster Dave Gartner if you have any questions.

### 2019 RECHARTER

Troop 152 has submitted its re-chartered for 2019. Scouts and Scouters that missed the deadline have to submit a new membership application. Adult leaders MUST also have Youth Protection and current PA State and FBI Clearance. Contact Bill Kelso for more information on 215-541-1112.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to all those who supported the Scouting for Food Drive in November. Troop and Pack 152 collected and sorted 2,200+ donated items that were sent to Mana on Main Street in Lansdale.

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and *SAFE* holiday season in 2018. The troop will **NOT MEET ON TUES DEC 25, 2018** nor on **TUES JAN 1, 2019**. Have a happy and healthy new year.

# BASICS BOX

## ESCRIP CREDITS

Shopping at merchants that participate in "ESCRIPTS" can benefit Troop 152! Register today for the escrip program. Go online to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), or call 1-800-700-5655 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.

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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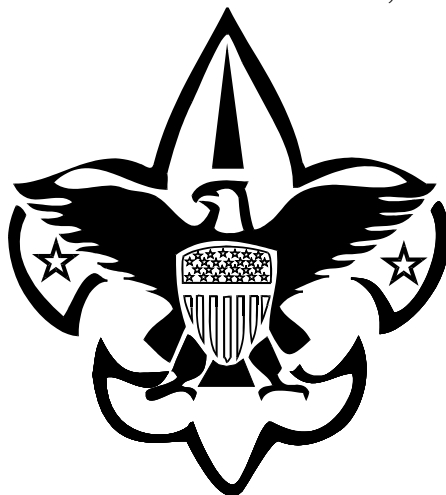
### COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong *
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	Jake Weaver
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Douglas Willen
Activity Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Advancement	Alan Fleck
New Member Coordinator	Nick Iaquinto
Chaplain	<== OPEN ==>
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Kris Neild *
Training Coordinator	<== OPEN ==>
Web Master	Dave Walsh, Sr

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bob Bond	Fred Lynch *
Larry Brasch	Suren Pakhtigian
Scott Keaton	Tony Pacaro
	Steve McClellan *

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### SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER      **Dave Gartner**

### ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Fran Belfield	Kris Neild
John Dyer	Harry Weber
Joe Magee	

### EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Bauer *	Jim Faber *
John Bickel	Theo Fleck
Grayson Keaton	Ian Truscott
	William Snow

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