# TROOP 152 NEWS JANUARY 2019

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# JANUARY CAMPING TRIP

Join Troop 152 on a deep winter camping trip to Resica Falls, Jan 18-20, 2019. We will explore the park and head to the Lakota Wolf Preserve to interact with several wolf packs. Permission slip & info were sent out on separate e-mail. Sign ups are due 1/8/2019. Contact Fran Belfield on (215) 264-5159 for more information.

#### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

The time has come to say goodbye to another year! I hope you made the best of 2018. It was a year full of scouting adventures. Most recently in December, our Discovery Scuba event was a big success and our Holiday party was a fun time with fellow scouts, family, and alumni. It was great to see everyone and share this time with you!

Now on to 2019, Happy New Year! With our newly formed patrols and new youth leaders in place, we will start the year working through the 'storming' and 'norming' phases of team development to prepare our scouts and patrols for two perennial district scouting events, the Klondike and the First Aid meet. Both events not only test scout skills, but patrol unity and communications. The Klondike, an outdoor adventure race, will require the scouts to identify their strengths within each patrol to determine which activities to attempt in their limited time to earn the most points. The First Aid meet will further challenge the scouts within each patrol to work together to determine the best course of action for each first aid scenario. In January we have two additional trips. In mid-January we will be camping at Resica Falls and visiting the Lakota Wolf preserve. At the end of the month, we will have a day ski trip to Jack Frost/Big Bolder. The ski trip is open to scouts and their family members. Look for more details on these and other upcoming trips in our newsletter, website, or Facebook page. To help keep our scouts warm and safe in all these winter adventures, we will conduct cold weather training early in January.

See you on the trail.

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## SUMMER CAMP - RODNEY

Going to summer camp?? A \$50 non-refundable deposit per scout is due by 1/29/2019 to hold a spot for your scout at Rodney. Watch for the summer camp payment sheet. Contact Paul DeLong for more information on 215-699-7125.

#### 2018 WREATH SALE!!!

The 2018 wreath sale is in the books. Thanks to Rob Nagele for organizing the sale and to Tim Bonitz, Lorie Lynch, and Nancy Bickel for hours of counting returns and keeping track of the sale.

#### **SCHEDULE for JANUARY 2019**

1/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
1/8	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
1/15 <b>Ω</b>	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Cold Weather	er
$1/18-20\ \Omega$	Camping - Resica & Lakota Wolf Preserve	(Belfield)
1/22	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
1/27	SKI TRIP – Jack Frost	(Fleck)
1/29	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

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### **LOOKING INTO 2019**

2/8 - 10	Camping at Delmont	(Delong)	
<mark>2/ 9</mark>	Committee Meeting @ Schweiker I	Lodge (Delong)	
2/19	OA Elections	(CNagele)	
2/24	Ski Trip – Jack Frost	(Fleck)	
3/ 2	General Nash First Aid Meet	(RNagele)	
3/15 - 17	Camping – New York City	(Fleck)	
3/21	General Nash District Dinner		
3/23	OA Callout	(CNagele)	
3/26	FAMILY NIGHT		
4/12 - 14	Rod N Gun – New Ringgold	(Magee / Hornberger)	
5/ 3 - 5	Camping – Johnstown/Flight 93	(Iaquinto)	
6/14 -16	Camping – Ocean City Air Show	(TBD)	
7/14 - 20	Summer Camp – Rodney	(Neild/DeLong)	
7/22 - 8/2	2019 World Jamboree – Bechtel Summit		
8/15 - 18	<b>Camping</b> – Thousand Islands	(TBD)	
9/ ??	Camping – Turnpike Tunnels	(TBD)	
10/11 - 10/13	Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)	
10/18 - 20	Camping – Knoebels	(TBD <mark>)</mark>	

#### 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 scheduled on January 15, 2019. Watch the web site for more info! Don't miss this meeting

#### JANUARY SKI TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a day of skiing at Jack Frost, Sun Jan 27, 2017. Leave at 6:45 AM from the pavilion and return around 5:30 PM. Permission slips are due by the January 22, 2019 troop meeting. This trip is open to family members as well. Talk it up among your patrols as a minimum of 15 people are needed to make this trip happen. Link to permission slip:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B20X00F3XDa7YUFsWEIHcGp5ZVB wdk45Tkh6bmZBNFFxUHcw Contact Alan Fleck for more information on 215-699-2963 Home or 215-264-8024 cell. THINK SNOW!!!

#### LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Effective 1/1/2019, Troop 152's Senior Patrol Leader will be Alex Bond. We look forward to Alex's leadership, and thank David Juarez for his guidance over the last 9 months.

# COLD WEATHER CAMPING

Troop 152 camps all year long, except December, including the colder winter months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Cold weather camping is an extraordinary experience. The beauty of the cold landscape can be breath taking. Cold weather camping does require special planning to keep scouts and scouters safe in extreme conditions. A really good sleeping bag, rated for the temperatures expected is a must. An additional fleece sleeping bag liner is recommended Proper clothing such as Wool hats, gloves, ear protection and good boots are essential

The key to enjoying cold weather camping is keeping dry, and wearing "layers" of clothes that can be taken off and put on as needed to keep warm, and not overheat.

Keeping dry is a challenge, especially if strenuous activity is expected. Cotton clothing is to be AVOIDED as it gets damp with perspiration and absorbs body heat as the moisture evaporates. Underwear and outer clothing that is designed for "wicking" moisture away from the body is recommended. Wool clothing is also very good in keeping in warmth while being wet. So break out the under-armor, fleece, gortex, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats and join us for some great cold weather trips. Watch the Newsletter schedule for the Cold Weather Training offered at a troop meeting. Scouts, Scouters, and parents are welcome to attend to learn what to wear, what to sleep in, and what to eat to keep warm and safe during our winter camping adventures.

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