TROOP 152 NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please join Thomas Lloyd and his family as he is awarded Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Thomas' Eagle ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2:00 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

The crisp fall air will be here soon! My favorite time of the year for camping, temperate daylight hours followed by cool evenings and nights for good sleeping! As seasons change, so does our Troop adult leadership. At Family night in September, Nick Iaquinto will take over the helm as Scoutmaster. Nick is a Troop 152 Eagle Alumni and in his youthful exuberance will take the troop on the next steps of its journey.

I have enjoyed my time as Scoutmaster watching Scouts grow in their knowledge, skills, and height! It is gratifying to see ideas take hold and click once they are understood. Though the patch on my sleeve may change, I will still be around to let you know when it is time to buy a watch.

My time as Scoutmaster by the numbers. In my two years I went on 23 trips, camping for a total of 52 nights. Covering three states, camping locations included six scout camps, nine state parks, one township park, and one person's front yard. My time as Scoutmaster has been short compared to the time you can be a Scout. When your time as a Scout comes to an end, I hope you can look back on your camping and other experiences and be glad that you took that trip!

See you on the trail. Dave Gartner <u>DGScout@davaga.com</u>

SEPTEMBER TRIP - TURNPIKE TUNNELS

Join Troop 152 on its second trip to the abandoned turnpike tunnels in Central Pennsylvania. A great weekend camping trip and 12 mile bike ride through the tunnels constructed by a railroad competing with the PRR, and almost used by the turnpike. The permission slip was sent out by email and is available on the troop's web site Contact Fran Belfield, cell 215-264-7080, for more information.

SCHEDULE for SEPTEMBER 2019

9/3	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
<mark>9/ 4</mark>	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(Delong)
9/5-8	Upper Gwynedd Twp Carnival	
9/10	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Tunnel Per	m Slip
9/13-15	Camping – Turnpike Tunnels	(Belfield)
9/17	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
<mark>9/24</mark>	FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM	

 $\boldsymbol{\varOmega}$ or $\boldsymbol{\varDelta}$ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDIT	TION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST
Escript Credits	www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440
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LATER IN 2019

10/11 - 10/13	Cub-O-Ree	(Iaquinto)
10/18 - 20	Camping – Knoebels	(Iaquinto)
11/3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
11/8 - 10	Camping – Delmont	(TBD)
11/ 9	Scouting for Food Drop Off	(TBD)
11/16	Scouting for Food Pick Up	(TBD)
12/1	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
12/17	Holiday Party	(TBD)

PEEKING INTO 2020

2/7-9	General Nash Klondike	(Iaquinto)
7/19 - 25	Summer Camp – Goose Pond	(DeLong/Neild)

UPPER GWYNEDD CARNIVAL

Upper Gwynedd Township is a big supporter of scouting. Please support them by attending the carnival 9/5 through 9/8, 2019 at Park Side Place. Free Grease Band concert Sunday 2 - 3:30 PM. Free Fireworks Friday night and Saturday night. Plus, all the rides, food and other great stuff that goes with a carnival. See the UG Parks & Rec Facebook page or website for more information.

FAMILY NIGHT

Please join the Troop 152 at its final Family Night for 2019 on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in the Twp Community Bldg. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since June 2019. Scouts will receive merit badge and rank awards from summer camp. Come out and meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152!

2019 WREATH SALE !!!

Can you believe it, the Wreath Sale is just around the corner. Now is the time to get those wreath customers lined up before they buy from someone else. We need your sales money and final count by November 5. Get more information at Family Night. Don't let down your valued customers. Contact Rob Nagele, for more info on the wreath sale 215-699-4779.

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MTG CHANGE

Please note that September's Troop Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Wed 9/04/2019 at 7:00 PM

Youth protection is a vital part of the Scouting program. Developing responsibility and independence in your scout means that you let them venture a bit outside your field of influence and constant supervision. Scouting's program encourages this adventure under the watchful eye of its leaders. Scouts are encouraged to be trusting and obedient. It is part of the Scout Law.

The BSA youth protection program assures that leaders cannot take advantage of these traits to exploit the scouts. The major points of the Scouting youth protection program are listed here, and can be found in the front section of the Boy Scout Handbook. Review them with your scout. He should recognize all of these points by the example set by our leaders while running scouting activities.

THE BASIC BOX YOUTH PROTECTION

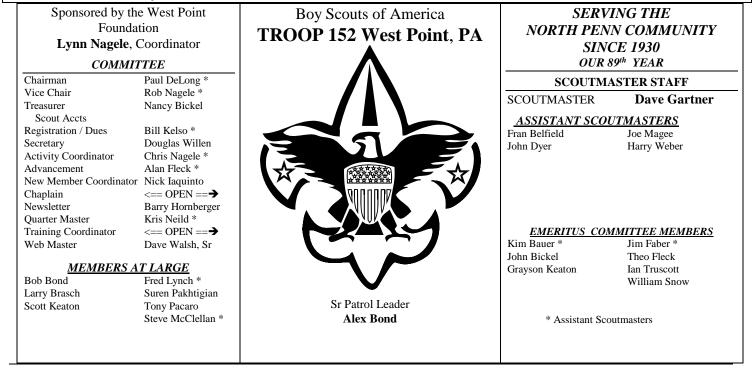
- 1. Scouts always do things with "BUDDIES", never alone!
- 2. Scouts never tent alone or with an adult (except with a scout's parent)
- All Scouting activities require two leaders. This includes regular scout meetings and side trips on outings.
- 4. Leaders and adults are not permitted to be intoxicated or consume alcoholic beverages while leading or attending a Troop function.

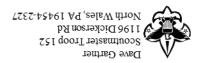
Troop 152 will not tolerate hazing or harassment of scouts by leaders or by other scouts. We have a strong commitment to ensure that each of our scouts has a pleasant experience in the Troop.

All registered BSA Leaders are required to take BSA Youth Protection Training, every 2 years, to be officially registered as a Troop 152 Leader. The training is available on BSA National's Website – <u>www.scouting.org</u>

In addition, a new PA Law requires all volunteers, that interact with children, registered or non-registered, to provide a PA Criminal History report, a PA Child Abuse History Clearance and an FBI Criminal History Clearance. Please see the Pa_Law_Memo on the General Nash Website.

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