

## TROOP 152 NEWS

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### JANUARY TRIP - SALT SPRINGS

At our January trip we'll visit Salt Springs State Park in Northern Pennsylvania 1/17 - 19. The park has a lot to offer: winter hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, and frozen waterfall viewing. There's huge Hemlock trees in a picturesque gorge. And at the bottom is the salt spring on Fall Brook. Legend has it that the water is just the right saltiness to cook pasta. So you know what Saturday dinner will be! Sign-ups are due **JANUARY 14, 2020**. Contact Dave Gartner for more info on 267-218-4810.

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Camping at Musser, Scouting for Food, Wreath pickup, and Cub Scout visits, oh my! It's the holiday season with Troop 152 and things are as exciting as ever.

Starting off the month, we camped in beautiful spot east of the river in Heart. Our small group of campers braved the cold to have huge fires and delicious food. If you weren't there, you seriously missed out on a great trip! But there's more tent-partner cooking coming in 2020, so you'll get another chance.

Scouting for Food dropoff was a bit short of volunteers again this year. A big thank you to Justin and Aedan for organizing extra groups to go out on Sunday.

However, despite the rough start, we had a great showing on pickup day. And most importantly, we had a great haul for Sheperd's Shelf in Harleysville: 3200+ items! So, thank you again to everyone for making the food drive a success.

Later in the month, we also finished the wreath sale and picked up our orders. Hopefully everyone has happy customers who will be ordering again next year. Here too, thank you all for making the fundraiser a success.

And even with all that going on, we've had some pretty great meeting activities. We're bringing back some old traditions like firestarters, blind-folded tent races, patrol relays. And we're spicing it up with unique games thanks to Shane. So, give a big round of applause to Justin for keeping it lively.

Is there anything you've always wanted to do at a meeting? Let me or Justin know. We're always on the hunt for another great activity.

~ Nick Iaquinto [scoutmaster@troop152pa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop152pa.org)

### 2020 RECHARTER

Troop Re-charter for 2020 is underway. EVERY Scout and Scouter must re-register with Troop 152 for 2020. Registration forms and fees are available on the Troop's website. Adult leaders MUST have Youth Protection and current PA State and FBI Clearance. Contact Bill Kelso for more information on 215-541-1112.

### SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2019

12/ 3	Δ TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
12/ 8	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(Delong)
12/10	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	<b>Wreath Payments</b>
12/17	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> 7:00 PM	(RNagele)
12/24	NO TROOP MTG	
12/31	NO TROOP MTG	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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### PEEKING INTO 2020

1/17 - 19	CAMPING - Salt Spring Tobyhanna	(Gartner)
2/ 7 - 9	General Nash Klondike	(Iaquinto)
3/ 7	General Nash First Aid Meet	(R Nagele)
3/20 - 22	CAMPING - Delmont Patrol Skills Comp	(TBD)
4/?? - ??	CAMPING - Rod N Gun Ringgold	(Magee)
5/15 - 17	CAMPING - Firestone Advancement	(C Nagele)
6/18 - 21	CAMPING - Whitewater Ohio Pyle	(TBD)
7/19 - 25	Summer Camp - Goose Pond	(DeLong/Neild)
8/?? - ??	CAMPING - Backpacking Intro	(TBD)
9/18 - 20	CAMPING - Levine / Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
10/ 9 - 11	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/23 - 25	CAMPING - Abandoned DC	(C Nagele)
11/ 6 - 8	CAMPING - Delmont & SFF Drop Off	(TBD)
11/14	Scouting for Food (SFF) Pick Up	(TBD)
11/27	Wreath Pick Up	(R Nagele)
12/22	Holiday Party	(R Nagele)

### 2019 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop by 12/10/2019. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Rob Nagele, for more info on 215-699-4779.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Scouting for Food. The Troop and Cub Pack collected 3,200 non-perishable food items.

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and SAFE holiday season in 2019. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 24 nor Dec 31. Have a happy and healthy 2020.

### 2019 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 24<sup>TH</sup> annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 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.

# 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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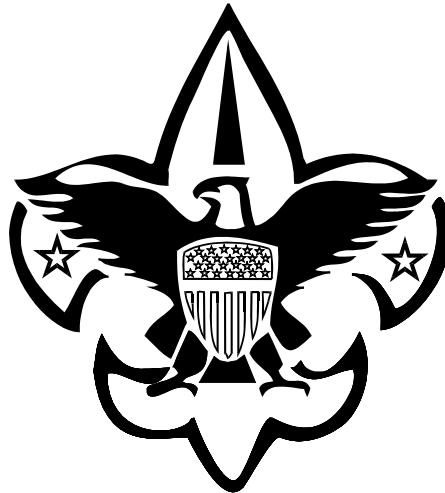
### COMMITTEE

Chairman	Paul DeLong *
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Douglas Willen
Activity Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Advancement	Alan Fleck *
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Training Coordinator	<== OPEN ==>
Web Master	Nick Iaquinto

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bob Bond	Suren Pakhtigian
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Sr Patrol Leader  
**Justin Gartner**

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### SCOUTMASTER STAFF

SCOUTMASTER      **Nick Iaquinto**

### ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Fran Belfield	Joe Magee
John Dyer	Harry Weber
Dave Gartner	

### EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

\* Assistant Scoutmasters

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