

TROOP 152 NEWS

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CONORAVIRUS DISRUPTION

“STAY HOME” “STAY SAFE” mitigation for the ConoraVirus has cancelled all Scouting activities through April 30. Scoutmaster Nick Iaquinto has improvised by setting up virtual troop meetings on Google Hang Out. The March trip and the new scout campout have been cancelled. Rod N Gun will be rescheduled to the fall. Many activities need to be rescheduled, New Scout/Parent Orientation, Liam & Patrick Lynch Eagle Ceremony, and Family Night. Watch the weekly announcements from Nick.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Well, March started out normally. But as the coronavirus crisis spread throughout Montgomery County and across the world, we've all had to adjust to our new environment. For the troop, that means moving online.

We have been having virtual meetings. And although some activities have missed the mark, we've also had some really fun ones like our Kahoot! Quiz, Patrol Jeopardy!, and Camping Equipment Show & Tell.

Since Upper Gwynedd Township extended their closure until April 30th, we too will be meeting online until that time. So, we have at least 4 more virtual meetings to look forward to.

But before we moved to the brave new world of online scouting, we had some great first aid and crossover events. We had a light showing at the First Aid meet. However, the Treat for Shock II Patrol looked like they had a fun time! One of our new scouts, Scott Alcott, even joined ahead of his crossover and got a sneak peek of the event.

And that same day, several lucky scouts met again at Central Schwenkfelder Church for Pack 200's crossover, where four new scouts joined us: Dan & Dean Abbey, Ryan Buggel, and Preston Iadamarco. And, what a crossover it was! The barbecue was spectacular. The ceremony had great costumes and special effects. And, they had a mechanical bull, bouncy house, and lasso toss.

Unfortunately when the time came for Pack 152's crossover, it was clear that large gatherings were not safe due to the virus. Their crossover has been moved to June. But in the mean time, Scott Alcott and Frankie Mazola will join us anyways!

So, we welcome all the new scouts. Through these uncertain times, it's more clear than ever that we are stronger together and that the skills we practice in scouts are critical. I hope that everyone stays safe and takes advantage of our time at home to develop the skills and knowledge to emerge stronger than ever before.

Yours in Scouting - Nick Iaquinto scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

SCHEDULE for APRIL 2020

4/5	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM - Virtual	(Delong)
4/7	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Virtual PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
4/14	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/21	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
4/28	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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LOOKING AHEAD IN 2020

??	EAGLE COURT Liam & Patrick Lynch	
??	New Scout/Parent Orientation 1 PM	(R Nagele)
??	FAMILY NIGHT	
??	New Scout Campout	(Iaquinto)
??	Gun Safety Program	(Magee)
??	CAMPING – Rod N Gun Ringgold	(Magee)
5/3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(Delong)
5/15 – 17	CAMPING – Firestone Advancement	(C Nagele)
6/7	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(Delong)
6/18 – 21	CAMPING – Whitewater Ohio Pyle	(TBD)
7/19 - 25	Summer Camp – Goose Pond	(DeLong/Neild)
8/?? - ??	CAMPING – Backpacking Intro	(Fleck)
9/25 – 27	CAMPING – Levine / Bloomsburg Fair	(TBD)
10/ 9 – 11	General Nash Cub-O-Ree	(TBD)
10/23 – 25	CAMPING – Abandoned DC	(C Nagele)
11/13 - 15	CAMPING – Delmont & SFF Drop Off	(TBD)
11/21	Scouting for Food (SFF) Pick Up	(TBD)
11/27	Wreath Pick Up	(R Nagele)
12/22	Holiday Party	(R Nagele)

SUMMER CAMP

As of this issue, Troop 152 News can report that Summer Camp at Goose Pond is still on schedule for 7/19 – 7/25, 2020. It is time for our scouts to select merit badges and start uploading their selections into Goose Pond's MB system. Also, medical forms must get completed. Scouts need forms A, B, & C completed. Form C requires a physician's signature, which may be difficult to schedule until the STAY HOME order is lifted.

MAY CAMPING TRIP

As of this publication, the May camping trip to Resica – Firestone is still on for 5/15 – 17, 2020. This will be a relaxing weekend of Scout Skills and basic camping activities. Watch for the permission slip from Chris Nagele. You can contact him on (215) 820-2271

APRIL TRIP – ROD N GUN

Our Rod N Gun weekend and our gun safety meeting will be rescheduled into the fall. Watch for a revised permission slip or contact Joe Magee on (267) 736-9634 for more info.

TROOP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Don't let the STAY AT HOME order impact your scout's ability to enjoy scouting activities with Troop 152. The troop's treasury has a scholarship fund to help defray the cost of scouting activities for our troop's family's budgets that may have been affected by the STAY HOME order. Contact Scoutmaster Nick Iaquinto or troop committee chair Paul DeLong to take advantage of this offering.

BASICS BOX ANNUAL SCOUT PHYSICALS

The Boy Scouts of America recommends that all youth and adult members have annual medical evaluations by a certified and licensed health-care provider. In an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured and to provide youth members and adult leaders a better understanding of their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America has established minimum standards for providing medical information prior to participating in various activities.

Our troop is very conscious of this new annual requirement and we are striving to have all Scouts provide the troop with their current annual physical – using the prescribed forms found on our web site (www.troop152westpintpa.org) “Latest Medical Forms”. Those standards are offered through the completion of the three-part medical form and signed and dated by their physician. In addition to the completed medical forms, each family must attach a copy of both sides of their insurance card as stated in Part C of the medical form.

All Scouts attending Summer Camp are **REQUIRED** to have this new annual medical check up and complete the official BSA form. The completed forms are valid for one year from the date entered by your physician. Summer camps require this date to be valid through the troop’s entire summer camp stay. Scout physicals not meeting this requirement will result in your scout not being able to participate with the troop at summer camp or on any Troop activity.

The completed medical forms are to be given to Bill Kelso who maintains a troop record of all physicals for the Scouts and provides these records for all encampments and our annual Summer Camp Program.

The leaders of Scout Troop 152 take pride in following the requirements established for us through the BSA National Council.

Time is growing short in collecting these medical forms and we are asking that all the parents or guardians of our Scouts make this a priority for their Scout.

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