

TROOP 152 NEWS

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CONORAVIRUS DISRUPTION

“STAY HOME” “STAY SAFE” mitigation for the ConoraVirus has cancelled all Scouting activities through May 31, 2020. Scoutmaster Nick Iaquinto has improvised by setting up virtual troop meetings on Google Hang Out. The May trip has 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. The Twp has not announced a date to get back into the Community Bldg. Watch the weekly announcements from Nick.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Our normal April plans were disrupted, but, we still managed to have a great series of virtual troop meetings. We've done what seems like a hundred Kahoot! trivia games. But, there've been lots of other fun activities like scout skills Jeopardy, guess that animal / landmark, the wiki game, Pictionary, and more. And however fun these activities have been, I know we would all have rather been at the Rod & Gun trip. So, fear not. We will reschedule that trip for some time in the fall.

Similarly, we've missed the normal new scout activities like the New Scout Campout, New Parent Orientation, and Patrol formation activities. And, we've had a little trouble trying to organize something online to fill the gaps. So, thank you to the new scouts and parents for bearing with us while we try to adjust.

For many of you, this shutdown has actually been a great opportunity, rather than a hindrance. More scouts than ever are working on merit badges with counselors both in- and out-side of the troop. And you are hard at work on rank requirements as well, whether that is practicing the 5 basic knots or hunting in the backyard for signs of animals. It's wonderful to see people continuing to practice the skills and knowledge and having fun.

And for anyone that hasn't done this yet, I am ready with the merit badge counselor list and can speak with any counselors that want to confirm Scoutmaster approval. Similarly, several of the older scouts and leaders are available to work with you on teaching skills or signing off requirements.

So, keep at it. And, reach out for help. You could even organize a meeting for your patrol or other scouts in your rank to work on things together.

Yours in Scouting - Nick Iaquinto scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee meetings have gone virtual, until further notice. Contact Paul DeLong on 215-699-7125 to get the Zoom meeting invites.

LANSDALE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Watch the scoutmaster's weekly updates for status of the Memorial Day parade, scheduled for Mon 5/25/20.

SCHEDULE for MAY 2020

5/3	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM - Virtual	(DeLong)
5/5	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Virtual PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
5/12	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
5/19	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
5/25	Lansdale Memorial Day Parade ??	(DeLong)
5/26	VIRTUAL TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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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)
??	CAMPING – Firestone Advancement	(C Nagele)
6/7	Virtual Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
6/18 – 21	CAMPING – Whitewater Ohio Pyle	(TBD)
7/5	Virtual Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
7/19 - 25	Summer Camp – Goose Pond	(DeLong/Neild)
8/2	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
8/?? - ??	CAMPING – Backpacking Intro	(Fleck)
9/10	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	(DeLong)
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. Final payments are due on May 5. Your scout should have selected their merit badges and submitted them to Kris Neild to load 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 / JUNE CAMPING TRIP

As of this publication, the May camping trip to Resica – Firestone has been cancelled. The June white water trip may be rescheduled as a local weekend trip to let our new scouts gain some camping experience. This will depend on access to Council camps and any Council orders concerning camping trips. Watch for the permission slip from Chris Nagele. You can contact him on (215) 820-2271

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.

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)
3. 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 – www.scouting.org

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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