

# TROOP 152 NEWS

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## CORONAVIRUS DISRUPTION

Troop activities are still being impacted by the Covid-19 opening policies. As of Dec 1 the “in person” troop meetings are not permitted to be held in the Community building until after Jan 1 2021. We may mix “in person” and virtual meetings for December. Watch for meeting details from Nick Iaquinto as meeting arrangements develop. We still have to meet CDC guidelines, requiring each scout and adult attending an “in person” meeting to have a temperature check, and to hand in a Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire. Of course, masks or face coverings shall be required to be worn and social distancing of 6 feet between attendees is required. If weather forces the meeting indoor venue, there is a limit of 25 attendees, scouts & adults. The latest screening form can be found on the troop’s web site, on this link:

<https://www.troop152pa.org/files/coronavirus/COL-COVID-Health-Screening-v5.pdf>

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

It's been a beautiful November this year. And, we have a lot to show for it. Early in the month, we had a great trip to the OA Lean-to site at Camp Delmont. We had big fires and good food. We got some solid exercise during service at Schweiker Lodge. And, we even found time to do some fishing.

Then, we launched into the annual Scouting for Food drive. Thanks again to everyone who did 2 (and even 3 routes)! All our hard work has paid off. And Shepherd's Shelf told us that we broke all the records. Their food bank is overflowing, and they even had to find 3 extra rooms to store food in. So, thank you all for another successful year of helping local families in need.

And all the while, we were in the final stretch of the wreath sale. We didn't sell quite as much as last year. But we were darn close! The pickup on Black Friday went smoothly, too. So, thank you all for pushing to support our only fundraiser. Also, note we are still collecting money, so bring that in ASAP.

For December, we are going to have to shake things up again. Since no-one is allowed in the Upper Gwynedd Community Center until at least January 1st, we'll be meeting in a few different places in December. First, we'll meet at the UG Pavilion on December 1st. But later on, the PLC has some fun activities in the works. So stay tuned for announcements on where we will meet.

Also, don't forget the Toy Drive! We are collecting toys for ages 6mo-2yr until December 8th. You can give donations to me or Mr. Alcott.

Yours in Scouting - Nick Iaquinto  
[scoutmaster@troop152pa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop152pa.org)

## SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2020

12/ 1	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM (UG Pavilion) PLC Meeting 6:30 PM
12/ 6	Committee Meeting 6:30 PM – Virtual (Gartner)
12/ 8	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM– Virtual
12/15	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM – Earl Bowl
12/22	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM – 309 In Line
12/29	NO TROOP MTG – Happy <b>HOLIDAYS</b>

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

### INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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## COMING SOON IN 2021

1/10	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Gartner)
1/22 – 24	CAMPING - Ockanickon	(TBD)
2/13	Klondike Day Event ??	(TBD)
3/ 6	First Aid Meet	(R Nagele??)
4/16 – 18	Rod & Gun	(Magee)
7/11 – 17	Summer Camp Goose Pond	GartnerGartner/Neild

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee meetings have gone virtual, until further notice. Contact Dave Gartner on 267-218-4810 to get the meeting invites.

## 2020 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account or where to turn in your money, contact Rob Nagele, for more info on the wreath sale 215-699-4779.

## FAIR WELL TO THE DELONGS

Paul and Sandi DeLong are moving to the Lancaster area. Paul has served as troop well, as scoutmaster twice, summer camp coordinator and most recently as the Troop's committee chair. Sandi has been serving as president of the troop's sponsoring organization, the West Point Foundation, since its creation 6 years ago. Good luck to the DeLongs and keep in touch. Lynn Nagele has stepped up to be acting president of WPF and Dave Gartner has stepped up as the troop's new committee chair.

## 2021 RECHARTER

Troop Re-charter for 2021 is due by the end of December. EVERY Scout and Scouter must re-register with Troop 152 for 2021. Registration forms and fees are due no later than **12/15/2020**. If we do not have your re-charter form and fee by this date, you will lose the rights and privileges of being a Scout with Troop 152. Adult leaders MUST have Youth Protection and current PA State, FBI Clearances and PA Additional Clearance forms. The re-charter registration form will be available on the troop website, Contact Bill Kelso for more information on 215-541-1112. Contact Barry Hornberger to turn in forms & fees on 215-368-2253.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish you a happy and *SAFE* holiday season in 2020. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 29. Have a happy and healthy new year.

# BASICS BOX

## ESCRIP CREDITS

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

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.

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	Dave Gartner *
Vice Chair	Rob Nagele *
Treasurer	Nancy Bickel
Scout Accts	
Registration / Dues	Bill Kelso *
Secretary	Douglas Willen
Activity Coordinator	Chris Nagele *
Advancement	Alan Fleck *
New Member Coordinator	<== OPEN ==>
Chaplain	Scott Alcott
Newsletter	Barry Hornberger
Quarter Master	Kris Neild *
Training Coordinator	<== OPEN ==>
Web Master	Nick Iaquinto

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Larry Brasch	Suren Pakhtigian
Scott Keaton	Tony Pacaro
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**Alec Chang**

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**SCOUTMASTER STAFF**

**SCOUTMASTER      Nick Iaquinto**

**ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS**

Fran Belfield	Joe Magee
Paul DeLong	Harry Weber

**EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

John Bickel	Ian Truscott
Theo Fleck	William Snow

\* Assistant Scoutmasters

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