

TROOP 152 NEWS

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CORONAVIRUS DISRUPTION

Troop activities are still being impacted by the Covid-19 opening policies. The troop is not permitted to use the Community building until at least February 1, 2021. We will be scheduling virtual meetings and “in person” meetings at the pavilion if an “in person” meeting is necessary. 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. 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

Kicking off our 2021, we've been back to doing things online. That means we've had to get creative again with our activities and organizing events. We learned Morse code and played chess. Those are activities we haven't done as a troop in a while!

If you really liked these activities, you should find a counselor for Chess Merit Badge or Signs, Codes, and Signals Merit Badge. Contact me to get a list of local MB counselors.

We also had our first ever online cold weather training to prepare for our January trip to Ockanickon. We'll be doing a shakedown on 1/19 as well to check what everyone is bringing. Hopefully, we'll all learn something from what other people are bringing!

Going forward, we expect that we'll be able to return to meeting in person in the community center in February. However, the district Klondike Derby has been postponed. So, the PLC, Committee, and I are discussing what activity to do instead. Similarly, the First Aid Meet will take place later in the year.

And even if we remain online, the PLC still has lots of ideas for more collaborative online activities for the troop. And, we'd love to hear ideas from you. Contact your Patrol Leader or the SPL if there's an activity you think the troop would enjoy doing online.

As always, watch the announcements and calendar for updates!

Yours in Scouting - Nick Iaquinto
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FEBRUARY ACTIVITY - KLONDIKE

The General Nash Klondike and First Aid Meet are being rescheduled. The troop may organize a possible camping activity to replace the Klondike event in February. Watch the troop's website for more information.

SCHEDULE for JANUARY 2021

1/ 5	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM (Virtual)	
	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
1/10	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Virtual	(Gartner)
1/12	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM– <i>Cold Weather</i>	
1/19	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM - Pavilion	
1/22 – 24	Ω CAMPING - Ockanickon	(Iaquinto)
1/26	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM – Virtual?	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

Escript Credits www.escrip.com/ ID# 2106440
Gen Nash Web Site <http://www.generalnash.org/>

COMING SOON IN 2021

2/ 7	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Virtual	(Gartner)
3/ 7	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Virtual	(Gartner)
3/26 – 28	CAMPING – Delmont – Camp Site Clearing	(TBD)
4/11	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Virtual	(Gartner)
4/16 – 18	CAMPING Rod & Gun	(Magee)
4/30 – 5/ 2	CAMPING – Delmont – Camp Site Develop	(TBD)
5/ 2	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Virtual	(Gartner)
6/ 6	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Virtual	(Gartner)
6/??	CAMPING – Resica – Firestone	(TBD)
7/18 -24	Summer Camp Goose Pond	GartnerGartner/Neild
8/??	CAMPING – Salt Spring	(TBD)
	CAMPING	(TBD)
10/??	CAMPING	(TBD)
10/8 - 10	CUB-O-REE	(TBD)
11/12 - 14	CAMPING – Delmont	(TBD)
11/13	Scouting for Food Drop	(Iaquinto)
11/20	Scouting for Food Pick-Up	(Iaquinto)
11/26	Wreath Pick-Up	(R Nagele)
12/21	Holiday Party	(TBD)

To Reschedule

2/13	Klondike Day Event – ??	(TBD)
3/ 6	First Aid Meet	(R Nagele??)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

JANUARY CAMPING TRIP

Join Troop 152 for a deep winter campout at Ockanickon, 1-22 – 24. Scouts and adults planning to attend must attend the cold weather training on 1/12/2021 and the trip prep on 1/19/2021. The normal rules for troop activities during COVID apply: masks, distancing, signed health forms on dropoff, temperature checks, only people from the same household may share a tent or car. Hopefully the trip prep meeting will be “in person”.

COLD WEATHER TRAINING !

Winter is here !! Troop 152 will be camping !! Scouts and Scouters planning to attend any of the outdoor events in January, February, or March, must attend the troop's Cold Weather Training seminar at the Troop Meeting on Jan 12, 2021. Don't miss this meeting!


COLD WEATHER CAMPING

Troop 152 camps all year long, except December, including the colder winter months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Cold weather camping is an extraordinary experience. The beauty of the cold landscape can be breath taking. Cold weather camping does require special planning to keep scouts and scouters safe in extreme conditions. A really good sleeping bag, rated for the temperatures expected is a must. An additional fleece sleeping bag liner is recommended. Proper clothing such as Wool hats, gloves, ear protection and good boots are essential.

The key to enjoying cold weather camping is keeping dry and wearing "layers" of clothes that can be taken off and put on as needed to keep warm, and not overheat.

Keeping dry is a challenge, especially if strenuous activity is expected. Cotton clothing is to be AVOIDED as it gets damp with perspiration and absorbs body heat as the moisture evaporates. Underwear and outer clothing that is designed for "wicking" moisture away from the body is recommended. Wool clothing is also very good in keeping in warmth while being wet. So break out the under-armor, fleece, gortex, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats and join us for some great cold weather trips. Watch the Newsletter schedule for the Cold Weather Training offered at a troop meeting. Scouts, Scouters, and parents are welcome to attend to learn what to wear, what to sleep in, and what to eat to keep warm and safe during our winter camping adventures.

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