

TROOP 152 NEWS

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CORONAVIRUS

Troop activities are still being impacted by the Covid-19 opening policies. The troop meetings returned to the Township Community building as of February 9, 2021. Covid building capacity limits have been eliminated. Watch for changing meeting details from Dave Gartner. We still have to meet COL 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, and on this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11OQwzGRHTjeNazHFIY9_y163192nllqwsivWf092Pto/edit

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

This July will be the sixth time I have spent a week with the troop at summer camp and the second time at Goose Pond. Goose Pond Scout Reservation is a favorite among our Scouts for its small size and its variety of activities, especially those centered around the pond. With summer camp cancelled last summer due to COVID-19, I was hopefully optimistic that we would be able to have summer camp this summer and that is would as close to normal as possible. Over the past four months attending summer camp prep zoom call, I watched with a glimmer of hope as the camps plans slowly morphed from very restrictive, to moderately restrictive, to now the fairly close to normal as COVID numbers improve across the state and country. Though not out of the woods yet (pun intended), I feel even with the remaining restrictions in place, they will not deter us from having a great summer camp experience. I look forward to reporting to you next month on how thing went this year “at the pond”. See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner

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From Nick Iaquinto - I should share I am stepping down as Scoutmaster at the end of May. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to give back to the troop and help guide the next generation of young men to learn to follow Scouting principles. And, I'm happy that we've stuck together through difficult times with COVID, online meetings, and uncertainty. But, I'm glad to see we are starting to get closer to normal and doing summer camp this year. My last meeting will be May 25th.

Yours in Scouting - Nick Iaquinto

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Sadly, Nick Iaquinto has stepped down as Scoutmaster. His employer has requested his services in a different area of the USA. We wish Nick all the best, and have enjoyed his enthusiasm as a leader of our troop. Dave Gartner will be assuming scoutmaster responsibilities, and Rob Nagle will be taking Dave’s place as the troop’s committee chairman. Thank you Dave and Rob!!

SCHEDULE for JULY 2021

7/ 6	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM
7/ 9	Upper Gwynedd Night Sky Campout (RNagele)
7/11 -17	Summer Camp Goose Pond (Gartner/Neild)
7/13	NO TROOP MTG – Summer Camp
7/20	NO TROOP MTG – Summer Break
7/27	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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COMING SOON IN 2021

8/ 1	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Virtual	(RNagele)
8/??	CAMPING – Rafting/Canoeing ??	(TBD)
8/24	FUN NIGHT Upper Gwynedd Pavilion	(RNagele)
9/??	CAMPING	(TBD)
10/??	CAMPING	(TBD)
10/8 - 10	CUB-O-REE ??	(TBD)
11/12 - 14	CAMPING – Delmont	(TBD)
11/20	Scouting for Food Pick-Up	(Iaquinto)
11/26	Wreath Pick-Up	(R Nagele)
12/21	Holiday Party	(TBD)

AUG TRIP - LEHIGH GORGE RAFT/CYCLE

Planning for a trip down the Lehigh River is under way for August. A canvass was sent out by email to select dates and activities. Contact Dave Gartner for more info.

UPPER GWYNEDD NIGHT SKY CAMPOUT

Here is a chance for your scout to earn service hours! Troop 152 will be helping families set up tents at the Upper Gwynedd Night Sky Campout, 6 – 10 PM July 9, 2021. Upper Gwynedd families are encouraged to break out their tents and spend a night camping under the summer sky at Parkside Place. Contact Rob Nagele for more information 215-715-8430, and or visit

www.uppergwynedd.org

SUMMER CAMP

Goose Pond here we come, July 11 – 17, 2021. Medical forms must be turned in by 7/6 , meeting. Contact Bill Kelso if your forms are going to be late. Merit badge selections are due now. The merit badge schedule was sent out by email and should be on the Troop’s website. Email your selections to scoutmaster, Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

Secure the Adventure

Over the past year, the Cradle of Liberty Council has provided our Scouts the opportunity to participate in the proven character building and leadership programs of Scouting. When we were unable to meet in person, the council provided us with the tools to advance in rank, earn merit badges and lead service projects. The council needs our help more than ever to continue to live the mission. **Join us in the Secure the Adventure Annual Family Campaign** to support Scouting now and into the future!

Click here to donate: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/STA/Troop152>

Ode to the Buddy Tag

By Barry Hornberger, Troop 152

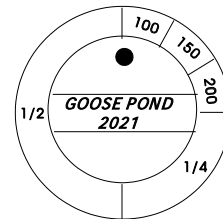
When day is done at summer camp
And all are in their tents,
The buddy tags hang one by one
Until the swimmers are sent

Buddies together, Keep track of each other,
Is what you need to do.
Not only when swimming or Boating or fishing,
But in any venture you choose.

Never forget to return your tag,
To where it belongs at night!
Choosing a buddy and follow the
rules, Is doing the thing that is right.

Before you know it,
The sun is up.
The water front begins to thrive.
Two by two is now the rule
To keep our scouts alive

Buddy check, buddy check is the cry!
Stop all the swimming and count!
Match up the swimmers and tags that hang,
And shout the alarm if there's doubt!



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John Bickel	Ian Truscott
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