

TROOP 152 NEWS

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CORONAVIRUS

As of March 1, 2022, masks are now optional for BSA indoor activities, per CDC, COL, and Township guidelines. COL has closed all scout camp cabins and adirondacks until April 2022. Tent camping is still permitted at BSA camps, one scout per tent. We'll have to check on social distancing!

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

With updated guidance from the CDC, BSA, and Upper Gwynedd township we have made masks optional for all troop 152 meeting, activities, and trips. However, we must keep in mind that other facilities we use or places we visit still may have mask requirements in place. So be prepared and keep one in your pocket if you have chosen not to wear one.

In February we honed our scout skills preparing for the Klondike Derby and First Aid Meet. It was an unseasonably warm day at Camp Hart for the General Nash Klondike Derby! With most of the snow from the last storm gone, we donned the sled wheels to make it around camp. Our sled crew of six Scouts made it around camp to many activities, including our Troop run "ring my bell" lashing activities. At our meeting following the Klondike, we hosted the Pack 152 AOL den for a mini-klondike. The cubs got to sample various activities that will get to experience at the District Klondike when they bridge over to a Scout troop.

Coming up in March we have the General Nash District First Aid meeting and Camping trip/Service weekend at Camp Delmont. We will be camping that the site we maintain for the Council Adopt-a-campsite program and will provide cheerful service to the camp to prepare for Cub Scout Summer Camp. On Saturday evening, we will get to be spectators for the Order of the Arrow Call-out ceremony at Camp Delmont's lake front. I hope to see you at both events!

In preparation for summer camp, we will be making our Merit Badge selections. Also, each Scout will have to provide up BSA medical forms. Look for more info on both in upcoming emails and at Troop meetings.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

MARCH TRIP - DELMONT

Our trip this month will be assisting the ranger and camp on their service day. Hours count towards service or conservation requirements for rank advancements. Lunch will be provided. Wear working clothes and gloves After the service day, we'll head down to the waterfront for the General Nash OA callout. We'll be camping in our adopted campsite. Friday and Saturday. Bring your own food to cook – two breakfasts and one dinner. Lunch is included on Saturday. Contact Dave Gartner for more information.

SCHEDULE for MARCH 2022

3/ 1	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM
3/ 5	General Nash First Aid Meet (Gartner)
3/ 6	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Virtual (RNagele)
3/ 8	TROOP MTG 7:00 pm
3/15	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM OA ELECTIONS
3/22	Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM
3/25-27	Ω CAMPING – Delmont Service (Gartner)
3/26	OA Callout – Delmont Water Front 6 PM (CNagele)
3/29	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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COMING SOON IN 2022

4/ 6	District Dinner – St Maria Goretti (Gartner)
4/10	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Virtual (RNagele)
4/12	TROOP MTG – Gun Safety (Magee)
4/22-24	CAMPING – Rod N Gun (Magee/Hornberger)
5/ 1	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Virtual (RNagele)
5/10 or 17	Pack 152 Klondike (TBD)
5/20-22	CAMPING – Washington DC (CNagele)
6/??	CAMPING – TBD (TBD)
7/17 -23	Summer Camp – Rodney (TBD)
8/??	CAMPING – Niagara Falls (4 Day Trip) ??
9/23-25	CAMPING – Bloomsburg Fair (TBD)
10/14 -16	Cub-O -Ree (TBD)

SUMMER CAMP 2022

Planning for summer camp 2022 at Camp Rodney, 7/17 – 7/23, is in full swing. Summer camp fee will be \$465 for advance registration paid by 4/12/22. The payment schedule form was sent with the Troop reminders for 1/11/22, and is posted on the Troop's website. All fees must be paid in full by 4/12/2022 to avoid a late fee from the camp. Merit Badge selections will begin shortly. Don't forget your scout accounts. Checks should be made payable to BSA Troop 152 and turned in with the forms to Kris Neild or Dave Gartner at any regular meeting.

OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections have been rescheduled to March 15, 2022. We need as many scouts at this meeting as possible for voting. New member candidates must be active scouts, registered with a troop, with rank of 1ST class or higher, and have 15 days/nights of camping over the last 2 years, including 5 consecutive days/nights (i.e. summer camp), and be approved by the troop's scoutmaster.. Make sure your scout is there to vote! New members will be inducted at the OA Callout, 6 PM on 3/26/22 at the Delmont waterfront.

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2022 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/05/2022, in the gym at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W Main St, Lansdale. Registration opens at 8:00 AM. See Mr Gartner for the event flyer, and permission slip, which must be completed and signed by a parent. This is a great opportunity for scouts to hone their first aid skills for advancement. Adults interested in judging should also contact Mr Gartner. No previous medical experience is required.

Our scouts will soon be asked to nominate and elect several of their peers to the ORDER OF THE ARROW. This elite group exists to develop and maintain Scouting's spirit and camping traditions. It crystallizes the scout habit of helpfulness and leadership in cheerful service to others.



THE BASIC BOX OA ELECTIONS

Each troop's scouts are asked to select candidates who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible, a scout must be first class, have 15 days and nights camping, including 5 nights of summer camp, and their scoutmaster's approval.

Attendance for all scouts at this meeting is important! 50% of the troop must be present to hold the election. Once nominated, the local OA Lodge inducts the new members through an ordeal and ceremony.

To really know the OA, you must become a member. The ordeal teaches the meaning of the OA to its new members. Many of our scouts and adults are members advancing through its ranks with study and service. Most service is done at our council camps.


This year's election date is
3 / 15 / 2022

The lodge has provided thousands of service hours at every camp, and built the new Unami Lodge at Resica Falls entirely with volunteer labor and donations. The Order also services our high adventure camps such as Philmont and Northern Tier.

With members considered youth until 21, there is more opportunity for scouts to be active. The Order unites scouts across the council and allows them to share skills, activities, and ideas.

Election to this elite group is truly an honor that carries great responsibility. The OA is much more than a "social club". It is service to Scouting and to the ideals that Scouting holds

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