### **TROOP 152 NEWS**

#### **JUNE 2022**

Scoutmaster – Dave Gartner 267-218-4810 Upper Gwynedd Community Cntr (215) 699-0513

www.troop152pa.org

#### CORONAVIRUS

As of March 1, 2022, masks are now optional for BSA indoor activities, per CDC, COL, and Township guidelines. COL has re-opened all scout camp cabins and Adirondacks, and the troop is permitting two scouts to a tent.

#### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

From freezer to frying pan is an apt description of the difference between our April and May camping trips. The overnight temperatures at the Rod and Gun in April hovered around freezing where the overnight lows in May were warmer than the daytime highs at the Rod and Gun!

Despite the heat on the Washington DC trip in May, we were able to see many sites, several helping to meet Merit Badge requirements. On Saturday we navigated the DC Metro system to arrive at a stop near Rock Creek Park. Once at the park, we did our own form of Geocaching, looking for the leftover stones from the 1958-59 renovation of the Capitol complex. Next was some "modern day foraging" at Whole Food for lunch. It was back on the Metro for a ride to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

After seeing the 'cool' sites at museum, we ventured back out into the heat along the National Mall visiting the World War II and Vietnam Veterans memorials. Our last stop before heading back to the Metro was visiting the Boy Scout Memorial statue on the east end of the Ellipsis.

Having planned to visit earlier in the day, we arrived at Arlington National Cemetery after it closed. A bit deflated and wilted from the heat, we return to the Metro for our final ride back to the Green Belt station. We ended our DC tour with a tasty Chinese buffet before heading back to camp.

Now that it is June, it's time to get outside, hit the trails and get back in the pool. With about six weeks left until summer camp do your hiking boots fit? If not, it's time to get a new pair and break them in before summer camp. Are you ready for the BSA swim test? Maybe hit the pool for a few laps. Are you considering taking your bike to summer camp? Do its tires hold air? Does your bike helmet fit? Have you reviewed your merit badge choices completed or worked on any prerequisites? Have you had your annual physical and turned in your BSA Medical form? There are many things that need to be done to Be Prepared for summer camp. At our Family night later in June, we will review final logistics and last minute preparations for a great summer!

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

#### **SCHEDULE for JUNE 2022**

6/ 5		Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(RNagele)	
6/ 7	Ω	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM		
		PLC Meeting 6:30 PM		
<mark>6/10-12</mark>	Ω	<b>CAMPING</b> – Ocean City Air Show	(Fleck)	
6/14		FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM @ UG	Pavilion	
6/21		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM		
6/28		TROOP MTG 7:00 PM		
$\Omega$ or $\Delta$ 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.gneralnash.org/

#### COMING SOON IN 2022

7/17 -23	Summer Camp – Rodney	(Gartner)
7/31	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(RNagele)
8/4 - 8/7	CAMPING – Niagara Falls (4 Day Trip)	(Gatner)
8/30	FUN NIGHT 7:00 PM at UG Twp Pavilion	(RNagele)
9/23-25	CAMPING - Bloomsburg Fair	(CNagele)
10/ 7 - 9	Cub-O -Ree	(TBD)
11/11-13	CAMPING & SFF- Delmont	(CNagele)
11/12	Scouting For Food – Hanger drop off	(Gartner)
11/19	Scouting For Food – Food Pick Up	(Gartner)

#### SUMMER CAMP 2022

Planning for summer camp 2022 at Camp Rodney,7/17 – 7/23, is in full swing. Camp fees and merit badge selections are completed. Join us for a summer camp review at our Family Night on 6/14/2022 at the UG Twp Pavilion. Watch for a swim test in the Nor-Gwyn Pool. Date and time in June to be announced. Don't forget the medical forms and a check up with your scout's primary care physician. Scouts must have these forms completed or will not be permitted in camp.

#### JUNE TRIP - OCEAN CITY AIR SHOW

Join Troop 152's visit to the Ocean City, Maryland Air Show 6/10-6/12, 2022. We will camp at Trap Pond in Delaware and travel to Ocean City, Maryland on Saturday, for a beach front view of the air show. Visit <a href="http://www.ocairshow.com">http://www.ocairshow.com</a> to find out what is flying. Bring a brown bag lunch or buy it on site. Dinner will be bought on the board walk. Bring enough cash for your food and souvenir purchases. The permission slip has been sent out with the Reminders and posted on the web site and is *due on* 6/7/2022. Contact Alan Fleck on 215-264-8024 for more info on 215-820-2271.

#### FAMILY NIGHT

Please join Troop 152 at its 1st Family Night for 2022 on Tuesday, 6/14/2022, 7:00 PM at the Upper Gwynedd Pavilion at Park Side Place. Come and recognize our Scouts' achievements since last September, enjoy a summer camp review, and a picnic dinner of burgers and dogs. Contact Dave Gartner if you will bring a covered dish or desert! Meet our scouts, troop leaders and the families of Troop 152!

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

- with Scouts always do things "BUDDIES", never alone!
- Scouts never tent with an adult (except with a scout's parent)
- All Scouting activities require two leaders. This includes regular scout meetings and side trips on outings.
- 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.

Email Subscriptions are free, \$5 with USPS. Contact Troop 152 News editor, Barry Hornberger 215-368-2253, for information on circulation and subscription. Content is at the discretion of the scoutmaster, troop committee, and the newsletter editor

Sponsored by the West Point Foundation

Lynn Nagele, Coordinator

#### **COMMITTEE**

Chairman Rob Nagele \* <== OPEN ==**→** Vice Chair Treasurer Nancy Bickel Scout Accts

Recharter/Dues/Medicals Bill Kelso \* Secretary Walt Psculkowski Activity Coordinator Chris Nagele \* Advancement Alan Fleck \* New Member Coordinator <== OPEN ==→ Chaplain <== OPEN === Social Media Dave Gartner Newsletter Barry Hornberger Quarter Master Kris Neild \* <== OPEN ==**→** Training Coordinator Web Master Dave Gartner

#### MEMBERS . AT LARGE

Larry Brasch Suren Pakhtigian Steve McClellan \* Douglas Willen

Boy Scouts of America

# **TROOP 152 West Point, PA**



Sr Patrol Leader Walter Psculkowski

**SERVING THE NORTH PENN COMMUNITY SINCE 1930** OUR 92 ND YEAR

SCOUTMASTER STAFF

**Dave Gartner** SCOUTMASTER

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Harry Weber Joe Magee

EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John Bickel Ian Truscott Fran Belfield Theo Fleck Paul DeLong

\* Assistant Scoutmasters

Here Stmp Place

