

TROOP 152 NEWS

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MAY TRIP - TURNPIKE TUNNELS

Join Troop 152, 5/12-14, on its third trip to the abandoned turnpike tunnels in Central Pennsylvania. A great weekend camping trip and 12 mile bike ride through the tunnels constructed by a railroad competing with the PRR, and almost used by the turnpike. The permission slip has been sent out by email and will be available on the troop's web site. Contact Chris Nagele, cell 215-820-2271, for more information.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

April showers held off until the end of the day Saturday giving us warm weather at this year's Rod and Gun trip! It was great to see that all Scouts were able to attend, and try out each activity, including some fishing. Patrol cooking was back on par, with meals on schedule and turning out as planned. With the help of leaders of Troop 84 we were able to keep all the ranges staffed and scouts improving their skills at shotgun, rifle, and archery.

At the end of April, Mr. Psculkowski organized a service project for the troop with the Upper Gwynedd Environmental Advisory Council. Our Scouts provided conservation service to the community by preparing for and helping at the Upper Gwynedd Arbor Day tree give away by filling bags of mulch and by loading trees and mulch into the vehicles of people who ordered trees.

Summer camp is just over two months away! Scouts should be working on the pre-requisites for their Merit Badges and BSA Medical Form should be completed soon. In early June we will hold our pre-summer camp preview at family night on Tuesday, June 6th.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

JUNE TRIP - SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

Join Troop 152 as we venture back to Shenandoah National Park in central west Virginia. This is truly a national gem right in our own back yard. Enjoy hiking on waterfall or mountain peak trails. Learn the history of how the park was established during the great depression. We will camp at Loft Mountain near the Sky Line Drive, and hopefully visit the Big Meadows area to view flower, fauna, and wildlife native to the area. Watch for the permission slip and trip flyer. Contact Walt Psculkowski on (215) 237-6098 for more information.

SCHEDULE for MAY 2023

5/ 2	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
5/ 7	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
5/ 9	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	Ω
5/12-14	CAMPING – Turnpike Tunnels	Ω (Nagele)
5/16	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
5/23	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
5/30	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM June PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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COMING SOON IN 2023

6/ 4	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
6/ 6	FAMILY NIGHT / SUMMER CAMP REFRESHER	
6/22-25	CAMPING – Shenandoah National Park	(Psculkowski)
7/ 9-15	Summer Camp – Goose Pond	(Gartner)
7/19-28	National Jamboree Summit Bechtel	(Gartner)
8/ 6	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
8/ ?? - ??	CAMPING – ??	(TBD)
9/ 10	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
9/ ?? - ??	CAMPING – ??	(TBD)
10/ 1	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
10/ 13-15	CAMPING – Cub-O-Ree	(Gartner)
11/ 5	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
11/11	Scouting for food Hanger Drop	
11/10-12	CAMPING – Delmont	(Nagele)
11/18	Scouting for food – Food Pick Up	
12/ 3	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
12/19	Holiday Party	(TBD)

TWP EAC TREE GIVEAWAY

This was a great opportunity for our scouts to earn some environmental service hours, 9:00 to 11:00 AM on April 29, in honor of Arbor Day. Upper Gwynedd Twp is sponsoring a tree give away. Scouts helped unload the saplings and pack them in burlap sacks with mulch for families to plant. Contact Walt Psculkowski on 215-237-6098 for more information.

SUMMER CAMP

Planning for summer camp 2023 at Goose Pond 7/9-15 is in full swing. Summer camp fee will be \$245 for advance registration. The troop is paying for half of the camp fee for each scout. Payment in full was due April 7, 2023 to avoid a late fee from the camp. Don't forget to use your scout accounts. Checks should be made payable to BSA Troop 152 and turned in with the forms to Dave Gartner at any regular meeting. It's time to get your scout's deposit registered and select merit badges. Also, don't forget those medical forms. Arrange for a doctor's visit to get part C completed. Scouts cannot get into camp if the medical forms are not complete. This year's swim test will be done at the camp.


BASICS BOX

WEST POINT FOUNDATION

All Scouting units are required to be represented by a sponsoring organization. Troop 152 was solidly sponsored by the Upper Gwynedd Lions Club for decades. The Lions Club funded the construction of the Upper Gwynedd Community Building, where Pack 152 and Troop 152 hold their weekly meetings. This building was donated to Upper Gwynedd Township with the agreement that the Scouting organizations had priority for scheduling their meetings. The Upper Gwynedd Lions Club unfortunately disbanded and dissolved in July of 2014, with the passing of Jim Alago.

In lieu of a search for a new non-profit organization to sponsor the troop, a group of concerned citizens decided to form a non-profit organization to sponsor Pack 152 and Troop 152. This new organization is the West Point Foundation. The Foundation held its first official meeting on July 29, 2014, and subsequently obtained 501(C)(3) federal and state designation as a non-profit organization. The Foundation's mission statement is **to provide youth with the opportunity to learn life skills and leadership qualities in a safe, but interesting environment.**

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