

TROOP 152 NEWS

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2024 RECHARTER

Troop 152 recharter is complete and has been submitted to Council. Thanks for your cooperation to get this done on time.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new year of Scouting! First off, congratulations to Aedan Licwinko and Walter Psculkowski on passing their Eagle Scout Boards of Review in late December and each earning the rank of Eagle Scout! Congratulations gentlemen! Aedan and Walter are Troop 152's 152nd and 153rd Eagle Scouts, respectively! Not a specific milestone in Scouting, but interesting that we have reached our troop number in the number of Eagle Scouts!

As part of recruiting Cub Scouts into our troop, we will be running a Cub Scout Klondike event at our second meeting of each month for AOL and Webelos Cub Scouts from local Cub Packs. Please be sure to be there and be involved to provide a great experience for the Cub Scouts.

In mid-January, we have been invited to participate in the Continental District's Klondike. It would be interesting to see how theirs is different from ours, as we will follow up this event by preparing for two perennial District Scouting events, the Klondike and First Aid meet. Both events not only test scout skills, but patrol unity and communications. The Klondike, an outdoor adventure race, will require the scouts to identify their strengths within each patrol to determine which activities to attempt in their limited time to earn the most points. The First Aid meet will further challenge the Scouts within each patrol to work together to determine the best course of action for each first aid scenario.

To help keep our Scouts warm and safe in all these winter adventures, we will conduct cold weather training early in January. This training is mandatory for any Scout that wants to camp between January and March.

In late March we hope to be attending several Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquets to welcome new Scouts to our Troop. And in early April will have our New Scout camp out at UG park to acclimate the new Scouts to the troop.

In late April we will again do a combined Rod & Gun trip with Troop 84 as we did the last three years. Beyond that, a draft trip schedule is in place, so please pass along specific ideas for any of these trips to the PLC so they can be incorporated in these trips.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

SCHEDULE for JANUARY 2024

1/ 2	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC 6:30 PM	
1/ 7	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger Zoom)
1/ 9	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Mini Klondike	
1/13	Continental Dist Klondike	(Nagele)
1/16	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Cold Weather Training	
1/ 23	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	
1/ 30	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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COMING SOON IN 2024

2/ 4	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger Zoom)
2/10	Gen Nash Klondike @ Hart	(Gartner)
3/ 2	First Aid Meet	(Gartner)
3/ 3	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger Zoom)
3/ 8 - 3/10	Pilgrimage & Encampment	(Nagele)
4/ 7	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger Zoom)
4/26 - 28	Rod N Gun	(TBD)

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 16, 2024. Don't miss this meeting!

CONTINENTAL DISTRICT KLONDIKE

Troop 152 has been invited to participate in Continental District's Klondike events 8:30 – 4:00 PM on January 13, 2024 at Camp Hart. Permission slips are due 1/9/24. Contact Dave Gartner for additional info.

GENERAL NASH 2024 KLONDIKE

The 2024 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp Hart on 2/10 for the 2024 General Nash Klondike. This will be a day event. Reservations will be due shortly. Attendance at the Cold weather seminar & prep meetings are required to attend the event.

2024 Pilgrimage & Encampment

Council's 2024 Pilgrimage & Encampment event will be held in Ft Washington State Park, again this year on March 8 – 10. Watch for more info on Council's and District's web site.

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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