

TROOP 152 NEWS

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2023 RECHARTER

Troop Re-charter registration forms and fees for 2023 recharter were due on **11/22/2022**. If we do not have your re-charter form and fee you will lose the rights and privileges of being a Scout with Troop 152. Adult leaders MUST have current BSA Youth Protection training and current PA State and FBI Clearances. The re-charter registration form is available on the troop website. Contact Bill Kelso for more information on 215-541-1112

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Another great, yet challenging, Scouting year is coming to an end. We started the year by orienting ourselves in the right direction with some orienteering practice and testing at Upper Gwynedd Park. In February it was back to a normal schedule of the General Nash Klondike. In early March, our latest incarnation of the "Treat for Shock" patrol took third place overall at the General Nash First Aid Meet. Spring weather brought with it our second joint Rod & Gun trip with Troop 84 in April, a May trip to our Nation's Capital, and a perennial favorite in June, the Ocean City Airshow. Additionally in June we congratulated Thomas G. and Michael W. on each earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

In July we returned to Rodney Scout reservation for summer camp. Our campsite location was changed at the last minute due to heavy storm damage suffered by the Scout Reservation just a few days before our arrival. Aside from our planned camping location and accommodations, there was little other interruption of summer camp programs and fun! In August we took an extra-long weekend for some touring fun at Niagara Falls, and in September we had fun and good food at the Bloomsburg Fair after a long hike at Ricketts Glen State Park. Sadly, at the end of September we lost our beloved leader Mr. Nagele. He will be sorely missed by the Scouts, Leaders, the District, and the Council as he was a large part of Scouting for all of us.

We made quite a splash at October's Cub-o-ree with our lobster themed activities. Later in the month we took in the view of a splash of fall foliage colors on our hike to the Pinnacle Overlook on the Appalachian trail. In November, despite our smaller size we were able to make a sizable contribution to Scouting for Food. All those that were able, contributed by delivering door hangers to several routes, and spending extra time picking up food and sorting it. Many thanks to parents who helped as well. We could not have done it without you!

Moving into 2023 we have many challenges to face with our smaller troop size, especially our size. Each Scout should be invested in the Scouting life of each of their fellow Scouts. As we look for ways to recruit new Scouts, we need to maintain the integrity of our troop to have something worth recruiting new Scout toward.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 2022

12/ 4	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
12/ 6	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	PLC Meeting 6:30 PM
12/13	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM	Mini Klondike
12/20	HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM	
12/27	NO TROOP MTG - Winter Break	

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

INDICATES ADDITION OR CHANGE TO PREVIOUS LIST

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COMING SOON IN 2023

1/ 8	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
1/17	COLD Weather Training	(Nagele)
1/??	CAMPING - TBD	(TBD)
2/ 5	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
2/10-12	CAMPING – Klondike	(Gartner)
3/ 4	General Nash First Aid Meet	(Gartner)
3/??	CAMPING – Pine Grove Back Packing	(TBD)
3/29	General Nash District Dinner	.
-4/21-23	CAMPING - Rod N Gun	(Magee/Hornberger)
5/??	CAMPING – Turnpike Tunnels	(TBD)
6/??	CAMPING – Shenandoah National Park	(TBD)
7/ 9-15	Summer Camp – Goose Pond	(Gartner)
7/19-28	National Jamboree Summit Bechtel	(Gartner)
10/ 13-15	CAMPING – Cub-O-Ree	(Gartner)

MINI KLONDIKE

Troop 152 has announced a mini klondike for Arrow of Light and Webelos Cub Scouts beginning 12/13/2022. This is a great opportunity for the advanced Cubs to sample scout skills in preparation to crossing over to a Boy Scout troop. The mini klondikes will be held at the Upper Gwynedd Township Community Building at Park Side Place on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM. Reserve your den's spot by emailing Scoutmaster@Troop152pa.org.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to all the scouts, scouters, and parents who helped collect, check date, and sort 143 boxes containing 3,019 grocery items for this year's Scouting for Food Drive. Sheppard's shelf was very appreciative. Contact Dave Gartner with any comments or suggestions for next year's drive.

2022 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop by 12/13/2022. If you have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Nancy Bickel, for more info on 484-614-2366.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Join Troop 152 for its annual **Holiday Party**, on **12/20 at 7:00 PM**. Past and current troop members and their families are welcome. Plenty of Food, Games, and Music. The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and **SAFE** holiday season. The **troop will not meet** on Tuesday **Dec 27**. Have a happy and healthy new year in 2023.

BASICS BOX

ESCRIP CREDITS

Shopping at merchants that participate in "ESCRIPTS" can benefit Troop 152! Register today for the escrip program. Go online to www.escrip.com, or call 1-800-700-5655 to sign up. Troop 152's escrip code is **2106440**. Register your name and the troop's escrip code. Every time you shop at a participating merchant, the troop receives a percentage of the total sale as a contribution. This is a great way to support our Troop and bring in some extra income to defray the cost of equipment and our Troop's program.

It is that simple. No tapes to staple or calculator calluses. Just register and shop at participating merchants.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

With the holiday season just around the corner, don't forget scouting tools and equipment as a great gift idea for your scout. Upgrading equipment can make camping just a bit more comfortable. Try a Teflon fry pan or Thermo-Rest self inflating mattress, a Leatherman tool, or an LED head lamp.

Of special note is the compass. This is a basic tool for map reading skills and encourages interest in math.

Map reading and use of a compass is a requirement for all ranks through 1st class. Several merit badges also require extensive compass skills. So head your scout in the right direction this holiday .with a gift that is useful and educational.

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