

# TROOP 152 NEWS

JANUARY 2023

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## JANUARY TRIP

Join Troop 152 on a deep winter campout 1/27 – 29 at Camp Rodney. We will be staying at the camp's wilderness lodge cabin. Cabin camping at Rodney Scout Reservation should allow us a slightly warmer way to view the camp in the dead of winter. The lodge has electricity and a wood stove. We will be hiking, exploring, and working on advancement. The permission slip is on the troop's website posts. Contact Scoutmaster Dave Gartner for additional information on 267-218 – 4810.

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new year of Scouting! I am glad you are with us for this pivotal year in the life of our Troop. We need to recruit Scouts to our Troop to ensure the Scouting future of Troop 152.

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.

Late in January, we will be heading south to Rodney Scout Reservation in Eastern, Maryland. We will be cabin camping and will have plenty of time for outdoor activities; plans include hiking, exploring, and orienteering. This will also be an opportunity for Scouts to check out the camp in winter versus the week we spent here last July for summer camp. We will follow up this trip 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 April we will again do a combined Rod & Gun trip with Troop 84 as we did the last two years. Beyond that, a draft trip schedule is in place, so please pass along specific ideas for any of these trip to the PLC so they can be incorporated in these trips.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner [scoutmaster@troop152pa.org](mailto:scoutmaster@troop152pa.org)

## SCHEDULE for JANUARY 2023

1/ 3	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b> PLC Meeting 6:30 PM	
1/ 8	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	(Hornberger)
1/10	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b> Mini Klondike	
1/17	<b>Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b> Cold Weather Training – C Nagele	
1/24	<b>Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	
1/27-29	<b>Ω CAMPING – Rodney Cabin</b>	(Gartner)
1/31	<b>TROOP MTG 7:00 PM</b>	

**Ω** or **Δ** Attendance required for outing participation

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## COMING SOON IN 2023

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

## MINI KLONDIKE

Troop 152 has announced a mini klondike for Arrow of Light and Webelos Cub Scouts. 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](mailto:Scoutmaster@Troop152pa.org).

## COLD WEATHER TRAINING !

Winter is here & Troop 152 will be camping !! Scouts and Scouters planning to attend outdoor events in January, February, or March, must attend the troop's Cold Weather Training seminar at the Troop Meeting on Jan 17, 2023. Don't miss this meeting

## 2022 WREATH SALE !!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in salvaging the 2023 wreath sale. All monies must be turned in at the next meeting. If you have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Nancy Bickel, on 484-614-2366.

## GENERAL NASH 2023 KLONDIKE

The 2023 Klondike is just a few weeks away! Get your patrol sleds and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp 2/10 to 2/12/2023 for the 2023 General Nash Klondike. Watch for the permission slip in the scoutmaster's reminders and the posts in the troop's website.

# 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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