

TROOP 152 NEWS

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GENERAL NASH 2023 KLONDIKE

The 2023 Klondike is less than a week away! Get your patrol sled and scouting skills ready for the grand competition. Join Troop 152 at Camp Hart on 2/11 for the 2023 General Nash District Klondike. We will stay at Schweiker Lodge in Delmont. Contact Dave Gartner for additional info on 267-218 – 4810.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

In January we got the year off to a quick start by hosting AOL Scouts from Cub Pack 137 for our Cub Scout Mini Klondike. The Cubs had a blast going from station to station testing their Scout skills. They enjoyed warming up at the end of the event with hot chocolate. As for the Troop, we were able to take our January cabin camping trip at Camp Rodney unlike last year which was canceled due to a resurgence of covid. We stayed warm in the recently renovated Wilderness cabin not far from the Chesapeake Bay. Saturday morning, we took a five mile hike at nearby Elk Neck State Park, which left plenty of time for Scouts to explore the rest of camp, including a snack stop at the Trading post. In the evening, the Scouts joined the leaders in a rousing card game of Munchkin™.

Next up from February is the General Nash District Klondike. For the first time since 2020, it will be a weekend camping event with the Klondike on Saturday. We will be staying at our traditional location of Schweiker Lodge at camp Delmont. At our upcoming troop meetings, we will have activities preparing for the Klondike and the First Aid meet in March.

The District plans to hold the First Aid meet as scheduled, so let's keep our fingers crossed! In addition to participating in the District Klondike, we will be hosting a Cub Scout Klondike at our second meeting in February. We look forward to a fun time with the Cub Scouts and passing along some knowledge.

Summer sounds like a long way off, but it's time to be thinking about summer camp! Look for registration forms at meetings and in emails. In upcoming weeks, we will be talking more about summer camp and making our Merit badge selections, so look for additional information later in the month.

See you on the trail!

Dave Gartner scoutmaster@troop152pa.org

OA ELECTIONS

OA Elections are set for 5/21/2023. We need as many scouts at this meeting as possible for voting. New member candidates must be active scouts, registered with a troop, with rank of 1ST class or higher, and have 15 days/nights of camping over the last 2 years, including 5 consecutive days/nights (i.e. summer camp), and be approved by the troop's scoutmaster. Candidates must exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Make sure your scout is there to vote.

SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 2023

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| 2/ 5 | Committee Meeting 7:00 PM | (Hornberger) |
| 2/ 7 | Ω TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC Meeting 6:30 PM | |
| 2/10-12 | Ω CAMPING – Klondike | (Gartner) |
| 2/14 | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Mini Klondike | |
| 2/21 | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM OA Elections | (Nagele) |
| 2/28 | TROOP MTG 7:00 PM | |

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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COMING SOON IN 2023

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| 3/ 4 | General Nash First Aid Meet | (Gartner) |
| 3/ 5 | Committee Meeting 7:00 PM | (Hornberger) |
| 3/24-26 | CAMPING – Pine Grove Back Packing | (Fleck) |
| 3/29 | General Nash District Dinner | |
| 4/ 2 | Committee Meeting 7:00 PM | (Hornberger) |
| 4/21-23 | CAMPING - Rod N Gun | (Magee/Hornberger) |
| 5/ 7 | Committee Meeting 7:00 PM | (Hornberger) |
| 5/12-14 | CAMPING – Turnpike Tunnels | (Nagele) |
| 6/ 4 | Committee Meeting 7:00 PM | (Hornberger) |
| 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) |
| 12/19 | Holiday Party | (TBD) |

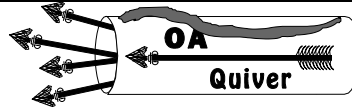
MINI KLONDIKE

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.

GENERAL NASH FIRST AID MEET

The 2023 General Nash First Aid Meet will be held on Saturday morning 3/04/2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W Main St, Lansdale, PA. Registration opens at 8:15 AM in the church lobby & Event in Hyson Hall (Gymnasium) Cost: \$9 per Participant. All Participants will receive a First Aid Patch & #2 of 3 Scouts BSA 2023 District Event Circle Patch, and top finishing patrols will receive trophies. See Dave Gartner for the event flyer and permission slip, which must be completed and signed by a parent. This is a great opportunity for scouts to hone their first aid skills for advancement. Adult Volunteers Wanted as judges – please email Jeff Baer jbaer84@hotmail.com No previous medical experience is required!

Our scouts will soon be asked to nominate and elect several of their peers to the ORDER OF THE ARROW. This elite group exists to develop and maintain Scouting's spirit and camping traditions. It crystallizes the scout habit of helpfulness and leadership in cheerful service to others.



THE BASIC BOX OA ELECTIONS

Each troop's scouts are asked to select candidates who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible, a scout must be first class, have 15 days and nights camping, including 5 nights of summer camp, and their scoutmaster's approval.

To really know the OA, you must become a member. The ordeal teaches the meaning of the OA to its new members. Many of our scouts and adults are members advancing through its ranks with study and service. Most service is done at our council camps.

The lodge has provided thousands of service hours at every camp, and built the new Unami Lodge at Resica Falls entirely with volunteer labor and donations. The Order also services our high adventure camps such as Philmont and Northern Tier.

With members considered youth until 21, there is more opportunity for scouts to be active. The Order unites scouts across the council and allows them to share skills, activities, and ideas.

Attendance for all scouts at this meeting is important! 50% of the troop must be present to hold the election. Once nominated, the local OA Lodge inducts the new members through an ordeal and ceremony.

This year's election date is
Tue February 21, 2023

Election to this elite group is truly an honor that carries great responsibility. The OA is much more than a "social club". It is service to Scouting and to the ideals that Scouting holds

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COMMITTEE

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| Chairman | Barry Hornberger |
| 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 | Larry Brasch |
| Training Coordinator | <== OPEN ==> |
| Web Master | Dave Gartner |

MEMBERS AT LARGE

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| Steve McClellan * | Suren Pakhtigian |
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SCOUTMASTER **Dave Gartner**

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

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| Joe Magee | Harry Weber |
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EMERITUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| John Bickel | Ian Truscott |
| Paul DeLong | Theo Fleck |

* Assistant Scoutmasters

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