

TROOP 152 NEWS

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2024 RECHARTER

Troop Re-charter for 2024 is in full swing. EVERY Scout and Scouter must re-register with Troop 152 for 2024. Registration forms and fees are due no later than **12/19/2023**. If we do not have your re-charter form and fee by this date, you will lose the rights and privileges of being a Scout with Troop 152. Adults MUST have BSA Youth Protection 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 Scouting year is coming to an end. We started the year with cabin camping and hiking at Rodney Scout Reservation. In early March, our latest incarnation of the "Treat for Shock" patrol won the "Terrific Teamwork" trophy at the General Nash First Aid Meet. In April we were back to central PA for our second joint Rod & Gun trip with Troop 84. And in May we ventured further west to the abandoned turnpike tunnels, another Scout favorite!

In June we headed south for our longest trip of the year to Shenandoah National Park where we hiked, visited museums and caverns, and sampled local cuisine. Peanut soup, yum! In July we headed to a Scout favorite Goose Pond reservation for summer camp. Though the weather was a bit mixed, it didn't dampen the fun! Especially for the Scouts that took on the ATV program! What would a week of Scout camp be without our traditional funnel cake snack on Friday night. Thank you Chris Nagele! In late August we hosted a recruiting night at the Upper Gwynedd pavilion and part of our Back-to-School game night. In September we returned to Rodney Scout Reservation for another weekend of cabin camping and hiking. This time we visited Turkey Point Lighthouse and hiked around camp at Rodney. Snacks of native PawPaws were enjoyed by some, ok – some leaders.

This October's Cub-o-ree theme was "Scouting around the World" and our country to represent was South Africa. We transformed our climbing wall in to Mount Mafadi, South Africa's tallest mountain. To sate the hunger of the Cub Scouts after their mountainous climb we prepared for them Malva pudding, a traditional South African desert.

In November, despite our smaller size, with help from Cub Pack 152 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 Troop parents, Cub Scout Leaders, and Cub Scout parents who helped as well. We could not have done it without you!

We end the year with our three oldest Scouts putting the finishing touches on their Eagle Requirements and Eagle application packets. We wish them the best and await the time we can celebrate their achievements! Moving into 2024 we continued to have challenges to face with our smaller troop size. 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 2023

12/ 3	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM (Hornberger Zoom)
12/ 5	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM PLC 6:30 PM
12/12	TROOP MTG 7:00 PM Mini Klondike
12/19	HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM
12/26	NO TROOP MTG

Ω or Δ Attendance required for outing participation

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COMING SOON IN 2024

1/12 - 14	Continental Klondike ??	(Nagele)
2/ 9 - 11	Klondike @ Hart	(Gartner)
3/ 2	First Aid Meet	(Gartner)
4/26 – 28	Rod N Gun	(TBD)

2023 WREATH SALE !!!

Everyone should have picked up and delivered their wreaths. Get your payments in to the Troop as soon as possible but no later than 12/12//23. If you need more wreaths or have questions concerning your wreath account, contact Nancy Bickel on 484-614-2366

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thanks to all the 152 scouts, cubs, leaders, and parents who assisted in the scouting for food drive on 11/11 hanger drop and 11/18 food pick up and sort. The cubs and scouts collected 3,286 items that were sorted, boxed, and transported to the Shepards Shelf in Mainland.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Troop's committee and scoutmaster staff wish everyone a happy and *SAFE* holiday season. The troop will not meet on Tues Dec 26. Have a happy and healthy new year.

2023 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 26TH annual Holiday season party will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Gwynedd Twp Community Building. There will be plenty of food, games, music, and *FUN!* Come on out for a visit. All Troop 152 members, past members, and their families are invited to attend. Don't miss this great year end celebration. Please let us know if you can provide a covered dish dessert. Contact Barry Hornberger on 267-614-1928 or Dave Gartner on 267-218-4810.



ON EAGLES' WINGS

By Jim Faber

What does it take to become an Eagle? It's a long road over many years, with many turns, perhaps a few potholes and even surprises. With it come many great memories. It takes determination and effort to become an Eagle and statistics show that only 2% of all Scouts in the United States will reach this goal.

22 merit badges is a must, as is a service project. Serving the Troop in various leadership positions is required, which means earning the respect of fellow scouts and learning to live the scout oath and laws.

In Troop 152 we believe each and every Scout has the potential to become an Eagle. Each of you Scouts has the ability to master scouting skills and obtain the necessary merit badges. Scouting Spirit, developed from within, will guide you to your goal.

Catch the spirit, make Eagle your goal.

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