



Boy Scout Troop 461

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 3. Life to Eagle District Seminar. 9.00 AM *Sharp!* Located at the Upper Gwynedd Community Center [at the location of the Cub-O-Ree]. Pre-registration necessary. Star & Life Scouts, parents and lead troop adults leaders welcome.

April 5. Troop Meeting - American Heritage merit badge.

SIGN UP FOR FISHING WEEKEND AT OCKANICKON TONIGHT, PLEASE

PARENTS OF NEWER SCOUTS - SCOUTMASTER WILL BRING SCOUT UNIFORM SHIRTS AND TROUSERS TO THIS MEETING FOR YOUR SONS TO SELECT FROM. COME TO CHECK OUT ITEMS AVAILABLE/NO COST/SIMPLY RETURN ITEM(S) WHEN THEY BECOME TOO SMALL!

April 8. 10-miler hike, if 2 adults are available. Contact Fred Crouthamel [215-721-1953] if interested.

April 12. Troop Meeting - Fun with Fishing. American Heritage Merit Badge, Advancement.

April 14. District Roundtable for adults-Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, Basketball for OA members, at Pembroke Middle School in Lansdale - check with Nathan Johnson..

April 16-18. Fishing Weekend at Ockanickon SR - Bischewi Campsite with Adirondack Shelters and platforms for tents. Cost: \$15.00/person. Meet at Scoutmaster's home by 7.00pm. Return Sunday before noon. Bring fishing poles, if owned. Also, plan to work on advancement, especially Tenderfoot.

A group of senior leaders will be doing a demonstration of dutch oven cooking during the weekend.

April 18. EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOUR FOR MICHAEL G. FLOWERS, Zion Mennonite Church, Fellowship Hall at 3.30pm. Junior Leaders are needed for the opening candle ceremony. All scouts and families are welcome, Wear uniforms.

April 19. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING - Church Library at 7:00 P.M.

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- April 23-25. Order of the Arrow Spring Weekend I - Treasure Island. Troop members taking their Ordeal are Andrew Isban and Nathan Lanan.
- April 25. Monthly Swim program, with Bill Brandis 1 tp 3 pm Souderton Area High School. Contact Mr. Brandis at 215-723-0140.
- April 26. Troop Meeting - Advancement/Board of Review. Wear FULL SCOUT UNIFORMS - UNIFORM INSPECTION!! Full Scout uniform includes the shirt with the proper insignia, pants, belt, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and cap.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- May 10. Annual Family Night. Recognition Court of Honor.
- May 21-23. Shooting weekend-Bechtelsville. Rifle & Shotgun.
- Jun 4-6. Annual Family Weekend at Hickory Run State Park & June 5 - Rafting on Lehigh.
- June 20-26. Local Summer Camp in BUCKS COUNTY - Ockanickon Scout Reservation.
- Jul 9-20. Summer Camp in CANADA - Haliburton Scout Reserve.
- Aug 28. Parking service at Souderton Mennonite Community Chicken BBQ.
- Sep 9-12. Gettysburg hiking historical field trails.
- Dec 10-12. Camp Men-O-Lan.
- Feb 25-27, '05 Snow Sports & Cabin Camp, Resica Falls .

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please note that our new member as noted last month as Nathan Rhoads should be *Andrew* Rhoads, my apology the Andrew. Also Andrew Frueh should have been *Nathan* Frueh, and he has decided to join Troop 401 where a number of his friends also joined.

ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED - CONGRATULATIONS

Scout - Andrew Rhoads, Steven Nice, Blake Norcini, Mitchell Bard, Keith Hunter, Derek Radcliff, Andrew van der Kleut, and Jon-Pat Carroll; **Tenderfoot** - Adam Gambone; **Life Scout** - Troy Gärthe, Greg Saltzman. **Merit Badges** - Citizenship in the Community - Zachary Wile; Communications - Andrew Isban, Arthur Forwood; Nature - David Pulli; Family Life - Justin Seelaus, Adam Gambone.

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2004 SUMMER SCOUT CAMP AT OCKANICKON

All interested Scouts - remember, as Webelos crossovers, the deadline for the reduced fee of is April 26th.

GENERAL NASH DISTRICT ADULT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Troop 461 was recognized for several achievements:

One of the troops to receive the 100% Trained Award.

Order of Merit Award - Ronald E. Brookhart.

Golden Record Award - Thomas Isban

Eagle Scouts - Michael Hohenwarter.

Door prizes - Harold Frederick, Joanne Brookhart, Ned Leight, Barbara Johnson, Jason Brookhart.

MERIT BADGES CURRENTLY UNDER WAY

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY: 4 Scouts still need the history of their community nor the letter expressing their views to a local person in authority.

COMMUNICATIONS: 9 Scouts haven't completed the requirements.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: 4 Scouts not yet done. Currently underway is AMERICAN HERITAGE with Steven Schafer. And just starting, with Scott Nice is ge of American Heritage under way, it would be good to complete the previous badge as soon as possible. Scott Nice is starting merit badge in April [3rd and/or 10th, depending upon weather conditions].

FAMILY NITE COVERED DISH SUPPER - MAY 10, 2004

Head count for Family Nite meal - Call Terri Nice at 215-799-9349

- * A * Meal plan is for families to bring a covered dish,
- * L * --enough for your family plus 10 others:
- * E * Last names A - F bring an dessert
- * R * Last names G - P bring a salad
- * T * Last names R - Z bring a entree
- * ! * Families bring eating utensils; troop will provide beverages, plates, cups, and napkins.

SPECIAL TROOP 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT

A 60-year Anniversary Troop T-Shirt is currently being distributed to all active Scouts and Adult Leaders. Any Scout or Adult Leader who has not received their shirt should contact Barbara Johnson [215-275-3259] or come to a Troop Meeting during the month of April 2004.

Our thanks to Barbara Johnson and Leora Wile for designing the logo for this Anniversary Shirt and to Barbara Johnson for taking orders, getting sizes and arranging for the manufacture of the shirts.

MEDICAL FORMS FOR OUR 2004 SUMMER SCOUT CAMPS

Our health officer, Leora Wile, is in the process of notifying all participants as to what is needed for both our camps, via email, with instructions for downloading the Class 3 medical form from the web site. Please note that a two-sided form should be printed. Most of our current scouts only need the parent update this year, the recent members will need a doctor's visit. Anyone having difficulty downloading this form, please contact either Leora Wile [215-362-7121] or Scoutmaster Frederick [215-723-2555] for the Class 3 Form, which should be completed and returned no later than June 7, 2004.

DESIGNS SOUGHT FOR 2004 HALIBURTON, CANADA, SUMMER CAMP

The troop is once again asking the Scouts to help design the troop t-shirt for the 2004 Haliburton trip. Scouts are asked to turn in designs as soon as possible, so trip t-shirts can be ordered for this trip. Each participant will receive 2 t-shirts. Extra t-shirts can be ordered.