



Boy Scout Troop 461
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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- December 6. Troop meeting - Advancement. Final sign-up for Camp Men-O-Lan weekend. Advancement and fun. Outdoor activities will include hiking preparation and the 5-mile hike, compass and mapping activities, basketry - stool & baskets [cost \$13.50], other advancement, 2-hour use of gym. Earn the Computer Merit Badge. Cost is \$15.00.
- December 8. Charter Renewal Day - at roundtable.
- December 10-12. Camp Men-O-Lan advancement/fun weekend. Departure from Harold's by 7.30pm. Please be prompt. See Page 2 notes.
- December 12. Troop Swim - 1.00pm to 3.00pm; Bill Brandis, 723-0140. All scouts who have not yet passed either second class or first class swimming requirements are encouraged to take part, either to be tested for the required swimming or improve swimming ability. Adults are asked to help Bill Brandis (215-723-0140).
- December 13. **TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.00pm in Library.
- December 13. Troop meeting - Advancement.
- December 20. Troop Meeting - Advancement. Board of Review.
- December 27. **NO SCOUT MEETING - HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SEASON**

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

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| January 14-16 | Junior Leaders Training, Bechtelsville [Tentative]. |
| February 25-27 | Snow camp & snow sports. Cabin camp at Resica Falls. |
| March 26-27 | Backpacking overnighter - adult leadership needed. |
| April 22-24 | Fish & Fun at Camp Ockanickon. |

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May 13-15	Rifle & shotgun shooting weekend at Bechtelsville.
June 17-19	Hickory Run Weekend with rafting on Lehigh River.
July 10-16	Summer camp - Citta Scout Reservation, NJ.
August 27	Parking for Chicken BBQ at Souderton Mennonite Homes.

CAMP MEN-0-LAN NOTES

1. Andrew van der Kleut will be in charge of meals, under adult guidance.
2. Materials for Basketry merit badge will be available, the cost is \$15.50 (troop wholesale price) for the required stool and 2 baskets. If you already have the materials, bring them with you; if they need to be replaced, contact Harold. You can complete them if you started them earlier.
3. Adult participation welcome. Heated indoor cabins will be used.
4. Webelos Cubs [plus an adult per pack] are welcome to attend.
5. **A SPECIAL BOARD OF REVIEW IS PLANNED. COMMITTEE MEMBERS** are asked to attend Saturday evening [come for supper, too].

2005 SUMMER CAMP—CITTA SCOUT RESERVATION, NEW JERSEY

Our troop now has confirmed reservations at this scout camp for the week of July 10-16, 2005, in our favorite campsite - Mohawk. This week was selected so as not to conflict with the National Jamboree. This is a regular council camp, with meals in the dining hall. This will be the 11th time our troop will camp there, since our first trip in 1980. Adults are needed for leadership and transportation. A \$25.00 deposit will hold a place. More details as they are available. Let's All Go!

2005 SUPER BOWL HOAGIE & STROMBOLI SALE

This year the sale packets are being distributed at the January 10, 2005 troop meeting. All orders and payments are due on January 24, 2005, with the pick-up/delivery date being February 5, 2005. This is our 2nd fund raising opportunity this year to earn credit for the 2005 summer scout camp or other scouting activities. [Popcorn Sale was the 1st.] We are using the same supplier as last year. Let's make it our best sale ever!

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ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED—CONGRATULATIONS

Scout - Darius Dorsey. **Merit badges** - Chemistry - Peter Detwiler, Andrew Isban, Chris Kulp, David Pulli, Sam Schwyter, Justin Seelaus, and Nathan Johnson. American Heritage - Nathan Johnson and Justin Seelaus.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROJECT

Thanks go to all Scouts and adults who helped put out bags on Saturday, November 6th, and helped with the food collection, etc., on November 13th. We collected more this year than in 2004. A total of 2957 items were collected, plus \$155.00 in cash donations collected. Also, thanks to the committee persons who help staple notices to the 1,000 bags on Nov. 1. It did pay off!

NOVEMBER WEEKEND AT OCKANICKON VERY SUCCESSFUL

Despite the threatened rain, the hiking & biking activities were able to take place. It rained early in the morning, and then held off until after supper cleanup was done. **Hiking:** 2 Scouts and an adult - 20 miles; 2 scouts - 15.5 miles; 3 scouts - 12 miles; 1 scout 6 miles. **Biking:** 1 scout and 1 adult - 50 miles; 1 scout 25 miles; 1 scout 15 miles; and 1 scout 1 miler [due to a tire blowout]. In camp, Zach and Tim Wile prepared the supper in dutch ovens, so that the meal was ready to eat when everyone was back from the various hikes. Thanks to everyone who helped.

OUR TROOP CONTINUES TO COLLECT ALUMINUM CANS & OTHER SALEABLE METALS

Troop 461 continues to collect aluminum cans and other saleable metals for recycling. Just put them on Harold's front porch behind the bushes. Last year the troop earned \$212.50 for the materials and cans collected. These funds are used for program material and merit badge books, and helps to keep the annual registration fees lower.

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CHARTER RENEWAL FOR 2005

Each year our troop has to renew its charter and the members who want to continue their membership thru the coming year. This is why annual dues/registration fees are collected. In this process, those members who do not wish to continue, are dropped from the troop. This year the following members have decided to leave the troop - Scouts Mitchell Bard, Austin Blanton, Doug Boyer, Richard Chieffo, Shane Cummiskey, Brandon Hange, Steven Nice, Blake Norcini, Alex Sowhangar, and Andrew Woehrel; Adults Bruce Blanton, William Chieffo, and David Hange. We wish them well in their next endeavors.

SCOUT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

To all leaders, committee persons, and interested parents, the following training opportunities are available:

Fast Start—See Harold for a video, or on-line link through the General Nash web site.

Youth Protection—on-line link through General Nash web site [can be done on-line, and credited to our council's records].

Scout Essentials, Troop Committee Training—watch General Nash web site for upcoming sessions.

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster—watch General Nash web site for upcoming local sessions.

Outdoor Leaders Weekend—watch General Nash web site for upcoming session at McClain Training Center, Musser Scout Reservation, Green Lane, PA.

For specific details contact: Ronald Brookhart 215-412-2584 & George Senderling, Jr., Training Chairperson 215-723-4762.

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

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Scarborough, Ontario M1K-5J4
CANADA

[Use airmail - postage is \$.60/ounce]

HOSPITALITY-Vienna Group 12 and our hosts in 2003:

AUSTRIA: Familie Sedlak
[Walter, Christa, Peter & Christian] [Visitors in 2001]
Larchengasse 33
A-2333 Leopoldsdorf
AUSTRIA

Familie Stutterecker
[Johann, Monika, Markus & Lukas] [Visitors in 2001]
Passinigasse 38
A-1100 Wien
AUSTRIA

Martin Dietrich [Group 12 contact person]
Brunnerstraße 209/7/3
A-1020 Wien
AUSTRIA

Harald Dietrich [Met Mark at Airport & Guide]
Walter Lindenbaumgasse 6/99/6
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AND the friends each member has made during the camp.

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ITALY: Franco Zilio [who joined us at Kandersteg]
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Use airmail - postage is \$.80 per ounce.

Have a SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!