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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- December 2. District "Life to Eagle" Seminar - 9.00am sharp, at the Upper Gwynedd Community Centre. Phone Rob Nagele [215-699-4779] for more information or to confirm attendance.
- December 4. Troop Meeting - Patrol competition. Board of Review [for November].
- December 8-10. Camp Men-O-Lan Weekend. Departure from Scoutmaster Frederick's residence by 7.30 pm. Please arrive between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm, in order to check in and load gear. Advancement includes merit badges [Scott Forwood - **Cooking**; Ernie Gambone - **Plumbing**; Harold Frederick - **Basketry** (those scouts who have started at Rodney)]. Other merit badges available as planned by individual Scouts - come prepared. All requirements up thru First Class will be stressed especially map & compass course and directions. Fee is \$15.00@ - kindly bring your fee with you Friday if you have not paid yet!
- December 11. Troop Meeting - Patrol Competition. Advancement.
- December 18. Troop Committee Meeting - 7.30 pm in Library.
- December 18. Troop Meeting - Patrol Competition. Board of Review.
- December 25. Christmas Day – No Troop Meeting - **Merry Christmas.**
- January 1. No Troop Meeting - **Happy New Year's Day.**

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January 12-14. Junior Leaders Training and Fellowship weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club Cabin, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- January 12-14 Junior Leaders' Training Weekend, Bechtelsville, PA.
- February 3. Annual Super Bowl Stromboli & Hoagie Sale
- February ? Service Project at Ockanickon - building bunks in Ads.
- March 2—4 Snow Sports at Big Boulder & Cabin camp at Resica Falls.
- March 10 Annual Spaghetti Dinner.
- April 20—22 Ockanickon weekend with COPE activities possible.
- May 4—6 Council Jamboree, Green Lane Park.
- June 1—3 Shooting weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA. Rifle & Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges will be available.
- July 6—16 Summer Scout Cam, Haliburton Scout Reserve, Canada.
- July 23—August 8 World Jamboree in England.

FINAL POPCORN SALE RESULTS

Final Gross sales were \$3,783, with profit for our members at \$1,134.90, with 100% being distributed to the savings accounts of those who sold popcorn.

ADVANCEMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Badges - Nathan Lanan - Personal Management; Andrew Isban - Camping; Adam Gambone - Citizenship in the Nation. Anthony Rivellini - **Second Class**; Adam Gambone - **Star Scout**; Nathan Johnson - **Bronze Palm to Eagle Award** (passed 8/06) & **Gold Palm to Eagle Award** (passed 12/06).

SUMMER CAMP 2007 - HALIBURTON SCOUT RESERVE, CANADA

We have now received a conformation from Canada as to our site reservation, the same site we used in 2004 and 2001. Most Scouts and several adults have indicated that they plan to attend this camp next summer. Since those scouts planning to go would like to start deciding on which merit badges they would like to do at this camp, we need to know just which Scouts and which Adults plan to attend.

PLEASE PAY A DEPOSIT OF \$25.00 PER PERSON IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Much planning is necessary for a successful camp at Haliburton. Scouts - Please note that the merit badge topics at this camp are determined by which adults from our troop attend, since in Canada the staff do not provide merit badges opportunities as are done at USA scout camps.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

On October 30th we held our party, with each patrol bringing assigned refreshments. Awards were given for various costumes, as follows - **Most Original** - Nick Manton; **Funniest** - Zach Brong; **Scariest** - Andrew Rhoads; **Mystery Scout** - Sam Schwyter; and **Most Outrageous** - Nathan Johnson.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROJECT IN NOVEMBER, 2006.

This annual good turn is greatly appreciated by Indian Valley Opportunities Council (IVOC). This year Troop 401 helped distribute

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bags in some of our normal areas - Heatherfield, and Hunter's Green. Troop 401 helped us in the section between Central Ave and Chestnut Street between the railroad and County Line Road [the food donated in this section was collected by our troop - originally we had planned to distribute the bags on Sunday, but with heavy rain predicted, Troop 401 was asked to help]. The total food items collected were 2303 items, plus cash donations of \$230.00. Thanks to everyone who helped.

FIRE SAFETY MERIT BADGE

Kyle Crouthamel is still awaiting the homework some scouts need to turn in to complete this badge - please phone Kyle to find out if you still need to complete this work [215-721-1953].