



Boy Scout Troop 461
Zion Mennonite Church
Souderton, Pennsylvania



Troop Web Site <http://www.soudertontroop461.org>

E-Mail hlfrederickjr@verizon.net

Web Master Timothy P. Wile, Scoutmaster

NEWSLETTER

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 December Troop Meeting – First Aid Review & Advancement.
- 7-9 December Winter Weekend at Camp Men-O-Lan, Quakertown, Bucks County, PA. Departure from Zion Mennonite Church Barn at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. to check in and load troop gear. Advancement will include all requirements up through First Class with special emphasis on map and compass skills. SM Tim Wile will be running the classroom portion of Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges. Other merit badge topics may be available depending upon availability of counsellors. The fee for this weekend is \$25.00/person. Please bring the camp fee with you Friday night if you have not paid it previously!
- 8 December District “Life to Eagle” Seminar - 9.00am sharp, at the Upper Gwynedd Community Centre, North Wales. Phone Rob Nagele [215-699-4779] for more information or to confirm attendance.
- 10 December Troop Meeting - First Aid Review & Advancement.
- 17 December Troop Committee Meeting beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the Zion Mennonite Church Library.
- 17 December Troop Meeting - First Aid Review & Advancement.
- 24 December No Troop Meeting - *Merry Christmas!!*.
- 31 December No Troop Meeting - *Happy New Year*.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 2

11-13 January Junior Leaders Training and Fellowship weekend at the Cabin of the Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA..

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

7-9 December 2007 Winter camp at Camp Men-O-Lan, Finland, Bucks County.

11-13 January 2008 Junior Leaders' training & fellowship weekend – Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County.

8 February 2008 General Nash District Klondike Derby, Musser Scout Reservation, Green Lane, Montgomery County, PA.

22-24 February 2008 Winter Snow Sports Weekend at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, Marshall's Creek. Snow sports at Big Boulder or Shawnee Mountain.

1 March 2008 General Nash District First Aid Meet at Hatfield Fire House, Hatfield, PA.

9 March 2008 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall, Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA.

28-30 March 2008 Hiking weekend on the Appalachian Trail.. Base camp at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, Hawk Mountain Council, Berks County.

17-19 April 2008 Weekend camping trip at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County Council. COPE course available as well as cooking and advancement.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 3

15 April 2008 Deadline for payment for Boot & Paddle Programme at Resica Falls for summer camp in order to get the discount rate.

15-18 May 2008. Shooting Sports Weekend at the Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Rifle & Shotgun Shooting merit badges will be available for a limited number of applicants.

6-8 June 2008. Canoeing weekend – exact location to be announced at a later date.

6-12 July 2008 Annual troop summer camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, Marshall's Creek, Pennsylvania. This is the troop's first summer camp at a Cradle of Liberty Council camp since the troop's 1997 trip to Resica Falls.

23 August 2008 Service project – parking at the Souderton Mennonite Community Bar-B-Que. This is an easy way to accumulate service hours for advancement!

ADVANCEMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Tenderfoot - Darian Serfass, Joshua Burke. **Merit Badges** - Ben Gehringer - Music, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting. **Toten' Chip** - Shawn Mills. **Leadership changes:** Chaplain's Aide - Spenser Forwood; Troop Librarian - Ben Gehringer; Troop Scribes - Zach Brong & Andrew van der Kleut; Junior ASM - Nathan Johnson. Den Chief Training - Andrew Rhoads.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 4



ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD SERVICE PROJECT

This annual Scouting good turn is greatly appreciated by the Indian Valley Opportunity Centre (IVOC) and the needy families it serves in our area. This year Troop 401 helped distribute bags in some of our normal areas, basically Heatherfield, and Hunter's Green. Our troop collected the food donated in this section.

This year our troop collected 2,501 food items, which were turned into IVOC, along with cash donations totaling \$150.00. Thanks to everyone who helped.

RESICA FALLS SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION REMINDER

Our troop now has a reservation for summer scout camp at the Resica Falls Scout Reservation for the week of 6-12 July 2008. Our reservation covers the regular in-camp [eating in the dining hall] program. Also available is the "Boot & Paddle" programme, which includes hiking 15 miles and then canoeing down the Delaware River to the Treasure Island Scout Camp. In order to participate in the "Boot & Paddle" programme a Scout must have attained the age of fourteen (14) years.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 5



Those Scouts who are interested in either programme should make their \$50.00 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible to: Boy Scout Troop 461, and given to or mailed to Harold Frederick, Jr. Troop Treasurer.

A deposit of \$50.00 will hold a place for each Scout and a deposit of \$25.00 will hold a place for each adult. Please note that the FULL FEE is \$300.00 per Scout, with a discount of \$25.00 per Scout if the full fee is paid to the troop by 15 April 2008.

2007 POPCORN SALE RESULTS

This year the troop had gross popcorn sales of \$2,180.00, out of which the troop had a net profit of \$843.00. The troop's profits were distributed to the individual savings accounts of those Scouts who sold popcorn.

Thanks again to Kathy Rhoads who spearheaded the 2007 Popcorn Drive and did a fantastic job!

2008 HOAGIE & STROMBOLI FUNDRAISER

Once again the troop will be sponsoring a Super Bowl Hoagie and Stromboli Sale to give Scouts another opportunity to earn money towards summer camp and other troop activities. More information will be forthcoming in January with delivery of the hoagies and strombolis being made on the Saturday before the NFL Super Bowl.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 6

2009 UNITED KINGDOM SCOUT ADVENTURE

Scoutmaster Tim Wile is considering putting together a trip to the United Kingdom for the summer of 2009 and would like to know if there are any Scouts or adults who might be interested in accompanying him



Cruiser HMS Belfast in the River Thames with the Tower Bridge in the background

for a two-week trip to England and Scotland. Right now, the plan is to spend a week in the City of London taking in the sights of the city and then travelling to Scotland to spend some time in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital.

which is a hostel run by the Scout Association and Meininger Hostels that is located in the South Kensington section of London and provides discounted rates for Scout groups. While in Edinburgh, it is envisioned that the group would also stay in hostels in order to keep costs down.

In view of the present weakness of the US dollar (USD) compared to the British pound (GBP) (currently a GBP is worth about \$2.05), the estimated cost of the trip would be in the area of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per person. Participants would be responsible for their own spending money.



Baden Powell House Lobby

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461 NEWSLETTER

Timothy P. Wile
Scoutmaster
129 Oxford Road
Lansdale PA 19446-4763
215-362-7121
tpwile@hotmail.com



J. Douglas Floro
Committee Chairman
373 Oak Drive
Souderton PA 18964
215-703-0262
jfloro_2000@yahoo.com

Volume 49, No. 10

December 2007

Page 7

In the past, the troop has sponsored international trips since 1966, most recently to Austria in 2000 and Austria, Lichtenstein and Switzerland in 2003.