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## NEWSLETTER

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 4. Distribution of Hoagies/Strombolis from 1.00 to 2.00pm

February 4. Work day at Resica Falls on the OA Lodge Building.

February 6. Troop Meeting - Celebrating Scouting. Winter Camping.

February 12. Troop Swim Instruction/testing, 1.00-3.00pm at SASH pool. Contact Bill Brandis (215-723-0140) for details. Anyone wishing to schedule swimming activities should also call Bill Brandis - other times may be available. Please plan to arrive as close to 1.00pm as possible, as the pool may close early if no one shows up!

February 13. PATROL LEADERS PLANNING MEETING - 7.30PM.

February 13. Troop meeting - Camp Promotion & Order of the Arrow election. Everyone should attend, please!

February 20. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING - 7.30PM in the Library.

February 20. Troop Meeting - Winter Snow Sports.

February 24-26. Winter camp in Bushkill Lodge, Resica Falls Scout Reservation. Departure is planned by 6.30pm from Scoutmaster's home. Snow sports at Big Boulder Ski Area, Blakeslee, PA, is booked for Saturday. **Be prepared for cold weather, especially at Big Boulder Snow Sports Centre.** While lunch will be packed at camp for Saturday, some spending money is recommended for snow sports area. See page 3 for additional details.

February 27. Troop Meeting-Board of Review. Patrol competition.

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### CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- February 24-26 Snow camp & snow sports at Big Boulder. Cabin camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation.
- March 11 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser at Zion Mennonite Church.
- April 28-30 Hiking and Fishing Weekend at Resica Falls Scout Reservation.  
**NOTE DATE CHANGE!**
- June 2-4 Rifle & shotgun shooting weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, PA. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**
- June 23-25 Rock Hall Yacht Club, Maryland.
- August 6-12 Summer camp – Rodney Scout Reservation, Maryland.
- August 26 Parking for Chicken BBQ at Souderton Mennonite Homes.

**DON'T FORGET SIGN-UP FOR SNOW SPORTS WEEKEND  
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15TH.**

### GENERAL NASH DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER – MARCH 16, 2006

All Scouters are invited, with their wives/husbands to participate in this annual event. **PLEASE LET HAROLD [215-723-2555] KNOW, NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2006, OR SOONER, IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.** Fabulous Food and Fellowship - the social hour is at 6.00pm, dinner is at 7.00pm. The dinner will be held at the Immanuel Church of The Nazarene (located at 1260 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA).

### THANKS TO ADULT SCOUTERS

Thanks go to Assistant Scoutmasters Andrew Cowles, Kyle Crouthamel, and Timothy Wile, and Scoutmaster Harold Frederick, for conducting the 2006 Junior Leaders Training in January. 11 Scouts attended.

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### ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED – CONGRATULATIONS

**Scout** - Spenser Forwood; **Second Class** - Andrew van der Kleut; **First Class** - Andrew van der Kleut; **Eagle Scout** - District Board of Review - Zachary Wile.

### SNOW SPORTS ACTIVITIES & CAMPING AT RESICA FALLS

We have reserved Bushkill Lodge for the weekend of February 24-26, 2006 [same lodge as last year]. Return will be about noon on Sunday. Sign-up sheets showing costs of various events, were given out or mailed on January 30th, so little time exists to cancel our reservation, should we not have the minimum of 15 persons sign up. **All sign up sheets with fees are due by Feb 15, 2006.** Each participant is required to provide all his own camping needs, including personal gear. (**NOTE** - extra warm sleeping bag, plus lots of warm clothes - **NO SNEAKERS**; boots & boot socks; extra socks; head cover; 2 pairs of gloves/mittens; personal hygiene gear, etc; flashlight; **any other items** which you may need for cold weather camping. Troop fee includes lodge rental, food including lunch [to be packed Friday night] while at Big Boulder, cooking gear, and troop gear.

Anyone able to supply some firewood for the fireplace in the lodge, should bring it with them, as it could be difficult to find replacement firewood if there is snow on the around the lodge.

Please NOTE that if the scout [student] or adult signs up for either skiing or snowboarding, he also has to choose the appropriate [student or adult] lift ticket to get up the slopes. The Beginner Discovery Package includes equipment, a lesson, and a lift ticket. Persons taking their own equipment need only a lift ticket.

No lift ticket is needed for tubing, as those tubing are hauled up the slope [with their tube] on a cable.

### NEW HOAGIE-STROMBOLI FUND RAISER CHAIR

Julie Youtz [Ben Gehringer's mother] has accepted the responsibility of running this annual fund raiser on the Saturday of the Super Bowl game. She is presently taking training under the guidance of George Senderling, our troop committee's training chair, and is assisting Harold Frederick in this year's event.

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## 2006 SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

By a vote by the majority of our scout members, and approval of our troop committee, our troop has made reservations at the Rodney Scout Reservation in Maryland, for the week of August 6-12, 2006.

To date, those who have paid their \$25.00 deposit prior to the February 1, 2006, deadline for the discounted camp fee include:

**Scouts** - Peter Detwiler, Darius Dorsey, Andrew Floro, Joshua Floro, Spenser Forwood, Adam Gambone, Ben Gehringer, Michael Haupt, Michael Hay, Andrew Isban, Nathan Johnson, Chris Kulp, David Pulli, Troy Radcliff, Andrew Rhoads, Anthony Rivellini, Justin Seelaus, and Andrew van der Kleut. **Adults** - Richard Detwiler, Douglas Floro, Harold Frederick, Kenneth Hutchinson, and Michael Landis. There is still room for more Scouts and adults to sign up, however, the full fee is now due. [A \\$25.00 deposit is still due to save a space!](#)

All incoming Scouts and Webelos Crossovers are encouraged to also sign up for summer scout camp. Details available from SPL Chris Kulp or Scoutmaster Harold Frederick, Jr., or online.

## **OF INTEREST TO OUR CURRENT & INCOMING SCOUTS**

### 1. SCOUT UNIFORM PARTS AVAILABLE:

Scoutmaster Harold Frederick, Jr., has a number of scout uniform parts available for use. All that is asked for using them, is that when they become too small, the parts are returned for others to use. Please NOTE that when returning a scout shirt, please do not remove the "SOUDERTON, PA, 60 YR BAR AND #461" emblems. Harold will replace these for new shirts, at no additional cost. All members should have a scout shirt for all activities, and are encouraged to also have scout trousers, to be able to be in complete uniform at meetings and outdoor activities.

### 2. RECYCLING OF SALEABLE METALS:

Troop 461 still recycles all saleable metals, especially aluminum cans. Metals such as aluminum storm doors and windows, siding, old lawn chairs, etc., are acceptable, as well as other recyclable metals. Kindly place these items on the Scoutmaster's front porch, behind the bushes. Cans and small items should be

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placed into plastic bags. Larger items can be brought separately or put into boxes. The money earned goes toward new merit badge pamphlets and program materials. This helps to keep the annual dues lower for everyone.

### **3. NEW BOY SCOUT HANDBOOKS:**

A new Boy Scout Handbook is presented to each incoming Scout. If the new scout is a Webelos crossover, he will receive his handbook at the crossover ceremony. Otherwise, it will be presented at an appropriate time. The Kiwanis Club of Lansdale currently provides handbooks to local troops for this purpose.