



Boy Scout Troop 461
Zion Mennonite Church
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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 3 Super Bowl Hoagie/Stromboli Sale pickup day – 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 2:00 o'clock p.m.
- February 5 Troop meeting – Patrol building activities. Sign-up time for the Snow Sports weekend activities – Are you going? If so, what snow sport activity are you interested in doing? Snow Boarding? Snow Tubing? Skiing? We need to have numbers, so we can sign up at Big Boulder Ski Resort – for Saturday March 3, 2007. We do have the same cabin as last year reserved at Resica Fall Scout Reservation for the weekend. Scouts and dads are welcome.
- February 11 Troop swimming activities – 1.00 o'clock p.m. to 3:00 o'clock p.m. at the Souderton Area High School pool. Come early. All swimming requirements available, as well as free swim time. Contact Bill Brandis (215- 723-0140) if you have a specific requirement you are interested in working on.
- February 12 Troop meeting - Order of the Arrow Election - Please make an extra special effort to attend this meeting so we will have enough members present to hold the election!
- February 19 Troop Committee Meeting – 7:45 o'clock p.m. in the Zion Mennonite Church Library.
- February 19 Troop meeting – Advancement & cooking merit badge.—Monthly Board of Review, if needed.
- February 26 Troop meeting - Patrol building activities.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

March 2- 4 Snow Sports Camp – cabin camping at Resica Falls Scout Reservation and snow sports at Big Boulder Ski Resort in the Pocono Mountains.

March 10 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, Zion Mennonite Church – serving from 4:00 o'clock p.m. through 7:00 o'clock p.m.

April 20-22 Weekend camping trip at Ockanickon Scout Reservation in Bucks County. COPE activities are possible.

May 4—6 Cradle of Liberty Council Jamboree, “Rock the Cradle of Liberty,” Green Lane Park.

June 1—3 Shooting sports weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA. Rifle & Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges will be available.

July 6—16 Summer Scout Camp, Haliburton Scout Reserve, Ontario, Canada.

July 23—August 8 World Jamboree in England.

August 5-12 Summer Scout Camp, Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County Council.

ADVANCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Troop Board of Review for Eagle Scout – Max Schwyter; **Scout** – Joshua Burke. **Merit badges** - Plumbing – Darian Serfass; Anthony Rivellini, Spenser Forwood, Peter Detwiler; Small Boat Sailing – Nathan Johnson; Personal Fitness – Chris Kulp; Communications – Sam Schwyter.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2007

Our troop is now offering two Scout summer camp opportunities for 2007 in recognition that some Scout parents and younger Scouts are uneasy at attending a long-term summer camp out of the country:

HALIBURTON SCOUT RESERVE

Approximately every three (3) years since 1962 Troop 461 has held its annual summer camp at Haliburton Scout Reserve in Ontario, Canada. 2007 is the next scheduled trip to Haliburton. Most members have indicated that they plan to attend this event – July 6 thru July 16, 2007 – allowing us to attend this camp for the 7 day week of July 7 through the 14th. The additional days are needed for travelling time, and some sightseeing en route home, as desired by the Patrol Leaders' Council, similar to the last trip to Canada in 2004.

To date deposits have been received from 7 scouts and 3 adults, but many more scouts and adults have stated their desire to attend. Without knowing just who is actually planning to go, specific planning cannot take place! Please tell Harold if you plan to attend. If not enough sign up, we will either have to share the campsite or ask for a smaller site at Haliburton Scout Reserve.

If you are going and you plan to get a passport, please do so as soon as possible as it may take longer than usual since the new requirements are resulting in many, many applications. If you do not wish to provide an official birth certificate, then a passport WILL BE required!

OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION

As we did in 2004, we have registered at the Ockanickon Scout Reservation for the week of August 5-11, 2007, for those Scouts who have personal conflicts with the dates of the trip to Canada, and especially for the younger Scouts, particularly the recent Webelos

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crossovers, whose parent may feel their sons are not ready for such a trip to Canada.

George Senderling and Fred Crouthamel are planning to be the adult leaders at Ockanickon this summer for our troop. The fee schedule for Ockanickon is set forth below. Please remember that the fee quoted is per Scout and in order to obtain the stated rate, full payment must be made by the due date

Special Discounted Rate of \$278.00 is due by 19 February 2007

Regular Camp Fee Due of \$294.00 is due by 16 April 2007

Special Webelos Crossover Rate of \$278.25 is due by 28 May 2007

Late Camp Fee Due by May 28th \$316.00 is due by 28 May 2007

To date, 2 scouts and 2 adults have stated that they plan to attend this summer camp