



Boy Scout Troop 461

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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 1. Have a happy NEW YEARS DAY!
- January 3. Troop Meeting - Prepare for visitation of Webelos.
- January 10. Troop Meeting - WEBELOS VISITING FROM: Souderton Pack 401 and Franconia Pack 10. Distribution of Hoagie & Stromboli Order forms. **Deadline** to sign up for Junior Leaders Training Weekend!
- January 14-16. Junior Leader Training weekend/Snow camping possible! All scouts elected or appointed are eligible to attend. There is no cost for this weekend, other than personal spending money - see Pg 2. Adults welcome, too. Please sign up no later than January 10, 2005, so that transportation can be arranged. Bring your scout handbook, Junior Leaders handbook, Den Chief's handbook.
- January 17. **PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING** - 7.00pm in library.
- January 17. Troop Meeting - WEBELOS VISITING FROM - Pack 654.
- January 23. Troop Swim Instruction/testing, 1.00-3.00pm at SAHS pool. Contact Bill Brandis 215-723-0140 for details.
- January 24. **TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.00pm in church library.
- January 24. Troop Meeting. Board of Review. **DEADLINE FOR HOAGIE & STROMBOLI ORDERS:** All orders and payment for same due tonight.
- January 31. Troop Meeting.
- February 5. Distribution of Hoagies/Strombolis at church: 1.00pm to 2.00pm, or make arrangements with Terri Nice [215-799-9349] or Harold Frederick.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- February 25-27 Snow camp & snow sports. Cabin camp at Resica Falls.
- March 26-27 Backpacking overnighiter - adult leadership needed.
- April 22-24 Fish & Fun at Camp Ockanickon.
- May 13-15 Rifle & shotgun shooting weekend at Bechtelsville.
- June 17-19 Hickory Run Weekend with rafting on Lehigh River.
- June 18 Rafting on the 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 WEEKEND G-R-E-A-T

Thanks to Steve Schafer and Tom Isban for teaching 2nd & 1st Class compass and directions, 5 mile compass hike, and wildlife requirements; to Andrew Cowles and Tim Wile for running the Computers merit badge, with 11 earning this badge. Thanks to everyone else who helped make this weekend a success.

ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED – CONGRATULATIONS

Tenderfoot - Jon-Pat Carroll. **Second Class** - Andrew Rhoads, Joshua Floro. **Merit Badges** - Computers - Zachary Brong, Peter Detwiler, Joshua Floro, Arthur Forwood, Andrew Isban, Nathan Johnson, Chris Kulp, Harley Nelson, David Pulli, Sam Schwyter, Justin Seelaus; Genealogy - Peter Detwiler, Adam Gambone, Andrew Isban, Nathan Johnson; Camping - Joshua Comden.

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TROOP LEADERS' TRAINING & FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

Eligible to attend are - Senior Patrol Leader, Asst Senior Patrol Leader, all Patrol Leaders and Asst Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, all troop offices - Bugler, Chaplain Aides, Librarian, Quartermaster, scribe, Order of the Arrow Rep, Den Chiefs, as well as Junior Asst Scoutmasters, Asst Scoutmasters, Scoutmaster and Committee Members.

The capacity of the cabin is about 25, but there is no limit for tent camping. **There is NO FEE for this event.** Some spending money is recommended, as there are cold sodas available at \$.50 in the cabin, and for other possible activities.

SNOW SPORTS ACTIVITIES & CAMPING AT RESICA FALLS SR

During the weekend of February 25-27, 2005, our troop has reserved a cabin at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, and is arranging snow sports activities at either Big Boulder or Camelback Ski Resorts on that Saturday - Feb 26th. Participants can camp or come to the Ski Resort just for the day. Sign-up forms will be issued at the Jan 31st scout meeting. All fees and forms are due by February 14th scout meeting. Please be on time!

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OUR 2005 CITTA SUMMER CAMP

Those Scouts and adults planning to attend summer camp at Citta, July 10-16, 2005, are requested to make a deposit of \$25.00 which will reserve a spot at camp. These dates were chosen so that any of our Scouts planning to attend the National Jamboree, can also attend this summer camp with our troop.

By February 21st, a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due per scout, to be paid to the Jersey Shore Council, in order to hold a place at Citta summer camp. The full fee is \$225.00 per scout. If the full fee is paid by May 23rd, the scout will qualify for the early bird fee of \$200.00 per scout and the scout will receive a free badge.

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Adults are encouraged to also sign up, and their total fee will be the \$25.00 deposit, with the same deadlines.

Funds raised through Popcorn, Stromboli & Hoagie Sales and other sources, will be available to apply toward the fee - balances due, will be available after the Hoagie & Stromboli Sale is completed, from Harold.

We have been informed that there will be a 90th Anniversary Program for Order of the Arrow members at Treasurer Island Scout Camp on July 16th. Arrangements will be made to arrive home from summer camp in time to participate in this special OA event.

SCOUTMASTER'S CHALLENGE AWARD

This award is given annually by the Scoutmaster, to recognize individual scout achievements and participation based on a point system, as follows for 2005:

ADVANCEMENT:	each advancement segment	015 points
	each merit badge	100 points
	each progress award	150 points
ATTENDENCE:	each meeting	010 points
	each camp (per night)	025 points
	each hike	025 points
UNIFORMS:	full uniform at activities	025 points
	belt up only	015 points

TIME FRAME: January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

AWARDS:
First Place - Silver Award.
Second Place - Gold Award.
Third Place - Bronze Award.

PRESENTATION: Annual Family Recognition Program.