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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 2. Happy New Year! No Troop Meeting!
- January 9. Troop Meeting – Hobbies [See page 2 for details]. Distribution of Hoagie and Stromboli Sale Order Forms.
- January 13-15. Junior Leader Training weekend/tent 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 9, 2005, so that transportation can be arranged. Bring your scout handbook, Junior Leaders handbook, Den Chief's handbook.
- January 16. **PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING** - 7.00pm in library.
- January 16. Troop Meeting – Hobbies [See page 2 for details]. **\$25.00 deposit for 2006 Summer Camp at Rodney is DUE!**
- January 22. Troop Swim Instruction/testing, 1.00-3.00 pm at SAHS pool. Plan to be there as close to 1:00 p.m. as possible. Contact Bill Brandis 215-723-0140 for details.
- January 23. **TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.00pm in church library.
- January 23. Troop Meeting. Board of Review. **DEADLINE FOR HOAGIE & STROMBOLI ORDERS:** All orders and payment for same due tonight.
- January 30. Troop Meeting – Patrol Competition.
- February 4. Distribution of Hoagies/Strombolis at church: 1.00pm to 2.00pm, or make arrangements with or Harold Frederick. **!!HELP. A NEW CHAIRPERSON IS NEEDED FOR THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT!!**

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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.

JANUARY MEETING TOPIC - HOBBIES

Many of us, Scouts and adults, have one or more hobbies or special interests. Scouts and adults who would like to share one or more of their hobbies or special interests with the rest of the troop are asked to be prepared to make presentation[s] on either Jan. 9th or Jan. 16th. Be prepared for a show and tell program, including bringing materials which may be shown or looked at by those present. [Just showing closed books or storage containers of hobby materials are of little interest to others - thus make your presentation[s] interesting.] **Materials for different topic will be placed on different tables, with each person having time to present their topic/materials/etc. If you plan to bring something, please phone Chris Kulp, so he can decide who will provide their hobbies or special interest on which date. [215-721-4516].**

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TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OUR 2006 RODNEY SUMMER CAMP

Those Scouts and adults planning to attend summer camp at Rodney, August 6-12, 2006, are requested to make a deposit of \$25.00 which will reserve a place at camp.

FEE structure:

DISCOUNTED FEE [\$250.00] requires:

Deposit of \$25.00 paid by January 16, 2006, and the
Balance of fee [\$225.00] paid by April 15, 2006.

FULL FEE [if payments are paid after discounted fee dates]:

\$275.00 per scout.

WHY NOT SAVE \$25.00!

Adults are encouraged to also sign up, and their total fee will be \$25.00. The troop will cover any additional costs for the adults.

Scout Savings Credit [funds raised from previous sales - Popcorn, Stromboli/Hoagies, etc.] can be used toward these fees; check with Harold to find how much credit you have. If you have sales in the 2006 Hoagie/Stromboli Sale, additional credit will be available after this sale.

CAMP MEN-O-LAN WEEKEND – G R E A T

Thanks to: Chris Kulp and David Pulli for laying out the compass orienteering course, held in spite of the snow, and to the adults who helped the patrols along the way [Peter Detwiler's patrol did it in the fastest time]; to Andrew Cowles for running the Computers merit badge, with 10 Scouts earning this badge; to Harold Frederick for helping with the Camping merit badge [5 additional Scouts worked on Camping merit badge]; Anthony Rivellini was the cook for the weekend, and Scott Forwood supplied the cookie dough for 12 dozen cookies baked Friday night, and eaten by the end of supper Saturday. Thanks to everyone else who helped make this weekend a success.

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ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED – CONGRATULATIONS

Eagle Scout - District Board of Review - Gregory Saltzman. **Merit Badges** - Computers - Travis Brown, Jon-Pat Carroll, Darius Dorsey, Spenser Forwood, Adam Gambone, Ben Gehringer, Keith Hunter, Derek Radcliff, Anthony Rivellini, Zach Wile, Tyler Wood.

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

During the weekend of February 24-26, 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 25th. Participants can camp or come to the Ski Resort just for the day. Sign-up forms will be issued at the Jan 30st scout meeting. All fees and forms are due by February 13th scout meeting. Please be on time!

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 2006:

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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, 2006 through December 31, 2006.	
AWARDS:	First Place - Silver Award. Second Place - Gold Award. Third Place - Bronze Award.	
PRESENTATION:	Annual Family Recognition Program.	