



Boy Scout Troop 461
Zion Mennonite Church
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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 2 Scout Meeting - last meeting until August.
- July 5 Loading vehicles for Canada – 7:00 o'clock p.m.; all vehicles should come to Harold's that evening prior to 7.00 p.m.
- July 6 Departure for Canadian summer camp at Haliburton – departure scheduled for 6:00 o'clock a.m. from the Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton. Please come early dressed in scout uniform - Class B [wearing the red trip t-shirt]. Each participant should have a packed lunch, and activities desired [with the approval of the driver] for travel time. Also, REMEMBER to bring either your passport or original birth certificate, if not already turned in to the Scoutmaster. Group photo to be taken prior to departure
- July 7 Arrival at Haliburton Scout Reserve, Ontario, Canada- 7-day summer camp.
- July 14 Departure from Haliburton Scout Reserve
- July 15 Return home from Canada.
- July 23 Departure for World Jamboree in England.
- August 5 Departure for summer camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation.
- August 8 Return from World Jamboree in England.
- August 11 Return from Ockanickon Summer Camp.

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August 20 Troop Meeting – Planning for year 2007-2008 weekend events.

August 25 Service Project – parking at Souderton Mennonite Community – 9:00 o'clock a.m. through 3:00 o'clock p.m.

August 27 Scout Meeting - Fun night.

August 27 Troop Committee Meeting – 7:45 o'clock p.m., Zion Mennonite Church Library.

September 3 Labour Day Holiday - No Scout Meeting.

September 8 Service Project – Bike Nite, Lansdale – Depart from Scoutmaster Harold Frederick's home at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in scout uniform – our service time is from 9:00 o'clock p.m. through 10:00 o'clock p.m.

September 10 Scout Meeting - Sign up for weekend camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation. Popcorn sale materials to be distributed.

September 17 Scout Meeting – Final Sign-up for weekend camping trip at Ockanickon Scout Reservation – Cost is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person for the weekend

September 17 Troop Committee meeting – 7:45 o'clock p.m. – Zion Mennonite Church Library.

September 21—23 Weekend camping trip at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County Council. We have Ajapeu campsite, which is the site by the pond and near the parking area. Departure is at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Friday night from the Zion Mennonite Church. Please be prompt.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

October 12-14 General Nash District Camp-O-Ree/Cub-O-Ree, Upper Gwynedd Park, North Wales, PA. This year's Cub-O-Ree theme is "Pirates."

November 2-4 Weekend camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County Council.

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

February 22-24, 2008 Winter Sports weekend at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, Marshall's Creek, PA. Snow sports at Big Boulder in the Poconos.

April 18-20, 2008 Weekend camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County Council. The COPE course will be available during this weekend!

ADVANCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Badges - *Nathan Lanan* – Personal Fitness; *David Pulli* – Environmental Science, Citizenship in the Nation, Personal Management, Cycling; *Andrew Rhoads* – Environmental Science; *Jonathan Rhoads* – Fishing, Rifle Shooting; *Darian Serfass* – Reptile/Amphibian Study; *Andrew van der Kleut* – Genealogy, Family Life, Astronomy, Citizenship in the World, Environmental Science; *Sean van der Kleut* – Genealogy. **Second Class** – *Spenser Forwood*. **First Class** – *Spenser Forwood*.

Troop Eagle Board of Review – Nathan Lanan, David Pulli.

Eagle Bronze Palm #2 – Nathan Johnson.

Ockanickon Awards - Honour Camper Award – Andrew van der Kleut; Troop 461 earned the Honour Troop Award. Dan Beard Programme – Sean van der Kleut. Polar Bear Swim Award – TCM Fred Crouthamel.

****Partial Merit Badges**** – those Scouts who have earned partials at Ockanickon will shortly receive copies of their partial merit badge cards, with a local counsellor added. ***It is the responsibility of each Scout to set up an appointment with the local counsellor to complete the needed requirements!*** In the case of those badges worked on in Canada, the safety requirements part will be arranged with Erik Shurtz, at a later scout meeting, after it is determined who has partials for motor boating. Also, the first aid and CPR requirements need to be met – some Scouts have one or the other, with a few Scouts having both of these requirements.

WEEKEND AT OCKANICKON SCOUT CAMP

The troop will hold its September camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation during the weekend of 21 – 23 September 2007. We have the Ajapeu site reserved, which is the site next to the fishing pond and the parking lot. The fee is \$20.00 per scout. The theme for this camping trip is autumn fun and games but advancement opportunities will be available for those who wish to take advantage of them. Those who completed the shooting and firearm cleaning portions of Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge at Bechtelsville this past June will have the opportunity to finish the badge this weekend with counsellor Tim Wile. Also, we would like to put some planning underway for a gateway for our campsite at the October General Nash District Cub-O-Ree/Camp-O-Ree. ASM Tim Wile has some ideas to put forth as a starting point. ***Once again, all Scouts and adult leaders are asked to provide their own cups, eating utensils and dishware!!***

TROOP WEB SITE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

ASM Tim Wile is asking anyone with group photos of the 2000 (Ockanickon), 2005 (Citta) and 2006 (Rodney) summer camps to allow him to borrow the photos to scan for the troop web site or to send him a scan in either .jpeg or .gif format. We know that group photos were taken and we would like to include them in the summer camp portion of the troop's web site.

ANNUAL POPCORN SALE FUND-RAISER

It is once again time for Scouting's annual popcorn sale fund raiser. This is your chance to raise money to cover the cost of summer camp or other Scouting activities during the year. In a change from last year, this year there will be no store, *i.e.*, "show & sell," sales of popcorn, only personal sales. Please make note of the following important dates for the 2007 popcorn sales campaign:

September 10, 2007 – Distribution of Popcorn Sale Materials to Scouts/adults.

October 22, 2007 – Popcorn orders and money are due at scout meeting.

November 10, 2007 – Popcorn order pick-up at Zion Mennonite Church.

CYCLING MERIT BADGE

If any Scouts are interested in taking cycle trips to meet the requirements of Cycling Merit Badge during the months of September, October or November, please contact counsellor Fred Crouthamel (215-721-1953). Fred is available on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons for cycling hikes.