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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- July 3. No meeting - holiday weekend, 4th of July.
- July 10. No meeting - summer vacation.
- July 17. No meeting - summer vacation.
- July 24. Swimming Party at Chris Kulp's Home - 6.00 to 9.00 pm.
- August 6. Departure for Rodney summer camp - 11.00am, Scoutmaster's home.
- August 7. No meeting - troop at summer camp.
- August 12. Return from Rodney summer camp - early afternoon, Scoutmaster's home.
- August 14. Troop meeting. Annual Planning for coming year.
- August 21. Troop meeting. Annual Planning for coming year.
- August 26. Service Project - Parking at Souderton Mennonite Community Chicken BBQ: 9.00am thru to 3.00pm. Sign up via email or at meetings.
- August 28. Troop meeting.
- Sept. 4. No meeting - holiday weekend, Labor Day.
- Sept. 11. Troop meeting - patrol competition. SPL election.
- Sept. 18. Troop meeting - patrol competition, Final SPL count.

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- Sept. 25. Troop meeting - Cub-O-Ree Games, Start of Family Life merit badge by Barbara Johnson, distribution of 2006 Popcorn Sale forms.
- October 2. Starting session - Fire Safety merit badge for all scout members. Sign up for Cub-O-Ree/Camp-O-Ree.
- October 9. Visit to Souderton Fire Company [No meeting at church]. All activities will be held at Fire Company, including pre-meeting games. Drivers - please drop off and pick up scouts at the Fire Company at 266 N. Second St.
- Oct. 13-15. District Camp-O-Ree, U Gwynedd Park. Depart 7.00 pm from Harold's.
- October 14. District Cub-O-Ree, Upper Gwynedd Park, North Wales, 8.30am to 4.30pm.
- October 16. Troop meeting - Fire Safety merit badge, at church.
- October 23. Troop meeting - Fire Safety merit badge, at church.
- October 30. Troop meeting - Fire Safety merit badge, at church.

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- November 1-2      Cooking camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Pipersville, Bucks County, PA. Cooking merit badge.
- December 8-10      Camp Men-O-Lan, Finland, Bucks County, PA.
- January 12-14, 2007      Junior Leader Training Weekend, Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville. PA.
- March 2-4, 2007      Snow Sports at Big Boulder & Cabin Camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, Marshall's Creek, PA.
- May 4-6, 2007      Cradle of Liberty Council Jamboree, Montgomery County Park, Green Lane, PA.

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June 1-3, 2007 Shooting sports weekend, Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA.

July 6-16, 2007 Summer Camp at Haliburton Scout Reserve, Ontario, Canada.

July 23 – August 8, 2007 World Jamboree, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting, England.

### **ADVANCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Eagle Bronze Palm** - Nathan Johnson; **Star Scout** - Andrew Rhoads.

**Merit badges** - **Peter Detwiler** - Climbing, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival; **Andrew Floro** - Nature, Swimming; **Josh Floro** - Climbing, Life Saving, Wilderness Survival; **Spenser Forwood** - Nature, Swimming; **Adam Gambone** - Cooking, Motorboating, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Swimming; **Ben Gehringer** - Art, Cooking; **Michael Hay** - Metalwork, Small Boat Sailing, Swimming; **Andrew Isban** - Climbing, Emergency Preparedness, Rifle Shooting; **Nathan Johnson** - Rifle Shooting, Space Exploration, Weather; **Nathan Lanan** - Archery, Camping, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival; **Nick Manton** - Nature, Swimming; **David Pulli** - Weather; **Troy Radcliff** - Space Exploration, Swimming; **Andrew Rhoads** - First Aid, Leatherwork, Life Saving, Pottery, Wood Carving; **Jonathan Rhoads** - Nature, Swimming; **Justin Seelaus** - Citizenship in the World, Climbing, Life Saving, Reptile/Amphibian Study, Wilderness Survival; **Darian Serfass** - Nature, Swimming; **Andrew van der Kleut** - Archery, Metalwork, Weather.

**BSA Life Guard** – Ben Gehringer, Chris Kulp. **BSA Kayaking** - Chris Kulp. **Rodney Ironman Award** - Chris Kulp, Troy Radcliff. **Rodney Mountain Biking Award** - Peter Detwiler, Chris Kulp, David Pulli, Troy Radcliff. **BSA Mile Swim** - Michael Hay, Andrew Rhoads. **Totin' Chip** - Andrew Floro, Spenser Forwood, Nick Manton, Darian Serfass. **Firem'n Chit** - Andrew Floro, Spenser Forwood, Nick Manton, Jonathan Rhoads, Darian Serfass. **Rodney Brownsea Training Award** - Andrew Floro, Spenser Forwood, Nick Manton, Jonathan Rhoads, Darian Serfass, and J. Douglas Floro, as **Brownsea adult advisor**. **Rodney Monster Biking Award** - Troy Radcliff. **Rodney Dill Outstanding Award** - David Pulli. **Rodney Outstanding Scouting Spirit Award** - Nathan Johnson. **Heartsaver AED CPR Certification** - Zachary Brong, Peter Detwiler, Adam Gambone, Ben Gehringer, Michael

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Hay, Chris Kulp, Troy Radcliff, Andrew Rhoads, Anthony Rivellini, Justin Seelaus.

### **SUMMER SCOUT CAMP - JULY 6-16, 2007**

It has been the policy of our troop to attend summer camp every 3 to 5 years at the HALIBURTON SCOUT RESERVE, in Canada. We last attended Haliburton in 2004.

Our troop committee has approved this camp, and the fees, based on the current Canadian exchange rates. In 2004 the exchange rate was \$1.00US = \$1.28CDN; as of last week the exchange rate was \$1.00US = \$1.08CDN. Accordingly, the fees have been approved at \$375.00US for Scouts and \$325.00US for adults. As in the past, adults providing transportation will be reimbursed for gas and tolls, upon submitting a summary of their receipts. For this trip to be successful, we need enough vehicles to transport everyone both ways, as well as to haul the troop trailer. A \$50.00 deposit per person is requested to save a place.

Haliburton is about 150 miles north of Toronto, Ontario, or 625 miles from Souderton, and takes 1.5 days to get there and to get home. On past trips, we departed early Friday morning so we could arrive at Haliburton by Saturday after lunch. On the way home, we have traveled thru Niagara Falls en route home.

At this camp, we set up our own camp, cook our own meals, provide our own program using program activities available at the camp. To get to other parts of the camp, travel is by canoe.

The merit badges available are those which our adults are qualified to pass. Further details will be available as plans develop. To travel, each participant must have either a passport or an original birth certificate with a photo ID.

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### **DISTRICT CAMP-O-REE/CUB-O-REE**

Details will be issued as soon as all plans are complete. We are looking for another adult to attend the entire weekend. As of this date, Assistant Scoutmaster Tom Isban will be there the entire time, Assistant Scoutmaster Tim Wile will be there during Saturday only, and Scoutmaster Harold Frederick will be there according to what his medical treatments allow. There is NO FEE for this event.

### **THANKS**

To those who helped Harold during his early days after his vehicle accident.

### **HAYRIDE**

Arrangements are available for our troop to take a hayride on Friday, October 27th, at a cost of \$5.00 per person, open to all Scouts and their families, and scout leaders. If you and your family are interested, please sign up and make proper payment by Monday, October 23rd. We need between 24 to 28 persons to fill a wagon and to get the discounted price [of \$8.00 per person, with Troop 461 underwriting \$3.00 per person, bringing the total cost down to the \$5.00 per person]. This ride lasts 30+ minutes, and after the ride, join in at the bonfire for free marsh mellows and beverages. Time of the ride is at 8.00PM, so please arrive at least by 7.45pm.

The ride is located behind the Tylersport Fire Company, with parking there. Transportation can be pooled, or drivers can go directly to the location. Our troop should gather in the fire hall, until everyone arrives. For more details contact ASM Andrew Cowles, 215-237-8908.

### **NOVEMBER WEEKEND EVENT**

Reservations have been made at the Ockanickon Scout Camp for the Algonquin campsite, for the weekend of November 3-5, 2006. The fee is \$15.00 for food and camp fee. Please let Harold know if you plan to attend by either October 23rd or 30th troop meetings. Since SM Harold Frederick is not permitted to attend due to medical reasons, ASM Scott Forwood will be the

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leader in charge, with ASM Andrew Cowles second in command. All scouts and adults welcome. There are 3 ads and several tent platforms available, as well as additional space for tents on the ground. The troop trailer will be taken. Activities may include pioneering projects, a service project, dutch over cooking [especially since Scott Forwood is a counselor for cooking merit badge], a campfire [since Chris Kulp needs this event for a merit badge], and other activities and advancement available.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

ASM Kyle Crouthamel has released the last Monday night meeting, of October 30, for a Halloween party. Our SPL Nathan Johnson has informed the scouts what to bring for this party. ASM Andrew Cowles will be available for music, etc. Plan to wear costumes!



## ANNUAL DUES/REGISTRATION FEE NOTICES



Statements are being prepared for mailing. All payments are asked to be received no later than November 6th, so that re-charter forms can be prepared in time. The fees are the same as last year, since there have not been any increases in the BSA program fees.

## JAMB 07 - *Rock the Cradle of Liberty*



Next Spring, May 4-6, 2007, our council is holding a council jamboree at the Green Lane Park, expecting 8,000 in attendance. It will include more than 400 activities, merit badge midways, rock climbing, military displays and obstacle courses, Scout skills galore, Cub Scout activities, high adventure, the Explorer "Real World", and hundreds of other things to do. Troop 461 plans to attend. The camp fee is \$10.00 per participant, and if it is paid prior to 11/15/06, a special badge will be available. Therefore, if you, as a Scout or as an adult, plan to attend, please pay the \$10.00 fee by troop meeting on November 13th to get the badge; later registrations will also be accepted, but no special badge will be then be awarded. Make checks payable to Boy Scout Troop 461.