



Boy Scout Troop 461
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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 2-4. Shooting weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, PA. Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges offered. Cost is \$20.00. See page 2 for further details. Permission Forms signed by parents required. Departure 7.30pm from Harold's; return Sunday about noon.
- June 5. Troop Meeting - CPR for Rodney water merit badges.*
- June 6. Pre-Camp swim classification tests for Rodney summer camp - Souderton Area Swimming Pool, 7.00pm - please be prompt. NOTE all persons going to camp need to take these tests, either before camp AS SCHEDULED BY TROOP 461, or opening day of camp at camp.
- June 12. Troop Meeting - CPR for Rodney water merit badges.*
- June 14. DISTRICT TRAINING - HEALTH & SAFETY - available to **All** adults at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, PA, at 7.30pm, in place of roundtable.
- June 19. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING - 7.30PM, in Library.
- June 19. Troop Meeting - CPR for Rodney water merit badges.*
- June 26. Troop Meeting - Troop Board of Review.

*These dates have been requested, as soon as they are confirmed, an additional email will be sent out. Make-up dates have been requested for July 24 & July 31, for those scouts who have date conflicts. This training is specifically for scouts going to Rodney who wish to take water-related merit badges. Please note that the necessary CPR training for the Brownsea program will be provided by the Rodney camp staff. NOTE - CPR training will be scheduled for the entire troop at a later date, if members are interested.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- August 6-12 Summer Scout Camp -Rodney Scout Camp, DelMarVa Council, Maryland.
- August 26 Parking for Chicken BBQ at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- September 9 Lansdale Bike Night
- December 8-10 Camp Men-O-Lan, Finland, Bucks County, PA.
- March 2-4, 2007 Snow Sports at Big Boulder & Cabin Camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation, Marshall's Creek, PA.

BECHTELSTVILLE SHOOTING WEEKEND

This is a tent camping weekend. The cabin is too small for sleeping, but it will be used for meals, meetings, and other activities. Departure will be from the Scoutmaster's house, at 7.30pm. The \$20.00 fee includes funds for shells and clay pigeons needed for the weekend. Personal .22 caliber rifles and 12-gauge and 20-gauge shotguns ONLY [in accordance with the Guide for Safe Scouting] and shells may be brought, however, these items must be turned into the a merit badge counselor, a certified instructor, or the Scoutmaster Friday night prior to departure. An extra charge of \$20.00 is required for any Scout shooting for Shotgun Shooting merit badge.

Timothy P. Wile [362-7121] is in charge of all shooting. Tim will run the rifle shooting; Richard Hedrick [assisted by Tim Wile + Andrew Cowles in Richard's absence] will run the shotgun shooting. A parent signed **PERMISSION FORM FOR SHOOTING SPORTS WEEKEND** is required to participate in any shooting activities. The pamphlet explaining this weekend was sent by email, is on our Web Page, and a few were available at Scout Meetings. A review of all merit badge requirements will take place. Those interested in these merit badges should tell Tim Wile Friday night. Adults are welcome. **SAFETY IS OUR PRIME CONCERN!**

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RODNEY SUMMER SCOUT CAMP UPDATE

19 Scouts and 6 Adults are now officially registered, with full payment having been made by May 1, 2006, to qualify for the Early Bird Fee of \$250.00 per Scout. Program booklets have been provided to every family involved - advancement handouts were issued May 1, 2006, and balance of the Scout Camp Guide for 2006 was sent in 2 parts via e-mail [for personal reference and desired printouts] on May 29-30, 2006.

Each Scout should review the advancement desired at camp. Harold needs to know the merit badges and other advancement each Scout desires at Rodney. Note the prerequisite requirements for each badge, if the badge is to be completed at camp, otherwise a partial will be issued at the end of camp. Also, a merit badge partial list was e-mailed May 30, 2006, to all scouts with partials on file [NOTE, if these partials listed are not up to date, kindly let Harold know, so he can update his file]. Deadline for the merit badges desired to Harold is July 10th.

MEDICAL FORMS are due as soon as the doctor's exam is complete [no later than JULY 10th PLEASE, as are the PARENT PERMISSION FORMS [being prepared now for issuance] FOR MEDICINES TO BE ADMINISTERED AT CAMP BY THE CAMP HEALTH LODGE PERSONNEL. Notation will be included in mailing if medical form has not yet been turned in to Harold.

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone who helped make this evening a grand success.

Thanks to the Scouts for all their achievements during the previous year, including 4 New Scouts; 19 Progress Awards, 59 merit badges, and 2 Eagle Scouts - Zachary H.D. Wile [presented May 21st], Nathan M. Johnson [Nathan has now completed more merit badges than anyone else in Troop 461 ever - 46 to date and counting].

Especially thanks for the surprise cake, award, and gifts to Harold Frederick, for his completing 50 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 461. Many thanks from Harold.

2005 Scoutmaster's Challenge Award:

Silver Award (1st Place)

Nathan Johnson..... 3390 pts

Gold Award (2nd Place)

Peter Detwiler..... 2867 pts

Bronze Award (3rd Place)

Justin Seelaus..... 2675 pts

Honorary - over 1700 points:

Troy Radcliff2068 pts

Chris Kulp2027 pts

Adam Gambone.....1950 pts

Andrew Isban1875 pts

Sam Schwyter.....1810 pts

Ben Gehringer..... 1795 pts

Andrew Rhoads..... 1730 pts

IS SWIMMING ON YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THIS SUMMER?

Check *Boy's Life* issue for June 2006, on page 51 entitled: "On The Trail to ... Swimming Safety." These rules are especially important when you swim in an area not supervised by a Life Guard program, like in someone's backyard swimming pool. Know the related first aid. **BE SAFE & HAVE FUN!** Even when you are in a protected area, the same first aid knowledge can make your swimming activities more enjoyable and safer. Read this article, study the first aid mentioned, and remember just what to do!