



**Boy Scout Troop 461  
Zion Mennonite Church  
Souderton, Pennsylvania**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 1. Troop Meeting – Advancement.
- March 8. Troop Leaders Council—7:00 p.m.—planning for April.
- March 8. Troop Meeting - practice serving & setup for spaghetti dinner. Signups for the needed tasks. \*\*\*Pre-sales of dinner tickets due tonight, with payments& forms.
- March 13. Troop sponsored Spaghetti Dinner, at Zion Mennonite. This annual event needs the help of our whole scouting family to be successful—scouts and parents alike. Kindly let Harold Frederick (215-723-2555) know your best times to help: A) setup: 2.00 to 4.00pm; B) serving: 4.00 to 7.00pm; C) clean-up: 7.00 to 9.00pm; D) or all day long! Scouts should wear their uniforms. Plan to enjoy your evening meal with us, too!
- NOTE - TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!**
- March 14. 10-mile hike for merit badge—1.00 pm @Harold’s Home, hike will be under Fred Crouthamel’s direction. One additional adult needed to satisfy the BSA’s two-adult policy. Hiking along the Perkiomen Trail is planned.
- March 14. Monthly swim at the Souderton Area High School pool—1.00-3.00pm. Call Bill Brandis (215-723-0140) in advance if you want to do any swimming requirements.
- March 15. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING, 7.00pm to 8.00pm, church library, Zion Mennonite Church.
- March 15. Troop Meeting - Advancement
- March 18. General Nash District Annual Adult Recognition Dinner and program, at the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall in Lansdale. 6.00pm - social hour; 7.00pm - dinner. 2003 Eagles will be honored.
- March 22. Troop meeting. Advancement.

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- March 28. East Coast Hobby Show at the Ft Washington Expo Center. All scouts and leaders in Uniform admitted FREE. If interested, contact Harold. Drivers needed.
- March 29. Troop Meeting. Advancement. Monthly Board of Review.

**CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS**

- April 16-18. Fishing weekend at Camp Ockanickon
- May 10. Annual Family Night. Recognition Court of Honor.
- May 21-23. Shooting weekend-Bechtelsville. Rifle & Shotgun.
- June 4-6. Annual Family Weekend at Hickory Run State Park & June 5 - Rafting on Lehigh.
- June 20-26. Local Summer Camp in BUCKS COUNTY - Ockanickon Scout Reservation.
- Jul 9-20. Summer Camp in CANADA - Haliburton Scout Reserve.
- Aug 28. Parking service at Souderton Mennonite Community Chicken BBQ.
- Sep 9-12. Gettysburg hiking historical field trails.
- Dec 10-12. Camp Men-O-Lan.
- Feb 25-27, '05 Snow Sports & Cabin Camp, Resica Falls .

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**NEW SCOUT:**

Doug Boyer	219 Franklin Ave	S	_____
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**WEBELOS CROSS-OVERS**

**FROM PACK 401:**

Jon-Pat Carroll	135 Norfolk Court	S	Greg
Zachary Cross	373 W. Chestnut St	S	Greg
Andrew Frueh	528 Montgomery Ave	S	Troy
Ben Gehringer	136 Packham Court	T	Greg
Keith Hunter	250 W Chestnut St	S	Troy
Steven Nice	10 Holbrook Circle	S	Troy
Blake Norcini	254 Middle Park Dr	S	Greg
Derek Radcliff	203 Heatherfield Dr	S	Greg
Nathan Rhoads	218 Heatherfield Dr	S	Troy
Andrew van der Kleut	76 Cowpath Rd	S	Troy

**FROM PACK 654:**

Mitchell Bard	3043 Dovecote Rd	Q	Troy
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These new Scouts have been organized into two new patrols, each with their own Troop Guide (Troy Gärthe or Gregory Saltzman).

**FEBRUARY WINTER CAMP/SNOW SPORTS REVIEW**

This event has now become a Family event, with those who wish to camp spending the weekend at Resica Falls Scout Camp, and those who wish to spend just a day at Big Boulder, joining the troop only on Saturday. This year troop stayed in Trooper Lodge and Family Lodge #3. (The troop has already booked the Bushkill Lodge (holding 32) for February 2005). 22 members and dads enjoyed snow sports at Big Boulder on Saturday.

### **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

This year we are holding our Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, on Saturday, March 13, 2004. All scout members are expected to sell at least 10 tickets. They can certainly sell more tickets, as can any adults involved with our troop. All profits will go towards the upgrading troop equipment and special troop activities. Appropriate credit may also be given to those Scouts who participate.

ASM Scott Forwood is in charge of the cooking. Several other adults are also assisting. Parents of each scout family are asked to assist, and all scouts are expected to help at the dinner on March 13, 2004 (and will be placed on a time schedule roster). All adults able to assist *in any way* - before, during, and after - the dinner, are asked to complete the schedule form and turn it in by March 8th.; ASM Jason Brookhart is in charge of serving.

Tickets will be sold - \$7.00 for persons 11 and older; \$4.00 for children 4 to 10; toddlers under 4 are free. Ticket sales sheets have been provided to record monies collected. Tickets, money and sales sheets should be turned in at the March 8th Scout Meeting.

### **HIKING MERIT BADGE ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

Fred Crouthamel, counselor for hiking merit badge, has set up a number of dates for the required five (5) 10-miler and one (1) 20 miler hikes needed for this merit badge. The follow dates are planned: March 14; April 8; May 9; May 30; and June 27 [20 miler].

An additional adult is needed, under BSA policies - please contact either Harold (215-723-2555) or Fred Crouthamel (215-721-1953) if interested.

The first of these hikes on March 14th will depart at 1.00 p.m. from Harold's home. It will be along the Perkiomen Trail. An additional adult is needed for this hike, and drivers are also needed, depending upon the number planning to hike.

The Scouts who have one or more hikes [since January 1, 2000] already to their credit include: Matt Baldovsky-3+1-20, Travis Brown-1, Shane Cummiskey-4, Peter Detwiler-2, Robert Donahue-1, Josh Floro-2, Arthur Forwood-2, Andrew Isban-3, Nathan Johnson-3, Chris Kulp-2, Nathan Lanan-3, Harley Nelson-1, Justin Nice-3, Dan Radcliff-3, Troy Radcliff-2, Greg Saltzman-1, Sam Schwyter-4, Justin Seelas-2, Nick Shurtz-1, Zach Wile-2.

### **MERIT BADGES UNDERWAY**

Currently the following merit badges are underway - each Scout is responsible for completing the requirements and presenting the material to the counselor - Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Family Life, and American Heritage. Also, there are a number of partials from summer camps still to be completed.

### **TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OUR 2004 HALIBURTON SUMMER CAMP**

Our triennial Canadian summer camp at Haliburton Scout Reserve is scheduled for July 9-22, 2004. Our Scouts and adults now planning to attend this summer camp in Canada, are Scouts: Matthew Baldovsky, Joshua Comden, Peter Detwiler, Robert Donahue, Joshua Floro, Arthur Forwood, Troy Gaerthe, Adam Gambone, Brandon Hange, Andrew Isban, Nathan Johnson, Chris Kulp, David Pulli, Daniel Radcliff, Derek Radcliff, Troy Radcliff, Gregory Saltzman, Justin Seelaus, Nick Shurtz, and Zachary Wile; and Adults: Andrew Cowles, Richard Detwiler, Harold Frederick, Jr., David Hange, Kenneth Hutchinson, Tom Isban, Michael Landis, Steven Radcliff, Erik Shurtz, Timothy Wile.

Our campsite at Haliburton is a large one, the same one we used in 2001, so if any additional scouts or adults want to attend this camp, a \$50.00 deposit is needed to sign up. Full fee is \$250.00.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is an additional adult who would like to attend the Canada camp, but can't arrange the full time as vacation - he desires a driving companion to leave Saturday, July 10, and return Sunday, July 18, 2004. If anyone is interested, please contact Harold as soon as possible (215-723-2555). Thanks.

2004 SUMMER CAMP AT OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION  
JUNE 20 - 26, 2004

To date the following Scouts/leaders are signed up - Nathan Lanan, Justin Nice, Steven Nice, Nick Shurtz, and adults Andrew Cowles, and George Senderling. Harold Frederick, Jr. will again be on the camp staff this summer, staying with the troop.

Space is still available for scouts and adults interested in attending this camp this summer camp. Contact SM Frederick [215-723-2555] if interested. All of our NEW SCOUTS are encouraged to attend this camp, **AS THIS CAMP WAS ARRANGED WITH THEM IN MIND.**

**Check web site for further details: <http://www.voicenet.com/-campok/>**

Funds raised through Popcorn, Stromboli/Hoagie Sales and other sources, will be available to apply toward the fee - balances are now available from Harold, or from our treasurer, Terri Lanan.

MEDICAL FORMS FOR BOTH CAMPS

Medical forms are now being reviewed, and the necessary medical forms will be issued later this month. Adults 40+ need an exam each year. Scouts' forms are good for 3 years, with a yearly parent update. **Time to make the doctor's appointment!**

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTION - FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Elected this year were 7 Scouts - Peter Detwiler, Andrew Isban, Nathan Lanan, Justin Nice, Daniel Radcliff, Troy Radcliff, and Max Schwyter. The next step to becoming a member is to attend a weekend ordeal program. There are two weekends available this Spring: April 23-25 at Treasure Island Scout Reservation, and May 14-16 at Camp Delmont, Musser Scout Reservation. Since only 50 candidates are being inducted each weekend from our whole council, those wanting to be included **SHOULD MAIL IN THEIR RESERVATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! CONTACT** either Nathan Johnson or Zach Wile or SM Frederick for a form. The Ordeal Candidate fee is \$25.00 - checks should be made out to: **Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA**

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR - SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2004  
UPPER GWYNEDD COMMUNITY CENTER - 9.00 AM SHARP!

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Anyone looking for more information on the steps necessary to move from LIFE rank to EAGLE. This would include, Star and Life scouts and their parents, scoutmaster, committee chairman, advancement chairman, and anyone else interested in the process.

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

Picking an Eagle project; important dates; filling out the application; project workbook; boards of review; ceremonies; what comes after Eagle; Q & A.

**\*\*Parents are encouraged to attend with their Scout\*\***

Please call or e-mail Rob Nagele for more info, or to confirm attendance. 215-699-4779 (H) -or- General Nash BSA@aol.com

**ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED – CONGRATULATIONS**

**Star Scout** - David Pulli, Robert Donahue; **Life Scout** - Justin Nice, Max Schwyter, Sam Schwyter. **Merit Badges** - Citizenship in the Nation - Robert Donahue, Chris Kulp.