



Boy Scout Troop 461
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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 6. Troop Meeting - practice serving & setup for the spaghetti dinner. Sign-ups for the needed tasks also due. *****Pre-sales of dinner tickets due tonight, with payments & forms.*****
- March_11. Troop sponsored Spaghetti Dinner, at Zion Mennonite Church. This annual event needs the help of our whole Scouting family to be successful – scouts and parents alike. Kindly let Doug Floro (215-703-0262) know your best times to help: A) setup: 2.00 to 4.00pm; B) serving: 4.00 to 7.00pm; C) cleanup: 7.00 to 9.00pm; or D) 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 12. Monthly swim at SAHS pool, 1.00-3.00pm. Call Bill Brandis (215-723-0140) if you want to do requirements. Please arrive early, as soon as possible after 1.00 pm.
- March 13. Troop meeting.
- March 16. General Nash District Adult Recognition Dinner and program. At the Immanuel Church of The Nazarene, 1260 West Main Street, Lansdale. 6.00pm - social hour; 7.00pm - dinner; see page 3 for more details
- March 18. [EAGLE SCOUT AWARD PRESENTATION](#), 3.00pm, for Gregory Saltzman; Zion Mennonite Church.
- March 20. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING, 7.30pm in Zion Mennonite Church Library.
- March 20. Troop meeting.
- March 24-26. Weekend at Ockanickon Scout Camp for advancement & fun.

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March 27. Troop meeting. Board of Review.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

March 11 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser at Zion Mennonite Church.

March 24-26 Advancement and Fun Weekend at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Bucks County.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR INCOMING MEMBERS - WEBELOS CROSSOVERS

On March 4, From Pack 401:

Nick Manton, 707 South 9th St., Philadelphia, PA 19147
Darian Serfass, 332 West Chestnut St, Souderton, PA 18964

WINTER CAMP/SNOW SPORTS REVIEW

This event has now become an annual event, with the participants camping at Resica Falls Scout Camp, and spending Saturday at Big Boulder Ski Resort enjoying snow sports of either Skiing, Snow Boarding, Snow tubing or a combination of these activities. Originally this event started as a snow tenting camp, but has evolved into a winter cabin camp. After the troop outgrew Trooper Lodge, the troop booked Bushkill Lodge, with the capacity of 32 persons. Those enjoying our 2006 event included: Snow Tubing - Darius Dorsey, Andrew Floro,

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Arthur Forwood, Spenser Forwood, Nathan Johnson, Andrew Rhoads: Snow Boarding - Josh Floro [Discovery], Adam Gambone w/tubing, Ben Gehringer, Anthony Rivellini w/tubing, Justin Seelaus; Skiing - Joseph Hay, Michael Hay, Gerald Kulp, Chris Kulp, Nathan Lanan w/tubing, Drew Moyer, Troy Radcliff, Andrew van der Kleut, Randy van der Kleut; Harold Frederick, Ernest Gambone, and Mark Lanan assisted in driving and also camped with us. By request of the group, Bushkill Lodge is to be booked again for 2007, if available.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

This year we are again holding our Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, on March 11, 2006. 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. The profits will go towards this year's summer camp and special troop activities. Appropriate credit will be given to those Scouts who participate.

Scott Forwood is in charge of the cooking, assisted by Ernest Gambone. 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 11, 2006 (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 sign up by March 6th - a sign-up sheet was issued to each family with the tickets, etc.

Questions should be directed to Doug Floro (215-703-0262), the troop committee chairman of this project.

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 were provided to record monies collected. Tickets and sales sheets and other information were previously issued at a troop meeting.

All ticket sales are due back with payments by Scout Meeting, March 6th.

2006 SUMMER CAMP AT RODNEY SCOUT RESERVATION AUGUST 6-12, 2006

To date 19 Scouts & 6 adults are signed up - Peter Detwiler, Darius Dorsey, Andrew Floro, Joshua Floro, Spenser Forwood, Adam Gambone, Ben Gehringer, Michael Haupt, Michael Hay, Andrew Isban, Nathan Johnson, Chris Kulp, David Pulli, Troy Radcliff, Andrew Rhoads, Anthony Rivellini, Justin Seelaus, Darian

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Serfass, and Andrew van der Kleut, and adults Andrew Cowles, Richard Detwiler, Doug Floro, Harold Frederick, Jr., Kenneth Hutchinson, Michael Landis. Space is still available for scouts and adults interested in attending this camp this summer camp. A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit will hold a place. Contact SM Frederick [215-723-2555] if interested. Our NEW SCOUTS have indicated that they also plan to attend - what a great way to get a head start toward earning First Class.

Check Rodney's website for further details: www.delmarvacouncil.com.

Funds raised through Popcorn, Stromboli/Hoagie Sales, Spaghetti Dinner, and other sources, will be available to apply toward the fee – balances will be available later this month.

MEDICAL FORMS FOR CAMP

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!**

GENERAL NASH DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER/RECOGNITION

This event on March 16, 2006, is located at the Immanuel Church of the Nazarene at 1260 West Main Street, in Lansdale. 6.00pm - social hour; 7.00pm - dinner. Registered are - Douglas Floro, Harold Frederick, Jr., Tom & Clare Isban, Barbara Johnson, George Senderling & Fran Arena, and Tim Wile, Zach Wile & Fawn Liberto. 2005 Eagles will be honored.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTION - FEBRUARY 13, 2006

Elected this year were 2 Scouts - David Pulli and Justin Seelaus. The next step to becoming a member is to attend a weekend ordeal program. There are two weekends available this Spring: April 21-23 at Camp Hart, and May 19-21 at Treasure Island 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!** Forms have been provided to each candidate. **CONTACT** Nathan Johnson or Chris Kulp for further information. Candidate fee is \$25.00 - checks should be **made out to** and **mailed to:** Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA

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ADVANCEMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Nathan Johnson has passed the troop Board of Review for the Eagle Scout Award, and his application has been forwarded to council.

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR - SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006 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, advancement chairman, committee 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****

Also, let Scoutmaster know if you plan to attend!

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

BOY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENT CHANGES

The 2006 *BOY SCOUT REQUIREMENTS* publication is being issued to each Scout/Family (starting February 27th), with the Scouts of higher ranks being issued first, since more copies are on back order. Please note that an additional requirement has been added to First Class (those currently working on this rank have until June 30, 2006, to finish First Class without having to do the new requirements).

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MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS PLEASE NOTE:

BSA has been updating **ALL** of the merit badge books over the past few years. As of January 1, 2006, only 10 of the pamphlets have editions issued before January 1, 1999, and the requirements for only 12 merit badges have remained completely unchanged during that period.

In order to find out if the badges you counsel have been changed, go to:
“<http://usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/advchanges06.html>”

CAR WASH FUND RAISING PROJECT

Our troop has been given the opportunity to hold one or more car wash projects on a Saturday morning from either 9.00 to 12.00, or 10.00 to 12.00, starting in May, through the summer, at Moyer & Sons' fuel station at the corner of Reliance Road and 4th Street, Souderton. No specific dates have as yet been chosen, but if you are interested in helping [funds raised would be divided among the participants], please let Harold know as soon as possible. Also, one or more adults are needed to supervise this activity.