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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 4-6. **COUNCIL JAMBOREE [JAMBO07] AT GREEN LANE PARK.** Departure is scheduled at 7.00 p.m. Friday night, please arrive by 6.45 p.m. so personal gear can be packed in vehicles. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Return will be Sunday morning about 10.30 to 11.00 a.m. Everyone should bring their own cup. Paper and Styrofoam plates and bowls and plastic eating utensils will be provided, to save time. There are many interesting activities going on at this event, with over 6,500 Scouts camping there at Green Lane Park.
- May 7. Troop Meeting - Merit Badges: Law; Family Life; Genealogy. Practice Candle Lighting Ceremony for Court of Honor.
- May 14. Family Night Program - Covered Dish dinner at 6.30 p.m. followed by Annual Recognition Court of Honor. Please phone Barbara Johnson at 215-257-3259 to tell her how many of your family will attend the dinner.
- May 21. TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30 p.m. to whenever in the church library. Board of Review, if needed.
- May 21. Troop Meeting – Firearms Safety - Tim Wile
- May 21. Meeting of Adults going to CANADA - Review menus; merit badges available in Canada; Passengers in each vehicle; Non-resident Canada Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card; and more details.
- May 29. **NO MEETING - Memorial Day Holiday.** Please remember those who have served and are currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces – protecting the freedoms that we enjoy today. Remember in your prayers those members of our Armed Forces who gave their lives

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in defense of our nation – [**They Gave Their Tomorrows for Your Today!**](#)

June 1-3. Shooting Sports weekend activities at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County. Weekend pamphlets were distributed at the April 30th troop meeting. Please contact Harold, Tim or check your email for copies. Permission form required by all Scouts.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

May 4—6 Council Jamboree, Green Lane Park.

June 1—3 Shooting weekend at Community Rod & Gun Club, Bechtelsville, Berks County, PA. Rifle & Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges will be available.

July 6—16 Summer Scout Camp – Haliburton Scout Reserve, Ontario, Canada.

July 23—August 8 World Jamboree in England.

August 5-11 Alternate Summer Scout Camp, Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Pipersville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

ADVANCEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Star Scout - Arthur Forwood; **First Class** - Zachary Brong; **Merit Badges**: Chris Kulp - Communications, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management; David Pulli - Camping; Nathan Johnson - Cooking, Fishing; Justin Seelaus - Cooking.

FUNDS EARNED FROM THE SPAGHETTI DINNER

The troop committee decided that the profit would be transferred to the savings accounts of the scouts who helped at the dinner, based on the time they were there. This has been done, and the results were included in the notices sent for summer camp fee balances.

TWO TROOP MEMBERS SELECTED FOR VIGIL HONOR

The Unami Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has invited both Nathan Johnson and Christopher Kulp to take their Vigil Honor at the May Service Weekend at Treasure Island Scout Reservation. The Vigil Honor is the highest level of membership in the Order of the Arrow and an Arrowman must be nominated and than chosen by their Lodge to reach this level of membership. Nathan and Chris are the first Scout members of Troop 461 to be selected for this high honor and to have two members of the troop selected in the same year speaks very well of these two Arrowmen! Congratulations!!



ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT AND RECOGNITION COURT OF HONOR

The troop committee has set May 14th as the date, the second Monday. We start out with a covered dish meal, for those who can arrive by 6:30 p.m. All others are encouraged to come about 7:30 p.m. for the Court of Honor program. Help is needed to set up tables about 5.45 p.m.

Meal plan rotates each year, so for 2007 the following plan is:

(Each family is to bring a covered dish,

enough for their own family plus 10 others)

Last names A - G bring a dessert

Last names H - P bring a salad

Last names R - Z bring an entrée

Families bring their own eating utensils. The Troop supplies beverages, rolls, butter, plates, cups and napkins.

All Scouts and adults should wear their full Scout Uniforms. The Recognition Court of Honor will honor those who have passed advancement, achieved other awards and will conclude with the presentation of the Scoutmaster's Challenge Awards.

Summer Camp - Haliburton

Necessary forms for the Canada trip are being prepared and will be issued when ready.

WEEKEND AT OCKANICKON SCOUT CAMP

The following Scouts took part in the COPE course, Saturday morning: Zachary Brong, Joshua Burke, Spenser Forwood, Ben Gehringer, Michael Hay, Nathan Johnson, Andrew Rhoads, Jonathan Rhoads, Justin Seelaus, and Sam Schwyter. The following Scouts took part in the High COPE course on Saturday afternoon: Zachary Brong, Joshua Burke, Ben Gehringer, Michael Hay, Nathan Johnson, and Justin Seelaus.