



Boy Scout Troop 461

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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1. Troop Meeting - Halloween Party.
- Nov. 6. Distribution of *Scouting for Food* bags. 9.30am at church- wear Scout uniform. *Drivers needed.*
- Nov. 8. **Patrol Leaders Council**-7.15pm.
- Nov. 8. Troop Meeting - Advancement. Payment of 2005 TROOP DUES is due **tonight**.
- Nov. 13. Pickup *Scouting for Food* items. 9.30am at church. Help needed most of day to sort, count, repack collected food. *Drivers also needed.* Wear Uniforms please.
- Nov. 13. Distribution of ordered popcorn items - at church, after food bag collection. Payment for popcorn due as soon as possible, with absolute deadline November 22nd!
- Nov. 14. Swimming for 2nd & 1st Class & merit badges. 1.00 to 3.00pm at SAHS pool. Contact Bill Brandis (215-723-0140) .
- Nov. 15. **TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING** - 7.00pm at church library.
- Nov. 15. Troop Meeting - Advancement. Sign up for weekend at OSR.
- Nov. 19-21. Advancement Weekend at Camp Ockanickon. Fee \$15.00. All outdoor advancement for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class available. Also, a 10-mile hike and/or a bike hike if bikes can be transported.
- Nov. 22. Troop Meeting. Advancement.
- Nov. 29. Troop Meeting. Board of Review, if needed.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

Dec 10-12, 2004	- Camp Men-O-Lan - Advancement & Fun weekend.
Jan 14-16, 2004	- Jr Leaders Training, Bechtelsville [Tentative].
Feb 25-27, 2005	- Snow camp & sports, Cabin Camp, Resica Falls
Jul 10-16, 2004	- Summer camp - Citta Scout Reservation, NJ.

ADVANCEMENT/HIKING/BIKING WEEKEND AT CAMP OCKANICKON

Ockanickon is located next to the Ralph Stover State Park, on State Park Road, after the end of Stump Road, near the Delaware River, about 35-40 minute drive from Souderton. Our campsite is AJAPEU, next to the lake - bring fishing gear for your spare time. DEPARTURE at 7.30pm from Harold Frederick's. Please be prompt! As of 9/22/04, the Delaware Canal State Park is closed from Easton to Route 532 at Washington Crossing, due to extensive flood damage. Only section open is from Route 532 to Bristol. The trail is also closed in Morrisville at Route 1 for construction.

Therefore, hiking is being planned elsewhere, if practical. Interested scouts should tell Harold if interested in a 10 or 20 miler hike. It doesn't seem practical to have any biking, since it would have to be along roads. Harold plans to visit the state park and camp area to determine what is possible on Nov. 20th.

ADVANCEMENT COMPLETED – CONGRATULATIONS

Scout - Zachary Brong. **Tenderfoot** - Ben Gehringer. **First Class** - Harley Nelson. **Star Scout** - Peter Detwiler. **Life Scout** - Chris Kulp. **Merit Badges:** Peter Detwiler - Citizenship in the Community; Chris Kulp - Family Life; Troy Radcliff- Family Life, Citizenship in the Nation.

POPCORN ORDERS

Our ordered popcorn will be secured on November 13th, and will be sorted at the church. As soon as it totally sorted, each Scout family can get their order there. Contact Harold Frederick for details (215-723-2555). For those Scouts assisting in distributing the bags for *Scouting for Food*, they should take their popcorn order home with them. *All*

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payments are due by November 22, 2004. Help is needed to unload and sort the popcorn ordered. Time to be announced when pick-up time is known.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouts and drivers are needed at 9.30am, at our meeting room on Saturday, November 6th to distribute bags and on Saturday, November 13th to collect, sort, count food items, repack and deliver to the Indian Valley Opportunity Centre, on Main Street, Souderton. Uniforms, please! Please use sidewalks - don't cut across people's lawns. Adults are needed to drive, and especially on the 13th.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Annual dues/registration fee statements were mailed in October. *All payments* are requested as soon as possible, but please no later than Nov. 8th. Our charter renewal forms are due very soon.

PATROL LEADER ELECTION RESULTS

Patrol	Patrol Leader	Ass't Patrol Leader
Badger	Peter Detwiler	Travis Brown
Cobra	Harley Nelson	Shane Cumminsky
Flying Eagle	Sam Schwyter	Arthur Forwood
Soaring Falcon	Troy Radcliff	Derek Radcliff
Thunder Knight	Andrew Rhoads	Andrew van der Kleut

2006 EUROPEAN TOUR NOW BEING ORGANIZED

This is a 21-day tour to include visiting Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. The trip will start and end in Vienna, Austria, and will include touring in Vienna; a District Scout Camp with Group 12; visiting Budapest, Hungary; Prague, the Czech Republic; and Wroclaw & Oswiecim, Poland. Included will be visits to two

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concentration camps - Mauthausen, north of Vienna, and Auschwitz-Birkenau, near Oswiecim. All of these countries have active Scouting organizations, and it is hoped that we can meet scouts in each country. Details are being looked into thru our travel agent, the web sites, and personal contacts. Fees have not yet been set. Scouts and adults interested are asked to contact Harold Frederick. For further information contact Tim Wile.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Both Brandon and David Hange have withdrawn from our troop. Brandon has decided to use his available time to become a Junior Fireman with the Telford Fire Company, where Dave is a member. Blake Norcini has also withdrawn from our troop.

Our newest members, recruited by Adam Gambone are: Zachary Brong and Darius Dorsey. We welcome both of these new scouts.

REQUEST FROM RESERVE ASM DAN LaBAR

Reserve Assistant Scoutmaster Dan LaBar is currently a Second Lieutenant with the United States Army currently serving in Iraq. Dan has requested that the troop pass on the following information and mentions that the soldiers currently serving in Iraq greatly appreciate letters from the US. Anyone who would like to write to a soldier now stationed in Iraq, can do so thru the following web site: www.operationac.com.

If you would like to write to Dan himself, his address is:

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SOUDERTON TROOP 461 - 2004-2005 ANNUAL TROOP PROGRAM

Sep Theme - Hiking thru History.

* Weekend event - Gettysburg National Military Park. 9/10-12/04.

* Fund Paising - Popcorn Sale.

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- Oct** Theme - Camp-O-Ree.
* Weekend event - Camp-O-Ree. 10/8-10/04.
* Service - District Cub-O-Ree - International Scout Games. 10/ 9/04.
* Fund Raising - Popcorn Sale. Deadline for orders 10/18/04.
- Nov** Theme - Trail Hiking and/or Biking along Delaware River Canal..
* Weekend event - Ockanickon SR. 11/19-21/04. Merit Badge - Camping.
* Service - Scouting for Food - 11/6/ 04 and 11/13/04.
- Dec** Theme - Orienteering.
* Weekend event - Fun & Advancement at Camp Men-O-Lan. 12/10-12/04.
- Jan** Theme - Leadership/Hobbies.
* Weekend event - Jr Leader Training, Bechtelsville. 1/14-16/05.
t Fund Raising - Super Bowl Hoagie/Stromboli Sale - Dates Pending.
- Feb** Theme - Cold Weather Camping/Snow Sports.
* Weekend event - Winter Camp at Resica & Snow Sports. 2/25-27/05.
- Mar** Theme - Backpacking.
t Weekend event - Backpacking along the Appalachian Trail. 3/26-27/05.
t Fund Raising - Spaghetti Dinner. 3/12/05. Merit Badge - Camping.
- Apr** Theme - Fishing.
* Weekend event - Fishing at Ockanickon SR. 4/22-24/05.
Merit Badge - Fishing.
- May** Theme - Shooting Safety. Merit Badges - Rifle & Shotgun Shooting.
* Weekend event - Bechtelsville Rod & Gun Community Club. 5/13-15/05.
- Jun** Theme - Aquatics.
t Weekend event - Hickory Run State Park Camping 6/17-19/05, and
Rafting on the Lehigh River 6/18/05.
- Jul** Theme - Summer Camp.
* Summer Camp - Citta Scout Reservation 7/10-16/05.
- Aug** Theme - Summer Fun.
t Splash Party
* Service - Parking at BBQ, Souderton Menn Comm 8/27/05.

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KEY: * - Dates Confirmed

t - Tentative-Dates to be confirmed

NOTE: Troop 461 has a season pass to the Souderton Area High School pool. Troop swims are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month with other times scheduled as needed.