



Boy Scout Troop 461  
Zion Mennonite Church  
Souderton, Pennsylvania



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## NEWSLETTER

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 3-5. Weekend at Ockanickon Scout Reservation - Cooking theme. Cost \$15.00 per Scout. The troop will be camping in the Algonquin campsite, adjacent to the camp office. Departure from Scoutmaster Frederick's residence at 7.00 pm. Please meet by 6.45 pm. ASM Scott Forwood is the Leader-in-charge, assisted by Andrew Cowles, Ernie Gambone, Tim Wile and Zach Wile. Return will be Sunday about noon.
- November 6. Troop meeting - Fire Safety merit badge, at church.
- November 11. Distribution of the bags for *Scouting for Food* project. Youth and adults should meet in the Fellowship Hall [troop meeting room] about 10:00 am. **Scouts should wear their uniforms.** Drivers are needed to transport the youth to assigned areas. If you can't come until after 11:00 am, please come as we will still be doing the project, probably until early afternoon. We have the same section of Souderton as we had last year.
- November 11. Popcorn orders distribution - after *Scouting for Food* bag distribution, in Youth Department.
- November 13. Troop meeting - Fire Safety merit badge, at church.
- November 18. Pick up *Scouting for Food* food bags, sort and count food items, and deliver to Indian Valley Opportunities Council (IVOC). Meet at Youth Department by 10.00 am or as soon as you are free. Drivers are needed.

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November 19. Swimming instruction and testing by Bill Brandis, starting about 1:00 pm at the Souderton Area Swimming Pool. Kindly phone Bill at 215-723-0140, if you wish to work on swimming requirements.

November 20. Troop Committee meeting, 7.30pm, in Library.

November 20. Troop meeting, Board of Review, as needed.

November 27. Troop Meeting.

December 2. District "Life to Eagle Seminar" - 9.00am sharp, at the Upper Gwynedd Community Centre. Phone Rob Nagele [215-699-4779] for more information or to confirm attendance.

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

December 8-10. Winter Cabin Weekend at Camp Men-O-Lan.

January 12-14 Junior Leaders' Training Weekend, Bechtelsville, PA.

February 3. Annual Super Bowl Stromboli & Hoagie Sale

February ? Service Project at Ockanickon - building bunks in Ads.

March 2—4 Snow Sports at Big Boulder & Cabin camp at Resica Falls.

March 10 Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

April 20—22 Ockanickon weekend with COPE activities possible.

May 4—6 Council Jamboree, Green Lane Park.

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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 Cam, Haliburton Scout Reserve, Canada.

July 23—August 8 World Jamboree in England.

### ***HALLOWEEN PARTY***

Refreshment assignments by patrol:

Bat Patrol - drinks

Badger Patrol - Snacks - chips, pretzels, etc.

Stinger Patrol (Detwiler) - Candy

van der Kleut's patrol - Snacks - chips, pretzels, etc.



### **ADVANCEMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Scout - Johnathan Rhoads; Second Class - Michael Hay.

### **POPCORN SALE**

Gross Sales have exceeded \$3,700.00 this year. Pickup date is Sat., November 11th, in Youth Department at Zion Mennonite Church.

## **SUMMER CAMP 2007 - HALIBURTON, CANADA**

Harold has spoken with a representative of the State Dept. In regards to the need of Passports to return to the USA next summer. The current rules state that while Passports can be used, they are not mandatory until the year of 2009, for land travel, such as driving to Canada. Needed instead are 1) an original Birth Certificate [in PA - it would have a raised seal]; 2) if 16 or older, a Photo ID is required, such as a PA driver's license; and 3) permission to take the youth out of the USA, notarized by both parents, [a form will be provided by troop 461].

**NOTE:** If you need a Passport, you can now arrange to secure it through the Souderton/Telford Post Office.

## **FIRE SAFETY MERIT BADGE, CONTINUED**

As a result of the Halloween Party scheduled for October 30th, this merit badge will be continued into November, for as many nights as needed by the counselor. Most scouts have not as yet completed – **Requirement Number 6** - Conduct a home safety survey with the help of an adult, then do: a). Draw a home fire escape plan, create a home fire-drill schedule, and conduct a home fire drill, and understand the rest of #6, so as to be able to explain same to the counselor.