



Troop 153

St. Agnes Church, West Chester, PA
Chester County Council, BSA.



"To help others always."

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Troop Committee Meeting Agenda 3/07/2012

Call to Order

Meeting Discussions/Meeting Duration

Circulation of Previous Meeting's Minutes for Review ✓

Scoutmaster Report (separate cover)

- Past Events: Automotive MB – Zeke; Pack B&G/Crossover; Court of Honor ✓
- Future Activities – Ski (?) Trip ✓
- Membership and Advancement Summary – incl. Life-Eagle status (Ron via Jerry) ✓
- Equipment Status and Needs Summary ✓

Recharter Status – Charter Received at COH from Langer ✓

Finance Report ✓

- Report ✓
- Flower Sale Update – Sites? Same flower vendors? Pricing? Tentage? Any repairs needed to Cathedral; any other equipment/infrastructure needed? Logistics: rental truck – same as last year? ✓
- Friends of Scouting – Letters/pledge cards to be mailed week of March 12th ✓
- Summer Camp payment schedule and amounts ✓

Religious Program, Chartered Organization Representative, and Chaplain Summary ✓

EMBLEM TRAINING
4/15 BOYS
COUNCIL COUNCIL

Training and Compliance

- St. Agnes update – anyone overdue (> 5 yrs) needs to get PA Child Abuse History Clearance Cert. ✓
- YPT – <http://www.cccbsa.org> Click on Training, then Youth Protection ✓
- SM/ASM Specific – please sign up and take ✓
- Technology Addendum Update – several leaders and Committee members must take ✓

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Old Business

- Northern Tier and General High Adventure Update – final roster

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New Business

- Top Troop Leadership transition; new apps needed

Final Announcements and News

JOE 619
VALOR CUP TOUR
5/19

Adjournment 2030 hrs

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2012



7-Mar-12 **Scoutmaster Report**

Activities:

Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge
NON-Ice Fishing Feb 4/5/6 2012 @ Resica Falls – No Program – GOOD!
Blue & Gold Cross Over Feb 25
Eagle Court-of-Honor March 4th

Near-term schedule at this time:

1. Ski Trip March 9-11
2. First Years & Camporee ^{APR} March 20-22 @ Kimberton
3. OA Weekend Apr 27-28-29
4. YLT May 4-5-6 & May 11-12-13 **
5. OA Weekend June 1-2-3
6. NTier July 14-22
7. Summer Camp @ Resica Falls Aug 5-11

Northern Tier High Adventure 2012 July 14-22
11 scouts & 6 adults

2013 Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve
Sign up now

PLC Initiated Ideas

Biking/Canoe trip
Rock Climbing

Issues

Patrol box contents/Trip planning guide/policy addendum

To Do List

- **Pick YLT Candidates
- Need to plan next PLC
- Need to plan MAY-JUNE trips
- Website !!!



Jerry DiBello <capodipb@gmail.com>

FW: Training Opportunity for You

1 message

Gordon Hirs <Gordon.Hirs@businessdecision.com>

Wed, Mar 7, 2012 at 10:57 AM

To: Jerry DiBello <capodipb@gmail.com>

Jerry, can you find time to discuss this tonight at or after our committee meeting?

We'd previously discussed unit-training at a troop meeting a few weeks ago – of which you're the only qualified trainer.

Thanks,

Gordon

From: Earl Eckbold [mailto:eeckbold@bsaemail.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:14 AM

To: ghirs@comcast.net

Subject: Training Opportunity for You

Good Morning Gordon,

As you know, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is required training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Trained leaders are fundamental to the delivery of great program in Troop 153 as well as every other troop in the council. Although this training is offered several times through the year, I'd encourage you to not wait until the end of the year; class sizes are limited.

That said, registration will be open for only few more days at <http://bit.ly/MarchIOLS> for the course on March 24-25 in Avondale.

If you've already completed this training, please send me a copy of your Trained card so that we can update your training record.

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Every youth deserves a trained leader,

Earl Eckbold

Senior District Executive, Horseshoe Trail District

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Troop 153 Annual Ski Trip to Elk Mountain

Friday 3/9/12 to Sunday 3/11/12

It's time for the Troop 153 Annual Ski Trip to Elk Mountain. If you've been on this trip before, you know how much fun it is. If you haven't been on the ski trip before, you're in for a great experience. Spend a day on the slopes. If you don't ski yet, this is a terrific opportunity to try it out! There is a beginner's ski package available that includes ski rental, lesson, and beginner's lift ticket. We will be staying once again at the Days Inn in Scranton.

We will again be having Saturday dinner at TGI Friday's in Scranton. We will order from their special menu which includes a starter (salad or appetizer), entrée, and dessert, plus beverage.

Ski rental for all but those taking the beginners package will be again from Wick's Ski & Sport on Rt. 100 in Exton. Beginners will rent their skis or boards at Elk Mountain. We will notify everyone of when to go in to Wick's for a fitting later. A helmet is included in the rental from Wicks.

This trip is open to families. If Mom or siblings would like to join us, please let us know as soon as possible, since it may require additional rooms to be reserved. All package prices assume four to a room. Adults and families can opt for fewer in a room. Contact Mr. Gillin for prices.

*What to do now: Email Mr. Gillin with the names of the folks attending and the ski package that they want. We will send a list of renters to Wicks and then notify folks when they should go to Wicks for fittings. **Do not pay for your rental at Wicks!** You may be asked for a credit card for a security deposit, but the troop pays for the rentals when we pick up the skis.*

Trip Coordinator: Mr. John Gillin
Contact via email or cell phone given below

Location/Destination: Elk Mountain, Union Dale, PA

Costs: Costs for various packages are included on the attached form. This form must be completed, payment attached, and turned in by the Troop Meeting on 2/26/12. If you plan to use your scout account to pay for all or part of the trip, please contact Mr. Grey.

Departure Time: Friday, March 9th, at 5:00 PM from St. Agnes parking lot

Travel Distance: 140 Miles, about 2-1/2 hours depending on traffic

Return: Sunday, March 11th, time TBD.

What to Bring: Scouts should bring their Class A Uniform, warm and waterproof ski attire, and a sleeping bag and pad.

A Special Note to parents from Mr. Medykiewicz:

Please note that the Troop Committee and I are requiring all scouts to be fitted for and assigned safety helmets for the ski trip. Helmet rental is included in the ski rental from Wicks. If you have any questions on this, please respond to me and I will be happy to address them.

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Ski Trip Description

I know that many of you have never been on the Troop 153 Ski Trip. Some of you may never have been skiing at all. So, I thought that I would tell you how this all works.

A number of very nice people help us make this trip affordable. We have a group rate at the hotel and one for the lift tickets. We found a good price for our dinner. Mark at Wicks Ski & Sport gives us half-price rentals. The package prices include pizza on Friday, lodging including continental breakfasts, ski/snowboard rentals, lessons, and lift tickets as selected, lunch at Elk Mountain, and dinner. You would be hard pressed to beat the prices of our annual ski outing.

Folks need to tell me that they are coming, and whether they will be taking the beginner's package, renting skis from Wicks, or bringing their own ski or snowboard equipment. When we have a list of folks who want to rent skis, I will send a roster to Wicks and tell folks that they should go for a fitting. This will probably happen in about a week from now. Once you are told to go for your fitting, just go to Wicks and tell the service person that you are with Troop 153. They will check your name on the roster and then fit you for boots, skis and poles or snowboard, and a helmet. You don't get the equipment at that time. **You should also not pay anything to Wicks.** The troop covers the rentals. The price on the registration form includes rental, lift tickets, lodging, and meals. Let me know via email that you have gone for your fitting, but remember, **don't go until I give you the go ahead.**

If you are taking the beginner's package, you will get your ski equipment up at Elk Mountain. I will give you a form to fill out a week before we leave. That's the form that you will hand in to the rental desk. You do not go to Wicks if you are taking the beginner's package.

On the Friday that we are to leave, I will go to Wicks and pick up all of the rented equipment. Wicks puts stickers with the name of the renter on each piece of equipment. At 5:00 that day, we all meet at St. Agnes to pack up gear, take roll, and head off to our hotel. Once we arrive, we usually have a pizza dinner and then room assignments are made. The Senior Patrol Leader and his assistants, with the review and approval of the Scoutmaster, will have made up room assignments before leaving. Usually there will be four to a room. In many cases, this will be four Scouts, but parents shouldn't worry. The Senior Scouts and the adults are always nearby. With four in the room, the Scouts usually sleep two on the beds and two on the floor. It's a good idea to bring an air mattress and sleeping bag in case you draw the short straw and end up on the floor. Of course, adults get a bed. And parents, if you decide that you would like to come on the trip, but don't relish the idea of being crowded into a room with three others, we probably can accommodate you. All prices are based on four to a room, but if you would like the solitude of a room alone or with one or two other family members, we can recalculate your cost. The room rate is \$70 a night.

On Saturday morning, we have a continental breakfast at the hotel and then head to the slopes. Beginners will head to the rental desks to get their equipment, while one of the adults retrieves and distributes the lift tickets to the more experienced skiers. Then it's a day of fun on the slopes. The beginners will receive a group lesson, and then have unlimited use of the beginner slope. If they decide that they are ready for more of a challenge later in the day, an upgrade to all slopes can be purchased. We

all get together at a predetermined time to have lunch. We will once again be having the group lunch available at Elk Mountain. The afternoon is spent back on the slopes.

Please remember that it will likely be very cold, and even if you are a good skier, you will get covered in snow and will get wet. Warm, water repellent clothing is a must. Dress in layers. Blue jeans can get very wet and very cold very quickly, so some sort of ski pant is recommended. Of course, if you are uncomfortable, there is always a warm lodge nearby.

In the late afternoon, everyone gathers to return to the hotel. After changing and cleaning up a bit, we all head out to dinner. This year, we will be going to TGI Friday's. They have a special menu with an appetizer, entrée, and dessert for one low price. We have negotiated one price that includes a coffee, tea, or soft drink plus the gratuity. After dinner, we return to the hotel. TV and video games tend to keep the scouts entertained until the long day on the slopes drives them to sleep.

On Sunday, it's another continental breakfast at the hotel and then pack up and leave. We'll call parents for pick up when we are about a half-hour away. The drop off location is yet to be determined. We may meet at the K-Mart in West Goshen SC to avoid the crowds attending Sunday Mass at St. Agnes.

I hope that you can see that this is a great trip, especially for those who have never skied before. This is one of the few Scout trips where whole families are welcomed. Siblings of Scouts must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you or your family would like to come, please let me know as soon as possible via email. I only need to know the names of those coming and whether they will be renting skis at Wicks. The form and the payment can be given to me later. The first priority is to identify the folks coming and to set up for the fittings at Wicks. So, come on! Join Troop 153 on its annual ski trip!

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