



Whispers on the wind

February 11, 2015

Upcoming Activities for Troop 512

This Weekend

Feb 12-14 Winter Sports Trip

Coming Soon

Feb 15 Presidents' Day – we will be meeting

Feb 17 **Trip to homeless shelter**

Looking Ahead

Feb 19 Pack 503 Crossover

Feb 21 Scout Sunday

Feb 22 Banquet reservations due

To Do

Sign up... for summer camp and **pay \$50 deposit**

Turn in... your banquet reservation form and check

Please share this newsletter with your Scout.



Troop 512 is an outdoors adventure-focused troop whose mission is to offer a safe, exciting, high energy Scouting program that offers young men opportunities for achievement, leadership and service, all while instilling the values of the Scout law.

February's Meetings.. ..will feature cooking & firearms safety



February 15th – We'll cook chili for the homeless

February 22nd – Firearms Safety Training, Part 1 (required)

February 29th – Firearms Safety Training, Part 2 (required)

Winter Sports Trip



February 12th-14th @6:30 pm

We're heading to the slopes for a fun – and frigid – day of winter sports. We'll be staying in a propane-heated cabin at Goose Pond Scout Reservation and cooking our meals Troop style inside. So we'll be ready for the coldest of weather. You can be prepared by bringing:

- A warm sleeping bag, pad and pillow
- Sleeping clothes
- Cabin shoes or slippers
- Warm winter boots
- Socks, lots of socks (thin liners will keep your feet dry, a bulky wool or polypro outer sock will keep them warm. If your boots provide the room, a mid-layer sock may also be needed.)
- A good synthetic base layer (long johns)
- Warm mid layers (fleece is good for this). A vest is useful for more layering without adding too much bulk
- A winter coat (not a sweatshirt) that provides protection from the cold **and wind**
- Warm hat (make sure it fully covers your ears)
- Neck gaiter, scarf or balaclava
- Warm, windproof gloves
- Ski goggles, helmet and ski pants if you have them
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Money for the lodge or a snack stop while traveling

We did not previously explain that **because of our successful fundraising this year, the Troop Committee has agreed to pay \$25** toward each Scout and adult leader who will be skiing, snowboarding or snow tubing.

Scouts will pack a bag lunch at the cabin on Friday night to take with them to Montage. The food at the resort can be expensive.

We will depart from and return to the Springfield Police Department parking lot. We expect to return at about 1:00 pm on Sunday.



Going the extra mile



Wednesday, February 17th @ 4:30 pm

Over the last week we collected food for the needy. On Monday we'll cook chili for 150 homeless people. **Then we'll go the extra mile.** We'll meet on Wednesday at Covenant to take our donation for packaging to Bethany Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Havertown. Once done, a group can return home, perhaps by 6:30 pm. Others will choose to deliver food to a homeless shelter in Upper Darby. There they will talk with and serve meals to those who are in need.

Will you go the extra mile to serve those less fortunate? Will you give your time to help those truly in need? Put your faith on the line. Parents are welcome and drivers may be needed.

Class A uniforms required.

Summer Camp 2016



Reserve your spot by paying the \$50 deposit

If you plan to go to summer camp sign up now on TeamSnap and bring in a check for \$50 to reserve your spot. We've made reservations for 35 Scouts and the camp reports that few additional spots remain available as of this writing. Therefore, our **reserved spots will be filled on a first-to-pay-the-deposit basis.**

The early bird cost for summer camp is \$419, a savings of \$25. To receive this discount, the balance of \$369 will be due by no later than April 25. Scout dollars can be used to pay the balance.

Pack 503 Crossover

Friday, February 19th @ 7:45 pm

Ten Cub Scouts from Pack 503 will be crossing over into our Troop on Friday, February 19th. Let's be there to welcome them.

The pack will have a pack meeting at 7:00 pm and the crossover is expected to start at 8:00 pm. Please arrive at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Lynebrooke and Bennett roads in Springfield by 7:45 pm. Dress in your Class A uniform.



Scout Sunday



Sunday, February 21st, 10:30 am @Covenant

A Scout is reverent. This is true every day, but particularly on Scout Sunday. Scout Sunday is a day to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. We'll celebrate the day by worshipping with the congregation of Covenant United Methodist.

This will be the first chance for most of them to meet us. Therefore, we'll want a good turnout to show how much we appreciate them giving us a new home. We'll want to look sharp in our uniforms, especially since some Scouts will be involved in the proceedings. **We need Scouts to be greeters, ushers and readers.** If interested in participating in the service, please contact the Scoutmaster at steve.nieman@verizon.net or 610-999-5422.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. Readers should meet 30 minutes early.

There will be a reception after the service so you may wish to stay for that.

Recipe of the Month



Fried Stuffed Fish

Mr. Booth sends this message:

I hope everyone enjoyed learning how to fillet and cook fish at our last two meetings. Here is a link that will take you to a video showing two easy recipes for the freshwater fish that we might catch on a camping trip, and how to cook them with the same gear that we usually bring with us:

<http://www.cabelas.com/category/CWC-Fish-Cakes-and-Fried-Stuffed-Trout/666521280.uts>

These recipes are good for trout, salmon, perch, blue gill, and more. You can cook them over the coals of a campfire or over charcoal. The interesting video takes a little over 10 minutes. I hope you enjoy it.



Youth Leaders Wanted Positions Remain Unfilled



512 is a Scout-led troop. We have a new Patrol Leaders' Council that will provide youth leadership for the next six months. All elected positions are filled, but **several positions are still available** to Scouts who have achieved the rank of First Class:

- Bugler
- Chaplain Aide
- Den Chief
- Historian
- Instructor
- Leave No Trace Trainer
- Order of Arrow Representative
- Quartermaster
- Webmaster

You may take a leadership position even if you've already completed your leadership requirement for rank advancement. You are encouraged to lead, not because it is required, but to have the opportunity to learn and to grow. If interested, please see the Scoutmaster.

Annual Banquet



Sunday, March 6th @3:30 pm

The day will soon be here – our biggest celebration of the year! We are looking forward to good food, great company and a night celebrating the extraordinary achievements of our Scouts. There will be new members to receive into the Troop, prizes to give away, a video summary of our activities and trips, a chance to reminisce, and lots of awards to hand out during the Court of Honor.

We'll start at 3:30 pm and conclude by 7:00. Dinner will begin about 5:00 pm.

The cost is \$16 per adult and \$7 for children under 10 years old. Scouts are free. **Reservations are due by February 22. Please use the attached form.**



Events Calendar



Amazing experiences are ahead

Mar 6	Annual Banquet and Court of Honor
Mar 11-13	Shooting Sports trip @Broad Creek Memorial SR
Mar 13	Conestoga District First Aid Meet
Mar 19	Merit Badge College day 1
Apr 2	Merit Badge College day 2
Apr 15-17	OA Spring Service 1 @Musser SR
Apr 22-24	Conestoga District Camporee
May 20-22	Treetop Adventure trip @Go Ape, Lum's Pond, DE
May 20-22	OA Spring Service 2 @Resica Falls SR
Jun 6	Court of Honor
Jun 24-26 revised	Canoeing trip, Pine Barrens, NJ
Jul 10-16	Summer Camp @Henson SR, MD
Jul 31-Aug 6	Sea Base trip (for Venture Scouts)

