

PA DUTCH SCOUT SHOP NEWS

APRIL 2012

THIRD EDITION

CLOSINGS & CHANGE TO SUMMER HOURS

The Scout Shop & Office will be closed **Friday, April 6th** in observance of Good Friday and **Monday, May 28th** in observance of Memorial Day. Starting, **Tuesday May 29th through Monday, September 3rd** the store hours will be: **Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.**

EAGLE ACADEMY

There is limited space still available for Eagle Academy at Bashore Scout Reservation. This academy runs the 7th week of summer camp and counts towards the second week of camp discount of \$50.00. Sign up today while there is still space.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION ITEMS

Some JTE emblems that were ordered by the deadline are backordered at National Supply. These emblems should be in by mid- April. If you have not ordered your emblems please order ASAP. We cannot guarantee availability from National Supply for new orders, but will do our best.

CONGRATULATIONS PA DUTCH VOLUNTEERS!

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE STATUS

PA DUTCH COUNCIL JTE 2011 GOLD

CONESTOGA RIVER DISTRICT JTE 2011 SILVER

HARVEST DISTRICT JTE 2011 GOLD

HORSE-SHOE TRAIL DISTRICT JTE 2011 SILVER

Most of our Council's Units were either Gold or Silver units. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to the youth of Lancaster & Lebanon Counties and the Scouting program! You truly are making an impact on our future leaders! Let's continue the great work in 2012!

LYME DISEASE – WILL OUR MILD WINTER INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CASES?

A Lyme disease surge is predicted this year, but it is not because of our mild winter. According to an article posted in Science Daily (March 16, 2012) there will be a surge in Lyme disease cases this year, because the acorn crop was small which influenced the success of the white-footed mice breeding.

Why you may ask does this affect Lyme disease, well it turns out that the black legged tick population prefers the white-footed mice over other mammals. When the mice population is up fewer ticks attach to other mammals including humans for their blood meals. The white footed mice are also very effective at transmitting the bacterium that causes Lyme disease to ticks.

Cary Institute's Dr. Richard S. Ostfeld, a disease ecologist, and Dr. Charles D. Canham, a forest ecologist, and their research team have been researching this connection for more than two decades. Black legged ticks take three blood meals- as larvae, as nymphs, and as adults. In 2010 the acorn crops were record setting which resulted in a higher 2011 white-footed mice population who hosted and infected black legged ticks with the Lyme disease bacterium. The 2011 acorn crop was minimal, which means the 2012 white-footed mice population will be decreased leaving ticks in the nymph stage seeking other mammals to host their blood meal. The nymphs have a higher rate of being infected with Lyme disease. Based on this information the CDC is advising people in the Northeast to be extra vigilant in checking for ticks after spending time in the outdoors.

The CDC says it is important that ticks are removed with in the first 24 hours of attaching. Ticks need to be attached for 24 hours before they are capable of transmitting Lyme disease.

For more information about Lyme disease visit http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs_symptoms/index.html

ADVANCEMENT PURCHASES

Internet Advancement will be required later this year. Contact Judy Scanlin at the Council office for your unit's pin number and log on at www.myscouting.org. Please bring 2 signed copies of your unit's advancement report when purchasing rank advancement emblems. Rank advancement awards can NOT be purchased without a report. For additional questions about advancement please contact your District Executive.

COUNCIL WEBSITE INFORMATION

We ask for your patience as our council website is being updated. Please monitor the progress at www.padutchbsa.org. While the site is under construction please contact the store or office for information about District activities, summer camp, weekend camp rentals, and much more. Most forms can be emailed to you.

SUMMER CAMP NEWS

BASHORE SCOUT RESERVATION - BOY SCOUT CAMP

Final payments are due no later than May 15 at the Scout Office. After May 15 an additional \$15 per scout is added to the total payment. Please contact, Ryan Stewart, Bashore Camp Director, with questions about Boy Scout Camp at ryangibsonstewart@gmail.com.

MACK SCOUT RESERVATION - CUB SCOUT CAMP

Final payments for scouts and adults are due no later than May 11 at the Scout Office. After May 11 an additional \$10 per scout will be added to the total. Please contact Angie Horn, Mack Camp Director, with questions about Cub Camp at achorn@peoplepc.com.

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The Council is offering 2 courses this summer, a weeklong course, June 10-16 and a 2 weekend course, Aug 10-12 & 17-20. This is a National Leadership training offered at the Council level. This course offers leadership skills that will last a lifetime and more importantly is a fun experience! It is a coed course open to First Class Boy Scouts age 13-17 and Venturers age 14-20. Unit leaders sign your scouts up today! The fee is \$290.00 and qualifies for the \$50 camp discount if the youth attends another week at Bashore summer camp. For more information contact the course Scoutmaster, Tim Stayer, at tstayer@conestogawood.com or Rich Garipoli, course advisor, at 394-4063 ext. 225.

PLACING CATALOG ORDERS

Orders can be placed and picked up at our Scout Shop with no S&H charges from quarterly catalogs or for items seen on www.scoutstuff.org. Allow 10-14 days for delivery. Call (717)394-4063 ext. 228 today.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Why must we bring 2 copies of the Advancement Report to the Council office?

One copy of the advancement report is kept on file at the Council. The second copy goes to the District Advancement Chairperson for review. Internet Advancement reports need to be printed and turned in with appropriate signatures.

Scout Shop Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday

9:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M.

SUMMER HOURS START MAY 29, 2012

Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.