



# Newsletter



## Summer Camp Volunteers and Medical Forms

It is time to prepare for Camp Horseshoe 2014. Camp week is June 29 through July 6. As returning scouts know, summer camp at Horseshoe is a great place to earn merit badges, participate in fun activities and forge bonds with fellow scouts.

Please let our Summer Camp Coordinator, Susan Huck know if your son plans to attend camp this year. Full payment (\$350) is due by **May 8**. Please make your check payable to "Troop 181," and give to either Susan or Ted at the next troop meeting or you can mail to Susan at 232 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312.

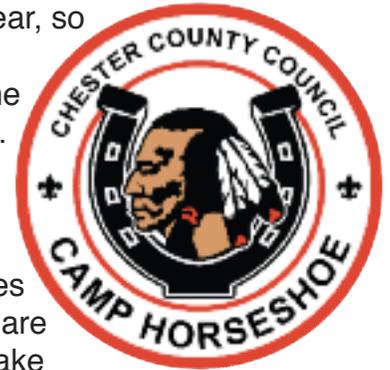
Some of our scouts have money in their fundraising accounts. Scouts can apply that balance to Summer Camp if they wish. If you would like to know the amount that is in your son's account, please contact Susan.

### Required Medical Forms

Every scout who attends Summer Camp must provide a medical form. Parts A, B and C of the form are required, and must be signed by your scout's doctor. (Part D is also required for boys attending Philmont) Also needed is a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance card. These forms

*The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations. We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Scott Shreve, Sherri Gartner, or Michael Dernoga with requests or concerns.*

are good for one year, so if your son had his physical last July, he may still be current. If your scout is attending High Adventure Philmont, consider these dates also. These forms are due by June 16. Make your son's Physical appointment now!



### ADULTS NEEDED

Adults will be needed to attend camp and help us to meet our requirement of having four parents on site at all times. There is no charge for parents who help out! An email went out from YahooGroups with a sign up link. As an adult, if you attend camp for less than 72 hours, your doctor does not need to sign your medical forms.

Please contact Susan at 610-722-9475 if you have any questions.

## This Month's Meetings

**April 15th-** Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
Wear boots, Bring Poster materials

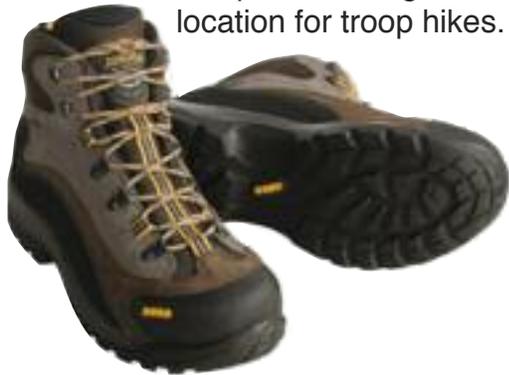
**April 22nd –** Class B - Cabin - 7:30 PM  
Bring forms and money for the trip, flashlight

**April 29th-** No regular Meeting

## March Hiking Trip Review

In March, the troop took a day hike trip to Warwick Park. This trip allowed the Philmont crews to hike with full packs and begin to train to work together as a team. The non-Philmont scouts took a separate hike with day packs.

Thank you to Mr. Maier for organizing this trip and finding a new location for troop hikes.



## Upcoming Parents Meeting

**The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4th at BUMC.**

We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend the meeting and be part of the planning process to put together the best possible program for our scouts.

## Scouting Rules

The Boy Scouts of America and Troop 181 have a policy of **NO ALCOHOL** at any scouting activity. Even if you are in a public place where alcohol is being served, you should not be drinking when you are at a scout event. If you are with the boys, you must not drink alcohol.

## Eagle Scout Service Projects Approved

At the April Committee Meeting, two of our scouts presented their Eagle Project proposals. Both were approved.

Connor Feldman will be constructing and installing Bat Houses for the Willistown Conservation Trust. He has work days planned in the coming weeks. Please see his YahooGroups post to sign up.

Nathan Shreve will be planting 14 Japanese maple trees at the Field of Dreams for Berwyn Paoli Area Little League. Nathan plans to get started soon as well so please be on the lookout for upcoming work day announcements.

If your scout needs service hours for rank advancement, this is a great way to earn them!



## Important Reminder

We need your help!

Our troop plans a lot of great events and trips for our scouts! If your scout is attending these trips and events, your family should be participating in **at least one** every scout year. We have a small group of extremely dedicated parents who go on the majority of trips.

Please attend one of our upcoming trips or plan to spend a day or two at Summer Camp. You will be able to learn more about what goes on, see the scout leaders in action, be able to help the scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters get to know your son better, and you will be doing your part to help this troop run smoothly.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Scott Shreve or Sherri Gartner.

## April Trip to Ricketts Glen

The weekend of April 25-27th Troop 181 will be going to Ricketts Glen for a hike.

Ricketts Glen State Park has been a favorite trip of our scouts for ice hiking for many years and this should be a beautiful spring hike.

The scouts will be camping at Camp Lavigne, and will be staying in adirondacks. Weather conditions could still be chilly, so please be sure your scout packs proper sleeping bags and has appropriate clothing for the forecasted temperatures. If your scout needs a hike for his next rank advancement, please be sure he attends this trip!

This is an important hike for all of our Philmont participants as well. It will be used as a training hike and for the crews to learn to work as a team, as well as get used to their gear and carrying their weighted packs. Look for information from Mr. Huck about the special requirements for the Philmont crews.

If your scout needs to work on any cooking requirements (either for rank advance-



ment or for the Cooking Merit badge) he should contact Mr. Dernoga to arrange that. Also, he should let his patrol leader know that he needs to be involved in the planning.

If your scout needs to complete his Communications badge requirement for planning a campfire program, please have him coordinate with the Gartner boys who will be organizing those activities.

Thanks to Mr. Pearson and Mr. Huck for handling the logistics and planning of this trip.

## May Whitewater Rafting Trip

On the Weekend of May 31st, Troop 181 will be whitewater rafting with Whitewater Challengers on the Lehigh River. This is a one-night camping trip.

At the Scout parent meeting, the unanimous decision was to reschedule the white water rafting for May 31st with arrival at the campsite May 30th. This is not a dam release day so the cost will \$46 per person + food and gas money to be determined closer to the date.

The deposit to hold our spot is due now. Please respond to Miriam Ting's

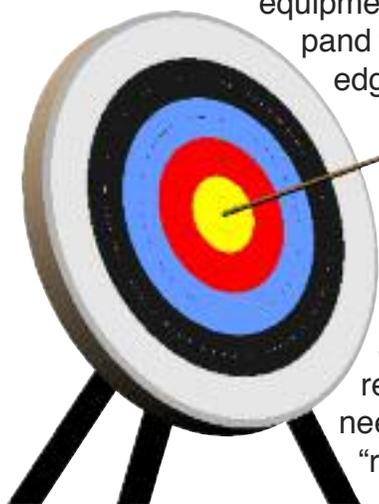
YahooGroups email if you and/or your scout is planning to attend. Money will be collected over the next few weeks for this event. The final payment must be made 2 weeks prior to the event, so please plan ahead.

Siblings above the age of 9 yrs at the time of the event may be able to join if accompanied by a parent. However, please be aware that this trip involves rigorous activity and is not for everyone.

Thank you to Miriam for taking care of the planning and organization for this adventure.

## Upcoming Archery Rangemaster Training

Troop 181 has approved purchasing archery equipment. We hope to expand the troop's knowledge and



skill in this fast-growing and fun sport. In order to be able to set up and run our own archery range on a regular basis, we need to have certified "rangemasters" to

supervise the scouts and maintain a safe environment. A minimum of two certified adults are required on the range at all times. We need parents to take a short course which will be held just for our troop in order that we have enough rangemasters! No archery knowledge or experience is necessary. The plan is to make archery a part of our regular meetings about once a month.

Please contact Scott Shreve to sign up to participate in this important training.

## Our Very Own Troop 181 Merit Badge University

The parents committee has decided to plan a Merit Badge University for this June. Our originally scheduled June Camping trip will be changed to an overnight campout at the church on the weekend of June 14th, where the activities will center around merit badges and completing skills needed for rank advancement prior to summer camp.

If you are a merit badge counselor, please consider running a session to help boys complete a badge. We are particularly interested in badges that could be completed in a short session (no more than 4 hours), and preferably ones that are NOT offered at summer camp. You may decide to require boys to have some of the requirements completed prior to our University, just as they do at Camp Horsehoe. In addition to these new badges, we will be focusing on badges that many boys have started and not completed. We will have



a list of these badges with a lot of "partials" shortly.

Please email Sherri Gartner and let her know which badges you are a counselor for that you would be willing to run at our University. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## Advancement Update

We have a few Eagle Scout Service Projects that are already underway or will be starting soon. These boys need your help to complete their projects, so please encourage your scout to participate!

We also have a large number of Life Scouts who will be looking for projects. Please contact Vince Piotti if you know of an organization looking for help with something. Scouts, if you need a project, there are several possibilities that Mr. Piotti can tell you about, so be in touch with him.

## Cabin Chair Needed

We are in need of someone to take over the Cabin Chair duties from Ted Huck. This job requires very little time each year. Taking a walk out to the cabin site once every month or so to check that the cabin is secure and has not had any vandalism or storm damage, and planning a cleanup for a weekend once or twice a year is all that is needed.

If you are interested in helping the troop by taking this position, please contact Sherri Gartner. For questions or more information about the job, please contact Ted Huck.

## Have outgrown Scout gear?

When the troop goes to Summer Camp, we always take along a bin of "uniform extras" which can be borrowed by scouts or adults. Adults need a uniform shirt to eat in the dining hall.

If you have outgrown items, please bring them to a meeting and donate them to our bin. If you have other items that may be useful to another scout, please let Mr. Shreve know.

## High Adventure 2015 Update



Believe it or not, the planning for Sea Base 2015 is already underway. Ted Huck has secured one crew through the Sea Base lottery process. The lottery took place on February 15th. The adventure Ted secured is a Scuba Boat adventure with a crew of 10 to 12. For this adventure, participants will need to earn their scuba certification prior to the trip.

Additional crews may be available should there be too many 181 boys interested, or if there is interest in different programs at Sea Base.

If your son may be interested in attending, please spend a little bit of time looking at the different adventures available and notify Ted. ([www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org))

If you have questions, please contact Ted Huck directly.

## Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts, long sleeve shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact Michele Harvey if you want to place an order. [michele.harvey@sap.com](mailto:michele.harvey@sap.com)

## Troop Committee

**Sherri Gartner** – Troop Committee Chair

610- 408-9384

**Scott Shreve** - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

**Ed Maier**– Camping Committee Chair

610-725-8095

**Vince Piotti** – Advancement Committee Chair

610-296-9058

**Michael Dernoga** - Court of Honor Chair

610-647-3994

**Ted Huck** – Cabin Committee Chair

610-722-9475

**Kathy Nadel** – Newsletter

610-578-0603

**Michael Dernoga** – Finance Committee Chair

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**Jason Feldman**- Quartermaster

610-251-2332

**Cathy Rains** – Training Coordinator

610-254-8512

**Jack Campbell** - Charter Organization  
Representative

**Jeff Paolizzi** – Recruiting Coordinator

610-251-9308

**Jeff Paolizzi** - Friends of 181 President

610-647-8951

**Ramesh Raghupathi**- Treasurer

610-647-7022

**Susan Huck** - Summer Camp Coordinator

610-722-9475

**Ted Huck** - High Adventure Coordinator

610-722-9475

**Michele Harvey**- Registrar

610-688-0445

**Lauren Feldman** - Fundraising Coordinator

610-251-2332

Please see the troop roster for the  
Youth Leadership contact information.

## Calendar of Key Events

**April 25-27** - Hiking Trip - Ricketts Glen

**May 8** - Final Summer Camp Payment Due

**May 30-31** - Whitewater Rafting - Lehigh River

**June 14** - Troop 181 Merit Badge University

**June 29 - July 6** - Summer Camp

**July 19-August 3** - Philmont High Adventure

## Adult Leadership

**Scott Shreve** - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

### Assistant Scout Masters

Geoff DiDario

Jordan Nadel

Joe DiGiorgio

Jeff Paolizzi

Jason Feldman

Vince Piotti

Joe Franz

Scott Wilson

Ted Huck

## Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2014 dates:

**Sunday June 29 to  
Sunday July 6**