



Newsletter



Welcome to Troop 181

Welcome to our 8 new recruits! We have had 7 scouts bridge over from local cub scout troops, and one new scout join on his own. Please introduce yourself to our new boys and parents when you see them in the upcoming weeks.

We're glad to have you!

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the YahooGroups for Troop 181, please do so. Send an e-mail to:

paoli181-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Remember that any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahoogroups.com will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group.

IMPORTANT: You must be signed up to receive Yahoo Groups e-mail. If you are not signed up, you will not receive Troop announcements, notices and other important information about the Troop. All of these are now being sent only through Yahoo Groups.

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 Joe Linderman, Sherri Gartner or Joe DiGiorgio.

First Aid Meet Recap

On March 24th, Troop 181 participated in the First Aid Meet held by Chester County Council. We had 10 scouts (one patrol) compete in the "Band-aids" level of the meet. Patrols were given scenarios, volunteers played the victims, and the scouts were scored on how well they assessed the situation and the steps they would take to treat it. Special thanks go to Dr. DiDario for helping the boys practice leading up to the event. Mr. DiGiorgio and Dr. DiDario served as judges. Troop 181 placed 3rd in "Band-aids." Congratulations to all of the scouts who attended. Way to go guys!



This Month's Meetings

April 3 — NO MEETING

April 10 — Class A — BUMC

Admission: Forms & money for Fishing Trip

April 17 — Equipment Return 7:00 - 8:30

All trip participants **MUST** attend

April 24 — Class B — BUMC

May 1 — Class A — BUMC

Admission: Print First Aid Merit Badge requirements out from meritbadge.org
meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/First_Aid

What to know NOW for Summer Camp

Please be aware that your son must have a new Medical Form completed and signed by their doctor in order to attend camp. Also, if you are an adult attending camp for 72 (or more) consecutive hours, you must also complete the medical form. The troop bears the cost for adults attending camp.

An online sign-up form for adults who want to attend summer camp is available here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0844AB7-adult Should you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Shreve.

The next deadline for payment is May 10th, when the remainder of funds will be due (\$335). Evelyn will be contacting those families who have funds in their scout account in case you would like to use some or all of those funds toward camp.

Saturday July 28 will be Family Day at camp. Please plan to attend the afternoon of campwide competition, followed by evening retreat and then our own Troop dinner and Court of Honor. Stay for the bonfire afterward if you are able.

Scouts are expected to attend the full week of camp, from Sunday to Sunday unless prior arrangements have been made. It is important that all scouts participate in the clean up at Camp Horseshoe on Sunday morning, as well as getting everything properly stored back in the shed at BUMC upon return to Berwyn. Please make your scout aware that they will not be coming home with you after Family Day on Saturday!

National Jamboree 2013

We are excited that we currently have 8 scouts signed up for Jamboree 2013!

If your scout is still interested in attending, the Council will be maintaining a waiting list in the event that someone else decides they cannot attend. Please contact Sherri Gartner or Joe Linderman if your scout would like to be put on a waiting list at some time over the next year.



Equipment Return Nights

A new policy has been adopted regarding the Equipment Return on the Tuesday night following a trip. ALL scouts who attend the trip and ALL Quartermasters MUST attend the Equipment Return. Other scouts are encouraged to attend whenever possible. The first one where this was required was the Tuesday following the Washington DC trip. The scouts got a lot of gear cleaned up and organized, which should help when it's time to prepare for the next trip. The gear belongs to all of the boys, and they should take care of it themselves, with some supervision by the parents when necessary.

Mr. VanMeter is preparing a guide to tent care and safety, which should be followed when your son brings home a tent to be aired out and dried. Please do not wash the tents, as it removes the waterproofing! These guides will be made available shortly. Please read it and guide your son in caring for the gear properly.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon VanMeter.

April - Deep Sea Fishing Trip

Deep Sea Fishing and tent camping on the grounds of the Coast Guard Training facility is being planned by Ed Maier for the weekend of April 13th-15th. We will be spending Saturday afternoon on the "Cape May Lady" with the hope of catching some Striped Bass. The ship is 68 feet and can accommodate up to 50 guests. Family members are welcome to join, however our campsite is limited to 25 persons, so scouts will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. You are welcome to attend the fishing trip only! The cost for fishing is \$40 per person. More information is available here: www.sjmarina.com



Please let Ed Maier know ASAP if your son wants to attend this trip. Forms and fees are due at the April 10th meeting.

NOTE: All adults (18 and over) MUST complete Youth Protection Training Prior to going on any trips.

June - Beach Camping Coordinator Needed ASAP

We are in need of an adult to plan and coordinate a campout to the beach in June. (Weekend of June 15-17). Camping areas book up early so getting someone to take on this job soon is important! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ed Maier, our Camping Coordinator or Sherri Gartner, our Troop Committee Chair. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

March Trip Recap

Thanks to Shawn Rock for planning a great trip to our nation's capital. The boys had a good time camping at Greenbelt Park in Maryland the weekend of March 16th. Saturday was spent in D.C. with a tour of the Capitol arranged through Senator Gerlach's office, and time spent at the Smithsonian Museums. Back in camp the boys had time for cooking, games and a lesson on grill cleanup and maintenance. All in all a good trip!

May - Whitewater Rafting

Jeff Paolizzi is planning our May Camping trip to raft on the Lehigh River with Whitewater Challengers (whitewaterchallengers.com). The trip is scheduled for the weekend of May 11th and 12th, and will be a one-night tent camping trip. This is a dam release weekend. Cost is \$53 for the rafting, with an additional \$12 to rent a wetsuit. More details will follow via YahooGroups.



NEW PARENT Meetings

Our new parent orientation meetings will begin on Sunday May 6, 2012 at 6pm. These meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month during the hour before the monthly parents meeting. Lots of good information and advice will be offered at these meetings about how the troop runs, summer camp specifics, and any of your concerns or questions will be addressed. Please plan to attend these helpful sessions and then stay for the regular Parent's Meeting. Contact Joe Linderman for more information.

New Troop Members to Attend Trailblazers at Summer Camp

Our first year scouts this year will be attending the Trailblazers Program at Camp Horseshoe during our camp week - July 22 - 29th.

The following information about the program was taken directly from the 2012 Program Guide:

The Trailblazer First Year Camper Experience is an intensive program designed for Camp Horseshoe's first-year campers with their special needs in mind. As a Trailblazer, the Scout will not only learn most of the outdoor skills for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class, but also have the opportunity to participate in each and every one of the exciting program areas at Camp Horseshoe. The Trailblazer Scout, as a result, will be able to advance in rank and experience summer camp to its fullest, encouraging him to remain in Scouting and return to camp next year.

The Trailblazer program runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, Scouts are encouraged to take a merit badge suitable to their skill level. Scouts who attend all sessions and the Outpost will be rewarded with a Trailblazer segment for their Horseshoe patch.

All of the outdoor skill requirements for Ten-



derfoot through First Class are covered throughout the week. With a little practice back in camp, Scouts should be able to have most of these requirements signed off by their troop leaders during the week or shortly after camp. The Trailblazer staff, however, will not sign off requirements, so Scouts are encouraged to leave their handbooks in the campsite.

Outpost

The Trailblazer Outpost will be Thursday night and departs from the Trailblazer area at 7:30 pm. Scouts will play games and participate in a campfire. Trailblazers need only bring a sleeping bag, ground pad or cloth, and flashlight. Leaders are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Trailblazer Field Day

On Friday afternoon, the Trailblazers will participate in a field day competition after which cobbler and other camp cooking will be sampled. The winning patrol will receive a special award, and at this time, Trailblazers will be awarded their Trailblazer cards. The Scoutmaster from each troop is invited to attend the festivities.

If you have additional questions, please contact Joe Linderman, Scoutmaster

Get Connected

Chester County Council has a Facebook page! Sign up for our new Facebook page and keep up with the latest activities and information in the Chester County Council.

Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts are available for purchase. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact Sharmon Priaulx (610-647-3620 or sharmonp@comcast.net) if you want to place an order.



Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 6th** 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.

ANOTHER change to Adult Training

One area where the troop was lacking for the 2011 Journey to Excellence was in Adult Training. We would like as many parents as possible to take the following courses online *in addition to Youth Protection* (which is required of adults participating in troop events):

- **This is Scouting**
- **Boy Scouts: Fast Start**
- **Troop Committee Challenge - THIS IS AN ADDITION**

These courses should only take you about 30 minutes each to complete on www.myscouting.org. Please use the Council's code #539 so that the verification appears in the Chester County Council's records. Also, as a back up, please print out the certificate and get a copy to Kate VanMeter or Sherri Gartner. While you are focused on getting trained, feel free to take any of the other courses available, such as:

- Trek Safely
- Weather Hazards
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Climb-on safely

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Van Meter.

Advancement Notes

New Eagle Scout paperwork will be instituted in 2012. Please see Mr. Piotti for details on what requirements are changing and how to comply.

Attention Life Scouts!

If you are looking for ideas for your Eagle project, please contact Mr. Piotti. As always, Mr. Piotti will be able to answer any question regarding the process of progressing from Life to Eagle ranks.

Also, if you know of a project that may interest one of our Life scouts, please let Vince Piotti know about it!



Annual Dues

The annual dues invoices have been sent out. Please send your payments to Donna DiGiorgio ASAP. Please contact either Donna or Sherri Gartner if you have not received your invoice or if you have any questions. Thank for your prompt attention to this matter.

Spring Fundraiser needs Chair

The troop has tentatively scheduled time at Devon Liberty Gas Station to hold a Spring Car Wash fundraiser. The date is May 19th. We need an adult to take over the organization of this event! It would involve organizing volunteer signups and also organizing the boys to make signage to be used during the event. Jack Campbell (181 grandfather and Liberty owner) has done these before and will handle the logistics at the station. Thanks to Jack for his generosity in donating his space and water!

Please contact Sherri Gartner or Lauren Feldman if you can help out with this event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Cabin Cleanup Scheduled

A short spring clean up is planned for April 21st between 10 and 11:30 am. The cabin in Airdrie Preserve, off of Fennerton Rd in Paoli is in need of a spruce up! Please plan to attend and help us sweep out the cabin, clear branches and sticks that may have accumulated on or around the cabin and perform any minor maintenance tasks. Bring a push broom, work gloves and a smile!

Look for details to come via YahooGroups.

Please Support BUMC

BUMC and Berwyn Fire Company will be Hosting a dinner fundraiser at 6p.m. Saturday April 21, 2012 in Schieck Hall.

The fire company is raising money to buy an ambulance, and the church is raising money for the youth trip to Kentucky for the Appalachia service Project.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under, with a maximum cost of \$40 for a family. The church will be selling 240 tickets to the dinner. Tickets can be obtained from Veronica Mosley at the church office, 610-644-5555

A delicious Italian dinner is planned. The menu: salad, bread (plain and garlic), spaghetti with marinara sauce, spaghetti with clam sauce, spinach lasagna, meatballs, sausage and peppers, coffee, tea, lemonade, and a variety of homemade desserts.

The fire company will have a fire engine on hand for viewing by those going to the dinner.

Attending in Class A uniforms and supporting BUMC and Berwyn Fire Company would be a great way of saying thanks for all they provide for us.

A good night out with the family, good food, good company and a good cause. Sounds like the American way to me and a great event for Scout participation.

Participate if you can please!

New Neckerchiefs - Designs Needed by April 10

The troop is hoping to get new neckerchiefs made before summer camp. If any other scouts are interested in trying to create a new neckerchief design for the troop, please submit your design to Mr. Linderman no later than April 10.

Troop Website

Need information about the Troop between parents' meetings and Newsletters? Check the Troop website: paoli181.com Our website is kept updated with Scout Leadership positions and other important news and information.

Mark your Calendars!

Summer Camp 2012 dates:

**Sunday July 22 to
Sunday July 29**



Roster and Calendar Updates

The most up-to-date Roster can be found in the Files section of our YahooGroups website. The most up-to-date Calendar can be found on the Troop website

Troop Adult Leadership

Sherri Gartner – Troop Committee Chair

610- 408-9384

Joe Linderman - Scoutmaster

610-722-9914

Ed Maier– Camping Committee Chair

610-725-8095

Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair

610-296-9058

Christine Linderman - Court of Honor Chair

610-722-9914

Scott Shreve – Cabin Committee Chair

610-688-3005

Kathy Nadel – Newsletter

610-578-0603

Joe DiGiorgio – Finance Committee Chair

610-688-1126

Jon VanMeter- Quartermaster

610-247-8889

Kate VanMeter – Training Coordinator

610-247-8889

Jack Campbell - Charter Organization
Representative

Mike Ryczyn – Recruiting Coordinator

610-240-7769

John Bravacos - Friends of Scouting Chair

610-647-8951

Donna DiGiorgio- Treasurer

610-688-1126

Evelyn Shreve - Summer Camp Coordinator

610-688-3005

Christine Linderman- Registrar

610-722-9914

Lauren Feldman - Fundraising Coordinator

610-251-2332

*Please see the troop roster for the Boy Scout
Youth Leadership contact information.*

Calendar of Key Events

April 3 - No Meeting

April 10 – Meeting - Class A – BUMC

April 13-15 - Camping /Deep Sea Fishing
Cape May, NJ

April 17 – Equipment Return 7:00 - 8:30
All trip participants and QMs
MUST attend

April 21 – Cabin Cleanup - 10:00 - 11:30am
Airdrie Preserve,
enter off Fennerton Rd, Paoli

Spaghetti Dinner at BUMC 6:00pm
to support Berwyn Fire Company
and Appalachia Service Project

April 24 – Meeting - Class B – BUMC

May 1 – Meeting - Class A – BUMC

May 6 - 5:00pm - PLC Meeting
5:00pm - Quartermasters Meeting
6:00 pm - New Parent's Meeting
7:00 pm - Parent's Meeting

May 8 – Meeting - Class B – BUMC

May 11-12 - Camping/Whitewater
Rafting Trip

May 15 - Equipment Return

May 19 - TENTATIVE DATE -
Car Wash Fundraiser
Devon Liberty Gas Station

June 15-17 - June Camping Trip