



# Newsletter



## Annual Dues

Troop 181 Annual Dues amount has been set by the Finance Committee. They are pleased to announce that dues will remain at \$300 per scout, the same as last year.

Approximately \$70 of your dues goes to BSA / Chester County Council to support its services and facilities, such as Camp Horsehoe. This portion of your dues also covers the cost of an annual Boys Life subscription. The majority of the dues (\$230) stays right here in Troop 181 to cover two main costs - Program Fees and Gear. The troop pays to reserve and use camping locations for our monthly camping trips, covers the cost of all merit badge patches and program materials for your son. The troop also replaces and refurbishes tired troop gear each year.

Dues notices will be provided to each family shortly. We appreciate it if you can provide your payment promptly. If your scout has funds in his scout account, they can be applied to the dues. Just let our Finance Chair, Michael Dernoga know that you wish to do that so you can get an account amount.

Should you have any questions or need financial assistance, please contact Scott Shreve, Sherri Gartner or Michael Dernoga.

### Designate your United Way Funds

Please consider designating your contribution to United Way to “**Friends of Troop 181**” EIN 27-1814192 Friends provides benefit directly back to our organization. Recently, Friends has purchased troop equipment and our troop trailer.

## First Aid Meet Planned

The Annual Council-wide First Aid Meet is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th, 2015. Troop 181 has already begun its training for this competitive event.

This year, Troop 181 would like to participate using “natural” patrols, which will require a high percentage of participation from our scouts. Please put this date on your calendar now and encourage your son to participate!

Dr. Geoff DiDario will be working with the boys using first aid scenarios so that they work efficiently as a patrol, are able to effectively communicate with the judge, and know their first aid as well as possible. Brushing up on these skills will help your scout with his rank advancements too!

More specifics will become available as we get closer to this event.



## This Month's Meetings

**Dec 16th-** No Regular Meeting (this is the Tuesday after Camping Weekend)

**Dec 23rd –** Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
Annual Gift Exchange  
Please bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10)  
Your Patrol will be assigned a snack or drink category

## Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 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.

## Scout Sunday - Save the Date



Every February, Scouts across the Nation participate in Scout Sunday. The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

This year, Troop 181 and the Berwyn United Methodist Church will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 8th, 2015. Please put this on your calendar now and plan to attend with your son. Our scouts will participate in the service and have a chance to show our appreciation for all BUMC does for us during the year.

## Upcoming Camping Trips

### DECEMBER

The December Camping trip will be to Camp Horseshoe for Cabin Camping. The dates of this trip are December 12th - 14th.

### JANUARY

Our annual Ski & Snowboard Trip will be January 9th - 11th. We will be going to Jack Frost mountain in the Poconos.

### FEBRUARY

A trip to Camp Henson of the Del-MarVa council is planned for February 13-15th. This trip will include "muzzle loader" shooting activities and Cabin Camping.

## Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILST)

As we did successfully last year, our trained scouts taught the



ILST course to four other 181 scouts over two sessions in November. Our newly trained scouts are Brian Christner, Brandon Dernoga, Jack Lee and Evan Nadel.

The scouts that participated in the training were Thomas Huck, Vikram Raghupathi, Chris Turocy, Ian Ong and Ryan Nadel.

Topics discussed included leadership ideas, stages of group development, styles of leadership, vision, planning and application to patrols and the troop. Games and activities were used to make the training sessions interactive. The boys all did a fantastic job.

## November Camping Report

Webelos Weekend at BUMC was a fun overnight for our scouts and 8 visiting Webelos. While the weather was cold, the activities were worth it!

Our scouts ran three stations - Archery, Rockets and First Aid with help from Parents. In addition, the scouts participated in a group Fire Building session also led by our scouts. Four scouts helped with the scout food and dutch oven desserts for everyone. Visiting Webelo parents had a chance to learn more about Troop 181, watch our scouts in action, sample some of our terrific food, and view a slide show highlighting other troop activities.

So many adults and scouts worked to-

gether to make this event run smoothly. Thanks go to our Recruitment Coordinator, Jeff Paolizzi, our adult station helpers - Ed Maier, Joel Pearson, Jordan Nadel, and Geoff Didario, our Scoutmaster - Scott Shreve and our Committee Chair - Sherri Gartner. Matt Johnston did a fantastic job creating a Troop 181 slideshow from photos contributed by troop parents including Evelyn Shreve, Sung Oh and Kathy Nadel. Michael Dernoga cooked an impressive adult meal and coordinated breakfast on Sunday morning. Many other adults made time to attend during the weekend to lend a hand. This was a true troop effort! Thanks to everyone for your participation.



*Photos Courtesy of Sung Oh*



## Advancement Notes

A "Life to Eagle" seminar is being planned for Tuesday evening, January 13th at BUMC.

Vince Piotti, our Troop Advancement Chair, invites all Star and Life Rank scouts and their parents who are interested in learning more about the path to becoming an Eagle scout. Important information and advice about what qualifies as an Eagle Scout project, factors in choosing an appropriate project, timing, and more will be offered.

Please take advantage of this opportunity! Mr. Piotti is a fantastic resource for your scout and yourself as your son moves through this process toward Eagle scout. He has mentored many scouts over the years and continues to serve Troop 181 by offering his time and expertise. Thank you Vince!



## Eagle Projects Completed!

Recently completed Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects by 181 Scouts:

**Troy Gartner** - extended the brick walkway at the Field of Dreams Complex for the Berwyn-Paoli Little League

**Bryce Gartner** - refurbished the batting cages and re-graded the area for better rainwater runoff at the Field of Dreams Complex for the Berwyn-Paoli Little League

**Connor Feldman** - constructed and installed bat houses for the Willistown Conservation Trust.

**Nathan Shreve** - Planted a row of trees at the Field of Dreams Complex for the Berwyn-Paoli Little League

**Ryan Nadel** - Constructed elevated dog beds and food dispensing toys for the Chester County SPCA

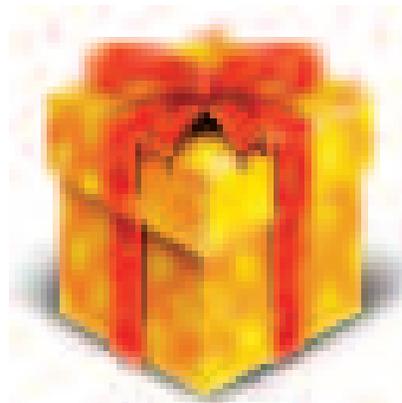
**A.J. Nadel** - Served as Youth Captain for a cycling team, provided food for a team pep rally and created a promotional video for the team. Beneficiary was Jersey's Team/National Multiple Sclerosis Society

## Annual Gift Exchange

On December 23rd, the scouts will hold their annual gift exchange. Each scout who wishes to participate should bring a wrapped gift. The value should not exceed \$10. Have fun wrapping the gift to disguise what's inside! Be creative!

In addition, your son's patrol will be assigned a type of food or drink to bring.

Happy Holidays!



## What's The Difference Between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts?

From Bryan on Scouting, a blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org> Posted on November 20, 2014

### This goes way beyond blue vs. khaki.

The difference between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts encompasses critical categories like unit structure, leadership, parental involvement, advancement and camping.

Both programs are built on Scouting's time-tested values. And beginning in May 2015, both programs will use the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Beyond that, though, you'll find more differences than similarities — for good reason. You wouldn't teach a third-grader the same way you'd teach a ninth-grader. That same logic tells us your approach to Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting shouldn't be the same.

So, gathered from several Scout leaders in the know, here's a rundown of the ways in which Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts differ.

### Unit structure

**Cub Scouts:** Boys are in dens, which are part of a pack. Their den is made up of other boys of the same Cub Scout rank. Dens usually meet weekly or biweekly; packs meet monthly.

**Boy Scouts:** Boys are in patrols, which are part of a troop. Some troops prefer mixed-age patrols (in which an 11-year-old and a 17-year-old could be in the same patrol), while others prefer to keep boys of similar ages together. Troops meet weekly. Patrol meetings are part of the weekly troop meeting, typically, though patrols are welcome to meet on their own.

### Leadership

It's pretty simple: Cub Scouting is led by adults; Boy Scouting is led by the boys.

**Cub Scouts:** Adults plan and conduct the meetings and promote advancement, teamwork, fun and character-building.

**Boy Scouts:** The boys plan and conduct meetings and outings. Adults step in when

asked for help and model good behavior.

"We're striving for boy-led," in Boy Scouting, says Illinois Scoutmaster Dale Machacek. It's "not always as organized or successful as if adults were running things, but kids learn from their mistakes."

**Leadership roles:** This Scouter's unofficial blog shows Cub Scouting positions and the equivalent position in Boy Scouting in this handy chart:

| Cub Scouts                             | Boy Scouts           |
|--|----------------------|
| Den Leader                             | Patrol Leader        |
| Cubmaster                              | Senior Patrol Leader |
| Unit Committee<br>(planning functions) | Patrol Leaders       |
| None                                   | Council              |
| Unit committee (administrative)        | Scoutmaster          |
|  | Unit Committee       |

As you can see, adults hold all of the Cub Scout positions, while boys occupy most of the Boy Scout roles.

Why is there no Cub Scout equivalent to Scoutmaster? Because Scoutmasters, unlike Cubmasters, are mentors who sit on the sidelines. "The way to think of Scoutmaster is as 'chief adult guide' and the assistant scoutmasters as 'adult guides,'" the author explains. In this letter to parents, New York Scoutmaster Richard Buzzard explains that things might get hectic in Boy Scouting, but that's the point. When you see Scouts struggling a bit, or not doing a job as well as you know that YOU could do it, resist the temptation to do it for them. A little help is always welcome. But let the successes be theirs as much as possible, as well as the learning which comes from those temporary setbacks.

### Parental involvement

Parents are a critical part of both Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. This chart from Niles, Ill., Troop 175 offers this comparison:

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**Cub Scouts:** The parents are expected to assist the pack with planning or helping with at least one activity or event annually. They may also take a leadership role in the pack or den. Parents are usually required to accompany their son on overnight campouts.

**Boy Scouts:** The parents are expected to continuously assist the troop by supporting the boys and participating in those tasks that the boys can not do. This may include: transportation to an activity, shopping for a trip or chaperoning a trip. It also may include assisting with fundraisers (finances and organization) and coordinating special events. It is expected that each family take an active role in the troop. Unlike Cub Scouts, parents aren't required to camp with their sons. They're encouraged to do so, however.

### Advancement

Cub Scouts progress through the ranks to earn the Arrow of Light. Boy Scouts progress through the ranks to earn the Eagle Scout Award.

The Troop 175 chart offers these extra details:

**Cub Scouts:** Cub Scouts rely on their den leaders, den chiefs and parents to plan and assist with all advancement activities. Achievements/books are signed by either the den leader or parent. Ranks are based only on age or grade. Even if a boy did not earn the rank for his age, he moves to the next one as his den moves. The levels are: Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light.

**Boy Scouts:** Parents can guide, but advancement is planned and assisted by patrol leaders and adults. Unlike in Cub Scouts, advancement is individual, not by patrol. A Scout works at his own pace, meaning a 13-year-old in the Dragon Patrol might be a Life Scout

while a 15-year-old in the Dragon Patrol is still a Star Scout. A Scout cannot advance to the next level until all activities are completed in the lower rank. The ranks are Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. (Eagle Palms may also be earned after Eagle.)

### Camping

Again, from the Troop 175 chart.

**Cub Scouts:** Limited to Scout and parent weekend or day trips. May have some camping in tents or cabins. Summer camp is limited to two or three nights, usually. Campouts usually have a very structured schedule.

**Boy Scouts:** Monthly or bimonthly camping trips as well as additional outdoor day activities. Much of the program involves activities that can only be done in the outdoors (nature, ecology, pioneering, orienteering, conservation etc.) Also available to the Scout is at least a week of camping each summer. Not every minute of the campout is scheduled. Free time is important. Boys normally get a couple of hours of free time to hang with friends, walk in the woods, work on advancement, sleep, play sports, or do nothing at all. This is "one of the hardest concepts for Cub parents to grasp," Machacek says.

### Chain of command

Where do Scouts go with a problem or question?

**Cub Scouts:** They'll ask their parent, den leader or Cubmaster.

**Boy Scouts:** They'll follow the "chain of command." Boy Scouts are taught to go to their patrol leader, then their senior patrol leader and finally the adults. Where safety or health is an issue, though, Boy Scouts may go straight to the adult.

## Congratulations New Assistant Scoutmasters

Three parents from our Troop have completed their Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) Training. We are very grateful that Ed Maier, Rodger Cottrell and Kevin Maloney took the necessary courses to be trained.

In order to be an ASM, you must take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training (IOLST) as well as Scoutmaster Leader Specific training. These courses are offered by Chester County Council again in the spring. Please visit [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org) for more information.

Thank you Ed, Kevin and Rodger!

## BSA's Fieldbook wins 2014 National Outdoor Book Award

The BSA's Fieldbook, already a fixture in Scout backpacks and troop libraries, has officially joined the pantheon of history's greatest outdoor books.

The nonprofit National Outdoor Book Awards Foundation just announced that the Fieldbook: Scouting's Manual of Basic and Advanced Skills for Outdoor Adventure, has won its rare **Work of Significance** award. Think of it as a lifetime achievement award for outdoor books.

The National Outdoor Book Awards are presented annually, but the Work of Significance recognition is handed out less frequently. In fact, the Fieldbook is only the third book since 1999 to receive this honor, which goes to "books that are unusually well-written and of exceptional significance, and/or books that are tried-and-true works in the field which are extraordinarily useful and practical and/or has contributed to making the outdoor experience more understandable.

## Council's University of Scouting

The 2015 University is set for January 31, 2015 from 8am to 4pm.

### What is University of Scouting?

The University of Scouting is an adult & youth learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled single day of supplemental training where you choose the sessions you wish to take. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers and staff who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the scouts. The University of Scouting offers a wide range of unique training courses for youth and adults in all three phases of our program (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing).

Your \$30 fee includes all courses offered, catered lunch, and coffee/drinks. Registration materials and a patch and certificate are also included in the registration fee.

During the sign up process you will be asked to give feedback on proposed courses and suggest other courses we might offer.

When course offerings are finalized based on your feedback, council will email you a link to select your courses. We expect course registration will begin January 5.

### Activity Location:

The Chester County Technical College High School  
280 Pennock's Bridge Road, West Grove,  
PA 19390

For additional information:  
[uos@cccbsa.org](mailto:uos@cccbsa.org)

Click below for registration

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2015-university-of-scouting/1638307>

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

## Calendar of Key Events

**December 12-14** - Camp Horseshoe Campout

**December 16** - No Meeting

**December 23** - Meeting, Gift Exchange

**January 4** - Parent's Meeting

**January 6** - Meeting

**January 9-11** - Ski Trip, Jack Frost

**January 13** - Troop 181 Life to Eagle Seminar

**January 31** - University of Scouting

**February 7** - First Aid Meet

**February 8** - Scout Sunday

**February 13-15** - Camping at Camp Henson

## Adult Leadership

**Scott Shreve** - Scoutmaster

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### Assistant Scout Masters

Rodger Cottrell

Kevin Maloney

Geoff DiDario

Jordan Nadel

Jason Feldman

Jeff Paolizzi

Ted Huck

Vince Piotti

Ed Maier

## Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2015 dates:

**Sunday June 28 to  
Sunday July 5**

*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.*