



Newsletter



Winter Court of Honor February 4th

Please plan to attend our Winter Court of Honor on the evening of Tuesday, February 4th. This is the time when we honor and recognize all of the hard work our scouts have put in to complete merit badges and rank advancements! Scouts and trained leadership should wear Class A uniforms.

The evening will begin with set-up at 6:00 PM. We will begin with our meal at around 6:30, followed

by the program at 7:30. Please note that in an effort to get a good variety of items for our Pot Luck, we are asking



that you provide a dish to serve 6-8 people based on the following:

- If your last name begins with **A-E**, please bring a salad or appetizer
- If your last name begins with **F-N**, please bring a non-pasta entrée
- If your last name begins with **O-S**, please bring a pasta entrée
- If your last name begins with **T-Z**, please bring a dessert

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.



Don't forget to bring your Parent's Ribbon if your son has advanced in rank so you can receive your new pin.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dernoga, our Court of Honor Chairperson.

This Month's Meetings

Feb 4th- Court of Honor - BUMC - 6:30 PM
CLASS A - Bring a dish to share

Feb 11th – Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM
Bring Permission forms and money for Ski Trip

Feb 18th- NO MEETING

Feb 25th - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

March 4th- Class A - BUMC - 7:30PM

First Aid Meet

On the morning of February 8th, Troop 181 will be participating in Chester County Council's First Aid Meet to be held at the Technical College High School in Downingtown. This event is a fun event with two levels of competition - "Band-aids" and "Blood and Guts." Patrols are given scenarios, volunteers play the victims, and the scouts are scored on how well they assess the situation and the steps they would take to treat it. Please encourage your scout to attend!

Adults are always needed to help at the event as well.

A special practice session will be held on Friday February 7th from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. If your son

plans to attend the First Aid, he should also try to attend this practice session.

Look for details on meeting time for Saturday morning via YahooGroups.

Special thanks to Dr. DiDario for helping to train the scouts in preparation for this event!



Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 2nd at BUMC. Please be aware that Parent's Meetings will begin at 7:30PM. 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.

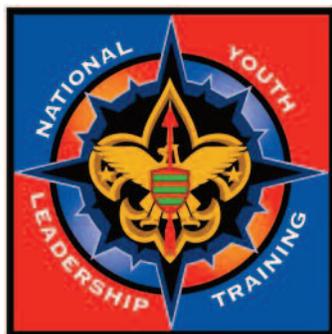
Scout Sunday is February 9th

Please plan to attend services at the Berwyn United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 9th. This is the time when the troop has the opportunity to participate in the weekly worship at our Charter Organization. Scouts will participate by doing readings. It is a time when we can show our gratitude for the support of BUMC and the use of its facilities throughout the year! This is a Class A event.

Please plan to arrive at 10:00am at the rear of the sanctuary to prepare for the beginning of the 10:30 service. All family members and siblings are encouraged to attend.

National Youth Leadership Training Sign Ups are Open

Don't miss out on signing up your son for this year's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Ware two weekends this May 2-4 and 9-11.



Scouts who are First Class Rank or above, who are at least 13 years of age and

have attended a troop level leadership training (ILST held last fall) are eligible to attend with Scoutmaster approval.

Spots are limited, so don't delay! Scouts must be able to attend BOTH weekends.

Please contact Scott Shreve or Vince Pionti with questions about the program.

Sign ups are available at:

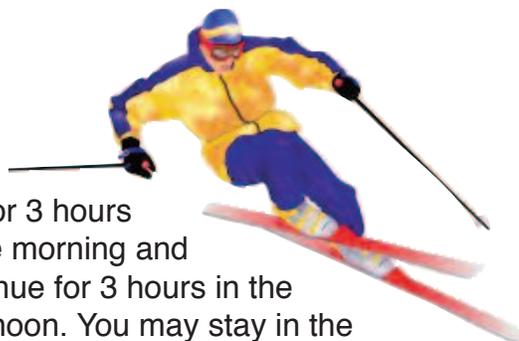
<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1472831>

February Trip - Skiing at Jack Frost

Coming up in February, Troop 181 will be taking it's annual ski/snowboard trip. February 14-16 we will be traveling to Jack Frost Mountain in the Poconos and staying overnight at Arrowhead Lakes in their Clubhouse. Any moms who would like to go along will be staying at the Nadel's Pocono house, as there is no way to accommodate both males and females in the clubhouse.

We will be skiing both Saturday and Sunday. Snowtubing is an option as well. Please see Yahoo Groups for the complete information and forms needed. If you have trouble accessing the forms, please email k.nadel@comcast.net

Group Lessons are available for both snowboarding and skiing. These lessons take a beginner skier from putting on their equipment through safely making it down the beginner slope and riding the lift. Lessons



run for 3 hours in the morning and continue for 3 hours in the afternoon. You may stay in the lesson as long as you need to feel comfortable.

Proper layered clothing is essential. A list of suggested items is included in the forms posted on YahooGroups. **Snow pants, warm coat and waterproof gloves are required.** The Nadel family has some gear available to be borrowed, including snow pants. If you need help, or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We want the boys to have fun, and being cold and wet is not fun.

There will be an opportunity to work on the Snowsports merit badge. It is considered a "lesson", and there is a \$20 fee.

Contact Jordan Nadel with any questions.

December Camping Trip

December 13-15th was our December camping trip. A good group of scouts and dads camped at Horseshoe Scout Reservation in the Rothrock Lodge

The program was an "Amazing Scout Race." Patrols competed for prizes in scout skills. During the day, an orienteering course was part of the race. Scouts also had an opportunity for scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review.

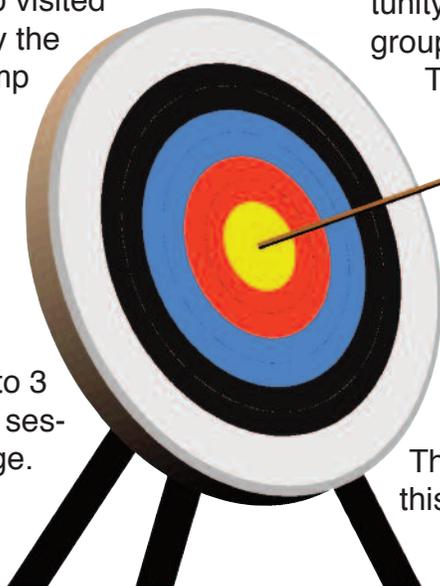
The scouts prepared dinner in dutch ovens and made a italian pasta, sausage and beef dish. Special thanks to Ed Maier for running the trip and organizing the competition.



January Trip- Archery at Camp Henson in Maryland

In January, the troop visited a scout camp owned by the DelMarVa Council. Camp Henson in Maryland hosted us at their Archery Range. 19 scouts and 6 adults stayed in a very nice lodge at a reasonable cost.

The scouts broke into 3 patrols and each had a session at the archery range. Following the morning archery activities, scouts had the oppor-



tunity to take a 2.5 mile hike, and a small group hiked further.

Time was available for practicing some real scout skills.

Scouts took advantage of the rare opportunity to use an oven in the cabin and made their own French Bread Pizzas, raw veggies and dip, and milk.

In the evening, the scouts had a knot competition.

All in all, it was a successful trip! Thanks again to Ed Maier for organizing this event.

University of Scouting

This Saturday, February 1st is Chester County Council's 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 professionals 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. There is no need to specify your courses prior to the day of the event.

Where is University of Scouting?

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



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

View the course schedule and sign up through the following link:

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/university-of-scouting-2014/1469999>

Sincere Thanks

Special thanks to all of the parents who participated in the last push of Boards of Review for rank advancements prior to the Winter Court of Honor. Due to the snow on January 21st, there were a lot of scouts who had a limited time to complete a BOR. The following parents deserve our gratitude: Scott Shreve, Michele Harvey, Sherri Gartner, Jordan and Kathy Nadel, Jeff Paolizzi, Ramesh Raghupathi, Miriam Ong, Michael Dernoga, Susan Huck, Gene Christner, Ed Maier, Vincent Piotti, Jason Feldman, Sung Oh and Kevin Maloney.

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

Summer Camp Dates

Just a quick note for those who are not aware - our Summer Camp week at Horse-shoe will be June 29th to July 6th. It was necessary to move our regular week again due to the fact that we have a large group of the older scouts who will be gone at Philmont Scout Ranch from mid July into August.

Please start thinking about getting your doctor's appointments set up and having your medical forms filled out in plenty of time! Summer camp will be here before you know it!

High Adventure 2015 Update



Believe it or not, the planning for Sea Base 2015 is already underway. Ted Huck will be handling the lottery process during which the troop can get one "crew" position. The lottery will happen on February 15th. Additional crews may be available after the initial lottery should there be too many interested boys, 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. (www.bsaseabase.org) Currently, Ted will be trying to secure a sailing/scuba adventure.

If you have questions, please contact Ted Huck directly.

Troop Committee

Sherri Gartner – Troop Committee Chair

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Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

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Ed Maier– Camping Committee Chair

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Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair

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Michael Dernoga - Court of Honor Chair

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Ted Huck – Cabin Committee Chair

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

Calendar of Key Events

February 1 - University of Scouting Council
Event

February 4 - Winter Court of Honor - BUMC -
6:30PM

February 7 - First Aid Special Training Ses-
sion - BUMC - 4:30 - 6:00PM

February 8 - First Aid Meet - Technical Col-
lege High School - 7:30AM - 12:00PM

February 9 - Scout Sunday - BUMC -
10:00AM arrival, 10:30 service

February 11 - Troop Meeting - BUMC -
7:30PM

February 14 -16 - Ski Trip - Jack Frost
Mountain/ Arrowhead Lake

February 25 - Troop Meeting - BUMC -
7:30PM

March 14-16 - Backpacking/Hiking trip -
Appalachian Trail

April 25-27 - Hiking Trip - Ricketts Glen

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**