



Newsletter



Life to Eagle Seminar Tuesday

A "Life to Eagle" seminar is being planned for Tuesday evening, January 13th at 7:30 PM 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, the paperwork, as well as the conference and Board of Review process will be given. Scott Shreve will discuss what constitutes "active" with respect to scouting.

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!



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.

Council First Aid Meet

The Annual Council-wide First Aid Meet is scheduled for Saturday morning, February 7th, 2015. Troop 181 has already begun its training for this competitive event. A minimum of 5 parents are needed to participate in this 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!

Please plan to attend on February 7th with your scout.

This Month's Meetings

Jan 13th- No Regular Meeting - LIFE TO EAGLE Seminar will be held 7:30 - 8:45pm

Jan 20th – Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Jan 27th – Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Feb 2nd – Class A - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8th 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

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.

MARCH

Orienteering at Ridley Creek Park
Weekend of March 21-22

APRIL

Camp Rodney for Backpacking/Hiking
Weekend of April 10-12

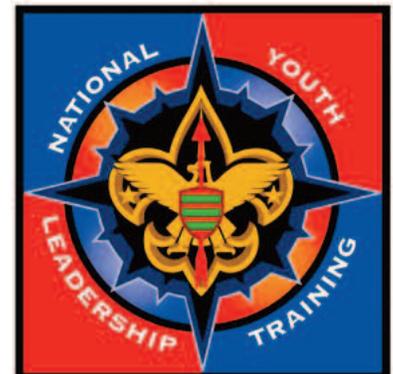
MAY

West Point, Lake Frederick Campground, Tentative date May 15-17

Plan Ahead for Spring NYLT

If your scout is interested in attending the upcoming National Youth Leadership Training held by council in May, please be watching for the sign ups which should be opening up soon! NYLT fills fast, so be sure to register when the announcement is made by Chester County Council.

NYLT is held on two consecutive weekends at Camp Ware each spring. Both weekends are required. This year, NYLT is scheduled for May 1-3 and May 8-10, 2015.



December Camping

Our December trip was a weekend at Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The main activity was a hike on Saturday. Five scouts were working on their camping badge, and helped to plan the hiking route. In addition, the scouts cooked on the backpacking stoves on the hike, which is was a new skill for some of them.

Back at the cabin, the boys had downtime to play some games.

As a reminder, please remind your scout to minimize items that are not necessary when packing for the camping trips! In addition, please be sure your scout brings his mess kit on all trips unless otherwise advised.

Thanks to Ed Maier for coordinating this trip.



Photos Courtesy of Sung Oh



February Camping at Camp Henson

Our February trip will be the weekend of February 13-15th. We will be traveling to the Del-Mar-Va council's Camp Henson for cabin camping and Muzzle loader shooting. The facilities at Camp Henson are very nice, with a large heated cabin, a nice kitchen, and a separate bunk room for adults.

This trip also provides some down time for scouts to spend time playing games, teaching skills or other activities of their choice.

Once again, please thank Ed Maier, our camping coordinator for working on planning this trip for our scouts!



High Adventure Summer 2015

The troop is looking into some options for trips to replace the cancelled Sea Base adventure for this summer. The PLC asked the Adult leadership to look into a cycling trip, a canoe trip and possibly an excursion to Alaska. Many trips are run by individual councils and showcase activities in their local regions.

For the cycling trip, Jason Feldman has researched a trip on Cape Cod run by the Cape Cod and Islands Council called Maritime Adventure. The trip includes approximately 20 miles of cycling each day. All bike, camping gear and equipment is provided, and is transported each day to your next camping destination. A crew includes

a minimum of 2 adults and up to 11 total. This trip is open to scouts who are 13 years old by September 1st, 2015. The base cost of the trip is about \$700. Activities such as lobstering, fishing, whale watching, boating and paddleboarding can be added. Tentative dates are July 19-25th.

Other options are being researched and will be presented shortly. As always, parent participation is ESSENTIAL to making these trips happen, so please consider joining your son on a great adventure! If we have enough adults and scouts, more than one trip could be chosen for this summer, but that would require a minimum of 4 adults to commit to going.

Still time to register for 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

Click below for registration

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

Troop 181 Has Competed Our Recharter

Thanks to Sherri Gartner for working through the recharter process this year. We included 36 scouts and 36 adults on our roster this year.

Thanks to all of those who re-took the Youth Protection Training online course in order to meet the new Council guidelines. Each fall, all reistered adults will now need to re-take the course to be included in the recharter and maintain their merit badge counselor status.

Thanks for all your hard work in completing the paperwork for Troop 181 Sherri!

Troop Gear Exchange Program

At the January Parent's Meeting Lauren Feldman agreed to organize a gear exchange program for 181. This will allow you to donate your gently used or outgrown items for other scouts who may be able to use them.

Look for more details to come about how and when items will be collected.

Thanks Lauren for making this happen!

Recruiting Update

So far, we have been notified that four Webelos will be joining us as 181 scouts! We are excited to welcome them into our troop. Please introduce yourself to our new parents when you see them at our events!

Troop Committee

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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

January 13 - Troop 181 Life to Eagle Seminar
NO REGULAR MEETING

January 20 - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30PM

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January 27 - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30PM

January 31 - University of Scouting

February 2 - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30PM

February 7 - First Aid Meet

February 8 - Scout Sunday

February 13-15 - Camping at Camp Henson

February 17 - Troop 181 Winter Court of Honor

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.