



# Newsletter



## URGENT - Medical Forms!

Many of the boys signed up for Summer Camp have not turned in their Medical forms. These forms are REQUIRED in order to participate. No exceptions can be made. Please be in touch with Evelyn Shreve regarding the status of your son's forms ASAP.

## Adults Still Needed for Camp

In order to keep camp running safely, 4 adults are required to be on site from our troop at all times. Adults can get called away at any time, and youth protection standards of "two deep" must always be maintained. An online sign up is now available. **There is no cost for adults** attending camp. Please note that adults who are at camp for more than 72 consecutive hours must also have the medical forms completed by their doctors. Please consider helping out at summer camp this year! Visit the link below to sign up for your time at Summer Camp.

## This Month's Meetings

July 16 - Class B — BUMC - 7:30 PM

July 25th – **SPECIAL THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING** - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

June 28th – Camp Departure from BUMC

## Summer Court of Honor

Saturday August 3rd is Family Day at Camp. The troop will be celebrating the Summer Court of Honor at Camp Horseshoe. Families of all scouts are encouraged to arrive at Camp to watch the scouts compete in the campwide competition which begins at 2:30 pm. Arrive well before if you want to park close by! At 5:45 scouts will participate in the daily retreat, following which the troop will share a family dinner and Court of Honor. Your scouts will be recognized for their achievements since February. Finally, your family can stay for the bonfire which begins around 8pm.

Be on the lookout for YahooGroups messages about what you should bring to share (drinks, dessert, snack foods) for the Court of Honor. **Each family brings their own main dish, and something to share with the troop.**

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 sure your scout is aware that they will not be coming home with you after Family Day on Saturday!**

**Health Forms** <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

**Horseshoe Program Guide** <http://cccbsa.org/images/Camping/forms/2013HSBSProgGuide.pdf>

**Adult Camp Signup** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0844AB7-20131>

## June Trip - Family trip to Knoebel's and camping

Thanks to Ed Maier for coordinating this trip! We had about 17 scouts and about 35 total participants. Everyone seemed to enjoy the park. Following a great day, 9 scouts and 4 adults camped at Arrowhead Lake. It was a relaxed atmosphere, but the boys cooked some good chicken skillet dinners on the cookstove with couscous and a tossed salad.

Thanks to Jordan Nadel for arranging for the campsite.

## Complete YPT Now!

Adults are asked to take a few minutes to go online to [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) to take the Youth Protection Course. It is **required** for any adult participating in a trip or summer camp. It is also important to print out a copy of the certificate upon completion and bring it to the troop with your adult application for membership. That way it will be easy for the troop to keep track of when you completed the training because all of the information will be stored under your membership number.

While you are completing the Youth Protection Course, please also take the time to do the Troop Committee Challenge. It is also a short course that helps the troop earn yearly points toward the Journey To Excellence Program. It is important to our scouts to have trained adults, Please do your part!

*The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations - this includes Summer Camp, High Adventure, Jamborees and monthly campouts! We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Joe Franz with requests or concerns.*

## Upcoming Parents Meeting

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

**Please be aware that from now on 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 Uniform - Patch placement

Help! You've got a new scout and you have no idea where all of these patches go! Visit this website for detailed info on where they belong:

[www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34283.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34283.pdf)

Other tips for new parents: Sew the patrol patch and the rank patch on in a few spots with stitches that can be easily removed, since these patches tend to change more often than the others. Sewing them on with a few quick stitches in 4 locations will be good enough!

## ATTENTION FIRST YEAR CAMPERS!

If your scout is taking the swimming merit badge (and he should be), he **MUST** pack a long-sleeved, button-down shirt and long pants (not Scout uniform!) This is a requirement for the badge.

**Also:** an instructional swim is offered 9:00am to 10:00am Monday through Thursday if you feel your scout may need extra help to complete this badge. On Saturday 10:00 to 12:00, one-on-one instruction is provided for those who need help to complete the badge.

## Preparing for Summer Camp

**Before you send your son, do these things:**

1) Merit Badge Pre-requisites. If possible, have your son complete the items listed in the Horseshoe Program Guide (link below). Otherwise, they will not be able to receive the badge at the end of the week.

2) Check for fees for your son's badges. These are also listed in the Program Guide. The fee will be paid directly to the Counselor of your son's badge. Please put it in a sealed envelope labeled with your son's name and the name of the merit badge.

3) Know what a "slush puppy" is. This is a cold, delicious treat available at the camp trading post. It very well may be the best part of camp, especially on a very hot day... Send some extra cash for your son to buy an ice cream or slushy at the Trading Post.

**Horseshoe Program Guide** <http://cccbsa.org/images/Camping/forms/2013HSBSProgGuide.pdf>



4) Encourage your son to complete his Physical Fitness 30-day requirement for tender-foot!!! He must complete this requirement in order to have his Scoutmaster conference and his Board of Review.

5) Keep in touch with the Scoutmasters! If you have concerns or questions, please let the leaders know. They can better help your scout if they are aware of your particular situation.

6) Relax... they will do well. It is normal for the younger scouts to be nervous or homesick. By their second year, they will have forgotten all of that and be ready to help the younger ones through it!

## Community Service Opportunity/Training Scenario at Conestoga

On Tuesday, August 6th, the Tredyffrin Township police will be holding a training exercise at Conestoga High School in conjunction with Chester County Emergency Services. Ever since the tragedy at Sandy Hook, CT in December, the local Police Departments in Chester County have been continuously attending trainings and classes to help better prepare for events of this nature. This event will be a full scale exercise that simulates an "active shooter" in the school.

Scouts are needed to serve as the "students" in the simulation. It is our hope that parents will recognize that participating in

this activity is an important community service. However, due to the potentially upsetting nature of the drill, it should be carefully considered by each family, and probably is only appropriate for scouts 13 or 14 and older.

Scouts are needed from 10:15am until approximately 3:30pm. More information will be shared via YahooGroups as the event gets closer. Participation will be considered as community service hours, and can also count as part of the Emergency Preparation Merit Badge (eagle required).

Please contact Scott Shreve with any questions.

## Camp Tips and Tricks from a Veteran Mom

Let's talk about the footlocker! Your scout will need to have a footlocker for camp. Most scouts use the plastic ones available at big box stores like Walmart. It is easy to literally hose them out following camp! These footlockers are available in a 2-pack (approx. \$36) and can be shipped to the store for pickup at no extra charge. Find a friend to share the 2-pack with you and save a couple of bucks! You should lock your son's trunk with either a combination lock or a luggage style lock to protect their personal items.



A trick that another veteran mom passed along to us our first year was to buy a box of 2-gallon ziplock bags. Pack one bag for each set of clothing - shorts, underwear, t-shirt and socks. Squeeze the air out before sealing them up. The contents will stay clean and dry, and less odor will get to them. Don't be at all surprised when there are several complete unopened bags at the end of the week... at least the clothes will still be clean! In past years, we have sent our boys with a laundry bag for dirty clothes. This can be hung in the adirondack and helps the boys stay organized for daily inspections. You can also take the laundry bag home on Family Day (saturday) to if you wish to get a head start on post-camp deodorizing,

Now, let's talk a little bit about packing for summer camp! First of all, a camp packing list is on the following page. Take a look at the list and start to gather any items you may not already have. Be sure to label all items with your scout's name. Remember to look at the Horseshoe Program Guide (see link on page 4) for any merit badge prerequisites that need to be completed before camp. Also, please be aware that some of the merit badges require a fee. The fee will be paid directly at Horseshoe.

Scouts taking the Swimming badge should be aware that they need a long pair of pants and a long sleeve shirt to complete part of the badge.

Electronics should not be part of the camp experience. Adults attending camp have phones and are able to contact you if they need to.

Card games, small travel board games, summer reading and other non-electronic activities are good for recreational time. Some of the boys play games for individually wrapped candy. You may want to send your son with a small bag of jolly ranchers, individually wrapped life savers or lollipops so they can participate.

Scouts are required to send a postcard home as their lunch ticket one day. Consider sending them with one address label to speed the process and to be sure the postcard arrives back home!

If you are intending to send a care package, be aware that it should be mailed the Friday or Saturday BEFORE they leave for camp. Another way of getting something to your child is to send it with an adult going down during the week.

The nightly retreat webcam is available on the Horseshoe Scout Reservation Website. It will only become visible when camp opens. Although the webcam only updates every 15 seconds or so, you can catch a glimpse of the nightly marching. Look for the troop with the red berets - that's 181.

You and your family members can send email to your scout. Emails are printed and delivered to scouts each day. If you email on Monday, your scout should receive it Tuesday. Scouts are not able to respond, but a message from family can ease the homesickness many young scouts experience. Details on how to email will be provided in the next newsletter.

Item	Required	Min Quantity	Recommended	Comment
Class A Shirt	Y	1	1	
Scout Pants	Y	1	1	
Scout Socks - crew length	Y	1	2 pair	
Scout Belt	Y	1	1	
Boots	Y	1	1 pair	Boots are required for retreat.
neckerchief and slide	Y	1	1	an extra slide is nice or money for a replacement
Class B Shirt	Y	1	2	
Hangers	N	2	2	
Underwear	Y	7	7	
Socks	Y	5	7	
Shorts	Y	2	2	
Swim Suit	Y	1	2	
Water shoes / sandals	N	1		something that can get wet in the shower
Towel	Y	1*	3	*2 if you take swimming or lifesaving merit badge
Tennis Shoes	Y	1	1	
Tee Shirts	Y	5	7	
Summer Weight Sleeping Bag	Y	1		
Foam Ground Pad	N	1		
Sheet	N	1		
Pillow	N	1		
Mess Kit	Y	1		
Spork/ knife, fork spoon	Y	1		
Pocket Knife	Y	1		
Flash Light	Y	1		
Water bottle w/ strap	Y	1		
Hat	Y	1		
Sun Block	Y	1		
Poncho or rain coat and pants	Y	1		
Soap	Y	1		
Shampoo	Y	1		
Tooth Brush	Y	1		
Tooth Paste	Y	1		
Mesh Bag for toiletries	Y	1		
<i>Medicines in original containers</i>	Y			In a ziploc bag labled with your name, troop and campsite (Roberts)
Handbook	Y	1		
Spiral Bound Notebook	Y	1		
Pencil	Y	2		
Pen	Y	2		
Sharpie	N	1		
Combination Lock	N	1		
Foot Locker	Y	1		
Camp Chair	Y			
Reading Material				
Money for the Trading post				Snacks and Drinks
Anything they need for a badges				
For example: backpack				
groundcloth				
first aid kit				

## Friends of Troop 181

Some of you may not be aware that we have a Charitable organization related to our troop. The organization is a 501c3 nonprofit and is called Friends of Troop 181. This was formed in order to be able to take in donations that will be used specifically for causes within our own troop.

Recently, the Friends purchased a trailer for use by the troop. We are in the process of getting the proper insurances needed, but the trailer will be ready for trips and summer camp very soon. The funds for the trailer were fronted by the Shreve family. It would be greatly appreciated if you would make a contribution to the Friends organization so that the cost can be shared by the troop members and the Shreve's may be reimbursed quickly. Checks can be made out to the Friends of Troop 181, and mailed to Kathy Nadel at 162 Bodine Road, Berwyn, PA 19312. All contributions are deductible as Charitable contributions by the IRS.

Another way you can contribute is by saving your used inkjet and toner cartridges, cell phones, MP3 players, GPS devices, and digital cameras. These items can be recycled, and the Friends of Troop 181 will get money back for each item donated. Please bring these things to any troop meeting. Kathy Nadel will be collecting them.

Finally, if your employer requires you to make a United Way contribution, please consider the Friends of Troop 181 as your beneficiary. The EIN number is 27-1814192. It is a simple and effective way to help our scouts!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with one of the board members, Jeff Paolizzi, Jordan Nadel, Kathy Nadel or Scott Shreve.

## Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts, long sleeve shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase. An order will be placed within the week. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact Michele Harvey NOW if you want to place an order.

michele.harvey@sap.com

## 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.

## Become an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

A couple of courses are required to be an ASM. Scoutmaster Specific Training is a day course held by Chester County Council throughout the year. The next time you could participate is during Summer Camp at HSR.

The other required course is called Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training. This is an overnight camping experience offered only a few times a year. The registration for the course on October 5 and 6 at Camp Jarvis is available for registration now at <https://www.doubleknot.com/event/1307715> on the CCC website. Only the first 48 Scouters who sign up can participate.

## Troop Committee

**Sherri Gartner** – Troop Committee Chair  
610- 408-9384

**Joe Franz** - Acting Scoutmaster  
610-644-1049

**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  
610-647-3994

**Jason Feldman**- Quartermaster  
610-251-2332

**Kate VanMeter** – Training Coordinator  
610-247-8889

**Jack Campbell** - Charter Organization  
Representative

**Jeff Paolizzi** – Recruiting Coordinator  
610-251-9308

**John Bravacos** - Friends of Scouting Chair  
610-647-8951

**Ramesh Raghupathi**- Treasurer  
610-647-7022

**Evelyn Shreve** - Summer Camp Coordinator  
610-688-3005

**Ted Huck** - High Adventure Coordinator  
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**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

**July 15** - 2013 National Jamboree begins

**July 16** - Class B – BUMC - 7:30 PM

**July 25th** – **SPECIAL THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING** - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

**July 28** - Summer Camp Begins

**August 3** - Family Day/ Summer Court of Honor at CampHorseshoe

**August 6** - Community Service/ Tredyffrin Township Training Scenario

**September** - Gettysburg Trip (Date TBD)

**October 11-13** - Dune Planting - Long Beach Island, NJ

## Adult Leadership

**Joe Franz** - Acting Scoutmaster  
610-644-1049

**Scott Shreve** - Incoming Scoutmaster  
610-688-3005

### Assistant Scout Masters

Geoff DiDario	Jordan Nadel
Joe DiGiorgio	Jeff Paolizzi
Jason Feldman	Vince Piotti
Ted Huck	Scott Shreve
Joe Linderman	Scott Wilson

## Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2013 dates:

**Sunday July 28 to  
Sunday August 4**