



# Newsletter



## Time is running out for Medical Forms!

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. FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE TROOP NO LATER THAN JULY 10th. Should you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Shreve.

***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 DiGiorgio with requests or concerns.***

## This Month's Meetings

June 19 — Class B — BUMC

June 26 — Class B — BUMC

July 3 — Class B — BUMC

July 10 — Class B — BUMC  
MEDICAL FORMS DUE

## Thanks from our new Eagles



Dhananjay Bhaskar, A.B. Maynard and their families would like to thank everyone who has helped on their "Journey to Eagle", including past and present uniformed leaders, committee members, scouts and their parents.

A special thanks to those of you who joined us on Saturday, June 2nd for the Eagle Court of Honor celebration!

The troop would like to recognize the following leaders who participated in the Court of Honor Ceremony: Jack Warnock, Vince Piotti, Joe DiGiorgio, Jeff Paolizzi, Jordan Nadel and Shawn Rock.

## 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0844AB7-adult) Should you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Shreve.

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 - Registration Still Open

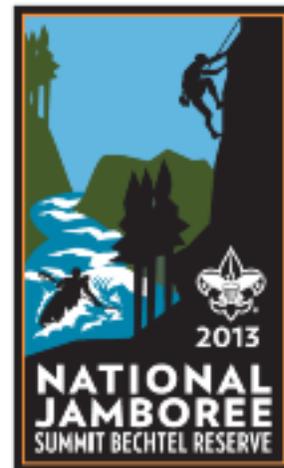
We are excited that we currently have 8 scouts signed up for Jamboree 2013!

If your scout is still interested in attending, the Council still has spots available and it taking registrations NOW. Visit the website for Jamboree to view all of the amazing activities that will be available to the participants!

<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>  
SHAKEDOWN

In addition to the sign ups for Jamboree, there will be a “shakedown” THIS summer at the Summit Bectel Reserve as a preview to Jamboree. A limited number of spots are available through Chester County Council. Click on the link at the bottom of the page for details.

Please contact Sherri Gartner if you have any questions.



### IMPORTANT LINKS:

**Summer Camp Leaders Guide:** <http://hsr-bsa.org/2012HSLG1.21.pdf>

**Summer Camp Program Guide:** <http://hsr-bsa.org/2012HSProgramGuide2.18.pdf>

**Summer Camp Packing list:** [http://www.camphorseshoe.com/PDFs/2010/2010\\_PackingList.pdf](http://www.camphorseshoe.com/PDFs/2010/2010_PackingList.pdf)

**Summer Camp Adult Sign-up and Schedule:** [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0844AB7-adult](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0844AB7-adult)

**Jamboree 2013 Website:** <https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>

**Jamboree “Shakedown” event:** <http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?orgkey=713&activitykey=1152606>

## 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. Equipment return is at 7:30pm at the shed behind the church.

At the equipment return, tents are checked to be sure they are clean and dry before they are stored, and they are checked for damage and missing parts. Cooking and other gear is also cleaned and checked for condition at this time. The gear belongs to all of the boys, and they should learn to 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.

## Spring Fundraiser Car Wash

The troop Carwash was a success! All together, the troop raised about \$900. We had 23 scouts participate as well as two Webelo scouts! All funds raised will be divided among the participants and deposited into their "scout accounts" for use toward scout activities such as summer camp and dues.

Thank you to Lauren Feldman for handling this fundraiser.

## Annual Dues

The annual dues invoices are now overdue for veteran scouts. New scout families should have received their invoices. If you have not, please contact Sherri Gartner immediately. Please send your payments to Donna DiGiorio ASAP. Thank for your prompt attention to this matter.

## Parents Needed at Summer Camp

As we approach Summer Camp, we are in need of parents to sign up to participate at camp. We are looking for 5 parents to be on-site at all times so we can maintain our two-deep leadership in the event that someone gets called away. Please see the article on page 2 for the link to online sign-ups.

In order to eat in the dining hall at camp, adults must be in uniform shirts. Class B is required for lunch, and Class A shirts are required for dinner. The troop has a few Class A shirts available for those who may need to borrow one. Thanks!

## 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.

## June - Beach Camping Cancelled

Due to lack of scouts and lack of adult leadership, we have cancelled the Beach camping weekend.

It is important to understand that these trips require a minimum of one trained leader, as well as other parents to attend in order to maintain the proper two-deep leadership.

Please do your best to respond promptly to email messages asking for your intent to attend the monthly campouts. If you know you cannot attend, please respond that way as soon as possible too. This will help the adult coordinator to be able to fill out the tour paperwork that must be submitted to council prior to the trip. The tour plan is a comprehensive form listing what training and certifications each adult on the trip has, who will be driving, what car insurance the drivers have, etc. It is quite an involved process for our Camping Coordinator, Ed Maier. Let's all help out by thinking ahead and letting the adult organizer know your plan as soon as you do! Thanks for your cooperation.

## Our Advancement Chair

Special thanks go out to our Advancement Chair, Vince Piotti. Mr. Piotti has guided 8 Eagle Scouts through their journey from Life to Eagle this scouting year alone. Mr. Piotti is instrumental in making sure these boys do not get side-tracked in the final stages completing badges, projects or paperwork.

In this 100th year of the Eagle Scout, we should recognize that a mere 2% of scouts in the history of the BSA have earned the rank of Eagle. We have had a much higher percentage than that within our troop, and Mr. Piotti quietly helps our scouts achieve their full potential. Please say thanks to Mr. Piotti the next time you see him for his many years of service and dedication to the troop and to our scouts!

## NEW PARENT Meetings

Our new parent orientation meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm. (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.

## 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 Michele Harvey if you want to place an order. [michele.harvey@sap.com](mailto:michele.harvey@sap.com)



## Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, July 1st** 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.



## 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!



## 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](http://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

### ASM - Assistant Scout Master Training

The troop is always in need of trained leaders to participate in troop activities. In addition to the online courses, a trained leader must take the Scoutmaster Specific Course (8 hour classroom course), as well as IOLST (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training) which is an overnight training course. The Scoutmaster Specific course is being offered during Summer Camp at Horseshoe. The course is scheduled to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of our camp week. You can register to attend upon arrival at camp. IOLST will be offered again in the fall.

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

## Become a Merit Badge Counselor

An integral part of Boy Scouts is earning Merit Badges. Merit Badges are required for advancements as your scout moves along the trail to Eagle. We are in need of our parents



to register as merit badge counselors! All types and subjects of merit badges are available to the boys, and there is certainly one or more that you also have an interest in or some special knowledge. It is nice for the boys to have access to a parent within the troop who can help them finish up badges that do not get completed at Summer Camp, and especially for all of the Eagle required badges.

Please review the complete list of badges on [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) and pick one or more that you can be a counselor for. You can review the requirements for the badges on the site. Then go to [www.cccbsa.org/merit-badge](http://www.cccbsa.org/merit-badge) for more information on becoming a counselor. Finally, fill out and submit the forms to Chester County Council [www.cccbsa.org/images/pdfs/mbcapplication.pdf](http://www.cccbsa.org/images/pdfs/mbcapplication.pdf)

You are required to be current with your Youth Protection Training. The process takes a little while, but it is an important and easy way to volunteer! You will be notified by Chester County Council when you have been approved and are able to start counseling scouts.

Please contact Sherri Gartner or Jordan Nadel with questions.



## Beret Notes

The troop owns red berets that are worn during the evening retreat each night at summer camp. These berets are a unique part of our troop's uniforms. Our berets have been professionally dry-cleaned and are ready for summer camp!

## Troop Website

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

## We did it!

Troop 181 has once again been designated an "Honor Unit" in Chester County Council due to our contributions through Friends of Scouting. We are one of only 8 troops in Chester County to earn this designation. THANK YOU! We will receive all of our cloth patches free from council for the next year as a benefit of being an Honor Unit.

## 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 Franz** - Acting Scoutmaster

610-644-1049

**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

**Ted Huck** – Cabin Committee Chair

610-722-9475

**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

**June 19** - Meeting - BUMC - Class B

**June 26** - Meeting - BUMC - Class B

**July 1** - PLC Meeting 5:00 PM  
QM Meeting - 5:00 PM

**July 1** - New Parent Meeting - 6:00 PM

**July 1** - Monthly Parent's Meeting - 7:00 PM

**July 3** – Class B – BUMC

**July 10** – Class B – BUMC  
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**July 22-29** - Summer Camp

**August 2** - High Adventure Trip -  
Sea Base - Coral Reef Adventure

## Mark your Calendars!

Summer Camp 2012 dates:

**Sunday July 22 to  
Sunday July 29**

