



Newsletter



Bowling Party/Meeting Thanks

We had a nice turnout for the Meeting held at Devon Lanes in May. Hopefully, the newer parents got some insight into Troop 181, its history, and our goals for the future.

Should you have any questions about any of the volunteer roles in the troop or where you believe you may fit in, please do not hesitate to contact the Troop Committee Chair or the Scoutmaster. If you have any other questions about your scout's participation, gear, camping trips, etc. please feel free to call your "buddy" or ask at any regular meeting. We have all been new scout parents and have needed clarification or advice too. We can help you, or find someone else who can.

It is helpful to stop inside at either the beginning or end of the weekly meeting to hear any announcements about the upcoming camp out, and from now until Summer Camp there will be specific information related to that as well.

When you have the information you need, it will help your scout **BE PREPARED!**

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 7th at BUMC. This is a change to the usual time. **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.

This Month's Meetings

June 11 - Class B — BUMC - 7:30 PM
Permission forms and money for Knoebel's trip

June 18 – BUMC Shed -Equipment Return
- 7:30 PM

June 25 – Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

July 2 - Class A - BUMC - 7:30 PM
Footlocker Check - 1st and 2nd year scouts should bring their packed footlocker for Summer Camp

Complete YPT Now!

Adults are asked to take a few minutes to go online to 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!

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

Our June trip is a fun day at Knoebel's amusement park in Elysburg, PA followed by a one-night camping opportunity at Arrowhead Lake in Pocono Lake, PA. We will gather at the church at 8:00AM Saturday June 15 to drive to Knoebels. All members of your family are invited to participate in the weekend's activities. Those who wish to camp will be drive approximately one hour to the campsite. Others may make it a day trip and head home to Berwyn.

Thanks to Ed Maier for coordinating the trip. Please email Ed if you plan to participate in this event. Also, please make it clear if you plan to camp or not.

Knoebels is an old-fashioned style free-admission park where you pay for rides using tickets. Visit www.knoebels.com There is a pool and water facility which has a separate admission charge. Please look at the website to determine what you believe is an appropriate amount of money to send with your scout if you are not attending. Mr. Maier will set up a location at one of the pavilions where scouts can gather. Mr. Maier will be there to cook hot dogs and hamburgers during the day. This will also serve as a sort-of home base. Please be sure to make it clear to your scout that the Buddy System MUST be followed at all times while at Knoebels.

Be sure to send your scout with sun protection and a water bottle. Your scout should wear his Class B shirt at Knoebels.

Those who participate in the camping will have the opportunity on Sunday to use the pools or the lake in Arrowhead. Traditional tent camping will be held in a large open field behind the Arrowhead Lake Clubhouse. Indoor bathrooms will be accessible.

Contact Mr. Maier with any questions or concerns. maier13@verizon.net

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.

April Camping Trip Recap Canoeing, NJ

Our April trip was a mini-high adventure canoe trip on the Batsto River in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey.



Mr. VanMeter planned an exciting adventure in which included a rigorous canoe trek and camping in the wilderness. The trip was more difficult than anticipated, and the boys and adults who participated should be proud of this achievement.

If your scout wants to complete his Canoeing Merit badge, he should contact Mr. Van Meter for possible opportunities to demonstrate the remaining skills necessary. Thank you to Mr. Van Meter for putting this adventure together, and to all of the parents who made the trek possible.

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

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!

Fabulous Fishing!

Sharks and Skates and Rain, oh my! Our May trip to Long Beach Island included a very successful fishing trip. The scouts enjoyed catching lots of sharks and skates and being out on the boat. Congratulations to Ian T. for catching to most fish (10), Matt P. for catching the largest fish, and Mr. Harvey for catching the smallest fish!

Thank you to Mr. Van Meter for organizing the fishing trip and a nice place to camp. Saturday evening Mr. Dernoga supervised some of the scouts with a knife skills lesson while preparing potatoes to be made into fries. The boys also breaded chicken tenders. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal.

Unfortunately the rain cut short some of the activities.

Not everyone had rain gear, which should be packed for EVERY trip. Everyone came home dripping wet, but it was a memorable experience.



Summer Camp at Horseshoe - Sign ups and What's Due Soon



Keep in mind that the form needs to be signed by your scout's doctor so please plan accordingly and take into account camp dates when making the appointment for your scout's next physical exam. **Medical forms are due by July 10th.**

The planning process has begun for Summer Camp at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The troop will attend the week of July 28 - August 4th, and will once again be staying at the Roberts campsite.

As returning scouts know, summer camp at Horseshoe is a great place to earn merit badges, participate in fun activities and forge bonds with fellow scouts. We have 32 scouts currently signed up to attend, and there are still spots available. **Yes, your son can still sign up!!**

Please let Evelyn Shreve, our Summer Camp Coordinator, know if your son plans to attend. Please note that the troop has a designated fund set aside for camp scholarships so that no scout will be excluded due to financial considerations. If you need details, please contact Joe Franz.

Required Medical Forms:

Every scout who attends Summer Camp must have a Boy Scout medical form on file with the Council. You will need to file a new one since last year's form will expire by the date of this year's camp. Parts A, B and C of the health forms are required. *See link below.*

MERIT BADGE SELECTION

It's time for your scout to make his merit badge selections for this summer. Younger scouts can get suggestions from the scoutmaster or their patrol leaders for badges more appropriate to their skills. Please do your best to get the choices to Mr. Franz ASAP. The badge offerings/schedule are in the Program Guide (link below).

ADULTS NEEDED

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. 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 will be Evelyn's last year as Summer Camp Coordinator. **Thank you to Susan Huck** for volunteering to work with Evelyn in preparation for becoming the Summer Camp Coordinator next year.*

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>

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				

National Youth Leadership Training

Five of our Scouts participated in two weekends of NYLT, National Youth Leadership Training, at Camp Ware in May. Nathan Shreve, Thomas Huck, Connor Feldman, A.J. Nadel and Ryan Nadel completed the course. This opportunity is open to scouts who are at least 13 years old and are First Class and above. The scoutmaster must approve the participants.

Chester County Council holds this training once per year, and you must commit to both weekends in order to sign up. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. Scouts are assigned to patrols, with no other scouts from their home troop and they camp, cook and learn together. It was an action-packed experience and we congratulate our scouts for participating.



Thank You to our new volunteers

A Special thanks to Sheila Czeipel and Kathy Rains for volunteering to take over the Training Coordinator position when Kate Van Meter steps down at the end of the scouting year. We appreciate your help ladies!

Our Community Supporters



Please support the following businesses in our community who support Troop 181!

Devon Liberty gas station is owned by Jack Campbell, our Charter Organization Representative. Jack has always been very gracious in allowing us to hold car wash fundraisers at Devon Liberty. Go in and fill up your tank!

Handel's in Berwyn will be putting up the Patrol of the Month Winner on their sign each month as a celebration of the patrol's hard work. It's ice cream weather - Support Handel's!

Recently Mr. Van Meter needed to copy merit badge pamphlets to make available prior to the canoe trip. **Sir Speedy** right next to Handel's provided the copies at a very reasonable rate, which helped our scouts prepare for the adventure. Please check out Sir Speedy for

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.

What is an Eagle Scout Project?

Information from www.eaglescout.org

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community....

There are three very important things to note in the first sentence of this requirement that apply to selecting a project. First, the project is to be done while you are a Life Scout. This means that if you are still a Star

Scout, focus on your merit badges and other things, and don't put yourself in the position of having to explain why you worked on the project prematurely. It is all right to look ahead and identify opportunities that might become available after your Life Scout board of review. However, never begin planning or executing your project prior to achieving Life rank.

Next, note that the service project is to be "...helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community...", which means you need to be discerning while selecting a project. You are looking for a project to do for an organization that is non-profit, meaning they provide services to the community at large for purposes other than making a profit. No projects are allowed for businesses or other profit-making organizations. Finally, note carefully the word "leadership". The title of the project workbook is the "Eagle Leadership Service Project". The word "leadership" precedes the word "service" for a very important reason. The purpose of the



project is to give you a personal, direct way to demonstrate to your board of review that you have leadership skills. The service delivered, while important, is sort of a bonus. As you consider project ideas, ask yourself "How will this allow me to demonstrate leadership?" The answers to that question will require recruiting some helpers, giving them specific tasks to do, providing them with instructions so that they know their jobs, coordinating the preparations and work so that everything gets done, and monitoring the work so that it is done satisfactorily. You could do a service project by yourself, but you can't do an Eagle Leadership Service Project without leading other people.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT FOR TROOP 181?

We have a large number of scouts that will need a service project for their Eagle Scout rank in the upcoming year or two. If you are involved with a church, community organization or non-profit that would be able to provide a service project involving approximately 100 hours of work, please contact Vince Piotti. Approximately 1/3 of the hours are typically completed by the scout. The remaining hours are performed by volunteers working under the Scout's direction.

Eagle scout projects in the past have included putting together care packages for our servicemen, planning and executing a Fair Day for a local school for the blind, control of invasive species at a local arboretum, rehabilitating parts of a prayer station at Malvern Retreat House, construction of a food pantry for a local church, and building and installing bat houses in the community.

Please contact Vince Piotti with any questions regarding Eagle Scout Projects.

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

Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2013 dates:

**Sunday July 28 to
Sunday August 4**

Calendar of Key Events

June 11 - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30PM

June 15 - 16 - Family Trip -
Knoebels Amusement Park and overnight
camping at Arrowhead Lake

June 18 - Equipment return - BUMC Shed -
7:30PM

June 25 – Meeting - BUMC - 7:30 PM

July 2 – Meeting - BUMC - 7:30 PM

July 15 - 2013 National Jamboree begins

July 28 - Summer Camp Begins

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

September - Gettysburg Trip (Date TBD)

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

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