



Newsletter



Looking Forward to Summer Camp

It is time to prepare for Camp Horseshoe 2014. Camp week is June 29 through July 6.

Required Medical Forms

Please remember that your son needs to have his medical forms turned in to Susan Huck no later than June 16th. The latest medical forms can be downloaded from the troop website on the forms page, or by following the link below.

Don't forget to make a copy of the front and back of your insurance card and attach that to the forms.

ADULTS NEEDED

Adults will be needed to attend camp and

help us to meet our requirement of having four parents on site at all times.

There is no charge for parents who help out! To sign up, click the Sign-Up Genius Link below. As an adult, if you attend camp for less than 72 hours, your doctor does not need to sign your medical forms.

Please contact Susan at 610-722-9475 if you have any questions.



IMPORTANT LINKS

Medical Form: http://www.paoli181.com/upldDocuments/Unit298/2014BSAHealthForm_PartsABC.pdf

Adult Camp Sign Up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4FA8A829A57-2014/3018508

Merit Badge Fees: www.cccbsa.org/images/Camping/forms/2014SupplementalFees.pdf

2014 Horseshoe Program Guide: [www.cccbsa.org/images/Camping/forms/2014HSPProgramGuide\(Update4.30.14\).pdf](http://www.cccbsa.org/images/Camping/forms/2014HSPProgramGuide(Update4.30.14).pdf)

Summer Camp Packing List:

http://www.paoli181.com/upldDocuments/Unit298/Summer%20Camp%20Packing%20Checklist-1_.xls

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.

This Month's Meetings

June 10th- Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM
Wear boots, Bring Food money for camping

June 17th – EQUIPMENT RETURN 7:00
NO REGULAR MEETING
PLC Meeting 7:30PM

June 24th- Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM
First time campers bring packed footlocker

Summer Court of Honor

On Saturday, July 5th, Troop 181 will hold its Summer Court of Honor at Camp Horseshoe. Please save the date on your family calendar! The scouts look forward to a favorite meal brought from home as well as the chance to be recognized for many achievements since February.

Each family provides a main dish for themselves and brings something to share. Details will be provided via YahooGroups as we get closer to camp week.

We look forward to a great celebration and hope you can be there!



June Camping

This upcoming weekend, we will be having a campout at Berwyn United Methodist Church. The weekend will begin with scouts arriving at 9:30am Saturday and will include Scout Olympics, opportunities for rank Advancement work, a possible service project for the church and a campfire. The activities will be finished on Sunday morning just after breakfast.

If you and your scout are available, please let Ed Maier know ASAP.

Details will be announced at this week's regular meeting and via YahooGroups.

Cabin Chair Needed

We are in need of someone to take over the Cabin Chair duties from Ted Huck. This job requires very little time each year. Taking a walk out to the cabin site once every month or so to check that the cabin is secure and has not had any vandalism or storm damage, and planning a cleanup for a weekend once or twice a year is all that is needed.

If you are interested in helping the troop by taking this position, please contact Sherri Gartner. For questions or more information about the job, please contact Ted Huck.

Upcoming Parents Meeting

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

Have outgrown Scout gear?

When the troop goes to Summer Camp, we always take along a bin of "uniform extras" which can be borrowed by scouts or adults. Adults need a uniform shirt to eat in the dining hall.

If you have outgrown items, please bring them to a meeting and donate them to our bin. If you have other items that may be useful to another scout, please let Mr. Shreve know.

Ricketts Glen Trip Review

Our April trip to Ricketts Glen was well attended. We had 12 adults and 21 scouts. Four hiking groups were formed (2 based on Philmont crews, and 2 groups of other scouts). The Philmont crews hiked a portion of their day with full packs, and a second portion with day packs. The other two crews hiked the waterfall trail and had some wonderful scenery.

The troop camped at a Boy Scout reservation (Camp Lavigne) and had a good time staying in adirondacks.

Thank you to Mr. Pearson and Mr. Huck for organizing this trip.



Special Thanks to Sung Oh for providing these photos!

Important Reminder

We need your help!

Our troop plans a lot of great events and trips for our scouts! If your scout is attending these trips and events, your family should be participating in **at least one** every scout year. We have a small group of extremely dedicated parents who go on the majority of trips.

Please attend one of our upcoming trips or plan to spend a day or two at Summer Camp.

You will be able to learn more about what goes on, see the scout leaders in action, be able to help the scoutmaster and assistant scout masters get to know your son better, and you will be doing your part to help this troop run smoothly.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Scott Shreve or Sherri Gartner.

May Whitewater Rafting Trip

On the weekend of May 31st, Troop 181 traveled to White Haven, PA to camp on site at Whitewater Challenggers.

3 rafts full of boys and dads made the trek down the Lehigh river on a beautiful day. Plenty of splashing and bucket dumping made the trip fun even though it was not a damn release weekend.

Everyone had a good time!

Thank you to Miriam for taking care of the planning and organization for this adventure, and to Ted Huck for being the Adult in charge on the trip.



National Youth Leadership Training

Eight of our Scouts participated in two weekends of NYLT, National Youth Leadership. The scouts who participated are:

Nick Pilotti
William Harvey
Nick Maier
Liam McLaughlin
Ian Ong
Vikram Raghupathi
Raymond Shreve
Chris Turocy.

In addition to the scouts participating, Thomas Huck was on staff for the event. 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.



Eagle Scout Service Projects

If your scout is looking for a project opportunity, please contact Vince Piotti, our Advancement chair. He has some organizations who have expressed an interest in having some work done. One of these organizations is the Daylesford Abbey, a Roman Catholic Abbey/Seminary for the Norbertine Order of priests. Several possible landscaping projects, stream bank improvements and creating some new gardens with seating may be opportunities for our scouts.



At the May Committee Meeting, Ryan Nadel presented his Eagle Project proposal. Ryan will be constructing 15 elevated dog beds and 20 PVC dog toys for the Chester County SPCA. He plans to fundraise and build the items over the summer months.

At our June Committee Meeting, A.J. Nadel was approved to begin work on his Eagle Project. A.J. will be co-captaining a cycling team in preparation for riding in the National MS Society's City to Shore Ride this September. A.J. will be managing communication, organizing a Pep Rally and making a promotional video for the team.

If your scout needs service hours for rank advancement, helping out on an Eagle Scout Service Project is a great way to earn them! Be on the lookout for YahooGroups emails with opportunities to keep them involved over the summer.

Camp Tips and Tricks from a Veteran Mom

Let's talk about the footlocker! 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,

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 on www.cccbsa.org 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 at camp.

Scouts taking the Swimming badge should be aware that they need a long pair of (non-scout) 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.

Also, be sure to plan to visit camp on Saturday. Details on arrival times will come out via the YahooGroups page closer to camp week. Families should plan to bring dinner for their scout to eat before our Summer Court of Honor at which we will celebrate all of the accomplishments since February. Your scout needs to understand that he is expected to stay at camp until Sunday morning and participate in the clean up and pack up of the campsite. It is an important part of giving back!

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				

Troop Committee

Sherri Gartner – Troop Committee Chair

610- 408-9384

Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

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

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610-251-2332

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

Calendar of Key Events

June 14-15 - Camping at BUMC

June 29 - July 6 - Summer Camp

July 19-August 3 - Philmont High Adventure

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**