



# Newsletter



## Summer Camp Sign Ups Due Now

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

Please let our Summer Camp Coordinator, Susan Huck know if your son plans to attend camp this year. Susan needs to have this information and a \$50 deposit no later than **Friday, March 21.**

Full payment (\$350) is encouraged to streamline paperwork and emails. However, you are welcome to make a deposit payment of \$50, with the remaining balance of \$300 due by May 8. Please make your check payable to "Troop 181," and give to either Susan or Ted at the next troop meeting or you can mail to Susan at 232 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312.

Some of our scouts have money in their fundraising accounts. Scouts can apply that balance to Summer Camp if they wish. If you would like to know the amount that is in your son's account, please contact Susan.

### Required Medical Forms

Every scout who attends Summer Camp must provide a medical form. Parts A, B and C of the form are required, and must be

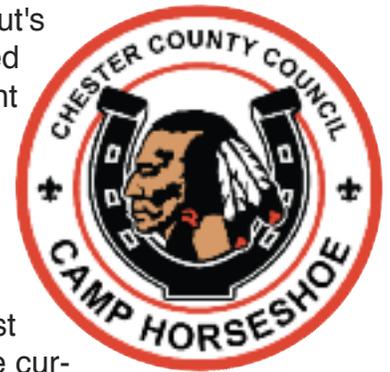
*The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations. We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Scott Shreve, Sherri Gartner, or Michael Dernoga with requests or concerns.*

signed by your scout's doctor. Also needed is a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance card. These forms are good for one year, so if your son had his physical last

July, he may still be current. If your scout is attending High Adventure Philmont, consider these dates also. These forms are due by June 16. Make your son's Physical appointment now!

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! An email will go out shortly with details and for signups.

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



## This Month's Meetings

**March 11th-** Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
Bring Permission forms for the trip

**March 18th –** NO REGULAR MEETING

**March 25th-** Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
Bring a compass

**April 1st -** Class A - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
Bring your scout book

## First Aid Meet

On the morning of February 8th, Troop 181 will be participated in Chester County Council's First Aid Meet.

We had two patrols participate. Patrols were given scenarios, volunteers played the victims, and the scouts were scored on how well they assessed the situation, teamwork, and the steps they would take to treat the victim.

The boys learned a lot and had a good time.

Special thanks to Dr. DiDario for helping to train the scouts in preparation for this event!



## Upcoming Parents Meeting

**The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 6th 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

Thank you to all of our families who attended the Scout Sunday Service on February 9th. It is important for us to take the opportunity to thank our Charter Organization each year by attending this service. The congregation does appreciate seeing the scouts each year!

## National Youth Leadership Training

Don't miss out on signing up your son for this year's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Camp Ware two weekends this May 2-4 and 9-11.



Scouts who are First Class Rank or above, who are at least 13 years of age and have attended a troop level leadership training (ILST held last fall) are eligible to attend with Scoutmaster approval.

Spots are limited, so don't delay! Scouts must be able to attend BOTH weekends.

Please contact Scott Shreve or Vince Piotti with questions about the program.

Sign ups are available at:  
<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/1472831>

## February Trip Review - Skiing

Our annual ski trip had approximately 17 scouts and 10 parents attend. The weather was good, and we even had about 8 inches of snow. Unfortunately, we had one broken bone, our first injury in many years of ski trips.

Our system worked well, and our scout was well taken care of by the Ski Patrol and our parents.

Please remember that when your scout is away on a trip, that you should be accessible via the phone numbers you provide on the permission form. If your scout is injured or becomes ill, it is comforting to them to be able to speak to you. It is also helpful in the event that the scout needs to be taken to a hospital that you are a part of the decision-making process.

Thanks to Jordan Nadel for once again planning this trip.

## March Trip - This Saturday

Our planned March overnight hiking trip has been changed to a day hike due to weather considerations.

A local day hike is planned for Warwick Park in Chester County. Two hikes will be run - one will be an intermediate length hike of 4 to 5 miles. A day pack with a packed bag lunch, plenty of water (2 full bottles), hiking boots and proper layered clothing is required. Rain gear is always required!

A second hike will be run for those

scouts who will be attending the Philmont high adventure this summer. It will be an 8-10 mile trek with scouts carrying full packs. Please check your email for details from Mr. Huck on exactly what to pack.

Arrive at BUMC on Saturday March 14th at 8:15 AM.

Parents are needed! Please RSVP to both Ed and Ted if you or your son is planning to attend, and let them know which hike your scout will participate in. Special thanks to Ed Maier and Ted Huck for organizing the trip.

## Upcoming April Trip to Ricketts Glen

The weekend of April 25-27th Troop 181 will be going to Ricketts Glen for a hike. Ricketts Glen State Park has been a favorite trip of our scouts for ice hiking for many years and this should be a beautiful spring hike.

The scouts will be camping at a Scout Reservation, and will be staying in adirondacks. Weather conditions could still be chilly, so please be sure your scout packs proper sleeping bags and has appropriate clothing for the forecasted temperatures. If your scout needs a hike for his next rank advancement, please be sure he attends this trip!

This is an important hike for all of our Philmont participants as well. It will be used as a training hike and for the crews to learn to work as a team, as well as get used to their gear and carrying their

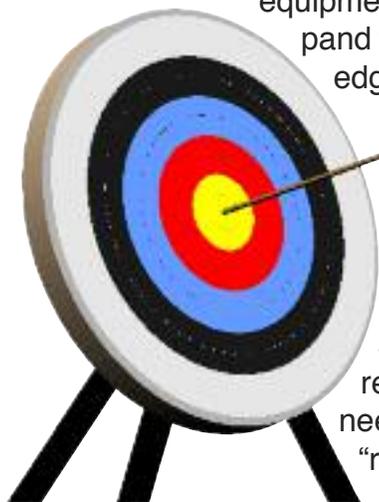


weighted packs. Look for information to come about the special requirements for the Philmont crews.

As always, thanks to Mr. Maier for handling the logistics and planning of this trip.

## Upcoming Archery Rangemaster Training

Troop 181 has approved purchasing archery equipment. We hope to expand the troop's knowledge and



skill in this fast-growing and fun sport. In order to be able to set up and run our own archery range on a regular basis, we need to have certified "rangemasters" to

supervise the scouts and maintain a safe environment. A minimum of two certified adults are required on the range at all times. We need parents to take a short course which will be held just for our troop in order that we have enough rangemasters! No archery knowledge or experience is necessary. The plan is to make archery a part of our regular meetings about once a month.

Please contact Scott Shreve to sign up to participate in this important training.

## Our Very Own Troop 181 Merit Badge University

The parents committee has decided to plan a Merit Badge University for this June. Our originally scheduled June Camping trip will be changed to an overnight campout at the church on the weekend of June 14th, where the activities will center around merit badges and completing skills needed for rank advancement prior to summer camp.

If you are a merit badge counselor, please consider running a session to help boys complete a badge. We are particularly interested in badges that could be completed in a short session (no more than 4 hours), and preferably ones that are NOT offered at summer camp. You may decide to require boys to have some of the requirements completed prior to our University, just as they do at Camp Horsehoe. In addition to these new badges, we will be focusing on badges that many boys have started and not completed. We will have



a list of these badges with a lot of "partials" shortly.

Please email Sherri Gartner and let her know which badges you are a counselor for that you would be willing to run at our University. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## Important Information from Chester County Council

February 25, 2014

Dear Scouters -

Yesterday, in Cumberland County, PA, a Pennsboro Middle School teacher, Craig Cohen, was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography. Craig is also a former Camp Horseshoe staff member for many summers and the 2012 Program Director. At this point, there is no indication that any Scouts were involved in any way.

Along with the rest of the community, we were shocked to learn about the allegations against Craig. The behavior included in these allegations runs counter to everything for which the Boy Scouts of America stands and counter to our experience with Craig at camp. Upon learning of these allegations we immediately revoked Craig's membership and removed him from Scouting.

Many of our Scouts and Scouters know Craig and there are sure to be questions. Please direct all of those questions and requests for information to Tom Dintaman Chester County Council Assistant Scout Executive.

Should anything you hear indicate that one or more of our Scouts were involved in any way, please report that to law enforcement and bring it to the attention of Tom and myself immediately.

Chester County Council shares your concern with the safety of all of our Scouts. This completely unanticipated allegation drives home the fact that there is no profile to predict this kind of behavior.

For this reason, it is essential to always comply with the BSA comprehensive youth protection program, which includes mandatory Youth Protection Training for all registered adults, education for youth and parents, chartered organization leader selection procedures, criminal background and other reference checks, barriers to abuse and prompt mandatory reporting. With everyone's constant vigilance we will continue to offer life changing programs in a safe environment.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting.

Charles E. Rogers, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Chester County Council, BSA

## Important Information from Chester County Council

We regret to report that recently a former Horseshoe staff member was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography. He was immediately removed from scouting and his membership has been revoked. There is no reason to believe at this time that scouts were involved in any way.

If you would like to have more detailed information, a copy of the letter that was sent out to troops by Chester County Council will be posted on our YahooGroups site, or you may see Sherri Gartner at any meeting.

If you have additional concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Sherri Gartner or Scott Shreve.

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## Former Scoutmaster Walter E. Colburn, Jr.

Walter Colburn, former Troop 181 scoutmaster, passed away on Feb. 25, 2014. Mr. Colburn resided in West Chester, PA

Survived by his wife Diane (nee Gignras), his son Matthew C. (Megan), his daughter Jessica L., his loving granddaughters Addison and Olivia Colburn, his stepmother Sue Colburn, his brother Scott Colburn, his sisters Virginia Lindenmuth and Linda Powell, also his step siblings Scott and Melody Stierheim.

Walt's son Matthew is an Eagle Scout from Troop 181.

Contributions in his memory to: DAV Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) would be appreciated.

## High Adventure 2015 Update



Believe it or not, the planning for Sea Base 2015 is already underway. Ted Huck has secured one crew through the Sea Base lottery process. The lottery took place on February 15th. The adventure Ted secured is a Scuba Boat adventure with a crew of 10 to 12. For this adventure, participants will need to earn their scuba certification prior to the trip.

Additional crews may be available should there be too many 181 boys interested, or if there is interest in different programs at Sea Base.

If your son may be interested in attending, please spend a little bit of time looking at the different adventures available and notify Ted. ([www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org))

If you have questions, please contact Ted Huck directly.

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## Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts, long sleeve shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts 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)

## 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

**Kathy Nadel** – Newsletter  
610-578-0603

**Michael Dernoga** – Finance Committee Chair  
610-647-3994

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

**Cathy Rains** – Training Coordinator  
610-254-8512

**Jack Campbell** - Charter Organization  
Representative

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

**Jeff Paolizzi** - Friends of 181 President  
610-647-8951

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

**Susan Huck** - Summer Camp Coordinator  
610-722-9475

**Ted Huck** - High Adventure Coordinator  
610-722-9475

**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

**March 15** - Hiking trip - Warwick Park

**April 25-27** - Hiking Trip - Ricketts Glen

**May** - Whitewater Rafting - Lehigh River

**June 14** - Troop 181 Merit Badge University

**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**