



Newsletter



181 Eagle Scout to be Honored at Court of Honor

On Saturday, November 30th, we will be celebrating and honoring the accomplishments of Michael Ryczyn as Eagle Scout.

It is very important that we make a good show of support as a troop! If at all possible, please make plans to attend the ceremony. Help will be needed at 1:00 PM setting up for the reception

in Sheck Hall. Scouts should gather in full Class A uniform at the back of the Sanctuary at 2:30 PM. The Court of Honor will begin at 3:00PM. Scouts may be asked to participate in the ceremony. A cake reception will follow immediately afterward in Sheck Hall. Clean up will be at 5:30pm.

Attending an Eagle Court of Honor can really motivate scouts to strive for rank advancement, and help them understand the significance of becoming an Eagle Scout. Please attend if at all possible!

The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations - this includes Summer Camp, High Adventure and monthly campouts! 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

Nov 12th - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM
Bring your Permission forms and money, Scout handbook

Nov 19th – EQUIPMENT RETURN -
BUMC Shed - 7:30 PM

Nov 26th - Class B - Church - 7:30 PM
Bring scout book and wear your boots

Complete YPT Now!

We are going through our yearly re-chartering process with Council. Your help is needed to go online to www.MyScouting.org to take the **Youth Protection** Course. If you have taken it in the past, please check to be sure it is not time to re-take the course, which is required every two years. It is **required** for any adult participating in a trip. 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 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!

November Campout - Recruiting Weekend at BUMC

On Saturday and Sunday, November 16-17, we will be holding our annual Recruiting campout at Berwyn United Methodist Church. This is our opportunity to showcase the best of Troop 181 for the local Webelos who will be looking for a troop that fits their scouting style.

Webelos must campout with a parent. Our scouts will be taking them through 5 skills stations and introducing them to Orienteering, Cooking, Archery, First Aid and Knot tying. A highlight of the event is a campfire program at the end of the evening, and hopefully some excellent food.

All Scouts are to report to equipment shed at 10:30am on Saturday. We will then set everything up from the tents to the Archery range. **Please bring a packed lunch as we will not be supplying lunch.** The day will be full of events and end with a bonfire. We will have breakfast on Sunday morning and clean up. We should be done by 9 or 10am. **This is a class A event**, but

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st at BUMC.

Please be aware that 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.

Scouts can wear their class B for set up. Please let Mr. Paolizzi know if your Scout will attend. Cost for food will be \$10.00 per scout. Please bring your money and the permission form to our meeting 11/12.

Jeff Paolizzi is our Parent organizer of this event for the second or third year. Thank you for your time, Pao! Eight Cub Scout Packs were contacted, and we expect approximately 10-15 Webelo scouts to attend.

Please consider stopping over during the day on Saturday to talk to prospective parents and answer questions about Troop 181.

Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILST)

On Sunday, November 24th the troop will be holding a very important training for all scouts who will be First Class and 13 years old by May 2014. All scouts who are currently First Class or above should plan to attend. The event will be Class A and will be held from 2PM- 7PM. This training is the first in a system of training courses for Scout Youth. The ILST course is intended to help Boy Scouts in leadership positions within their troops understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities.

This event is a **prerequisite for any**

scout who plans to attend NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) which is held by Chester County Council in May. We encourage all scouts to attend this unique training course, which touches on lots of important and advanced leadership concepts! Besides, NYLT is a lot of fun!

Please contact Scott Shreve or Vince Piotti with any questions about either of these events.



October Trip - Chester County Council's Zomboree

During the weekend of October 18-20 the troop attended the council's Zomboree event. On Saturday, the boys got in a good hike as well as completing the Orienteering Course. If your scout had not yet completed the orienteering requirement for 2nd Class, please have them see their patrol leader to have it signed off!

Almost all of the boys who attended the trip participated in making dinner. They were enthusiastic about chopping vegetables!

Thank you to all of the adults who were involved in organizing and attending the trip - Lauren Feldman, Ted Huck, Jordan Nadel, Sung Oh and Mike Coulter. Special thanks to Mr. Oh for expertly pulling the troop trailer!



Both Patrols chose to make Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup. One patrol made foil packet biscuits. The boys practiced good knife skills and really enjoyed a delicious hot meal they made themselves.



Upcoming December Camping

December 13-15th will be our December camping Trip. We will be going to camp at Horseshoe Scout Reservation. We will be staying in the Roberts Lodge, which is a cabin heated by a woodstove. The facility holds 32, and provides a small segregated area which can accommodate any moms who would like to attend.

Details will be shared via YahooGroups as we get closer to the trip date.



Finance Committee Meeting

On November 30 there will be a morning meeting held of the Finance Committee. This is our annual meeting to discuss troop finances, spending, determine the dues amount, etc. All parents are invited to attend. The meeting will be in the morning at the Dernoga's home. Details will follow via YahooGroups.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dernoga or Ramesh Raghupathi.

Cooking Merit Badge and Troop Cooking Program

Does your scout need the Cooking Merit Badge? This badge will soon be Eagle-required and the requirements will be updated. Any scout that completes the badge under the current requirements prior to January 1, 2014 will be able to count the current badge in his completed Eagle badges. If your scout does not yet have this badge, please encourage him to speak to either Mr. Dernoga or Mrs. Nadel. Both are Cooking Merit Badge Counselors and can help your scout. Do it soon as we are quickly approaching the end of the year!

In October, the scouts focused on a One Pot Meal and were given 3 soup recipes to choose from for the campout. A knife skills and knife safety demonstration was given.

Please encourage and allow your scout to help you in the kitchen. Practicing his new skills will help him in scouting and in life!

HEARTY CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

8 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp oil
- 3 to 4 large ribs of celery, diced
- 1 bag of matchstick-cut carrots, chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 32 ounce carton of chicken broth, reduced sodium
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 4 soup cans of water
- 2 bags Perdue ShortCuts Original cooked chicken breast, chopped
- 1 small can of corn kernels
- 3 cups uncooked thin egg noodles

Directions

- 1) Over medium low heat, in a large pot, cook the celery, carrots and onion in the oil.
- 2) Once the vegetables have softened and the onion is translucent, add the chicken broth, can of soup and the water to the pot.
- 3) Increase the heat to medium and bring the soup to a simmer.
- 4) Add the can of corn, egg noodles and chopped chicken to the pot. Cook 5 minutes longer or until noodles and vegetables are tender.

Important Training Courses for our Troop

Upcoming Council training is available for both Adults and Youth. Please consider attending these training courses:

A couple of courses are required to be an ASM: **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training (IOLST)**. This is an overnight camping experience offered only a few times a year. There is a course coming up in November.

Scoutmaster Specific Training is a day-long course held by Chester County Council

throughout the year. This is the second part of the requirement to be a designated Assistant Scoutmaster. Courses will be held November 16 and December 7. Sign up is available via the link below.



Scoutmaster Specific (Nov 16)

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/scoutmaster-specific-training/1422053>

FULL LIST of Chester County Upcoming Training Events

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/list/713>

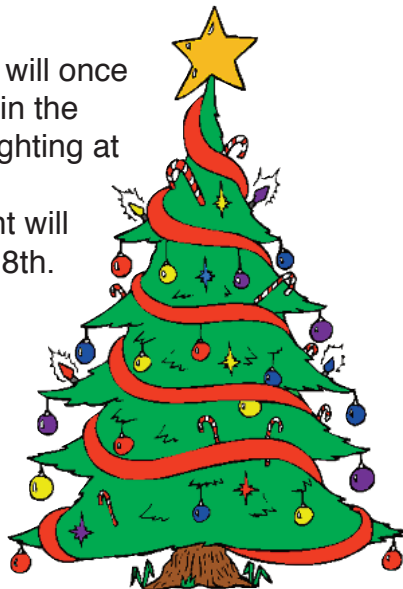
Fundraising - Popcorn Sale

Popcorn is in! If you have not yet picked yours up from the Feldman family, please get in touch with them to arrange a time!

Upcoming Community Service

DECEMBER

In December, we will once again participate in the Christmas Tree lighting at the Berwyn Train Station. The event will be on December 8th.



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

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.

Advancement Notes

If you have a Star or Life Scout who is looking for an Eagle Service Project, you may want to encourage him to get in touch with Mr. Piotti. Several opportunities have presented themselves: The Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge may have some outdoor landscaping and beautification projects. Also, Surrey Services will have landscaping projects which may be good Eagle service opportunities.

As always, 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.

The troop has a large number of scouts who will be looking for projects in the next year or two. If you are able to help a scout connect with a project, please do!

High Adventure - Philmont

Scouts attending Philmont 2014 should plan to attend the first training hike on Sunday November 17th at 1:00pm. Please meet at the Washington's Headquarters Parking lot at Valley Forge Park. Bring a backpacking pack that weighs at least 25 pounds. Be sure to bring 2 full water bottles or water bladders.

This hike is only for Philmont participants, as they are learning to hike as teams.

Contact Ted Huck with any questions about the hike.

If you were unable to attend the Gear Night held by Council, please take some time to visit the Council website and view

the powerpoint presentation from the event. A lot of helpful information about gear needed and not needed is included.

The 4 most critical pieces of equipment your scout will need are:
properly fitted backpack (65 to 80L), sleeping bag (30 degree rating, under 5lbs), properly fitted, well broken in boots (buy no later than March) and Rain gear (pants and a jacket, no Frogg Togs).



Philmont Gear Presentation

<http://www.cccbsa.org/images/highadventure/philmont2014/Gear%20Clinic%202013-Final.pdf>

Gear Websites

www.scoutdirect.com

www.rei.com

www.sierratradingpost.com

www.backcountrygear.com

www.ebay.com (Used gear)

www.campmor.com

www.ems.com

www.cabelas.com

www.craigslist.org (used gear)

Troop Committee

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Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

Ed Maier– Camping Committee Chair

610-725-8095

Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair

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Michael Dernoga - Court of Honor Chair

610-647-3994

Ted Huck – Cabin Committee Chair

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Please see the troop roster for the

Youth Leadership contact information.

Calendar of Key Events

November 12 - Troop Meeting - BUMC -
7:30PM

November 16-17 - Recruiting Campout
BUMC

November 19 - Equipment Return - BUMC
Shed - 7:30PM

November 24 - ILST - BUMC -
2:00 - 7:00PM

November 26 - Troop Meeting - BUMC -
7:30PM

November 30 - Finance Committee Mtg

November 30 - Eagle Court of Honor
BUMC - 3:00PM

December 8 - Community Service - Berwyn
Train Station Tree Lighting

December 13-15 - Camping at Horseshoe

Adult Leadership

Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

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Assistant Scout Masters

Geoff DiDario

Joe Linderman

Joe DiGiorgio

Jordan Nadel

Jason Feldman

Jeff Paolizzi

Joe Franz

Vince Piotti

Ted Huck

Scott Wilson

Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2014 dates:

Sunday June 29 to

Sunday July 6