



Newsletter



November Camping

The planning for our annual Webelos Weekend is well underway! This event will occur on **November 15th-16th** at the Berwyn United Methodist Church. Each year, we invite local packs to come out and camp with us for one night and experience our scouts in action.

Plans for the weekend include our scouts taking the webelos through various stations and activities, which will include first aid, fire building, archery, and rocketry. During these activities, adults will have a chance to get to know our parents and learn about the troop.

Following these stations, Webelos are invited to stay overnight and experience dinner, dutch oven desserts, a campfire program and flag retirement ceremony. Webelos dens must have adult supervision in order to stay overnight.

Adults are needed throughout the afternoon on Saturday and to stay overnight.

Troop 181 scouts are expected to arrive at BUMC at 12:00 on Saturday for set up. No lunch will be served, so please eat before you arrive. Webelos scouts will arrive between 1:00 and 1:30. During the afternoon, scouts and webelos will all have the opportunity to work within a patrol and shoot rockets, try their skills at the archery range and

Designate your United Way Funds

Please consider designating your contribution to United Way to "**Friends of Troop 181**" EIN 27-1814192 Friends provides benefit directly back to our organization. Recently, Friends has purchased troop equipment and our troop trailer.

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practice some first aid skills. Later in the afternoon, a firebuilding demonstration will take place.

Dinner will be served, as well as traditional dutch oven desserts. Following dinner, the scouts will have the opportunity to learn how to properly dispose of the american flag in a flag retirement ceremony. This will be followed by a campfire program with skits.

Breakfast will be served between 7 and 8:00, followed by camp clean up. The event should conclude by 9:00am Sunday.

Much planning has been done by Mr. Paolizzi and his committee, so please thank them for their efforts!

This Month's Meetings

Nov 11th- Class B - BUMC -
7:30 PM - Bring Food for Scouting
Donations

Nov 18th – Equipment Return- BUMC -
7:30 PM

Nov 25th - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Dec 2nd - Class A - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Take Your Online Youth Protection Training NOW!

In August, the Chester County Council Executive Board unanimously approved a new policy to help keep our Scouts safer both in Scouting and in their daily lives. Effective with the upcoming re-charter period, Youth Protection Training (YPT) for leaders must be current throughout the entire 12 months of the charter period in order to reregister. This new policy will require that all leaders renew their YPT annually.

In order for the troop to include you on our recharter this fall, your training record must show that you have updated your training, even if you are not close to your two-year renewal date

Please retake the course NOW. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time and will help the troop.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to **www.myscouting.org**. If this is your first time here click 'Create an Account' to create a username and password, then enter your member ID number if you know it.

If you don't remember your log-in information there is a link for username and password help on the log-in screen. There is also a link to Frequently Asked Questions. If you are still unable to log in after trying these you can call the Member Care desk at 972-580-2489 or email myscouting@netbsa.org.

Link your Member ID Number. Under My Profile on the left of the screen, click Update My Profile. By adding your member ID, all completed training is automatically recorded for you.

Scroll down the screen to Membership Info. Enter our council – from the drop down list select Chester County Council – West Chester, PA #539. Enter your Member ID# and click Save Profile.

If you have already linked your ID Number, then it will appear at the bottom of the Membership Info section.



If you are having trouble linking your ID number you can still take Youth Protection Training! Simply skip this part and go straight to Take YPT!

Take YPT!

Under the Training menu on the left of the screen, click E-Learning. By default the General tab will be up and Youth Protection Training is the link at the top. Simply click on the link to start the training, it should take about 30 minutes. If you have linked your ID number you're all done, the training will automatically update in our database. If you have not linked your ID number, move on to the next paragraph.

If you have not linked your ID, please send a copy of your training certificate to Sherri Gartner. To do so, choose the option to print the certificate at the end of the training. Caution! When the training is complete you will also have the option to view a letter from the Scout Executive before printing your certificate. When you close the letter it may close your browser session. You will have to log into MyScouting again to print the certificate. Email your completed certificate to ypt@cccbsa.org or fax to 610-696-3389.

**If you have any questions, let us help!
Email us at ypt@cccbsa.org.**

Upcoming Parents Meeting

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

Upcoming Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILST)

If your scout is First Class or above already, or soon will be, and he is considering attending NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) in the spring, he is required to have some training at the troop level. The troop is currently planning to hold this training over the next two weeks

The first session will be held from Tuesday November 11th from 5-7:15PM. The second session will take place on November 18th from 6-8:30PM.

As we did successfully last year, our trained Scouts will teach much of the course. If your scout would like to take this training, he should contact Vince Piotti, our Advancement Chair as soon as possible.



Upcoming Camping Trips

DECEMBER

The December Camping trip will be to Camp Horseshoe for Cabin Camping. The dates of this trip are December 12th - 14th.

JANUARY

Our annual Ski & Snowboard Trip will be January 9th - 11th. We will be going to Jack Frost mountain in the Poconos.

Scouting for Food Campaign



Every November, Scouts across America gather food for charitable organizations in their area. It is now time for us to gather the non-perishables and get them ready to deliver to a local food pantry.

This Tuesday, November 11th is our troop food collection night. Please remember to bring all of the food items your scout has collected to the meeting. During the meeting the scouts will be sorting, counting and loading the food into cars for delivery.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sherri Gartner.

October Camping Report

Our camping weekend in October was spent at the Ockanickon Scout Reservation in Bucks County. We had 15 scouts and 3 adults attend.

The scouts participated in a low ropes course on Saturday morning. The activities included a series of team building exercises, which allowed the scouts to work on listening to each other and facilitating cooperation. Due to weather, the high ropes course was closed for the afternoon, and the scouts instead had the opportunity to climb and rappel on the climbing tower. In addition, the scouts and adults played a game of touch football.

Once back at the campsite, scouts cooked a good dinner. One patrol cooked a one-pot chicken and noodle dish which was a big hit. The second patrol made delicious pizza quesadillas.

Evan N. led the scouts in a few skits and songs around the campfire.

Thank you to Mr. Maier for organizing the trip and to Mr. Shreve for running it.



What Happens to a Scout?

from scouting.org

For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

- **RARELY** will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- **4** will become Eagle Scouts
- **17** will become future Scout volunteers
- **12** will have their first contact with a church
- **1** will enter the clergy
- **5** will earn their church award
- **18** will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- **8** will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- **1** will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- **1** will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person

Eagle Scout Service Projects

If your scout is looking for an Eagle Project opportunity, please contact Vince Piotti, our Advancement chair. He has some organizations who have expressed an interest in having some work done.

There are a large group of scouts who are at various stages of their Service Projects. Several are finishing up, others are mid-project, and several more are close to being approved. If you are aware of an organization that has a potential project for one of our scouts, please contact Vince Piotti.

If your scout needs service hours for rank advancement, helping out on an Eagle Scout Service Project is a great way to earn them! Also, as an adult, please make an effort to go out and see what our scouts can do! It is a great way to get to know the boys and see their leadership abilities first hand.



Counselor-in-Training Program

If your scout is interested in becoming a Counselor at Camp Horseshoe, now is the time to sign up online! In order to participate in the CIT (counselor-in-training) program, he must be 14 by June 13, 2015. Click on the link below for the application form:

<https://hsr-bsa.doubleknot.com/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=40628&OrgKey=834>

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

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Michael Dernoga - Court of Honor Chair

610-647-3994

Ted Huck – Cabin Committee Chair

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Michael Dernoga – Finance Committee Chair

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Ed Maier- Quartermaster

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Jeff Paolizzi – Recruiting Coordinator

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

Calendar of Key Events

Nov 11th- Meeting - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Nov 18th – Equipment Return- BUMC - 7:30 PM

Nov 25th - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Dec 2nd - Meeting - BUMC - 7:30 PM

November 15-16 - Webelos Weekend Campout, BUMC

December 12-14 - Camp Horseshoe Campout

January 9-11 - Ski Trip, Jack Frost

July 2015 - Sea Base High Adventure

Adult Leadership

Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

Assistant Scout Masters

Geoff DiDario

Jeff Paolizzi

Jason Feldman

Vince Piotti

Ted Huck

Jordan Nadel

Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2015 dates:

**Sunday June 28 to
Sunday July 5**

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.