



Newsletter



Great Job 181!!

If you think Lancaster Ave/Route 30 is looking a little cleaner in Berwyn this week, that's because it is. Members of Boy Scout Troop 181 teamed up with volunteers from the Berwyn-Devon Business and Professional Association to pick up trash. Community Service is a big part of scouting, and this opportunity allowed our boys to make a difference right here at home.

And we even made the news! Read the article from the Patch at the following link:



<http://te.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/volunteers-help-make-berwyn-beautiful>

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 or Sherri Gartner with requests or concerns.

This Month's Meetings

Oct 15th - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM
Bring your Permission forms and money, Scout handbook

Oct 22nd – EQUIPMENT RETURN -
BUMC Shed - 7:30 PM

Oct 29th - Class B - Cabin - 7:30 PM
Bring Flashlight and handbook

Complete YPT Now!

We are about to go 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!

September Trip - Gettysburg 150th Anniversary Encampment

The past camping trip to Gettysburg was extremely special; this year commemorated the 150th anniversary of the historic battle site! The scouts hiked in the footsteps of the soldiers that fought there in July of 1863 and visited various stations along the way where they learned about the Civil War, life of a soldier, and geography of Gettysburg. Also, all 23 scouts completed the Johnny Reb trail and earned the missing segment to the Gettysburg Patch Set! Thanks to Mr. Christner for planning this trip and thanks to all the adults who participated!



Some of the boys met the Great Nephew of Danial Martin Kemp who was the Confederate Army courier for General Stonewall Jackson and General Armistead.



Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 3rd 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.

High Adventure - Philmont

Please be aware that the next payment for the Philmont 2014 trip is due. You should have received an email from Council with your payment schedule. You can make payments online as well.

If your son is still interested in this trip, there is space on our two crews for additional participants. Please contact Ted Huck to discuss anything regarding the trip. Sign ups are handled through Council, but you should also let Ted know.

Fundraising - Popcorn Sale

This year, our scouts have an opportunity to earn some money for their scout accounts! Lauren Feldman is organizing the sale for the troop. Order forms and Popcorn flyers are available NOW. Orders are due to Mrs. Feldman no later than October 20th. Popcorn will be delivered November 9th.

Several opportunities to sell popcorn are available. See YahooGroups for details.

40% of the popcorn amount will be credited directly into your scout's personal account. Funds in the scout account can be used for trips, summer camp, high adventure, or even gear. Should your son need new boots, a warmer sleeping bag or any other scout related gear, all you need to do is provide the receipt, and funds from the scout's account will be reimbursed.

Selling popcorn is also a great way to support council programs and facilities. Please encourage your scout to sell popcorn in his Class A uniform, and always sell with a buddy!

October Camping Trip

Zomboree! This event is being planned by the Chester County Council and will be held at French Creek State Park the weekend of October 18-20. The program is intended as a team building experience. Lauren Feldman will be the adult managing the trip plans - Thank you Lauren for volunteering your time! Look for YahooGroups messages with the necessary forms and information.

As always, please consider participating in

troop campouts! As a parent, you will gain insight into how the boys run the trips, you will get to know the other adults a little better, and you will have fun.



Zomboree Event Details

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/document/2013-zomboree-packet/128908>

Cooking Merit Badge and Troop Cooking Program

One of the skills identified by the Scout Leadership as a focus for this year is Cooking. This is timely because the Cooking Merit Badge will become an Eagle-required badge as of January 1, 2014.

The merit badge requirements will be changing, but any scout that completes the badge under the current requirements prior to that date will be able to count that 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.

In September, the scouts had the first of their monthly cooking demonstrations. They learned how to make No-Mess Omelets and Chicken Quesadillas.

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

November Campout - Recruiting Weekend

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 various stations and introducing them to scout skills. A highlight of the event is a campfire program at the end of the evening, and hopefully some excellent dutch oven desserts.

Jeff Paolizzi is our Parent organizer of this event for the second or third year. Thank you for your time, Pao!

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

Orienteering Program

The boys were treated to a great presentation about Orienteering by the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association (DVOA).

Mary Frank from the DVOA explained about Orienteering across the world, as well as opportunities to get into Orienteering locally. A short demonstration on Orienteering and maps allowed the boys to use a compass and map.

Permanent orienteering courses are available at both Ridley Creek State Park and French Creek State Park. Scouts are required to learn how to orienteer for some rank advancements.

Registration for the DVOA Fall Orienteering Festival is now open. A full weekend of



orienteering festivities with two days of Classic Orienteering at French Creek and Hay Creek, and one day of Trail Orienteering on the weekend of November 16th-17th. Wine tasting, dinner, and more! Visit www.dvoa.org for more information.

There will be a Mid-Atlantic Scout Orienteering Championship on May 3rd 2014 at French Creek State Park.

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>

Merit Badge Opportunities in the Community

Several local organizations offer Merit Badges to Scouts periodically. Jennifer Hitt will be collecting the information and reporting on opportunities to keep the troop aware of what's going on. Thank you Jennifer for volunteering!

Signing up for these badges will be handled by each scout on an individual basis. Some upcoming opportunities are as follows: Great Valley Nature Center offers the following badges: Bird Study, Canoeing, Geocaching, Herpetology, Indian Lore, Nature and Wilderness Survival. Please visit the following link for more information:

http://gvnc.org/Boy_Scout_Badges.html

Also, the Wayne Art Center will be having a Pottery Merit Badge Session on two Sundays in November. This one fills up fast, so please do not delay if your son is interested in attending. Please visit this link for details:

<http://www.wayneart.org/events/index.php?id=352>

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@yahogroups.com

Remember that any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahogroups.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.

Upcoming Community Service

NOVEMBER

November 2nd is the Zombie Run held by the Diamond Rock District of Chester County Council. The Phoenixville Zombie Run is at 9:00am at Reeves Park in Phoenixville. It features a 5K Traditional Run, a 1K Walk & Fun Run, and a 5K "Survivor Race" + there will also be a "Fun Day" in Reeves Park, with activities for kids of all ages!

The Phoenixville Zombie Run is currently looking for Boy Scouts who are interested in being transformed into Zombies for the day of the run. Makeup will be provided on-site at the run (or you can get into character before you arrive), and you will join the Zombies trying to stop the competitors of the Survivor Race from getting to the finish line with all of their flags (every runner in the Survivor Race will have 3 of them). All Scouts participating as Zombies will receive a patch for their service as members of the "Zombie Patrol", and there will also be a competition for the coveted Top Zombie prize, for the most flags captured! If any adult Scouters are interested in becoming Zombies for the event, we will be happy to Zombify you for the event as well! For more information on the event or volunteering, please contact - phoenixvillezombieun@gmail.com

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.

We encourage scouts to get out to one or more of these events. Service is an important part of scouting, and also helps the boys with their rank advancement!

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 is ready for trips, and was very helpful on the trip to Gettysburg in September. 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.

Troop Committee

Sherri Gartner – Troop Committee Chair

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Scott Shreve - Scoutmaster

610-688-3005

Ed Maier– Camping Committee Chair

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Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair

610-296-9058

Michael Dernoga - Court of Honor Chair

610-647-3994

Ted Huck – Cabin Committee Chair

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Kathy Nadel – Newsletter

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Michael Dernoga – Finance Committee Chair

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Jason Feldman- Quartermaster

610-251-2332

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

Calendar of Key Events

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November 16-17 - Recruiting Campout
BUMC

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

Jordan Nadel

Joe DiGiorgio

Jeff Paolizzi

Jason Feldman

Vince Piotti

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Ted Huck

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Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2014 dates:

**Sunday June 29 to
Sunday July 6**