



# Newsletter



## Adults Need to Update Your Youth Protection Training

It is time very important that all adults in the troop be aware of a new council rule regarding Youth Protection training. 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.

Please retake the course this month. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time and will help the troop. For detailed instruction on how to take your training online, see page 2 of this newsletter.

*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.*

## Upcoming Service Project for the Church

As part of giving back to the Berwyn United Methodist Church for all of the things they do for us, we will be working to complete the maintenance to the shed building. On **October 18th at 10am** we will be working to finalize the repairs to the chimney and windows as well as whitewashing the exterior of the building.

Please put this on your calendar! Scouts can count this as service hours toward rank advancement.



## This Month's Meetings

**Oct 14th-** Equipment Return - BUMC - 7:30 PM

**Oct 21st –** Class A - BUMC - 7:30 PM  
THIS IS OUR CLASS A MEETING THIS MONTH

**Oct 28th-** Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

## How to take your online Youth Protection Training

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to [www.myscouting.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:ypt@cccbsa.org) or fax to 610-696-3389.

**If you have any questions, let us help!  
Email us at [ypt@cccbsa.org](mailto:ypt@cccbsa.org).**

## September Camping - Beach Jam

Our first campout of the year was a trip to Wildwood, New Jersey to Beach Jam. This was a great opportunity to camp on the beach and to for the boys to have plenty of free time to explore the rides and amusements at Morey's Pier.

This event is always enjoyed by the scouts, and is an easy way to start the year as there is no need for cooking.

Thanks to Ed Maier for organizing this trip and for all he does to facilitate camping throughout the scout year.

## Cabin Repairs Needed

We have had some vandalism and a break in at our Cabin in Airdrie Preserve. The back door has been badly damaged and is currently in need of replacement. In addition, someone broke the windows (plexiglass) at the side of the cabin. Thankfully, there was very little damage inside the cabin.

If you are interested in helping to replace these items, please contact Ted Huck for details on when the repairs will happen.

## Giving Bean Coffee and Tea Fundraiser



You may have noticed that your scout brought home an order sheet for Giving Bean. Our scouts have the opportunity to sell coffee, tea and biscotti until the beginning of November. The items will be branded with our own Troop 181 insignia.

For each \$12 item, the scout will earn \$5 which goes into his personal "scout account" These funds can help defray costs for any trip or for Summer Camp. In addition, he is able to use the funds toward any scout-related equipment or clothing. Simply provide a

receipt for the item in order to be reimbursed.

If your scout is working on an Eagle Scout Service Project and will need to raise money for it, the funds he earns are also available for that purpose.

Please encourage your scout to participate in this fundraiser! Thanks go to Rodger Cottrell for organizing this opportunity.

## Upcoming Parents Meeting

**The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 2nd 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.

## November Webelos Weekend

Our November camping trip will also be our yearly Webelos overnight. This event will occur on November 14-15th 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. In order to get plenty of Webelos out and participating in this event, we are in need of a few parents to serve as ambassadors. This would involve introducing yourself via email to the Cubmaster and the Den leaders, inviting them to come to a meeting and the November campout and following up with them to answer questions and encourage boys to join our troop.

Plans for the weekend include the scouts taking the webelos through various stations and activities, which may include first aid, fire building, cooking, orienteering, archery, etc. During these activities, adults 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 cooking, a campfire program and flag retirement ceremony. Webelos dens must have adult supervision in order to stay overnight.

If you are able to help out by becoming an ambassador for Troop 181, please contact either Jeff Paolizzi or Scott Shreve.

As always, we will need adults on hand at the event and overnight! Please consider joining us during this event. This is an easy one - close to home and no latrines!

## Photos Needed

thank you to Matt Johnston for working on an updated slideshow presentation which will be used at the Webelos Weekend. Matt needs your photos and short videos to include in this show. Please upload them into the photos folder on Yahoo Groups ASAP!

## William T. Hornaday Awards

William T. Hornaday awards are presented for distinguished service in natural resource conservation for units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Boy Scouts may earn the Hornaday Badge or the Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal.



### William T. Hornaday Badge

To be eligible for the Hornaday Badge, presented by the local council, a Boy Scout must do the following:

- 1) Earn First Class rank.
- 2) Plan, lead, and carry out at least one project from one of the categories listed below.
- 3) Complete the requirements for any three of the merit badges listed in bold. In addition, complete any two of the others listed.

### William T. Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal

To be eligible for these awards, granted by the National Council, a Boy Scout must do the following:

- 1) Earn First Class rank.
- 2) For the bronze medal: Plan, lead, and carry out three projects from three separate categories listed. For the silver medal: Plan, lead, and carry out four projects from four separate categories listed (see the next page).
- 3) Earn the Environmental Science merit badge. For the bronze medal: Earn at least three more merit badges listed in bold, plus any two others listed. For the silver medal: Earn all six merit badges in bold and any other three.

### Project Categories

Energy conservation  
 Soil and water conservation  
 Fish and wildlife management  
 Forestry and range management  
 Air and water pollution control  
 Resource recovery (recycling)  
 Hazardous material disposal and management  
 Invasive species control

### Merit Badges

**Energy**  
**Environmental Science**  
**Fish and Wildlife Management**  
**Forestry**  
**Public Health**  
**Soil and Water Conservation**  
 Bird Study  
 Fishing  
 Gardening  
 Geology  
 Insect Study  
 Landscape Architecture  
 Mammal Study  
 Nature  
 Nuclear Science  
 Oceanography  
 Plant Science  
 Pulp and Paper  
 Reptile and Amphibian Study  
 Weather

Detailed information about the William T. Hornaday Awards, including application forms, are available online.

## Upcoming Introduction to Leadership Skills Training

If your scout is First Class or above 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 on several Tuesday evenings in November prior to the regular meeting.

If your scout would like to take this training, he should contact Vince Piotti, our Advancement Chair.



## 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.



At the September Committee Meeting, Colin Hitt got his project approved. He will be working on refurbishing a structure at his church for use by the youth group.

There are a large group of scouts who are at various stages of their Service Projects. Several are finishing up, others are just getting started, 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! Be on the lookout for YahooGroups emails with opportunities to keep them involved over the summer.

## Scouting for Food Chair Needed

Every November, Scouts across America gather food for charitable organizations in their area. Troop 181 is in need of an adult to organize this effort.

This year, the campaign in Chester County runs from the 2nd Saturday in November when the Scouts drop off bags on their neighbors doors, to the 3rd Saturday in November when they return to those same homes and pick up the bags. Once the bags have been picked up, count the total items, deliver them to local pantries, churches, or another local agency that feeds the hungry in our commu-

nity and then complete the online report.

Please contact Sherri Gartner if you are able to facilitate this important program.



## 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

**Ed Maier**- Quartermaster

610-725-8095

**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

**October 14** - Equip Return, BUMC, 7:30pm

**October 18** - Shed Service Project, 10am

**October 21** - Meeting, BUMC, 7:30pm

**October 28** - Meeting, BUMC, 7:30pm

**November 14-15** - Webelos Weekend Campout, BUMC

**July 2015** - SeaBase 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**