



Newsletter



Welcome Back - An Exciting Year is Ahead

The new scout year has begun and we are anticipating a very exciting year! The new SPL/ASPL are Nathan and Massy, and they have identified a few areas that they want to work on this year. Those areas are: First Aid, Orienteering and Cooking. Each month, scouts and adults will be working together to demonstrate and guide the troop in these skills. Dr. DiDario will be overseeing the First Aid, and Mr. Dernoga and Mrs. Nadel will be working on the Cooking program.

The scout leadership has planned their calendar for a variety of weekend campouts, including some new locations and activities. Adults are needed to help with the organization and reservations required each month. If you are able to help plan the trip, make neces-

sary reservations and phone calls, collect permission forms and any fees associated with the event, please contact

Ed Maier, our Camping Coordinator. It is helpful if you are able to attend the trip as well.

Please plan to attend our monthly Parent Meetings which are generally held the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 in the church library. Attending these meeting will provide you with the information needed to help your scout "Be Prepared" for meetings and trips.



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

Sept 17th - Class B - Cabin - 7:30 PM

Sept 24th - Class B - BUMC - 7:30 PM

Oct 1st - EQUIPMENT RETURN - Shed - 7:30 PM

Upcoming Service Opportunity

On September 21st, the troop will be participating in a community clean up along Lancaster Avenue in Berwyn. If you scout needs service hours for their next rank advancement, please be on the lookout for sign up request via YahooGroups. The event will be held from 10am - 12 pm. The organizers are looking for approximately 10 scouts to help, and of course to comply with BSA Youth Protection rules, some adults will need to participate.

September Trip - Gettysburg 150th Anniversary Encampment



Thanks to Gene Christner for coordinating this trip! We have a limited number of spots available for this trip. If your scout is interested in attending but has yet to sign up, please contact Gene Christner immediately.

The New Birth of Freedom Council is partnering with The Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg National Military Park to conduct this rare “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to actually camp on an important historic site from the Battle of Gettysburg.

The cost of the trip is \$37, payable to Troop 181. This will cover the fees for the programming in Gettysburg, an event T-shirt, and the gas contribution to the drivers. Mr. Christner and Mr. Raghupathi are accepting the trip fee. In addition, the normal \$15 for food should be brought in cash to the Patrol leader on September 24th.

The scouts will be bringing their dinner with them on Friday night, September 27th. Please watch YahooGroups for meeting times. Please also watch the weather so your scout is prepared with the proper clothing and sleeping bag. Rain gear is ALWAYS required.

Should you have any questions, contact Gene Christner.

Complete YPT Now!

Adults are asked to take a few minutes to go online to www.MyScouting.org to take the Youth Protection Course. 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 it will be easy for the troop to keep track of when you completed the training because 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!

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! Because we will need to reserve spots for this trip relatively shortly, please watch for specifics via YahooGroups so we can get a head count quickly.

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.

Detailed Gettysburg Encampment information

<http://newbirthoffreedom.org/blog/2013/gettysburg-150th-anniversary-encampment/>

Zomboree Event Details

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

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 6th at BUMC. Please be aware that from now on 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 22nd. 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!

Eagle Scout News

We have an Eagle Court of Honor scheduled for Mike Ryczyn on November 30th. Please save the date so your scout can attend and participate in the ceremony! This is a very important celebration for Mike and his family, and can also give your scout something to work toward in his own scouting career.

Also, we have two scouts with approved projects that will be starting this fall. Bryce Gartner will be refurbishing the Bullpen at Capelliti Field at the Field of Dreams. He plans to schedule several work days in October. Troy Gartner will be working on extending



the brick walkway at the Field of Dreams complex beginning this fall. Please look for YahooGroups announcements and sign up to support these scouts and their projects. Your scout will earn service hours that can help him with rank advancement.

If you are aware of any potential Eagle Scout Projects, please contact Vince Piotti. We have a large number of Star and Life scouts who will be looking for ideas in the upcoming year or two.

Camping Schedule for the 2013-2014 Scouting year

DATE	DESTINATION	ACTIVITY	ADULT LEADER
September 27-29	Gettysburg, PA	National Park Service Programming	Gene Christner
October 18-20	French Creek State Park	Zomboree- Zombee themed Council Event	Lauren Feldman
November 16-17	BUMC	Recruiting event for Webelos	Jeff Paolizzi
December 13-15	Camp Horseshoe	Winter Camping	OPEN
January 10-12	Camp Henson, MD	Archery	OPEN
February 14-16	Jack Frost, Poconos	Ski Trip	Jordan Nadel/ Scott Shreve
March 14-16	Appalachian Trail	Hiking/Backpacking	OPEN
April 25-27	Ricketts Glen, PA	Hiking/Camping	OPEN
May TBD	Lehigh River, PA	Whitewater Rafting	OPEN
June TBD	Lehigh Bike Trail, PA	Cycling Trip	OPEN
June 29-July 6	Camp Horseshoe	Summer Camp	Susan Huck
September 2014	Wildwood, NJ	Beach Jam/Merit badges	OPEN

The dates on the above schedule are tentative. As we plan and make reservations, it is sometimes necessary to change the weekend due to problems with campsite availability, programs being full etc. Please bear with us as we finalize the schedule.

Adults are needed to help out with the planning of the monthly campouts. There are several openings as indicated on the schedule. If you are able to help out by making the necessary plans for one of

these campouts, please contact Ed Maier, our camping coordinator. As the Adult Leader, you would be responsible for making reservations, collecting permission forms and any required fees, designating the schedule for travel, coordinating drivers, and providing the information needed to complete the tour plan required by council. It is helpful if you are able to attend the trip as well. Ed Maier is there to support you, so you are not on your own!

Important Training Courses for you and Your Scout

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. The registration for the course on October 5 and 6 at Camp Jarvis is available for registration now at the CCCBSA website. Only the first 48 Scouters who sign up can participate.

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 October 12th, November 16 and December 7. Sign up is available via the link below.



For your Scout:

Den Chief Training

If your Scout is First Class or above and is looking for a rewarding leadership position, they should consider being trained as a Den Chief. The job requires the Boy Scout to help a cub scout den learn skills that will help them become better scouts. The training is being held Sept 28 and October 5th. Sign ups are available at the link below:

IOLST Training (Oct 5-6)

<https://www.doubleknot.com/event/1307715>

Scoutmaster Specific (Nov 16)

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

Den Chief Training (Oct 5th)

<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/den-chief-training/1307728>

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 Wilder-

ness 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>

Upcoming Community Service

The Troop has committed to several community service activities. In addition to the Clean Up in Berwyn on September 21st detailed on Page 1, Troop 181 will be helping out at the Zombie Run in Phoenixville on November 2nd. This will involve various staffing positions at the event.

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!

Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts, long sleeve shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase. An order will be placed within the week. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact Michele Harvey NOW 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.

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 will be ready for trips and summer camp very soon. 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*

610- 408-9384

Scott Shreve - *Scoutmaster*

610-688-3005

Ed Maier– *Camping Committee Chair*

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Vince Piotti – *Advancement Committee Chair*

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Michael Dernoga - *Court of Honor Chair*

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Ted Huck – *Cabin Committee Chair*

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Kathy Nadel – *Newsletter*

610-578-0603

Michael Dernoga – *Finance Committee Chair*

610-647-3994

Jason Feldman- *Quartermaster*

610-251-2332

Cathy Rains – *Training Coordinator*

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Jack Campbell - *Charter Organization Representative*

Jeff Paolizzi – *Recruiting Coordinator*

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Jeff Paolizzi - *Friends of Scouting Chair*

610-647-8951

Ramesh Raghupathi- *Treasurer*

610-647-7022

Susan Huck - *Summer Camp Coordinator*

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Ted Huck - *High Adventure Coordinator*

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Michele Harvey- *Registrar*

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Lauren Feldman - *Fundraising Coordinator*

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

Calendar of Key Events

September 17 - Meeting @ Cabin, 7:30pm

September 21 - Berwyn Clean Up, 10am

September 24 - Meeting @ BUMC, 7:30pm

September 27-29 - Gettysburg Trip

October 1 - Equipment Return @BUMC, 7:30pm

October 18-20 - Zomboree Campout - French Creek State Park

November 2 - Zombie Run Service Project

November 16-17 - Recruiting Campout BUMC

Adult Leadership

Scott Shreve - *Scoutmaster*

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Assistant Scout Masters

Geoff DiDario

Jordan Nadel

Joe DiGiorgio

Jeff Paolizzi

Jason Feldman

Vince Piotti

Joe Franz

Scott Wilson

Ted Huck

Joe Linderman

Mark your Calendars!



Summer Camp 2014 dates:

**Sunday June 29 to
Sunday July 6**