

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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## Court of Honor & Friends of Scouting



The next **Court of Honor** is **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** at BUMC. We will also kickoff the annual **Friends of Scouting** fundraising event. Please come out and support our hardworking Scouts and the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America. **CLASS A REQUIRED.**



## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please plan to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for **Sean Miller and Vincent Szupica** on **Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Achieving the highest rank in Boy Scouting is an achievement to celebrate. Please arrive in Class A uniform at **BUMC at 2:00pm**. All scouts should try to attend.

## Klondike Derby

Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Klondike Derby** to be held at **Valley Creek Park in Malvern on February 9** from 8:30am to 3:30pm. *Troop 181 is the two-time defending champion of this grand event.* The troop has 2 sleds ready to go for the event. Meet at **BUMC at 8am** and plan to be home by 4pm. **Hiking boots are required – NO sneakers will be allowed** on the course. **Bring your permission slips and lots of energy.** Lunch will be

provided. Thanks to the Christners for coordinating the Derby!



## Scout Sunday

**February 10<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday at BUMC.** The Scouts will be leading the 10:30 am service and reading the scripture passages. **Please arrive at 10:15am.** Service is **one hour** and will end at 11:30am. **CLASS A REQUIRED.**



## February Ski Trip

The upcoming ski trip is scheduled for **February 22-24 at Camelback.** There are limited spots in the cabin, sign up now! Please contact **Mike Dixon.**



## First Aid Meet



The First Aid Meet will be held at **The Vanguard School (please note the different location)** on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1777 N Valley Rd Malvern, PA.**

Please arrive in Class A uniforms at **7:45 am**. See Gale Smith for more information.

### PLC NEWS

#### Feb. 5 –BUMC – Class A

- Klondike Derby Prep
- First Aid problem – Mrs. Smith
- Pets and Scholarship MB- Ms. Sharo

#### Feb. 12 - BUMC - Class A

- Winter Court of Honor
- Friends of Scouting Kickoff

#### Feb. 19 – BUMC – Class B

- Menus and Duty Rosters
- First Aid problem – Mrs. Smith

#### Feb. 24 – Next PLC Meeting



### Troop Swim @ Immaculata

The Troop Swim in the pool at Alumnae Hall at Immaculata will be on **Saturday, March 29 from 11am to 1pm**. This is a great opportunity for scouts to complete swimming requirements for various ranks. We will also invite **Webelos Scouts** to work on and complete their **Aquanaut Activity Badge**, so we will need lots of parent supervision help. **We need a couple of more qualified lifeguards to attend**. If you are one or know of one, please let Jack Warnock or David Miller know so we can ask for help.

### New Patrol Leaders

Congratulations to **Deri Harris and Mike Warnock** who were elected Patrol Leaders. Thanks to **Henry Szupica and Sam McCarty** for their service to the troop as Patrol Leaders.

### Troop Committee Chair Search

A Search Committee consisting of **David Miller, Mike Dixon and Cindy Sharo** has been formed to conduct a search for a new Troop Committee Chairperson to replace Jack Warnock who will resign his post effective at the end of the Court of Honor at summer camp in July. Please offer your support of their efforts with your suggestions for nominees. As soon as a selection can be made transition work can begin.

### Next Parents Meeting

The next parents meeting will be at **7:30pm on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at BUMC**. It is important to have at least one parent from each family attend and make their own commitments to our events rather than having them assigned to them.

### Adult Youth Protection Training

Volunteering at Troop 181 events is a wonderful thing you can do for yourself and your son. It is always appreciated and encouraged. If you are volunteering, it would be a good idea to take the time to get certified with the **BSA Youth Protection Training for Adults**. **This certification is valid for 3 years**. It's easy to do on-line. Just go to the council website at [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org), go to **Training**, and look under **Youth Protection Training**. At the end of the on-line training they will ask for your **ID number – that number is your social security number**. It's fast and easy. Please let **Cindy Sharo**, our Training Coordinator, know when you have completed your course.

### New Leaders Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

There will be a **New Leaders Essentials** training session on **Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>**

from 7 to 9pm at Council HQ in West Chester for all parents interested in learning more about Scouting.

There will be a **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific** training session on **Saturday, March 15 from 8:30am to 3:30pm.**

There will be an **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** training course on **Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8:30am and ending on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at Camp Jarvis in Devon.**

*Every Scout deserves a trained leader.  
Please do your part to oblige him.*



### **Wood Badge Adult Leadership Training @ Horseshoe Scout Reservation - April 11-13 & May 3-5**

The Wood Badge experience is the ultimate bargain in leadership training and development. Wood Badge focuses on leadership, team development and application of good people skills – all characteristics that you will find valuable in your Scouting, professional and personal life. Scouting's value-based approach is an integral part of the Wood Badge experience. Please go to: [www.ne-iv-198.org](http://www.ne-iv-198.org) for course and registration details. Hurry because most of the spots are already taken!

### **Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up**

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please refer to the email from Bhaskar and do so. Any e-mail sent to [paoli181@yahogroups.com](mailto:paoli181@yahogroups.com)

will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group.

### **Scout Recruiting**

**Scouts, earn the BSA Recruiter patch by recruiting right now your friends and Webelos Scouts to join the troop.** In fact, simply pitching Boy Scouting to a friend is a requirement for First Class rank. A very easy way to do this is to copy the tri-fold handout about the troop and give it to your friends. To find the tri-fold go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/paoli181/files>

and click on: [Paoli 181 Scout Info Brochure.pdf](#).

In addition, **parents** can help too. We know there are many Webelos Scouts who will be ready to move up to Boy Scouts this winter in several packs right around us. **Please talk up Troop 181 and volunteer to help recruit by calling Joan Levin today.**

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### **Co-Scoutmaster Assignments**

The following adult leaders have committed to be Co-Scoutmasters of the Month to support the troop:

**Mr. Christner – February**

**Mr. Smith - March**

**Mr. Ryczyn – April**

**Mr. McCarty – May**

**Mr. Hillenbrand – June**

**Mr. Piotti - July**

Please call the Co-Scoutmaster if you have a "Mr. Miller question" and he is not home. **Please remember to support them too by attending the troop meeting to which you have been assigned (check your troop calendar for your commitment) so we always have at least "two-deep leadership" at each meeting.**



### Troop Adult Leadership

**Jack Warnock** – Troop Committee Chair  
610-722-2673

**David Miller** - Scoutmaster  
610-213-3188

**A.B. Maynard**– Camping Committee Chair  
610-578-0493

**Vince Piotti** – Advancement Committee Chair  
610-296-9058

**Donna McCarty**- Court of Honor Comm. Chair  
610-644-0255

**Scott Wilson** – Fund Raising Comm. Chair  
610-964-8467

**Mike Dixon** – Cabin Committee Chair  
610-827-1991

**Jayashree Bhaskar** – Communications Comm. Chair  
610-296-7332

**Joe DiGiorgio** – Finance Committee Chair  
610-688-1126

**Mike Harris**- Quartermaster  
610-647-0808

**Cindy Sharo** – Training Coordinator  
610-293-9177

**Mike Brown** - Charter Organization Representative 610-688-2853

**Joan Johnson-Levin**– Recruiting Coordinator  
484-595-0279

**Gus Rolotti**- Friends of Scouting Coordinator  
610-783-0294

**Ron Bellamy**- Treasurer  
610-644-0879

*Please see the troop roster for the Boy Scout Youth Leadership contact information.*

### 2007-2008 Calendar of Key Events

**Feb. 10** – Scout Sunday @ BUMC – 10:15am

**Feb. 12** – Winter Court of Honor - BUMC

**Feb. 22-24** – Cabin Camping - Skiing – Camp Minsi & Camelback

**Mar. 8** – First Aid Meet – Vanguard School

**Apr. 5-6** – Webelos Woods – Paoli Memorial Battlefield Park – Camping Sat. only

**Apr. 12&13** – Cabin Clean-Up

**Apr. 18-20** – Camping – Battle of Monmouth Medal Trail Hike – Quail Hill SR

**May 16-18** – Camping & Kayaking – Pine Barrens

**May 31** – Outing – Hershey? Dorney?

**June 20-22** – Camping – Fun in the Sun - Cape Henlopen

**July 20-27** – Summer Camp – Camp Horseshoe

**July 5-13** – Adirondack Mtn. High Adventure Trek – Wakpominee SR

**Aug. 17** – *PLC Annual Planning Meeting for 2008-2009*