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# Newsletter

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### PLC News:

#### February 1st - Class A - BUMC

- Winter Court of Honor
- Potluck dinner
- FOS kick-off

#### February 8th - Class B - BUMC

- Admission: How to treat for stopped breathing
- CPR/Shock/Heimlich Maneuver
- CPR dummy practice
- PL's game

#### February 15th - Class B - BUMC

- Admission: How to treat for no heartbeat



### Skiing at Jack Frost

The troop's annual ski trip, this year to [Jack Frost](#) in the Poconos is scheduled for the weekend of **February 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please refer to this [e-mail](#) for all the necessary forms as well as the fact sheet. This is an exciting trip for the boys with many activities planned. There is even an opportunity to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. **Jordan Nadel** is coordinating this trip. Please RSVP by February 22nd, if you are going.

### March Camping Trip

We are still trying to fit in a camping trip in March somewhere closer to home. Scott Wilson is looking at the possibility of hiking one of the historical trails in the city of Philadelphia. Stay tuned.

### April Camping Trip

Please save the date for our April camping trip to [Ockanickon Scout Reservation](#) for the COPE program scheduled for the weekend of **April 8 - 10**. More details will be forthcoming in the following weeks. Stay tuned.

### First Aid Meet

The [First Aid Meet](#) will be held at **Oxford Area High School** on **Saturday, March 12** from **7:30 AM to 12 Noon**. The First Aid Meet is a skill event for Boy Scouts to challenge their knowledge and application of First Aid. A new theme at the meet this year will focus on teaching Scouts some first aid skills, through responding to "real-life" situations with Cub Scout "victims", making a first aid kit, and competing against other patrols for prizes! This event is still in the planning stages. Much work needs to be done in terms of organizing and building teams. Please mark the date on your calendar and



- Chest compression concepts Heart attack/ Stroke
- Axes/hatchets/saws safety and proper use
- PL's game

#### **February 22nd - Class B - BUMC**

- Admission: How to treat for severe bleeding
- Shock/tourniquets/ preparation for treatment
- First Aid kit set up activity. Personal/troop kits
- Planning for the ski trip
- PL's game

#### **February 27th - PLC Meeting - BUMC at 7:30 PM**

#### **Next Parents' Meeting**

The next parents' meeting is on **March 6th at 7 PM at BUMC**. We request that at least one parent from each family attend and please bring your calendars!

#### **Interactive BSA Uniforms Site Launched**



The new, **official uniforms website** is now active. The interactive format takes visitors through Scouting's ranks and programs, with 360-degree views of what the official uniform should look like when complete. Other features include drag-and-drop insignia, full descriptions of each uniform piece, and a "Shop Now" link that takes you directly to the [scoutstuff.org](http://scoutstuff.org) site.

#### **Need Class B T-shirts?**

Our newly revamped moisture wicking Class B shirts designed by **Kathy Nadel** are now available for purchase. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact **Joe**

stay tuned for more details.



#### **Winter Court of Honor**

The Winter Court of Honor for Troop 181 was held on Tuesday, February 1st at BUMC. We had a great turnout with most of our families in attendance as well as the families of some of our newest Scouts! Thanks to all who brought in delicious food to share and for making this event a huge success.

The Court of Honor program included our Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kickoff, presentation of Merit Badges and Rank Advancement, the introduction of newly elected patrol leaders, the announcement of the Patrol of the Year and the presentation of recognition ribbons for the flag standard.

The Patrol of the Year is a Troop-designed program to encourage individual Scouts and their Patrols to show their commitment to the ideals of Scouting each and every week throughout the year. Scouts earn points by participating in activities such as Troop meetings, earning merit badges, rank advancement, service hours, etc; the Patrol total will be the sum of the points earned by the individual Scouts in each Patrol plus points awarded to the Patrol as a whole. **Congratulations** to the 2010 Patrol of the Year Scouts: **David Siah, Stephen Christner, Troy Gartner, Douglas Hohenschuh, Matt Paolizzi, Andrew Sharo, Stephen Toner and Michael VanMeter.**

**Congratulations** also to **AB Maynard** who was presented with the Extraordinary Service Award from our troop!

#### **Scout Sunday**

The annual Scout Sunday service will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** at **BUMC** at the 10:30 AM service.



All Scouts and their families are welcome to attend this service. We will need several Scouts to help with readings.

Scouts should plan to arrive at the Church at **10:00 AM in Class A uniform**. The service is over at about 11:30 AM.

#### **National Youth Leadership training**

**DiGiorgio** if you want to place an order.

Got photos?

Do you have photos from an event to post on the Troop 181 website? Scott Wilson will take care of uploading the photos.

## 2010-2011 Calendar of Key Events:

**February 13** – Scout Sunday  
**February 25-27** – Ski weekend – Jack Frost/Big Boulder  
**March 12** – First Aid Meet  
**March 18 – 20** - Pocono Plateau camp – Cresco, PA  
**April 8 – 10** - Camping - Ockanickon Scout Reserve – Pipersville, PA  
**May 6 – 8** - NYLT Weekend #1(tentative) – Ware  
**May 13 – 15** - NYLT Weekend #2(tentative) – Ware  
**May 20 – 22** – Camping/Whitewater rafting – TBD  
**June 17 – 19** – Camping/Beach – TBD  
**June 26 – July 2** – Science & Radio Camp – Ware  
**July 5 – July 14** – High Adventure -Northern Tier  
**July 24 – 31** – Summer Camp – Horseshoe  
**September 16 – 18** – Camping - Gettysburg

## Troop Leadership:

### **Sherri Gartner**

*Troop Committee Chair*  
610- 408-9384

### **Scott Wilson**

*Scoutmaster*  
610-964-8467

### **A.B. Maynard**

*Camping Committee Co-Chair*  
610-578-0493

### **Eric Hohenschuh**

NYLT is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops. The leadership skills taught can be used in any other situation demanding leadership of self and others.

Training is conducted by the Council Leadership Training Committee using an outline developed and approved by the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouts who are First Class, Star or Life are encouraged to sign-up for this conference which will be held at Camp Ware on the weekends of May 6 -8 and May 13 – 15. Scouts must commit to both weekends, from 5:30 pm on Friday until 3:00 pm on Sunday, to participate. The cost is \$190 before March 31st and \$215 thereafter. The Troop will reimburse 50% of the costs to the family of any participating Scout. [Register](#) online now as registration will close when the conference is full.

Scouts must ask Mr. Wilson for permission to attend NYLT before registering. For more details, please see Mr. Wilson's [e-mail](#).

## **High Adventure 2011**



**Joe DiGiorgio** has taken the lead in organizing the high adventure trip for 2011. This year's High Adventure trip is to the **Northern Tier** – Atikokan, Ontario starting **July 5<sup>th</sup>** (fly out) through **July 14<sup>th</sup>** (fly home), with seven days on the trail. We can have as many as nine scouts in a crew and two adults for a total of eleven people. Currently, there are five scouts signed up and room for four more. Please let **Mr. DiGiorgio** know asap if you have not already signed up but wish to go on this trip.

## **Summer Camp**

With several inches of snow on the ground, it may be hard to think about summer at Camp Horseshoe, but it is just around the corner and now is the time to sign up for a week of summer camp! The Troop will be at **Roberts Campground** from **July 24<sup>th</sup>** to **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. The cost of summer camp is **\$320**, if paid by **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, and **\$360** if paid later. Summer camp is a great opportunity for our scouts to work on scout skills and advancement, earn merit badges and just have some fun while getting to know each other and the adult leaders better. Let **Evelyn Shreve** know if

*Camping Committee Co-Chair*  
610-651-0252

**Vince Piotti**

*Advancement Committee Chair*  
610-296-9058

**Position open**

*Court of Honor Comm. Chair*

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*Fund Raising Comm. Chair*

**Joe Linderman**

*Cabin Committee Chair*  
610-722-9914

**Jayashree Bhaskar**

*Communications Comm. Chair*  
610-296-7332

**Joe DiGiorgio**

*Finance Committee Chair*  
610-688-1126

**Jon VanMeter**

*Quartermaster*  
610-247-8889

**Kate VanMeter**

*Training Coordinator*  
610-247-8889

**Jack Campbell**

*Charter Organization Representative*

**Mike Ryczyn**

*Recruiting Coordinator*  
610-240-7769

**John Bravacos**

*Friends of Scouting Chair*  
610-647-8951

**Donna DiGiorgio**

*Treasurer*  
610-688-1126

you plan to attend summer camp. A non-refundable deposit of **\$35** is due to Mrs. Shreve by **March 22nd**.

**Medical forms** are due to Mrs. Shreve by July 12th. Every scout must have a medical form signed by a doctor within the last year. If you are taking your son to have a physical in the near future, you may want to take this form with you as Part B needs the doctor's signature.

Adult leaders are needed for summer camp. We must have 2-deep leadership at all times and this means having 3 leaders on-site in case someone must leave – leaders are called away from camp for a variety of reasons, so we must plan for this contingency. Please let Mrs. Shreve know if you can be an adult volunteer. Adult volunteers for one-night are gladly accepted, but we are thrilled to have adults who can stay over for more than one night!

The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from summer camp because of financial considerations. We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Scott Wilson, Sherri Gartner or Joe DiGiorgio.

### **Scout Recruiting**

**Mike Ryczyn** once again had a successful year on the recruiting front. There are at least four cub scouts committed to joining our troop and several more still deciding. We continue to be joined at troop meetings on a regular basis by Webelos and their parents who are visiting as they make up their minds on which troop to cross-over into. Please make our visitors feel welcome! Cross-over events generally take place between February and April each year so we will have new scouts in our troop shortly!

The Pinewood Derby workshop held at the church on January 16th for the Cub Scouts from Pack 112 went well. **Joe Franz** was on hand to help with the woodworking. This event is more of a long term investment in raising our troop's profile and name recognition in the community.

A huge thanks to Mike for all his recruiting efforts!



### Eagle Projects

**Scott Dixon** presented his Eagle project at the Troop Committee meeting and got approved. Here's Scott's description of the project:

*"For my eagle project we are installing water dams in a drainage ditch and planting native plants on the Cedar Hollow Preserve located in Tredyffrin Township. The preserve is having a problem with erosion at the entrance and underneath one of there bridges. It will consist of building two new water dams, and making a previously made dam shorter. After that part is done, all that is left is planting native wild plants and perhaps a few tree's or shrubs. I plan on starting this as soon as the snow is gone, and hopefully when the weather is on our side."*

Please watch your email for announcements of the work schedule for Scott's eagle project. He will need help from every Scout in the troop to complete his project.

**Attention Life Scouts!** If you are looking for ideas for your Eagle project, there are some projects which are "Eagle worthy" associated with the **Open Land Conservancy**. Please contact Mr. DiGiorgio or Mr. Piotti, if you are interested.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- **Mark DeStefano** - Scout
- **Massimo DiDario** - Second Class
- **Bryce Gartner** - Second Class
- **Troy Gartner** - Second Class
- **AJ Nadel** - Second Class
- **Matt Paolizzi** - Second Class
- **Nathan Shreve** - Second Class
- **Will Soutendijk** - Scout

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

- **AJ Nadel** – Scholarship
- **Ryan Nadel** – Scholarship

### Adult Leadership Positions

The latest list of **Troop Committees** has been updated and posted on our YahooGroups site. The parents in our troop, by filling vital roles, keep our troop strong. We are currently seeking to fill the position of **Fundraising Committee Chair**. If your skills and talents match this position and you can volunteer, please speak with or e-mail Sherri Gartner or Scott Wilson. Thanks to **Susan Morris** and **Cassie Jamison** who most recently served as co-chairs of the committee, for all their efforts!

### **Adult Training**

All registered adult leaders and **all adults who have regular contact with Scouts whether in Troop meetings or on camping trips** must take Youth Protection Training once every two years. **This is a BSA requirement and protects you and our Scouts**. The online course can be found at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org). When you have completed the course, print your certificate and provide a copy to our new Troop training coordinator, **Kate VanMeter**, so that the Troop will have a record.

A big THANK YOU to all of the registered adult leaders who have completed Youth Protection Training – that's all of you!!! We still need ALL adults who are not registered but who attend Troop meetings, campouts and other special events to complete their training. Every parent should go online and complete Youth Protection Training so that you are ready to step up to help.

Need to know what training to take? Registered leaders must complete 5 specific courses to be “fully trained.” These are: Fast Start, This is Scouting, Scoutmaster Specific Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Youth Protection Training. Three of these courses can be taken online at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org). The remaining two courses are offered periodically through Chester County Council; check their [website](#) for more information. Need more information? An “Adult Training Continuum” has been posted on our [YahooGroups site](#).

Some additional training is required for certain Scout activities. For example, when swimming is planned on a camping trip, an adult on the trip must be trained in Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and CPR. Best practices require that some adults on every camping trip be trained in CPR and first aid. We have posted on our [YahooGroups site](#) a record of our adult training. To keep our records up to date, please send Kate VanMeter a copy of the certificate

you receive each time you complete a boy scout training program. If you are CPR certified, have completed a first aid course or are a medical professional, please provide Kate with this information as well.

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

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