

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Ice Hiking at Glen Onoko Falls Trail



Our latest camping trip was to the Glen Onoko Falls Trail during the weekend of January 7th – 9th. Six Scouts and five adults had an exciting time hiking in the snow and ice up the [Glen Onoko](#) gorge. Not only was the scenery special and the path slippery (thankfully we put the crampons on) due to the snow that fell in the week but we were also blessed with continuous light fluffy snow throughout the hike. The hike was very enjoyable with a few side adventures and we were able to eat lunch watching some ice climbers on the waterfalls. Huts were simple but pleasant with wood burning stoves. The stove in the scouts' cabin was so good that they had to open the windows to let some heat out! Thanks to **Mike Harris** for organizing this annual ice hiking trip!

Winter Court of Honor



The Winter Court of Honor for Troop 181 is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 1st at BUMC starting at 6:00 PM.** The celebration will start with a Family Style Dinner and will be followed by the Troop Court of Honor. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend! Please let **Sherri Gartner** know if you can volunteer to organize the dinner.

The meal will be a buffet style dinner. Each family should bring an entree and side dish to share. (Don't forget to bring serving spoons and to mark your containers, utensils with your name.) If everyone brings along a little something, we should have more than enough to share. Bring the hot food "hot" as we will not be using the BUMC kitchen. The Troop will

supply dinnerware, paper plates, napkins, drinks, and dessert.

The Court of Honor program will include our Friends of Scouting (FOS) Kickoff, presentation of Merit Badges and Rank Advancement, the introduction of newly elected Troop leaders, the announcement of the Patrol of the Year and the presentation of recognition ribbons for the flag standard. Mothers, wear your ribbons!

Klondike Derby

We will not be participating in the Klondike Derby this year and will do a troop wide sled race, if there is enough snow.



Scout Sunday

The annual Scout Sunday service will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 13th 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.

Skiing at Jack Frost



Please mark your calendars for our upcoming ski trip to [Jack Frost](#) in the Poconos the weekend of **February 25th – 27th.** **Jordan Nadel** is coordinating this trip with many exciting activities planned. Stay tuned for more information to follow.



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 need to be done in terms of organizing and building teams. Please mark the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

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 5th** (fly out) through **July 14th** (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.



Eagle Projects

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.

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 currently seeking to fill the position of **Finance Committee Chair**. If your skills and talents match this position and you can volunteer, please speak with or e-mail Sherri Gartner, Scott Wilson or Joe DiGiorgio.

Scout Recruiting

Mike Ryczyn reports that there was a lot of positive feedback from the cub scouts and their families who visited us during our November and December camp outs. There is a lot of interest and we are waiting for more firm commitments.

On **Sunday, January 16th**, we will be hosting a Pinewood Derby workshop for Cub Scouts from Pack 112 at BUMC. **Joe Franz** will be on hand to help with the woodworking. Recapture the fun of making Derby cars while helping to get area cub scouts interested in our troop. Scouts and parents will be needed to help with this event.

A huge thanks to Mike for all his recruiting efforts!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- Andrew Sharo** – Eagle
- Clark Hillenbrand** - Eagle
- Matt Paolizzi** – Second Class

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

- John Bravacos** – Citizenship in the Community
- Kevin Haddad** – Personal Management
- Ryan Nadel** – Snow Sports
- AJ Nadel** – Snow Sports



Fundraising Committee News

The Fundraising Committee will be planning to create a program for 2011

shortly. If you would like to be involved, contact Fundraising Co-Chair **Susan Morris** or **Cassie Jamison**. Our fundraising program is flexible and can change from year to year to reflect the interests of the Scouts and the parents. If you have an idea of what to do or what not to do, see Sue or Cassie.

Our most recent fundraiser, the **Third Annual Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping**, was held on Sunday, December 19th. Fourteen Scouts and their parents participated and raised \$356.19; an equal portion of which was deposited to each Scout's account. This is as much a fundraiser as it is an event to raise the profile of our troop in our community. Thanks to all those who made this a successful event! **Jayashree Bhaskar** coordinated this fundraiser.

Finally, the Fundraising Committee has arranged for our participation in the eScripts program with Genuardi's. To sign up, see either of the fundraising co-chairs.

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](#) site.

Class B 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 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. Please save your photos to a memory stick/flash drive and deliver

to Scott. Any questions, need to borrow a memory stick, other problem? Contact Scott.

Roster and Calendar Updates

The most up-to-date [Roster](#) can be found in the Files section of our YahooGroups website. The most up-to-date [Calendar](#) can be found on the Troop website.

PLC News



January 4th – Class A – BUMC

- Admission: Arm sling
- Cold winter camping demo
- Campout planning/First Aid
- Mike's non-physical game

January 11th – No Troop Meeting

January 18th – Class B - BUMC

- Admission: Four water rescue methods
- Review campout
- Splints demo
- Stretcher demo
- Stretcher relay with Dhananjay

January 25th – Class B – BUMC

- Admission: How to treat for shock
- Patrol Leader elections
- Patrol meetings/ Advancements/ Farewells

January 30th – PLC Meeting – BUMC

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 30th at BUMC**. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar! **Please note that the date is moved up to accommodate the Super Bowl.**

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Chester County Council has a Facebook page! Sign up for our new Facebook page and keep up with the latest activities and information in the Chester County Council.

[Troop Website](#)

Need information about the Troop between parents' meetings and Newsletters? Check the Troop website: paoli181.com Our website is kept updated with Scout Leadership positions and other important news and information.



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. 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. 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.

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

The beauty of Yahoo Groups is that all email sent through Yahoo Groups will be forwarded to you directly at the email you have registered. If you are having trouble with this feature, please contact KS Bhaskar for help at bhaskar@acm.org.

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please do so. Send an e-mail to paoli181-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar at bhaskar@acm.org.

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.



Troop Adult Leadership

Sherri Gartner – Troop Committee Chair
610- 408-9384

Scott Wilson - Scoutmaster
610-964-8467

A.B. Maynard, Eric Hohenschuh – Co-Camping Committee Chairs
610-578-0493 (AB), 610-651-0252 (Eric)

Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair
610-296-9058

_____ - Court of Honor Comm. Chair
Susan Morris, Cassie Jamison – Fund Raising Comm. Co-Chairs
 Susan 610-889-7497; Cassie 610-725-0628

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

Cindy Sharo/Kate VanMeter – Training Coordinator
 610-293-9177/610-247-8889

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

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

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