

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Sun and Surf Camping at Cape Henlopen

Our Scouts camped at Cape Henlopen from **June 19th - June 21st**. The weather turned out to be not so great, but they managed to get some time on the beach and also enjoyed some improvised activities indoors. Thanks to **Chris Szupica, Mike Ryczyn** and **Vincent Szupica** who planned and coordinated this trip.

Philmont Trip

Ten tired Scouts and their two intrepid leaders, **A.B. Maynard** and **Joe DiGiorgio**, returned from a ten-day trek across the Philmont Scout Ranch during the early morning hours of July 12th. Everyone reported having a great time on the trail and also during altitude acclimation travel to Pikes Peak, the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy. The Scouts, Mr. Maynard and Mr. DiGiorgio will take some time during a Troop meeting this fall to talk about their high adventure trip and share some of their photos.

Camping at Antietam National Battlefield



Please mark your calendars for the first camping trip of the new scouting year over the weekend of **September 11th - 13th**. Our trip to the Antietam National Battlefield in

Sharpsburg, MD is being organized by **A.B. Maynard**.

High Adventure 2010

Mike Harris has taken the lead in organizing the high adventure trip for 2010. Mr. Harris will be brainstorming with the boys at summer camp to gather ideas and to begin to make plans for next summer's trip.



Summer Camp Update

The Troop will camp at Roberts Campground from **July 26th - August 2nd**. If you have volunteered to spend some time at the camp with our Scouts as an adult leader, a big **THANK YOU** for your invaluable service! The boys could not spend a week at summer camp without our adult volunteers.

We will be traveling to Horseshoe on **Sunday July 26th** from **BUMC**. Please be there by **11:00 AM** in **Class A** uniform. We'll be stopping at Wendy's for lunch. Our goal is to arrive at camp by 1:45 PM. Check your e-mail for Mr. Wilson's recent update setting forth all of the final details for the trip down and the week at camp.

All families are invited for the Court of Honor to be held on **Saturday August 1st**. If you wish to observe the annual water sports competition, arrive at Camp by 2 PM. Evening retreat begins at 5:45 PM on the parade grounds. Our Troop's family picnic follows retreat. After the

picnic, we will recognize Scout achievement with our Court of Honor. Families are welcome to stay after the Court of Honor to attend the camp wide bonfire.

Jane Harris is coordinating the family picnic. Families should bring sandwiches for themselves, including their Scout, and Jane will be sending around an e-mail soliciting donations for desserts, chips, etc.

Remember that parking can be difficult on Saturday evening. Wear shoes suitable for a walk. If you have small children or lots to carry, think about bringing a wagon in case you are parked some distance from our campsite.

Our farewell to Mr. Miller, originally planned around the Court of Honor, has been postponed until the first weekend in January, 2010. **Jack Warnock** is coordinating this event; details will follow as the date approaches.

Scout Recruiting

A call went out at the July parents' committee meeting for a new chair for recruiting and **Mike Ryczyn** has answered! THANK YOU, Mike!

A big THANK YOU also goes out to **Jack Warnock** who chaired this year's successful effort!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned these merit badges:

- **John Bravacos** - Communications
- **Stephen Griffin** - Communications
- **Sam McCarty** - Communications
- **Vince Smith** - Communications & Canoeing



2010 National Jamboree

Application information

The centennial National Jamboree is scheduled to be held from **July 26th-August 4th 2010** at **Ft. A.P. Hill** in **Virginia** at a cost of \$1,300. Chester County Council is organizing crews for this trip and coordinating all details. The application for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree is available at the [Chester County Council website](#). If you have already completed an application, don't forget to go back online to update it to include any new leadership positions.

[To see a promotional video and Jamboree map, visit the Jamboree Website](#)



Fundraising Committee News

To make our Troop budget, each Scout's annual contribution is **\$125**. Fundraising activities are designed to enable any Scout who wishes to do so to raise his entire contribution. Any money raised that exceeds the annual contribution can be used by the Scout to fund his personal scout-related needs. Three fundraisers have been planned for the fall to enable the Scouts to raise money.

Our first fundraiser will be a Joe Corbi Pizza Sale. Information and order forms will be distributed to Scouts in early September. Order-taking will be complete in September and food will be delivered in October. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is planned for November at the Wayne United Methodist Church. Our third fundraiser will be a repeat of our successful Barnes & Noble gift wrap table in December.

The Fundraising Committee is ready to launch our participation in the eScripts program with Genuardi's. Details of this program will be reviewed at the next parents' committee meeting.

The June Paoli Hospital Evacuation exercise resulted in a \$75 payment to each Scout and adult who participated. All monies earned have been distributed to the accounts of the Scouts who participated or, in the case of the adults, to their son's account.

A discussion was begun at the July parents' committee meeting about raising money for individual Scout accounts as compared to raising money for the Troop. By way of example, the question was raised whether the \$75 paid to adults for the Paoli Hospital Evacuation exercise should go to Scout accounts or to the general Troop account. As another example, should a percentage of all of a Scout's fundraising beyond the required \$125 contribution be donated back to the Troop? This discussion will resume at the next meeting of the parents' committee.



New Cabin Update

The plan to build a Troop cabin on the grounds of BUMC has been met with enthusiastic support from Scouts, parents and the Board of Trustees at BUMC – that's the GOOD news! The next step is getting down to the work of making it happen. That's not necessarily the bad news, but raising a cabin is going to take a lot of effort on the part of a lot of people.

We NEED first and foremost someone to Chair fundraising for the cabin. We have lots of willing and talented helpers in our parent pool, but we need one person to take on the job of leading and coordinating those efforts. Are you that person? If you think you may be, speak to Scott Wilson about what the role requires and what type of support the Troop can offer. **If a Chair for fundraising does not emerge, this project cannot go forward.** At the parents' committee meeting it was determined that we need to be moving forward with planning for fundraising by the end of August or we will have to abandon the current plan to put up a cabin during the summer of 2010.

John Bravacos is leading the Building Committee that is focused on issues related to the design and construction of the cabin. Despite the issues with fundraising, this Committee is working on some preliminary planning. If you have signed up to participate on the Building Committee, you have received an e-mail about a meeting in August. If you haven't received an e-mail and wish to participate, contact John to be added to the list.

Class B Shirts

Donna DiGiorgio is the keeper and distributor of the Class B shirts. If anyone needs a shirt, see Donna. Cost is \$10.

PLC News

July 14th – Class B – BUMC

- First aid for severe bleeding
- Marching
- Equipment presentation
- Merit badge selection

July 21st – Class B – BUMC

- First aid for snake bites
- Check gear for first year scouts
- Marching

August 16th – PLC Meeting Location TBD

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at **7:00 pm on Sunday, August 30th at BUMC.**

First Troop Meeting for 2009-2010

The first Troop meeting for the new scout year will be held on **Tuesday, September 1st, Class A, at the Cabin.**

Some dates that are already known for the upcoming year have been set forth at the end of this newsletter so that you may update your family's calendar. Please take note that our week at summer camp has been moved forward next year to accommodate Jamboree.

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.



BSA's new rank requirements

Please refer to the following link for updates:
[2008 Rank Requirement Changes](#)

Adult Youth Protection Training – Online!

All adults/parents who participate in troop outings and trips must take Youth Protection Training once every two years. This is a BSA requirement and protects you and our Scouts. It is easy and quick since you can take it online in 30 minutes. Go to [BSA Online Learning Center](#) and click on the Youth Protection Training tab. This will take you to the E-Learning Portal. If you have a MyScouting account, just sign in as usual. Otherwise, register for a MyScouting account so that you can access the online training. Please follow the instructions on [CCCBSA Adult Leadership Training Courses](#) on how to print your certificate after the completion of the online course and how to have it recorded. If you are a registered leader and need your BSA number, e-mail the request to Counsel at scouting@cccbsa.org and the number will be e-mailed back to you promptly.

Let **Cindy Sharo**, our training coordinator, know that you have completed the Adult Youth Protection Training.

Another great online course is the **Troop Committee Challenge** which Cindy recommends for those families whose sons joined the troop in the past two years. This, as well as other great courses that might interest you can be found at the [BSA Online Learning Center](#). They are quick and free and will help

the Troop and you!

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

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please do so by subscribing to the group. Send an e-mail to paoli181-subscribe@yahogroups.com. Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar for help: bhaskar@acm.org. Please note that any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahogroups.com will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group. **IMPORTANT:** If you are **NOT** signed up to receive Yahoo Groups mail, let Linda Bravacos know immediately so that you will continue to receive e-mail. All announcements, notices, etc. are now being sent only through Yahoo Groups.



Troop Adult Leadership

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Scott Wilson - Scoutmaster
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A.B. Maynard– Camping Committee Chair
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Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair
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Donna McCarty- Court of Honor Comm. Chair
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Susan Morris, Cassie Jamison – Fund Raising Comm. Co-Chairs

Susan 610-889-7497; Cassie 610-725-0628

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
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Cindy Sharo – Training Coordinator

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John Bravacos- Friends of Scouting Chair
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Donna DiGiorgio- Treasurer
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*Please see the troop roster for the Boy
Scout Youth Leadership contact
information.*

2008-2009 Calendar of Key Events

July 26-August 2 – Summer Camp – Court of
Honor, family picnic at Camp Horseshoe

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August 16 – PLC Annual Planning Meeting for
2009-2010, 7:30, Location TBA

August 30 – Parents' Committee Meeting,
7:00, BUMC

September 1 – Troop Meeting, Class A, Cabin

January 2 or 3 – Farewell Reception for Mr.
Miller

July 11– 8 – Summer Camp

July 26 – August 4 - Jamboree