

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Fun Family Outing at Hershey Park

This event got canceled due to bad weather. The reschedule date is **Sunday, August 24**. We will meet at **BUMC at 8:30am** to head to Hershey as a group. Thanks to **Peter Griffin** for putting this event together.



Sun and Surf Camping at Holts Landing

Please mark your calendars for our June camping trip to **Holts Landing State Park** from **June 20th- June 22nd**. Note the change in location from the previously planned trip to Cape Henlopen. We will be leaving **BUMC at 5:30 PM on Friday June 20th** and returning on **Sunday June 22nd** after lunch at the beach. There will be fishing, crabbing, time on the beach, swimming, games and some good old fashioned advancement. Thanks to **Vince Piotti** who is coordinating this trip!



Adirondack Mountains High Adventure

This year's high adventure trek to Wakpominnee Scout Reservation is from **July 6th-13th**. The plan is leave early on Sunday morning. Please contact **A.B. Maynard** (Thanks!) if you have any questions.

Scout Recruiting

In order to better reach out to more boys who are in 5th and 6th grades, we have planned a couple of recruiting presentations. The first one is on **June 4th at TE Middle School** and the second on **June 5th at Valley Forge Middle School**, both at 2:45 PM.

In addition to these efforts, we need the entire Troop 181 community's help in recruiting boys to our troop on an ongoing basis. Scouts, earn the **BSA Recruiter patch** by recruiting any of 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/Paoli 181 Scout Info Brochure.pdf](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/paoli181/files/Paoli%20181%20Scout%20Info%20Brochure.pdf)

Parents can help too. **Please talk up Troop 181 and recruit a new Boy Scout today.**



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Dhananjay Bhaskar** for achieving the rank of **Star!**

Summer Camp Update

Reminder! – Don't forget the health forms, both **Class I and II**, that Jane needs by **July 8th**. All adults are required to have Class III physicals for summer camp. **Jane is also looking for parent volunteers at the summer camp especially for a few days midweek.** Thanks to the parents who have already volunteered to go!



Fundraising Committee News

Four fundraising events will be held over the course of the year, and the scouts are strongly encouraged to participate in as many as they can but at least one at a minimum. Of course, the scouts are welcome to participate in all four events. To make our budget, each scout's annual contribution is **\$125**. These fundraising activities are designed to enable any scout who wishes to do so to raise his entire contribution.

The first fund raiser is the **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday June 8th from 8-10 AM at the Wayne United Methodist Church on South Wayne Avenue.** To assure a big success, we need parent volunteers for the various activities planned including a 50/50 raffle, among other things. Please sign up to volunteer! The price will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids. **Gene Christner** is the coordinator for this inaugural event. A big thank you to him and everyone on the Fund Raising Committee, headed by **Scott Wilson**, for all of their efforts!

PLC News

June 3rd – Class A - Cabin:

There will be a meeting about the pancake breakfast. Demonstration of cool new knots at the knot race. Orienteering—race through the woods.

June 10th – Class B – BUMC:

There will be a **pet show** for Pet Merit Badge. **Bring in questionnaires for the completion of Aviation Merit Badge.** We'll unpack patrol boxes.

June 17th – Class B – BUMC:

Patrols will decide on **menus and duty rosters** for the upcoming camping trip. Steven Griffin will be leading the **book sorting** for his Eagle Scout Project.

June 24th - NO MEETING

June 26th – PLC meeting @ Miller's

Next Parents Meeting

The next parents meeting will be at **7:30pm on Sunday, July 6th at BUMC.** It is important to have at least one parent from each family attend and make their own commitments to our events.



BSA's new rank requirements

Please refer to the following link for updates:

<http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementAwards/2008RankUpdates.aspx>

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, 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.

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

Free CPR/First Aid Training

Classes will be held at the Government Services Center on Westtown Road in West Chester on multiple dates. The next one offered is on **Thursday evening August 14th and all day Saturday August 16th.** For details, please refer to:
http://www.cccbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=551&Itemid=6

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please refer to the e-mail from Bhaskar and do so. Any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahoogroups.com will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group.

Co-Scoutmaster Assignments

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

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

June 8 – Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser

June 20-22 – Camping – Fun in the Sun – Holts Landing

July 6-13 – Adirondack Mtn. High Adventure Trek – Wakpominnee SR

July 20-27 – Summer Camp – Camp Horseshoe

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

Aug 24. – Family Fun Outing to Hershey Park