

Troop 181 Newsletter

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White Water Rafting in May



The May camping trip to **Lehigh River Scout Adventure Camp** on **May 13 – 14** went off very well! The outfitter, equipment and campsite were all great. It was a fun trip for the guys and all in all, we had a great experience. Thanks to **Steve Gartner** who coordinated this trip!

June Camping Trip



Michael Dernoga has taken the lead in organizing the June Camping trip to the beach on **June 17 – 19**. We will camp at **Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation** on Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday during the day, we will head over to a local beach at Barnegat, NJ to swim, boogie board, play Frisbee, surf fish etc. This trip would be a perfect opportunity to make it a father-son activity, it being the Father's day weekend. It is also a great opportunity for younger scouts to acquire/build on many scouting skills like camping, cooking, safe swim etc. Please let Mr. Dernoga know if you are going on the trip. Please arrive at **BUMC at 5:45 P.M.** sharp on June 17. For more information about this trip, please refer to this **fact sheet**.

Car Wash Fundraiser



The annual car wash fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 21 from 8 AM until 2 PM at the **Wayne United Methodist Church**. **18 scouts** showed up during that window of time and they collectively raised **\$365**. The funds raised were divided up according to the number of hours each scout volunteered for and deposited in their individual accounts. This can be used towards such expenses as paying for annual dues, gear, summer camp fees etc.

Thanks to **Scott Wilson** who coordinated this event!

Science Camp



It is not too late to **register** for Chester County Council's Science Camp to be held from **June 26th to July 2nd** at Camp Ware. This is a fun and educational camp where the boys can earn science related merit badges that may be difficult to otherwise complete. The camp is open to boys who have been active with a Boy Scout Troop for the past year, have already attended a week of summer camp, and have attained the rank of Second Class.

Don't wait to sign up as camp closes once full! Registration for Science Camp is done by individual families, and not by the Troop. For more information about Science Camp, including a list of all the merit badges offered and registration information, visit **Science and Radio Merit Badge Camp**.

Summer Camp Update



Summer is just around the corner and so is our week of camp at Camp Horseshoe. Thirty six scouts have signed up to attend the summer camp, which is a record number for our troop! The troop will be at **Roberts Campground** from **July 24 – 31**. Our scouts are getting prepared by doing various activities in the next several weeks leading up to the summer camp.

Medical forms are due to **Evelyn Shreve** by **July 12**. Every scout must have a **medical form** Parts A-C, signed by a doctor (Part C) 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 for the doctor to sign.

Adult leaders are needed for summer camp. Because we have a great number of scouts signed up to go so far, we must have 3-deep leadership at all times and this means having 4 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 check your calendars and let Mrs. Shreve know or sign up on line, 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 continuity helps the Scouts and the adults. Please note that **Part C** is the physical exam that is required for all participants, including adults, in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours.

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.



High Adventure

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. **Mike Harris** and **Jon VanMeter** will be leading this trip. There are five scouts signed up to go on this trip.

Plans are underway for High Adventure **2012** to Florida Sea Base! **Joe DiGiorgio** has reserved **August 3-9** for the **Coral Reef Sailing Adventure** which is fully subscribed. Watch for e-mails from **Joe DiGiorgio** for further information.

2013 Jamboree Registration OPEN!



The 2013 National Jamboree will be held **July 15 - July 24, 2013** at **The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia**, a brand new Jamboree site built by the Boy Scouts of America. Chester County Council is planning to send 6 Boy Scout Troops. Venturing Advisors are also needed! For the first time ever, the 2013 National Scout Jamboree will have co-

ed Venture Crews in attendance. Chester County Council has been allotted a total of 18 slots for Venturers, requiring a minimum of 2 adult Venturing leaders. Venturing units will meet up with other Venturers at Jamboree for an amazing 9 days.

Adult leaders will be required to recruit, recruit, and follow up with more recruiting, until the contingent is full. During the months prior to the Jamboree, participants prepare by developing themselves into cohesive teams, following the leadership principles and ideals of Scouting. Registration for the 2013 National Jamboree to be held July 15-24 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is now open at the **Summit's jamboree website**. Deposit of \$150.00 due with application. Price and payment schedule will be announced by October 1, 2011; however we estimate it will not exceed \$1400.



Eagle Projects

Kevin Haddad presented his Eagle project proposal at the Troop Committee meeting and got it approved. Here's Kevin's description of the project:

"For my Eagle project, I plan to improve the erosion control on the service trail at in Tredyffrin-Easttown township. This project has two objectives: 1) reduce the rutting and erosion on the trail to improve the trail conditions, and 2) improve the stream conditions for Crabby Creek which is a trout sanctuary by reducing trail run-off. I will install 4 to 5 rock water bars along the steeper areas of the trail where the run-off is nearest the creek to provide this erosion control. After coordination with the township and a conversation consultant, I chose to install rock water bars. The rock water bars will be much less disruptive to required service vehicle traffic than timber water bars, and use materials that are available on site. The project is planned for July, before summer camp."

Please watch your e-mail for Kevin's Eagle project work schedule. He will need help in successfully completing the project and

remember that by volunteering, you will be earning service hours which counts towards your own advancement.

Attention Life Scouts! If you are looking for ideas for your Eagle project, please contact **Mr. Piotti**. As always, Mr. Piotti will be able to answer any question regarding the process of progressing from Life to Eagle ranks.

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 glad to announce that **Christine Linderman** has volunteered for the position of **Court of Honor Committee Chair**. A big Thank You to Christine! We are still seeking to fill the position of **Camping Committee Chair**. The job descriptions are posted on the same document. It is important that we fill this position soon as Eric Hohenschuh who is currently serving in this capacity will be moving very shortly. **Please consider volunteering** if your skills and talents match this position. Please speak with or e-mail Sherri Gartner or Scott Wilson.

Message from the Quartermaster

Getting the troop equipment all accounted for and in order after each camping trip has been a challenge and **Jon VanMeter** is going to implement some changes to make the process go smoother. Typically in the past, the equipment was cleaned and returned on the second Tuesday after a camping trip which was too far out. Instead, those scouts who take home gear to be cleaned will come back on the Tuesday following a trip during the regular meeting hours (even though there is no troop meeting) and return them. Stay tuned for further details.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- **Michael Van Meter** – First Class
- **Carter Delciello** – Scout

- **Connor Feldman** – Scout

Congratulations to **Jason Linderman, Jack Franz, Matt Paolizzi, Michael Vanmeter, and Kevin Haddad** all of whom recently completed their two weekend long National Youth Leadership Training in May!

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

June 7 – Class A – BUMC

- Admission: Demonstrate Right/Left face



- Patrol Meetings
- Marching -- JB
- Mike's game / Joe's Alternate

June 14 – Class B - BUMC

- Admission: Taut Line & Two Half -Hitches
- Patrol Meetings
- Trip Planning / Dhananjay's Alternate
- Marching - JB

June 21 – No Troop Meeting

June 26 – PLC Meeting - BUMC

June 28 – Class B – Cabin

- Admission: Right Flank
- Colin's EDGE; Exercise / EDGE; Pair-Off
- Orienteering – Andrew Sharo assisted by Colin
- Merit Badge Sign-Ups

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 at BUMC**. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar! There will also be a new parents' orientation prior to this meeting.

We encourage at least **one parent from each family** to attend the meeting and be part of the planning process to put together the best possible program for our scouts.

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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. We encourage new parents to get on board by getting their YPT certification. The online course can be found at [BSA Online Learning Center](#). When you have completed the course, please 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



Click to join paoli181

Contact **K.S. Bhaskar** if you have trouble signing up.

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.

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

Eric Hohenschuh – Camping Committee Chair
610-651-0252

Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair
610-296-9058

Chrisitne Linderman - Court of Honor Comm. Chair
610-722-9914

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
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Jack Campbell - Charter Organization Representative

Mike Ryczyn– Recruiting Coordinator
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John Bravacos- Friends of Scouting Chair
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Donna DiGiorgio- Treasurer
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Evelyn Shreve - Summer Camp Coordinator
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Chrisitne Linderman- Registrar
610-722-9914

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

2010-2011 Calendar of Key Events

June 17 – 19 – Camping/Beach – Barnegat, NJ

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