

Troop 181 Newsletter

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First Aid Meet

The First Aid Meet will be held at the **Vanguard School** (please note the different location) on **Saturday, March 8th at 1777 N Valley Rd Malvern, PA.** Please arrive in Class A uniforms at **8:00 am.** Thanks to **Gale Smith** for her dedicated training to prepare for the meet.



Troop Swim @ Immaculata

The Troop Swim in the pool at Alumnae Hall at Immaculata will be on **Saturday, March 29 from 11am to 1pm.** This is a great opportunity for scouts to complete swimming requirements for various ranks and have some great fun. We will also invite **Webelos Scouts** to work on and complete their **Aquanaut Activity Badge.** We are hoping for a large turnout of Webelos, so **we need parent volunteers** from Troop 181 to help supervise and to speak to the Webelos parents about our troop.



BSA's New Rank Requirements

Please refer to the following link for important rank requirement updates:

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



Webelos Woods

Once again we will run the **archery range** at Webelos Woods. Plan to attend **Saturday, April 5th** at the **Valley Forge Fire Company.** Please arrive in **Class B** uniforms. We will have a cookout with the Webelos, participate in the campfire and do some crazy skits (but no overnight camping). Thanks to the **John and Sue Weismann and Mike Ryczyn** for coordinating the event!



Fundraising Committee News

After consideration of the feedback from last year's efforts and mulling over a variety of fundraising activities, the Fund Raising Committee recommends a different approach this year. Four fundraising events will be held over the course of the year and the scouts are strongly encouraged to participate in at least one; the scouts are welcome to participate in all four events. To make our 2008-09 budget, each scout's contribution will be **\$125.** These fundraising activities will enable any scout to

participate and raise his entire contribution. The planned activities are: **a pancake breakfast in late April, a car wash in June, a last weekend in September popcorn selling blitz, and gift wrapping at Barnes & Nobles at Christmas.** More details will follow as these events are scheduled. A big thank you to the Fund Raising Committee, headed by **Scott Wilson**, for all of their efforts!

Missing Tents!!

We are still missing 2 Alps Mountaineering Tents. Everyone please check one last time to see if they have landed in your garage, basement, car trunk, shed, laundry room, attic, mud room, etc. Thank you for your cooperation!

PLC NEWS

Mar. 4 – BUMC- Class A

First Aid Prep. This is the last practice before the First Aid Meet. We will be organizing patrols for the competition and getting our First Aid boxes and gear ready.

Mar. 11- BUMC-Class B

SPL Fun Night (tentative)

Mar. 18

No meeting (Spring Break)

Mar. 25-BUMC-Class B

Aviation Merit Badge- Mr. Dave Perme

Mar. 30 – Next PLC Meeting @ Miller's

Apr. 1-Brandywine Airport-Class A

Complete Aviation Merit Badge. This meeting will be held at the Brandywine Airport. Drivers will be needed to transport the scouts.

Troop Committee Chair Search

A Search Committee consisting of **David Miller, Mike Dixon and Cindy Sharo** is conducting a search for a new Troop Committee Chairperson to replace Jack Warnock who will resign his post effective at the end of the Court of Honor at summer camp in July. **Please offer your support of their efforts with your suggestions for nominees.** As soon as a selection can be made the transition work can begin.

Next Parents Meeting

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

Friends of Scouting

Please be generous in supporting Chester County Council who help us run great programs and return your Pledge Cards with your donation or pledge as soon as possible to **Bharat Rao**.

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.

National Youth Leadership Training

All PLC scout leaders are eligible and highly encouraged to attend! This training provides the boys with essential leadership skills necessary for their long-term success. The course is held over two weekends in May: **May 9th -11th** and **May 16th -18th**. All participants must commit to attend all three days of both weekends to complete the course. Please register online before **March 31st** to get a discount.

The troop covers half the cost.

Registration details can be found at: <https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=336086>

Free CPR/First Aid Training

Classes are being held at the Government Services Center in West Chester on multiple dates. For details, please refer to: http://www.cccbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=551&Itemid=6.

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

There will be a **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific** training session on **Saturday, March 15 from 8:30am to 3:30pm**. Please register online to attend.

There will be an **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** training course on **Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8:30am and ending on Sunday the 30th at 12:00pm** at **Camp Jarvis in Devon**. Please register online to attend.

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



Wood Badge Adult Leadership Training @ Horseshoe Scout Reservation - April 11-13 & May 3-5

The Wood Badge experience is the ultimate bargain in leadership training and development. Wood Badge focuses on leadership, team development and application of good people skills – all characteristics that you will find valuable in your Scouting, professional and personal life. Scouting's value-based approach is an integral part of the Wood Badge experience. Please go to: www.ne-iv-198.org for course and registration details. Hurry because most of the spots are already taken!

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please refer to the email 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.

Scout Recruiting

Scouts, earn the BSA Recruiter patch by recruiting right now 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>

and click on: [Paoli 181 Scout Info Brochure.pdf](#).

In addition, parents can help too. Please talk up Troop 181 and volunteer to help recruit by calling Joan Levin today.

Co-Scoutmaster Assignments

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

Mr. Smith - March

Mr. Ryczyn - April

Mr. McCarty - May

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

Mar. 8 – First Aid Meet – Vanguard School

Apr. 5 – Webelos Woods – Valley Forge Fire Company–Cookout, campfire and skits only

Apr. 12&13 – Cabin Clean-Up

Apr. 18-20 – Camping – Battle of Monmouth Medal Trail Hike – Quail Hill SR

May 16-18 – Camping & Kayaking – Pine Barrens

May 31 – Family Outing – Hershey? Dorney?

June 20-22 – Camping – Fun in the Sun -
Cape Henlopen

July 20-27 – Summer Camp – Camp
Horseshoe

July 5-13 – Adirondack Mtn. High Adventure
Trek – Wakpominee SR

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