

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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## Skiing at Jack Frost



The scouts had great fun at the ski trip to Jack Frost in the Poconos during the weekend of February 25 – 27! In addition, several of the boys completed the requirements to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. The accommodations at the club room worked out very nicely. Overall, the trip was a great success. Thanks to **Jordan Nadel** for coordinating this trip!

## March Camping Trip



Our next camping trip is scheduled for **March 18 - 20**. The focus for this weekend camping event is History. We will be taking the train into the historic district of Philadelphia to take the Constitutional Walking tour. After the tour, we will hold a scavenger hunt regarding the details we learned during the walking tour. There will be prizes for the winning Patrol. After the hunt we will hike to the Reading Market Terminal for lunch before returning back to the church. During the Saturday evening activities, we will complete the American Heritage Merit Badge requirements. Please refer to the [Fact Sheet](#) for further information as well as the permission slip. **Scott Wilson** is organizing this trip.

## April Camping Trip

The April camping trip to [Ockanickon Scout Reservation](#) for the COPE program is scheduled for the weekend of **April 8 – 10**. The objectives of the COPE Program are: Teamwork, Communications, Trust, Leadership, Decision Making, Problem Solving, Self-Esteem and FUN. We will be doing the Low ropes COPE course on Saturday morning, a troop event on the afternoon, and head out Sunday

morning. If you have not already done so, please let **Eric Hohenschuh** know if you are going on this trip.

## White water rafting in May

Please save the date for the May camping trip on **May 20 – 22**. We will be white water rafting on the Lehigh river. More details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned. **Steve Gartner** is coordinating this trip.

## Scout Sunday



The annual Scout Sunday service was held on Sunday, February 13 at BUMC at the 10:30 AM service. It was a weak turnout of scouts this year, with only around 8-9 of them showing up for the event. The plan is to make it mandatory for the PLC next year.

## First Aid Meet



The [First Aid Meet](#) was held at Oxford Area High School on Saturday, March 12 from 7:30 AM to 12 Noon. We had 8 scouts participate as the Killer Rabbit Patrol. We scored well, but didn't finish in the top three Patrols. There were 50+ patrols from throughout the Chester County Council. **Mr. DiGiorgio** was a "Judge" and **Mrs. Gartner** was a "Victim" during the event.

## Junior Leadership Training

Junior Leadership Training, whether at the troop level or at council level, is important so that each boy develops over time the skills needed to be a leader in the troop and a leader in life. The troop's JLT will be held on **Sunday, March 27** from **3-9 PM**. All new scouts first class and above are required to attend. Older

scouts are expected to be on hand to help train. All scouts will either participate or observe the PLC meeting that starts at 7:30 PM.



### **National Youth Leader Training Conference**

NYLT is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops. The leadership skills taught can be used in any other situation demanding leadership of "self" and "others." Training is conducted by the Council Leadership Training Committee using an outline developed and approved by the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouts who are First Class, Star or Life are encouraged to sign-up for this Conference which will be held at Camp Ware on the weekends of **May 6 - 8 and May 13 - 15**. Scouts **must** commit to **both** weekends, from 5:30 pm on Friday until 3:00 pm on Sunday, to participate. The cost is \$190 before March 31<sup>st</sup> and \$215 thereafter. The Troop will reimburse 50% of the cost to the family of any participating Scout. [Register](#) online now as space is limited.

Scouts must ask Mr. Wilson for permission to attend NYLT before registering. This is a program requirement.

### **Science Camp**



Registration is open for Chester County Council's Science Camp to be held from **June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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**



Summer is just around the corner and so is our week of camp at Camp Horseshoe. Now is the time to sign up for a week of fun while learning and strengthening scout skills. The Troop will be at Roberts Campground from **July 24 - 31**. The cost of summer camp is \$320, if paid by May 10, and \$360 if paid later. Summer camp is a great opportunity for our Scouts to work on advancement and to earn merit badges. Everyone leaves summer camp with stories to tell. Let **Evelyn Shreve** know if you plan to attend summer camp. A non-refundable deposit of \$35 is due to Mrs. Shreve by March 22.

Medical forms are due to Mrs. Shreve by **July 12**. Every scout must have a [medical form](#) signed by a doctor 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. We must have 2-deep leadership at all times and this means having 3 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 let Mrs. Shreve know 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.

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 5<sup>th</sup>** (fly out) through **July 14<sup>th</sup>** (fly home), with seven days on the trail. **Mike Harris** and **Jon VanMeter** will be leading this trip. 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.

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 Mr. DiGiorgio for further information.



### Eagle Projects

**Andrew Weissman** presented his Eagle project proposal at the Troop Committee meeting and got approved. Here's Andrew's description of the project:

*"My eagle project is for the benefit of the students and staff of Devon Elementary School. It involves refinishing and sealing of the bridge located in Devon Elementary's courtyard. Also, the project involves refinishing, sealing, and installing of a hinging door and plywood windows, thus allowing it to be used for storage. Finally, my project involves the designing, building, and installing of outdoor benches for the students to have an outdoor classroom to use."*

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

### Scout Recruiting

**Mike Ryczyn** once again had a successful year on the recruiting front. There are fifteen cub scouts committed to joining our troop! We continue to be joined at troop meetings on a regular basis by Webelos and their parents who are visiting as they make up their minds on which troop to cross-over into. Please make our visitors feel welcome! Cross-over events generally take place between February and April each year so we will have new scouts in our troop shortly!

A huge thanks to Mike for all his recruiting efforts!



### Congratulations!

**Congratulations** to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

–**Chris Turocy**– Second Class

**Congratulations** to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

–**Dhananjay Bhaskar** – Snow Sports

–**John Bravacos** – Camping

–**Joe DiGiorgio** – Snow Sports

–**Bryce Gartner**– Snow Sports

–**Doug Hohenschuh** – Snow Sports

–**Ben Levin** – Snow Sports

–**Jason Linderman** – Reading

–**Matt Paolizzi** – Snow Sports

–**Wesley Reindel** – Snow Sports

–**Will Soutendijk** – Snow Sports

–**Chris Turocy** – Snow Sports

### 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

#### March 15 – Class B – BUMC

- Admission: Knife Safety
- Trip planning; First Aid
- Sanctioned whittling
- Mike's game

#### March 22 – No Troop Meeting

#### March 29 – Class B - BUMC

- Admission: Bowline
- Campout Review
- Patrol meeting and team building
- Ben's Game

#### March 27 – PLC Meeting & JLT – BUMC

### Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at BUMC**. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar!

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:paoli181-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar at [bhaskar@acm.org](mailto:bhaskar@acm.org).

Remember that any e-mail sent to [paoli181@yahoogroups.com](mailto: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

**Position Open** - Court of Honor Comm. Chair

**Position Open** – Fund Raising Comm. Chair

**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

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

**Evelyn Shreve** - Summer Camp Coordinator

610-688-3005

**Christine Linderman**- Registrar

610-722-9914

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

**2010-2011 Calendar of Key Events**

**March 18-20** – March Camping Trip – Constitutional Walking Tour & Scavenger Hunt - Philadelphia

**March 27** – JLT & PLC Meetings

**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