

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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### Camping and Canoeing in the Pine Barrens

We will be meeting at 6 PM sharp at BUMC on **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>** and return on **Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>** around 2 PM. Please refer to the fact sheet that **Mike Harris** (Thanks!) sent out with all the details. Don't forget to bring along the completed permission and release forms. It should be a great experience for our boys to canoe down the Batso River!



### Fun Family Outing at Hershey Park

Please mark your calendars for this event which is planned for **Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>**. **Peter Griffin** (Thanks!) is coordinating this event. Stay tuned for more information regarding where to meet, tickets etc.



### Sun and Surf Camping at Holts Landing

Please mark your calendars for our June camping trip to **Holts Landing State Park** from **June 20<sup>th</sup>- June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Note the change in location from the previously planned trip to Cape Henlopen. There will be fishing,

crabbing, time on the beach, swimming, games and some good old fashioned advancement. No hiking on this trip. Thanks to **Vince Piotti** who is coordinating this trip!



### Adirondack Mountains High Adventure

There is still **one** space open for this year's high adventure trek to Wakpominnee Scout Reservation on **July 5-13**. Please contact **A.B. Maynard** (Thanks!) to join the crew.

### Scout Recruiting

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://f1.grp.yahooofs.com/v1/8Nn8R9-r\\_g9RvNVDnGlo74zvG0j4gDTj5G7Jw1V5vuK u5a8lhmi\\_12JW-MY2Qy7bDJPaR5pFdLKez6pi-0RCoQ/Paoli%20181%20Scout%20Info%20Brochure.pdf](http://f1.grp.yahooofs.com/v1/8Nn8R9-r_g9RvNVDnGlo74zvG0j4gDTj5G7Jw1V5vuK u5a8lhmi_12JW-MY2Qy7bDJPaR5pFdLKez6pi-0RCoQ/Paoli%20181%20Scout%20Info%20Brochure.pdf)

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



### Congratulations and Welcome!

A warm welcome to **Ian Belman** and his family to Troop 181! Ian bridged over from Pack 112.

Congratulations to:

**Vincent Szupica** – Bronze Eagle Palm

**Vincent Smith** - Star

### Summer Camp Update

**Reminder!** – The final payments for summer camp are due no later than **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you have money in your scout account from fund raising, you can use it for this camping. Please make your check payable to **Troop 181** and send to **Jane Harris**. ***Jane is also looking for parent volunteers at the summer camp especially for a few days midweek.*** Thanks to **Bhaskar** and **Jack Warnock** who have already volunteered to go! Don't forget the health forms, both Class I and II, that Jane needs by the beginning of July. All adults are required to have Class III physicals for summer camp.



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> – Class A - Cabin:

There will be a short presentation from Mr. Harris and Sean about the upcoming canoeing trip. Patrols will each sing a song from the 181 song book and put on a skit from the 181 skit book.

#### May 13<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC:

Patrols will decide on menus and duty rosters for the upcoming trip. The troop will begin practicing marching. We will finish up aviation merit badge and tentatively continue with astronomy.

#### May 20<sup>th</sup> - NO MEETING

#### May 29<sup>th</sup> – PLC meeting @ Miller's

#### May 27<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC:

We will do a total reorganizing of all the patrol boxes. Mr. Siah will tentatively continue to lead the astronomy merit badge. We will practice marching. Return any gear sent home for cleaning.

### Next Parents Meeting

The next parents meeting will be at **7:30pm on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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/AdvancementandAwards/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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> and all day Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>**. For details, please refer to:

[http://www.cccbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=551&Itemid=6](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@yahoo.com](mailto:paoli181@yahoo.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. 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**

**May 16-18** – Camping & Kayaking – Pine Barrens

**May 31** – Outing – Hershey

**June 8** – Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser

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

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

**July 20-27** – Summer Camp – Camp Horseshoe

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