

Troop 181 Newsletter

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April Camp at Pocono Plateau

The April camp out was held April 30th – May 2nd at [Pocono Plateau](http://www.pocconoplateau.com) in Cresco, PA. Our Scouts had beautiful, summer-like weather for this weekend trip. Scouts gave service by doing trail and other work at the camp and in exchange enjoyed a climbing tower and ga-ga pit. Thank you to **Scott Wilson** for planning this trip and to all of the parents who spent the weekend with our Scouts!



Beach Jam

In May our camping trip will be to [Beach Jam](http://www.moreyspiers.com), an annual scouting event held in Wildwood, NJ at Morey's Pier over the weekend of May 21 – 23. Scouts will camp on the beach and have the opportunity to work on two merit badges, Oceanography and Aviation. An optional dolphin watching trip is available, for an extra fee. In addition, Scouts will have access to the amusements on Morey's Pier. This should be a fun-filled weekend.

The Troop is paying a portion of the Scout registration for this trip. The cost to each Scout participant is \$34. Dolphin watching is \$17 additional. Beach Jam is held rain or shine and there are no refunds. If you commit to go, you commit to pay.

Russ Levin is coordinating this trip for the Troop. If you are planning to go and have not yet registered for merit badges or the dolphin watching trip, contact Dr. Levin to see what is still available.

June Family Day

Mark your calendars for our Troop sponsored

family picnic scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th at noon at Valley Creek Park, off Route 29, in East Whiteland.** Meet at the lower park area, by the pavilion. All Scouts and their families are invited. The Troop will supply a grill, burgers and hot dogs. Families with last names ending A-H bring a snack food/salad to share, I-P bring a dessert to share and Q-Z bring drinks to share. There will be something for everyone to do – bring your bike, frisbees, whiffle bats and balls, jump ropes, a deck of cards, a board game, etc. Thanks to **Sherri Gartner & Joe Linderman** are coordinating this event.



High Adventure 2010 Update



Planning and preparation for this year's High Adventure trip along the length of the C&O Canal is well underway. A crew of five Scouts and three adults has been set. The crew plans to bike and canoe the canal, from Cumberland, WV to Washington, DC beginning July 17th and ending July 25th. **Mike Harris** continues to oversee this trip with help from **Joe DiGiorgio**.

Joe DiGiorgio has agreed to chair the High Adventure Committee. The High Adventure Committee is responsible for planning and carrying out our annual trip. Any Scout who will be 14 years old by the time of a high adventure trip and who holds the rank of at least First Class may participate in the trip. Any adult who would like to serve on this Committee should get in touch with Mr. DiGiorgio. The first agenda item for the Committee is to identify next year's trip.

Science Camp

Registration is still open for Chester County Council's Science Camp to be held from **June**



27th to July 3rd 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. This year, **Mr. Bhaskar** will be teaching the Computer merit badge.

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 Merit Badge Camp and Radio Camp for Boy Scouts](#).



Summer Camp

The Troop will be at Roberts Campground from July 4th – 11th. The cost of summer camp is \$315, if paid by May 4th, and \$350 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 **Jane Harris** know if you plan to attend summer camp. For those of you who have already signed up to go and if you have not already done so, please pay the balance to Mrs. Harris by **May 4th**.

[Medical forms](#) are due to Mrs. Harris by June 22nd. If you will be participating in fall sports, you might want to wait until June 1st to get your physical done. Every scout must have a medical form signed by a doctor within the last year.

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. Harris 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, Linda Bravacos or Joe DiGiorgio.

Soaring Eagle Camp



There is an exciting new opportunity offered through the Chester Council Boy Scouts of America called the "Soaring Eagle Camp" where scouts can complete much sought after merit badges, including the historical merit badges only being offered this year as well as Eagle rank required classes. The camp runs from Sunday, August 1st through Saturday, August 7th at Camp Ware. For more information regarding requirements as well as registration, please [click here](#).



Cabin Cleanup

It's time once again for our annual Cabin Cleanup! We are meeting at the cabin on **Saturday, May 15th**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m., to perform maintenance on the cabin. Jobs this year include painting over graffiti, sweeping the interior, clearing branches off of the roof and hanging pictures and awards. Many hands make light work ~ all Scouts are expected to come out and lend a hand. Thank you to **Mike Dixon** and his committee for arranging for our clean up day.

News for June Troop Meetings

We will be mulching the flower beds at BUMC during our regular Troop meeting on **June 1st**. This is one of the ways in which we say thank you to BUMC for hosting our Troop. Scouts should wear Class C (that's street clothes for the new families) and should choose footwear depending on the weather – boots if it's wet and sneakers if it's dry. Bring your mulching shovels, shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows. At this meeting, we definitely need adult help, so come out if you can and join in the fun. The meeting ends with a treat supplied by the Troop as a reward for a job well done!

On **June 15th** during our regular Troop meeting we will be showing **A Time to Tell**. Youth

protection training has many parts. Every Scout handbook has a guide enclosed for parents to review with their Scouts; reviewing this guide is a requirement of earning the Scout rank. The DVD that we will view together is further enforcement of the lessons in the guide. The fundamental lesson taught by all of the materials is the 3 R's: recognize, resist, and report. **All Scouts are required to view A Time to Tell**. Please make every effort to have your Scout attend the meeting on June 15th. For those who miss, a later showing will be arranged. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Adult Leadership Positions

The list of [Troop Committees](#) was recently posted on our YahooGroups site. The parents in our Troop, by filling vital roles, keep our Troop strong. Your help is needed! Please look over the list of committees, consider where you can best help and then be a volunteer – contact the chair of the committee on which you would like to work. We are transitioning some adult positions this year: Committee Chair, Quartermaster, Camping Committee Chair, Training Coordinator. We currently have vacancies and are in need of a Scouting for Food Coordinator, a Roundtable Representative and a Court of Honor Committee Chair. If your skills and talents match these positions and you can volunteer, please speak with Linda Bravacos, Scott Wilson or the person presently in the position.



Eagle Projects

The troop has decided to archive our Scouts' Eagle Project proposals. If you are working on your Eagle Project, please submit a short description to Jayashree Bhaskar for publication. If you have completed an Eagle Project, you may also submit a description to Mrs. Bhaskar for publication. The Troop Committee has decided to use our Newsletter as a permanent record of the Troop's Eagle Projects.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Massimo Didario and Nate Shreve for moving up to the Scout rank!



Fundraising Committee News

The Fundraising Committee, co-chaired by **Sue Morris** and **Cassie Jamison**, has set **June 19th** for the Troop's car washing fundraiser at Wayne United Methodist Church. Firm times will be set; for now you can mark your calendar for the morning and early afternoon. Boys will be able to sign up for time slots in which to work.

The Committee also announced that the Paoli Hospital evacuation exercise, that generated income for the Troop last year, will not be held this year due to budget restrictions at the state level.

The recent Troop-wide poll generated a decision to hold a Weekend Popcorn Blitz combined with a Joe Corbi sale as our main fundraiser. **Kate VanMeter** has kindly stepped up to be our Popcorn Kernel. As Ms. Van Meter gets the popcorn sale organized, more information will be made available. Ms. Morris and Ms. Jamison are running the Joe Corbi sale again this year.

The Fundraising Committee has also arranged for our participation in the eScrips program with Genuardi's. To sign up, see either of the fundraising co-chairs.

Counselor in Training at Horseshoe

Looking for a way to get more out of Scouting? What about serving as a Counselor in Training this summer at Horseshoe? Council is looking for Scouts, ages 14-15, to take advantage of this leadership opportunity. For roughly four weeks, CITs rotate through four different department areas and in each area they help run the daily operations. Duties might include helping a counselor teach merit badges, prepping for merit badges, and other work around the department area. For more information, click [here](#), and then choose the

button on the right "2010 Summer Staff Click Here" From the next menu, choose the Parent's Information Sheet. Still have questions? Camp Director John Lukowski can help: 610-917-9313



Class B Shirts

Donna DiGiorgio is the keeper of the Class B shirts. If anyone needs a shirt, see Donna. Cost is \$10.

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



May 4th – No Troop Meeting

May 11th – Class A – BUMC

– Admission: Explain the buddy system

May 18th – Class B– BUMC

– Admission: Describe the Heimlich Maneuver

May 23rd – PLC Meeting -- BUMC

May 25th – No Troop Meeting

May 25th – PLC Summer Camp Planning Meeting – BUMC

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th at BUMC**. Parents of families new to the Troop will meet with the

Scoutmaster and Committee Chair the same evening starting at 6:25 p.m.

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.



BSA's new rank requirements

A new Scout handbook has been issued for 2010. All Scouts with earlier handbooks have been given an envelope containing a handout of the new rank requirements, plus two stickers to attach to their handbooks. The envelope should be kept by the Scout with his handbook. When a boy becomes an Eagle, he will be required to have fulfilled the new rank requirements for each rank he achieved in 2010 and going forward. Any boy who already held Life before 2010 does not need to worry about the new rank requirements for himself but he does have to be aware of the new requirements so that he can help younger scouts advance. The new rank requirements can be found in a Word document posted at the YahooGroups website, [click here](#).

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. The online course can be found at myscouting.org. When you have completed the course, print your certificate and provide a copy to our Troop training coordinator, Cindy Sharo, so that the Troop will have a record.

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 Cindy Sharo 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 Cindy 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.

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.

Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar at bhaskar@acm.org.

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

Linda Bravacos – Troop Committee Chair
610-647-8951, 610-316-7902 cell

Scott Wilson - Scoutmaster
610-964-8467

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

Susan Morris, Cassie Jamison – Fund Raising Comm. Co-Chairs
Susan 610-889-7497; Cassie 610-725-0628

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

Mike Ryczyn– Recruiting Coordinator
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John Bravacos- Friends of Scouting Chair
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Donna DiGiorgio- Treasurer
610-688-1126

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

2009-2010 Calendar of Key Events

May 21-23 – Beach Jam – Wildwood

June 4-6 – OA Ordeal & Work Weekend - Horseshoe

June 12 – Family Outing – Valley Creek Park

June 12-13 – Jamboree Shakedown (location TBD)

June 19 – Car Wash – Wayne UMC

June 27-July 4 – Science Camp - Ware

July 4 – 11 - Summer Camp – Roberts at Horseshoe

July 17 – 25 – High Adventure – C&O Canal

July 25 – August 4 – Jamboree – Fort Hill, VA

August 1 – 7 – Camp Soaring Eagle - Ware