

Troop 181 Newsletter

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White Water Rafting in May



The May camping trip to **Lehigh River Scout Adventure Camp** is scheduled for **May 13 – 14**. Please arrive at the church in time for a **5:30 PM** departure on **Friday, May 13**. We will be staying overnight at the Whitewater challenger's campsite at a reduced scout rate. We are booked on a 9:40 AM trip "2B" on Saturday morning. If you are going on the trip and not already done so, please turn in the **forms** and \$48 to **Steve Gartner** who is coordinating this trip. Please watch your e-mails for future updates.

June Camping Trip

Michael Dernoga has taken the lead to organize the June Camping trip, which traditionally has been a trip to the beach. Stay tuned for more details forthcoming.



Spring Cabin Cleanup

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help clean up the cabin and its environs, on Saturday, April 16 at such a short notice! It consisted of sweeping the floors in the cabin, re-stacking the benches, cleaning of the fireplace ashes, sweeping leaves off the roof, raking some of the leaves around the cabin and fallen tree branch clean up. The work was done in two hours time! Thanks also to **Joe Linderman** who coordinated this event.

Patrol of the Year Recognition

The **Troop 181 Patrol of the Year** program is designed to recognize Patrols for their commitment to the Scouting Program. The program is based on a system of points. Points will be awarded to individual scouts and, as a

result, the Patrol totals will be the sum of the individual scouts in each Patrol.

The scouts from this year's patrol which earned the recognition were rewarded with a trip to TNT Amusements paid for by the troop. The boys had a great time with exclusive use of the arcade while they were there!



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 31st 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 ask Mr. Wilson for permission to attend NYLT before registering. This is a program requirement.

Car Wash Fundraiser



The annual car wash fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21** from **8 AM** until **2 PM** at the **Wayne United Methodist**

Church. This event is entirely optional. Scouts can volunteer for as little as an hour to the entire period. From past experience, they usually have a lot of fun while raising funds which go into the scouts' individual accounts. This can be used towards such expenses as paying for annual dues, gear, summer camp fees etc. Watch your e-mails for further announcements. **Scott Wison** is coordinating 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



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 thereafter. 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.

Medical forms are due to Mrs. 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 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. There is a High Adventure Shakedown scheduled for **May 28** in preparation for 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.



Eagle Projects

Please watch your email for announcements of the work schedules for Colin Weissman's and

Andrew Weissman's Eagle projects. Both will need help from every scout in the troop to complete their projects.

Attention Life Scouts! If you are looking for ideas for your Eagle project, please contact **Mr. Piotti**.

Life to Eagle Seminar

Al Plambeck, who is our District Advancement Chairperson, will be hosting a Life to Eagle Seminar for Scouts of Diamond Rock district troops, on **May 15th** at **Camp Jarvis**, at **4:00pm**.

The Life to Eagle Seminar is a great opportunity for Scouts on the path to Eagle to learn about the process involved in putting together a workbook, documenting and executing an Eagle Scout project, and everything in between that needs to be in place in order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

As always, **Mr. Piotti** will be able to answer any question regarding the process of Life to Eagle.

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 positions of **Court of Honor Committee Chair** as well as **Camping Committee Chair**. The job descriptions are posted on the same document. 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

Jon VanMeter reports that there still are two missing tents after the last camping trip. Please check your homes if you have inadvertently overlooked cleaning and returning it. We absolutely need to have them back at the scout meeting following a camping trip. Your cooperation will be highly appreciated!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- Brandon Dernoga** – Scout
- Thomas Huck**– Scout
- Liam McLaughlin** – Scout
- Nick Maier** – Scout
- Nichlas Pearson** – Scout
- Nick Pilotti** – Scout
- Brandon Rock** – Scout
- Vikram Raghupathy** – Scout
- Donovan Schuler** – Scout
- Will Soutendijk** - Scout

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

- Joseph DiGiorgio** – Whitewater
- Scott Dixon** – Citizenship in the World
- Deri Harris** - Citizenship in the Community
- Lewis Winnemore** – 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



May 3 – Class A – Cabin

- Admission: S.T.O.P.
- E.D.G.E.; Tenderfoot Requirements
- S.T.O.P. -- Joe
- Mr. VanMeter's talk
- Mike's Balloon game

May 10 – Class B - BUMC

- Admission: Two Half -Hitches
- Camping Prep and Alternate – A.B.
- Marching – J.B.
- Dhananjay's Game

May 17 – No Troop Meeting

- PLC Summer Planning

May 22 – PLC Meeting - BUMC

May 24 – Class B – BUMC

- Admission: Knives
- Totin' Chip
- JB's Marching
- Ben's active and Joe's relaxed games

May 31 – Class B – Cabin

- Admission: Hiking Boots+Flashlight
- Orienteering
- JB's Marching Review
- Deri's Game

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 at BUMC**. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar! There will also be a new parents' orientation prior to this meeting.

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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

Position Open - Court of Honor 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

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

May 6 – 8 - NYLT Weekend #1(tentative) – Ware

May 13 – 15 - NYLT Weekend #2(tentative) – Ware

May 13 – 14 – Camping/Whitewater rafting – Lehigh River

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