

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Resica Falls Trip

Our next camping trip will be to the **Resica Falls Scout Reservation** from **November 14th – November 16th**. We will be doing Advancement and Merit Badge activities including Orienteering Merit Badge. Webelos are invited, and younger scouts are highly encouraged to attend to work on their advancement. Highlights include Hares & Hounds as well as camping in cabin. **A.B. Maynard and Joe Di-Giorgio** are coordinating the trip. For more information, see the file posted on our troop's Yahoo group site: [Resica Falls Fact Sheet](#)



Philadelphia Rock Gym

Mark your calendars for our **December 13th** event to the Philadelphia Rock Gym from **2-4 PM**. Webelos are invited for this event. It will be an afternoon of fun on the rock wall! **Linda Bravacos** is organizing this trip.

Spring 2009 Camping Trip

The Scouts voted to go to DC **March 20-22, 2009** as a camping trip which **Jack Warnock** is organizing. Parents have voted to stay at the [National Park Service in Greenbelt, MD](#) and make it a no cooking camping trip (we'll eat in DC) as it costs a lot less than staying at the youth hostel. Stay tuned for details.

Scout Recruiting

With **Jack Warnock** taking the lead, Webelos recruiting is in full swing. We have already hosted **Pack 112** Webelos 2's at our Tuesday, September 30, regular meeting.

Scientist Activity Badge Night is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 11th** during our regular meeting at BUMC. We need every Scout to come out and lend a hand at this very busy event. Thanks to all the parents, who have volunteered to help run the experiments and to meet and greet Webelos parents. Rehearsal for the November 11th event took place on November 4th. Please arrive at **7:10 PM** in **Class A** uniform so that we are all set up and ready to welcome the Webelos at 7:30 PM. We are hoping to have a fun and successful night!

Webelos have been invited to join us on our Resica Falls Trip and our day outing to the Philadelphia Rock Gym. Several Webelos dens have asked to join us at regularly scheduled Troop meetings. So, don't be surprised if our ranks swell a little over the next few weeks as we are joined by Webelos considering joining Troop 181.

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: [Troop 181 Brochure](#)

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



2010 National Jamboree Application information

The centennial National Jamboree is scheduled to be held from **July 26th-August 4th 2010** at **Ft. A.P. Hill** in **Virginia**. The application for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree is now available at the [Chester County Council website](#). If you have already completed an application, don't forget to go back online to update it to include any new leadership positions.

[To see a promotional video and Jamboree map, visit the Jamboree Website](#)



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 **Popcorn Show & Sell** fundraising event was a huge success! The total sales were \$5370 of which \$2000 was earned by our boys. In addition, SEI, Scott Wilson's company, is donating \$500 to the Troop because several boys sold popcorn on their site. SEI has a matching program for charities that sell on its site. The **top six sellers** who won the grand prize of fun, food and games at TNT Amusements are: **Ian Wilson, Deri Harris, Jack Franz, Joe DiGiorgio, Mike Ryczyn and Stephen Christner**.

The first fundraising event for the coming scout year will be **Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble** scheduled for **Sunday December 21th** between **12 Noon and 6 PM**. There will be

three time slots of 2 hours each: **12-2 PM; 2-4 PM and 4-6 PM**. We need four scouts and two adults to sign up for each of the time slots. All wrapping supplies will be provided by Barnes & Noble and there will be a complimentary beverage provided by Starbucks for each volunteer. We can raise the visibility of our troop in the community and have fun at the same time. **100%** of the donations earned will go entirely to the scouts who volunteer. Please sign up to make this a successful event. **Jayashree Bhaskar** is coordinating this event.

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food contributions are due back on this **Tuesday, November 11**. Please bring your filled bags to the meeting. Donations are being collected for the food closet supported by the Wayne United Methodist Church as a way of saying thank you for allowing us to use the church for fund raising. **Mike Ryczyn** and **Donna McCarty** are organizing our efforts.

Philmont Trip Gear Clinic

The date for this clinic has changed to **November 12th**, so it no longer conflicts with our troop meeting on Nov. 11th. It will be held at **Downingtown West High School** (Rock Raymond Road, Downingtown PA), and begins at **7:30 PM**. Parents and boys going to Philmont should attend. Meet at **7:00 PM at BUMC** to car pool. Let AB know if you will car pool. AB has sent emails to families signed up for trip to keep them informed of all that is going on – please check your email!

Toy Drive

Jason Robbins is organizing a toy drive for the underprivileged children in our area sponsored by the Suburban West Realtors Association. New, unopened, non-violent toy contributions are due **Tuesday, December 2nd**.

Class B Shirts

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

PLC News

November 4th – Class B – BUMC

- Dress rehearsal for Scientist Activity Badge
- Menu planing for Resica Falls Trip

November 11th – Class A – BUMC

- Scientist Activity Badge Night
- Food collection for Scouting for Food

November 18th – Class B – BUMC

- First aid & lashing

November 25th – No meeting

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30th – PLC meeting at Harris'

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at **7:30pm on Sunday, December 7th at BUMC.**



BSA's new rank requirements

Please refer to the following link for updates:
[2008 Rank Requirement Changes](#)

Training

The next Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific training (classroom - all 3 parts) is on **Saturday November 22nd from 8 AM to 3:30 PM.** It is hosted by Horseshoe Trail and held in Downingtown. Sign up by November 19th online at the [council website.](#)

Youth Protection Training Video

We **require** every Scout to view "A Time to Tell" once every three years as part of the Boy Scouts of America comprehensive program to prevent child sexual abuse in scouting. **Every boy in the Troop must view this DVD this year.** If a parent does not wish for their son to view "A Time to Tell," complete a Request for Absence form. Please see **Linda Bravacos** for

the form as well as the list of scouts who are yet to watch the video.

Adult Youth Protection Training – Online!

All adults/parents who participate in troop outings and trips must take Youth Protection Training once every two years. This is a BSA requirement and protects you and our Scouts. It is easy and quick since you can take it online. It shouldn't take you more than 30 minutes. Please go to [BSA Online Learning Center](#) and click on the Youth Protection Training tab. This will take you to the E-Learning Portal. If you have a MyScouting account, just sign in as usual. Otherwise, register for a MyScouting account so that you can access the online training. Please follow the instructions on [CCCBSA Adult Leadership Training Courses](#) on how to print your certificate after the completion of the online course and how to have it recorded.

Let **Cindy Sharo**, our training coordinator, know that you have completed the Adult Youth Protection Training.

Another great online course is the **Troop Committee Challenge** which Cindy recommends for those families whose sons joined the troop in the past two years. This, as well as other great courses that might interest you can be found at the [BSA Online Learning Center.](#) They are quick and free and will help the Troop and you!

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

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please do so by subscribing to the group. Send an e-mail to paoli181-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com. Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar for help: bhaskar@acm.org. Please note that any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahoogleroups.com will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group. **IMPORTANT:** If you are **NOT** signed up to receive Yahoo Groups mail, let Linda Bravacos know immediately so that you

will continue to receive e-mail. All announcements, notices, etc. are now being sent only through Yahoo Groups.

Search Committee

A search committee consisting of **Mike Harris, Joe DiGeorgio, Mike Ryczyn, Cindy Sharo** and **Dave Miller** has been formed to find replacements for the positions of **Scoutmaster, Treasurer** as well as **Advancements Coordinator**. Those positions are currently held by **Dave Miller, Ron Bellamy** and **Kathy Warnock** respectively, who would all like to step down. **Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact a committee member.** In addition, please offer your support with your suggestions of nominees to any member of the committee.

Co-Scoutmaster Assignments

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

October -- Mr. Franz

November -- Mr. DiGeorgio

December -- Mr. Wilson

January -- Mr. Ryczyn

February -- Mr. Bhaskar

March -- Mr. Weissman

April -- Open

May -- Open

June -- Open

July -- Open

Please call the Co-Scoutmaster if you have a "Mr. Miller question" and he is not home. **Please remember to support our boys by attending the troop meetings 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

Linda Bravacos – Troop Committee Chair
610-647-8951

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 DiGeorgio – 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

Jack Warnock– Recruiting Coordinator
610-722-2673

Vacant - Friends of Scouting Coordinator
610-

Ron Bellamy- Treasurer
610-644-0879

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

2008-2009 Calendar of Key Events

November 14-16 – Camping – Advancement, merit badge

December 13 – Day outing to Philadelphia Rock Gym

December 21 – Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

January 4 – Eagle Court of Honor

January 16-18 – Camping – Ice Climbing

February 1 – Scout Sunday (tentative)

February 7 – Klondike derby

February 20-22 – Camping – Skiing

March 14 – First Aid Meet

March 20-22 – Camping – DC or Annapolis

April 4 – Webelos Woods – Archery Range, cookout, campfire & skits

April 17-19 – Camping – Backpacking TBA

May 1-3 – Philmont Crew Training Weekend

May 15-17 – Camping – Bike trip

May 30 – Family Outing TBA

June 19-21 – Camping-- Fun in the Sun Cape Henlopen

June 27-July 11 – High Adventure Trek— Philmont

July 26-August 02 – Summer Camp – Court of Honor, family picnic at Camp Horseshoe

Aug. 16 – *PLC Annual Planning Meeting for 2009-2010*