

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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### Camporee at Hibernia Park

The fall 2009 Camporee was rained out! Council plans to reschedule in the spring. As details are made known by Council, the Troop will decide if it will participate.



### November Camping at BUMC

Plans are well underway for our camping recruiting event over the weekend of **November 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at BUMC**. This is an all hands on deck event for the Troop; all hands are needed to make our recruiting effort a success!

Scouts report at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday in Class A with gear to spend the night. Bring Class B to wear on Sunday. We must break camp and have all of our gear stowed in the shed by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Our Scouts have planned and will execute all of the activities in which the Webelos will participate. Webelos will be placed into patrols, directly overseen by our Scouts, and circulated through four activity stations. Our grill chef will be working overtime to feed all of the adults dinner while our Scouts will be working with the Webelos to make their dinner. Webelos and their parents have been invited to enjoy a campfire after dinner and to spend the night in tents. A light breakfast will be served in the morning before everyone goes home.

We will need many Troop adults to help with check-in, to oversee the stations, to serve and clean up dinner and breakfast, and to entertain and talk up the Troop to the visiting parents. Please plan to spend as much time as possible with the Troop on Saturday and Sunday!

### High Adventure 2010 Update



Mike Harris has taken the lead in organizing the high adventure trip for 2010. Unlike previous years, neither the destination nor the date of the trip have been determined; both will be set by the Scouts during their planning session. However, the trip will take place some time during the period of July 17-25. Scouts are currently researching their top three choices: sailing in the Bahamas, rafting in Utah and traveling the C&O Canal with the next planning meeting to be held in November. Any Scout who will be 14 years old by next summer and will hold a rank of at least First Class, is eligible for high adventure.



### Winter Camping at Camp Ware

Please mark your calendars for **December 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** for our winter camping at **Camp Ware**. This will be another recruiting event where Webelos and their parents are invited to join us. We will be staying Lawrence Lodge, which has many amenities, and hiking over to Camp Horseshoe. We have time on the rifle range reserved on Saturday. We are hoping for a

great turn out. **A.B. Maynard** is organizing this event.



### **Eagle Court of Honor**

On **Saturday, January 2, 2010**, we will be celebrating an Eagle Court of Honor and recognizing the rise to Eagle of up to five Scouts. Mark your calendar to be at BUMC for the ceremony at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow in Schieck Hall. For new Scouts, this is a Class A event! During this event, we will recognize Dave Miller for the service that he has given to our Troop and our sons!

### **Scout Recruiting**

**Mike Ryczyn**, our Recruiting Chair, has helped to plan several recruiting activities this fall:

**November 14-15** Camping at BUMC

**December 5-6** Winter Camping at Camp Ware. Webelos and their parents are invited to join us at all of these events where our Scouts will have a chance to show off their scouting skills while teaching the Webelos and having fun!

On **January 10, 2010** we are assisting Pack 113 with their Pinewood Derby Workshop held at BUMC. Recapture the fun of making Derby cars while helping the Troop recruit Webelos to join our Troop! Scouts and parents will be needed to help with this event.

Don't be surprised to see Webelos at any Troop meeting. Webelos have been invited to arrange for visits as they make up their minds as to which Troop to cross-over to.

**Calling all Den Chiefs:** Joseph DiGiorgio, Ian Wilson, Stephen Christner and Mike Ryczyn are serving as Den Chiefs which helps the Troop by maintaining our presence with local Packs. Serving as Den Chief also fulfills a leadership requirement for advancement. If you would like a Den Chief position, contact Mr. Ryczyn or Mr. Wilson.

**Den Chief Training:** It is being offered by Chester County BSA on Saturday **November 14 from 8:30am - 2pm** at St Paul's Lutheran

Church in Lionville. Boys should pack a snack and bring their Den Chief Handbook with them. [Click here to register online for this course.](#)



### **Congratulations!**

**Congratulations** to the following scouts who have advanced in rank between October 14, 2009 and November 1, 2009:

**Jason Linderman to Second Class**

**Henry Szupica to Eagle.**



### **Fundraising Committee News**

To make our Troop budget, each Scout's annual contribution is **\$130**. Fundraising activities are designed to enable any Scout who wishes to do so to raise his entire contribution. Any money raised that exceeds the annual contribution can be used by the Scout to fund his personal scout-related needs. Two fundraisers have been planned for the fall to enable the Scouts to raise money.

Thank you for all those who participated in the **Joe Corbi Pizza Sale!** Eleven scouts participated in the event; the top three selling Scouts will be recognized for their effort.

Our second fundraiser is the **Barnes & Noble gift wrapping** scheduled for **Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the store located on Swedesford Road in Devon from around 3:30 PM until closing. We need at least three scouts and two adult leaders to sign up for each two hour time slot. Look out for sign-up sheets that will be sent via e-mail.

The Fundraising Committee has also launched our participation in the eScrips program with Genuardi's. If you need additional information about any fundraising activity, contact Fundraising Co-Chair **Susan Morris** or **Cassie Jamison**.



### **Scouting For Food**

We are happy to announce that **Javad Siah** has graciously stepped up to co-chair the annual Scouting for Food

Drive along with **Donna McCarty**. The Chester County Food Bank reports that there has been a 40% increase in the demand for food at the three largest food cupboards in Chester County this year. The Food Bank expects demand to continue to grow. Nationally, the annual Scout food drive is anticipated by food banks as restocking assistance is always needed as the winter approaches. Our Troop will hold a food collection in November. Door hangers will be passed out during the November 10 Troop meeting. Food donations will be collected during the November 24 Troop meeting. Council has set a goal of collecting 100,000 food items; this is more than double our Council's usual collection. Please give generously!

### **Finance Committee News**

Each year the Finance Committee meets in the fall to consider the Troop budget for the upcoming year and to set the annual activity fee. Given generally increased costs that the Troop is experiencing, largely in camping fees, we have increased our annual activity fee by \$5, making the fee \$130 this year. The rechartering fee has been increased by \$8, which is a pass through of increased charges assessed by National and our Council. The new rechartering fee is \$63. Invoices for \$193 will be e-mailed to all Troop families in the upcoming weeks.

Financial assistance is always available to help families meet Troop expenses, camping costs and other costs associated with Scouting. For example, no Scout should be kept from high adventure because of an inability to meet the expense. Cases are considered on an individual basis. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Scott Wilson, Joe DiGiorgio or Linda Bravacos.

### **Scouting University**

Scouts are invited to participate in the Scouting University, a merit badge opportunity, on January 30, 2010 at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA. Registration is ongoing and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up directly on the [Elizabethtown College website](#). The Troop will organize transportation to and from the event as a day-outing. The packet of

information about this event that Scott Wilson handed out at the first November Troop meeting, can be found on our [YahooGroups website](#).

### **Class B Shirts**

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

### **Roster and Calendar Updates**

The most up-to-date Roster can always be found in the Files section of our YahooGroups website. The most up-to-date Calendar can always be found on the Troop website and in the Files section of our YahooGroups website.

### **PLC News**

#### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Class A – Cabin**

– Admission: 1/2 brown bag of kindling

#### **November 10<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC**

– Admission: How to find true north

#### **November 17<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting**

#### **November 24<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC**

– Admission: Food for Scouting for Food Collection

#### **November 22<sup>nd</sup> – PLC meeting at Bravacos'**

### **Next Parents' Meeting**

The next parents' meeting is at **7:00 pm on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at BUMC**.

### **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.



### **BSA's new rank requirements**

Please refer to the following link for updates:

### 2008 Rank Requirement Changes.

As of January 1, 2010 there will be additional rank requirement changes. A file has been posted on our Yahoo Groups site with the new requirements: [2010 Rank Requirement Changes](#)

### 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 in 30 minutes. 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. If you are a registered leader and need your BSA number, e-mail the request to Counsel at [scouting@cccbsa.org](mailto:scouting@cccbsa.org) and the number will be e-mailed back to you promptly.

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

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 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  
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**Scott Wilson** - Scoutmaster  
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**A.B. Maynard**– Camping Committee Chair  
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**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  
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**Jayashree Bhaskar** – Communications  
Comm. Chair 610-296-7332

**Joe DiGiorgio** – Finance Committee Chair  
610-688-1126

**Mike Harris**- Quartermaster  
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**Cindy Sharo** – Training Coordinator

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

### 2009-2010 Calendar of Key Events

**November 14-15** – BUMC Camping, Webelos  
Event

**December 5-6** – Winter Camping – Camp  
Ware (Webelos Event)

**December 23** – Barnes & Noble fundraiser –  
Swedesford Road, Devon

**January 2** – Eagle Court of Honor and  
Farewell reception for Mr. Miller - BUMC

**January 8-10** – Ice Hiking - Ricketts Glen

**January 10** – Pinewood Derby Workshop -  
BUMC

**January 30** – Scouting University -  
Elizabethtown College

**February 2** – Winter Court of Honor and  
Potluck Dinner - BUMC

**February 6** – Klondike Derby (location TBD)

**February 8 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting!**

**February 14** – Scout Sunday - BUMC

**February 20** – Ski trip, day trip only (location  
TBD)

**March 12-15** – DC camping trip - Greenbelt  
National Park or Manasses, VA

**March 13** – First Aid Meet (location TBD)

**April 30-May 2** – UMC Camping and Service  
Weekend – UMC Poconos campsite

**April 23-25** – OA Ordeal Weekend -  
Horseshoe

**May** – Beach Jam – Wildwood (date TBD)

**May 7-9** – NYLT Weekend #1 - Ware

**May 14-16** – NYLT Weekend #2 - Ware

**June 4-6** – OA Ordeal Weekend - Horseshoe

**June 12** – Family Outing (location TBD)

**June 12-13** – Jamboree Shakedown (location  
TBD)

**June 27-July 4** – Science Camp - Ware

**July 4 – 11** - Summer Camp – Roberts at  
Horseshoe

**July 17 – 25** – Tentative High Adventure

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