

Troop 181 Newsletter

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November Camping at BUMC

Our scouts and leaders have been preparing for the November campout, designed as a recruiting event, to be held over the weekend of **November 13th – 14th at BUMC**. We will meet at BUMC at **10:00 am on Saturday** morning to set up for the day's activities. Each patrol is responsible for one of the activity stations (Archery, Compass & Orienteering, First Aid, and Fire Building). There will be approximately 20-25 cub scouts attending throughout the day and approximately 10 of those scouts will be camping overnight. Please come in full **Class A uniform** and refer to Mr. Wilson's e-mail for the schedule of events. In addition, **Jon VanMeter** is planning a **Cracker Barrel** reunion for our alums from 4 – 6 PM. Please sign up to be a volunteer. Your support and commitment will reflect the values of our troop!



December Camping at Camp Horseshoe

Mark your calendars for the next campout to be held during the weekend of **December 3rd - 5th at Camp Horseshoe**. We have reserved Schramm Lodge, which has amenities like wood burning stove, cooking/food prep area, refrigerator, hot water etc. It has a capacity of up to 36 people, including adults. **Mike Ryczyn** is extending invitations to potential recruits and their families. Thanks to **Scott Shreve** and **Joe DiGiorgio** who are helping to coordinate this event.

Ice Hiking at Glen Onoko Falls Trail

Mike Harris is once again planning this very popular mid winter hike during the weekend of **January 7th – 9th**. Crampons will be provided by the troop. Space is limited so be sure to sign up quickly once a notice is sent around. Stay tuned for details.

High Adventure 2011

Joe DiGiorgio has taken the lead in organizing the high adventure trip for 2011. 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. We can have as many as nine scouts in a crew and two adults for a total of eleven people. Currently, there are five scouts signed up and room for four more. Please let **Mr. DiGiorgio** know asap if you have not already signed up but wish to go on this trip.



Eagle Court of Honor

On Saturday, **November 20th 2010**, we will be celebrating an Eagle Court of Honor and recognizing the rise to Eagle of **Andrew Sharo** and **Clark Hillenbrand**. [Cindy Sharo](#) needs the help of scouts and adults with set up at **1 PM** and clean up after the event.. The ceremony begins at **4 P.M.**, with light refreshments to follow in Schieck Hall.

Patrol Leadership Development Conference

A total of 3 scouts took this training offered by the council on **Saturday October 23rd** at **Camp Ware**. It is our impression that it is not a substitute for the Junior Leadership Training that our troop conducts for all scouts First Class and above traditionally in the fall. We will schedule an interim JLT for some time in March of 2011. Stay tuned.



Eagle Projects

Deri Harris recently completed his Eagle project and he extends thanks to all those who helped him accomplish that.

Joseph DiGiorgio is starting his Eagle project, which is to restore benches for the train platform at Valley Forge National Park, on **November 14th**. Joseph's project includes power washing, making repairs, staining and painting the benches.

Please watch your email for announcements of the work schedules. He will need help from every Scout in the Troop to complete his project.

Adult Leadership Positions

Thanks to **Kate VanMeter** who has stepped up to be the Training Coordinator, taking over from Cindy Sharo, to **Joe Linderman** who is our new Cabin Committee Chair, taking over from Mike Dixon and to **Evelyn Shreve** who will take over as summer camp coordinator from Jane Harris! Many thanks also to Cindy, Mike and Jane for their years of service!

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.

Scout Recruiting

Mike Ryczyn has planned a range of recruiting activities for Fall of 2010. Plans are underway for the first of two camping events to be held during the weekend of **November 13-14** at BUMC and the weekend of **December 3-5** at Camp Horseshoe. Mr. Ryczyn has also begun to coordinate a Pinewood Derby workshop for Cub Scouts from Pack 112 and will work with other Cub Packs on such workshops, if requests are received.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

–**Michael VanMeter** – Second Class

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

–**Dhananjay Bhaskar** – Citizenship in the World

–**Bryce Gartner** – Oceanography

–**Kevin Haddad** - Citizenship in the World

–**A. B. Maynard** – Personal Management

–**AJ Nadel** – Oceanography & Reading

–**Ryan Nadel** - Oceanography & Reading

–**Matt Paolizzi** – Oceanography, Reading & Scholarship

–**Nathan Shreve** – Oceanography & pottery

–**Michael VanMeter** - Oceanography



Fundraising Committee News

Susan Morris and **Cassie Jamison**, fundraising committee's co-chairs ran the very successful **Joe Corbi** sale again this year. Total sales added up to \$2800, with a profit of \$896. You can still order online for the upcoming holiday gift giving season at [Joe Corbi's](#), with your products to be delivered to your home or directly to your gift-recipients, and the profit from the sale will be added to your Scout Account. Contact Ms. Morris or Ms. Jamison if you need help with online ordering.

The **Barnes and Noble** gift wrapping fundraiser

is scheduled to be held on **December 19th** from 10 AM until closing time at the Valley Forge location. Look for the sign up sheet that will be sent out via e-mail by **Jayashree Bhaskar**.

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

Scouting For Food



Sarah Reindel is coordinating our annual Food Drive between **November 13th through the 20th**. Scouts took home bags to distribute on November 9th and the food donations will be collected at the troop meeting on November 22nd. For those of you who were not at the last meeting, please see the [flyer](#). Chester County's goal is to collect 100,000 canned goods for the 100th anniversary of Scouting. Please make that happen by donating generously.

Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee led by **Joe DiGiorgio** met recently to discuss the annual budget. The annual dues for the year 2011 are set at \$150 and the rechartering fee is \$63. Statements have been sent out to all families by e-mail. Please pay your dues promptly! Instructions for payment are on the invoices.

Class B Shirts



We are revamping our Class B shirts both in design and fabric content. Thanks to **Kathy Nadel** who has come up with a beautiful logo for the shirt and to **Jordan Nadel** who has located a supplier for the moisture wicking shirts. The price is going to be approximately \$12-\$13. Orders are being taken by **Joe/Donna DiGiorgio**.

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



November 2nd – Class A – BUMC

- Admission: Arm sling test
- Book Check + Advancements
- November Camping Prep
- JB's Cit. Community Presentation/AB's Pioneering Skill
- David's Game

November 9th – Class B – BUMC

- Admission: 5 Hurry Cases
- Backsplicing Demo/Activity
- Planning for Recruitment trip+Activity Recap
- Mike's Game

November 16th – No Troop Meeting

November 23rd – Class B – BUMC

- Admission: When was the first official national Thanksgiving holiday?
- Debrief of the Recruitment camp
- Colin's Leave-No-Trace Achievement Award
- Instructors teaching Staking with AB
- Joe's Game

November 28th – PLC Meeting – BUMC

November 30th – Class B - BUMC

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5th at BUMC**. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar!

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.** 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.

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

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
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Scott Wilson - Scoutmaster
610-964-8467

A.B. Maynard, Eric Hohenschuh – Co-Camping Committee Chairs

610-578-0493 (AB), 610-651-0252 (Eric)

Vince Piotti – Advancement Committee Chair

610-296-9058

_____ - Court of Honor Comm. Chair

Susan Morris, Cassie Jamison – Fund Raising Comm. Co-Chairs

Susan 610-889-7497; Cassie 610-725-0628

Joe Linderman – Cabin Committee Chair

610-722-9914

Jayashree Bhaskar – Communications Comm. Chair 610-296-7332

Joe DiGiorgio – Finance Committee Chair 610-688-1126

Mike Harris/Jon VanMeter- Quartermaster 610-647-0808/610-247-8889

Cindy Sharo/Kate VanMeter – Training Coordinator

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Mike Brown - Charter Organization Representative 610-688-2853

Mike Ryczyn– Recruiting Coordinator 610-240-7769

John Bravacos- Friends of Scouting Chair 610-647-8951

Donna DiGiorgio- Treasurer 610-688-1126

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

2010-2011 Calendar of Key Events

November 11 – 80th Anniversary of Troop 181

November 13-14 – Camping/Recruiting event– BUMC

November 20 – Eagle Court of Honor – BUMC

December 3 – 5 – Camping/Recruiting event – Horseshoe

January 7 – 9 – Winter camping - Glen Onoko/ Jim Thorpe, PA

January 29 – Scouting University(tentative) – Elizabethtown

February 5 – Klondike Derby

February 25-27 – Ski weekend – Jack Frost/Big Boulder

March 12 – First Aid Meet

March 18 – 20 - Pocono Plateau camp – Cresco, PA

April 8 – 10 - Camping - Ockanickon Scout Reserve – Pipersville, PA

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

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

May 20 – 22 – Camping/Whitewater rafting – TBD

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