

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Camporee at Hibernia Park

The fall 2009 Camporee is going to be held over the weekend of **October 16th – 18th at Hibernia Park** near Coatesville, PA. Camporee is always a recruiting event and we expect to host a Webelos Den from Troop 81. All Scouts should arrive at BUMC on Friday October 16th at 5:30 PM sharp with a signed [permission form](#). Refer to the fact sheet for further details. **Joe Franz** and **Joe DiGiorgio** are organizing this event. **HELP is needed** in the form of a few additional parents. If you can come for the weekend, that would be most appreciated. If you can come on Saturday to help with dinner, that would be awesome. In addition to overseeing our Scouts and the visiting Webelos all weekend, the two Joes will be talking up the Troop to the Webelos parents. Imagine how worn out they will be by dinner.....an extra parent or two to help and share the work would be great! Please contact Joe DiGiorgio directly if you can volunteer.



November Camping at BUMC

Mark your calendars for November camping which will be a recruiting event held over the weekend of **November 13th – 15th at BUMC**. On the 13th, our Scouts will set up for the weekend and then go home to sleep. On the 14th, our Scouts will reassemble and host the visiting Webelos when they arrive after lunch.

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 directly with Webelos to make their dinner. Webelos and their parents are invited to enjoy a campfire and then to spend the night in tents. A light breakfast will be served in the morning before everyone goes home. Many special features are planned for this event, including a slide show set to music. To make this event a success, we will need the participation of every Troop family. All Scouts should plan to be in attendance. We will need many adults to help with check-in, to man 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 as possible of the day with the Troop!

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 dates of the trip have been determined; both will be set by the Scouts during their planning session. 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 early 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.



Life to Eagle Seminar

With the leadership of **Vince Piotti**, Troop 181 successfully hosted Life to Eagle Seminars on September 22nd and October 6th. The boys came away with knowledge and tools necessary for planning and carrying out the requirements for the Eagle Rank. Remember to check the [Life to Eagle](#) file folder on our Troop's YahooGroups website for documents related to Eagle advancement.

Scout Recruiting

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

October 16-18 Camporee at Hibernia Park

November (13)14-15 Camping at BUMC

December 5-6 Winter Camping at Camp Ware
Webelos Dens and families 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.

Mike could use some volunteers to help with recruitment; contact Mike directly to offer your help.

Calling all Den Chiefs: Joseph DiGiorgio, Ian Wilson and Stephen Christner 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 as soon as possible.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following scouts who have earned Merit Badges be-

tween September 1, 2009 and October 13, 2009:

Personal Fitness: Dhananjay Bhaskar, Stephen Christner, Joseph DiGiorgio, Kevin Haddad, AB Maynard, Sam McCarty, Michael Ryczyn

Citizen in the Community: Stephen Griffin

Space Exploration: Ben Levin

Pulp and Paper: Andrew Weissman



Fundraising Committee News

To make our Troop budget, each Scout's annual contribution is **\$125**. 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.

Our first fundraiser was the **Joe Corbi Pizza Sale!** Remember our **delivery date is October 13th**; if you placed an order, be sure to attend the meeting on the 13th to pick up your product as it will need refrigeration! 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 23rd** 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. Please follow your email for further details.

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.

Junior Leadership Training

Eleven scouts spent five hours at the Junior Leadership Training held on Sunday, October 4th. Thank you to **Vince Piotti** for running this training event. Vince was assisted by **Cindy Sharo, Scott Wilson, Jack Warnock and Linda Bravacos**. In addition, our three Scouts who attended NYLT last spring, **John Bravacos, Colin Weissman and Dhananjay Bhaskar**, helped with the program. Leadership training, whether at the Troop level or at Council level, is important so that each boy develops overtime the skills needed to be a leader in the Troop and a leader in life. Thank you to the parents who supported this program by making your sons available on a beautiful Sunday afternoon! Every patrol came away from the training with three goals that they will now be working to implement during Troop meetings.

Patrol Leadership Development Conference

Scout who are at least in the sixth grade and of First Class rank can continue their leadership training by attending Council's **Patrol Leader Development Conference on October 24th at Camp Ware**. The cost is \$35. Sign up and attend and the Troop will pay one-half of registration fee. Click [here](#) to register.

PLC News

October 4th – Junior Leadership Training

October 6th – Class A – BUMC

- Square lashing & uses for entrance
- Review of all Camporee activities; practice lashing

October 13th – Class B – BUMC

- Diagonal lashing & uses for entrance
- Cycling merit badge – **bring your bike**, prep for Camporee

October 16th-18th – Camporee–Hibernia Park

October 20th – No Meeting

October 27th – Class B - BUMC

- Shear lashing & uses for entrance
- Cycling merit badge, patrol meetings

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at **7:00 pm on Sunday, October 25th at BUMC**.

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

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 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.

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 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
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.

2009-2010 Calendar of Key Events

October 16-18 - Council Camporee – Hibernia Park (Webelos Event)

November (13)14-15 – BUMC Camping, Webelos Event (Scouts only 11/13; Webelos 11/14-15)

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

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

January 2 – 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 - 100th 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 25 – August 4 – Jamboree – Fort Hill, VA