

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Camping at Hawk Mountain



The first camping trip of the new scouting year took place over the glorious weekend of **September 18th – 19th** to [Hawk Mountain](#) in the Poconos. We had a great turnout with 23 scouts and 7 adults who went on this trip and the weather couldn't have been better! Thanks to **A.B. Maynard** and **Eric Hohenschuh** who organized this trip.



October camping trip to Quantico

This trip was held on the weekend of **October 1st – 3rd**. On Saturday, we visited [Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park](#) and later attended the taps back at Quantico. On Sunday we visited the The National Museum of the Marine Corps located next to the Marine Corps Base before heading back. Please note that on trips like these, Class A uniform is required. Thanks to **Eric Hohenschuh** who coordinated this trip.



November Camping at BUMC

Mark your calendars for November camping which will be a recruiting event held over the weekend of **November 13th – 14th** at **BUMC**. Stay tuned for the details which will be worked out in the coming weeks.

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 6th, 2011** for 7 days. 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 there is room for four more. Please let **Mr. DiGiorgio** know asap if you are going 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**. Mark your calendar to be at BUMC for the ceremony at 4 **P.M.** with light refreshments to follow in Schieck Hall.

Patrol Leadership Development Conference

This training offered by the council, is designed for all scouts with a rank of First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. It is scheduled for **Saturday October 23rd at Camp Ware from 9am – 4pm**. The \$40 fee will be paid by the troop. Please go [online](#) to register and pay for the training as soon as possible. The troop will reimburse each family for this fee and will coordinate transportation to Camp Ware.



Eagle Projects

Joe DiGiorgio presented his Eagle project at the Troop Committee meeting; the project has been approved. Here's Joe's description of the project:

"My Eagle project will be restoring 15 Victorian benches to the 1913's time. Once the benches are finished, they will be placed on the train platform at the train station in Valley Forge National Park, where over 10,000 people will use them each year."

Joe's project includes power washing, making repairs, staining and painting the benches.

Please watch your email for announcements of the work schedules for Deri Harris' and Joe DiGiorgio's eagle projects. Both will need help from every Scout in the Troop to complete their projects.

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. We currently have vacancies and are in need of a Roundtable Representative and a Court of Honor Committee Chair in addition to Committee Chair. If your skills and talents match these positions and you can volunteer, please speak with Linda Bravacos, Scott Wilson or the person presently in the position.

A search committee consisting of Mike Harris, Joe DiGiorgio, Scott Wilson, Mike Ryczyn and Gene Christner has been formed to fill the open positions.

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:

–**Douglas Hohenschuh**- Tenderfoot

Congratulations to the following scouts who earned merit badges:

–**Kevin Haddad**- Emergency Preparation

–**AJ Nadel** – Swimming and Fishing



Fundraising Committee News

The **Weekend Popcorn Blitz** on September 11th and 12th at the Paoli Acme was a huge success! **Kate VanMeter**, our Popcorn Kernel, reports that the scouts made over \$2000 in popcorn sales, which amounts to \$70 of sales per scout who volunteered. 35% of the sales will be credited towards the scouts' accounts.

Susan Morris and **Cassie Jamison**, fundraising committee's co-chairs are running the **Joe Corbi** sale again this year. Order forms will be handed out in the next couple of meetings and the forms are due back by **November 2nd**.

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 eScrips program with Genuardi's. To sign up, see either of the fundraising co-chairs.

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. Statements will be sent out in early November.

Class B Shirts

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

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

**October 5th – No Troop Meeting****October 12th – Class A – BUMC**

- Admission: What would you do to a rope to make it be thrown farther?
- Rope-throwing demo
- Quantico Debrief
- Sling Lesson/Practice
- Game led by Joe

October 19th – Class B – Cabin

- Admission: Sling test + Flashlight
- Briefing of Activity to Patrols
- First Aid/Orienteering Scenario

October 24th – PLC Meeting – BUMC**October 26th – Class B****Next Parents' Meeting**

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 7th 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 (through at least the end of October)**, so that the Troop will have a record.

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
610-647-8951, 610-316-7902 cell

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
610-293-9177/610-247-8889

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 – Jim Thorpe, PA

January 29 – Scouting University(tentative) – Elizabethtown

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

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 18 – 20 – Camping/Beach – TBD

June 26 – July 2 – Science & Radio Camp – Ware

July 24 – 31 – Summer Camp – Horseshoe

September 16 – 18 – Camping - Gettysburg