

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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### Start of a New Scouting Year

We are ushering in the new scouting year of **2008-2009** with a variety of exciting activities that the PLC has planned! They include Troop favorites such as skiing and ice climbing as well as traditional scouting activities such as canoeing, hiking and backpacking. There is something for everyone! Please refer to the troop website at: [Troop 181 Calendar of Events](#) for the calendar of events as well as the monthly newsletters for updates on future events.



### Camping and Deep Sea Fishing at Belleplaine State Forest

Our first camping trip is from **September 19<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will be camping at the Belleplaine State Forest, deep sea fishing as well as having lots of fun at the beach! Please arrive at **BUMC at 6 PM on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, with completed permission forms. Thanks to **A.B. Maynard** and **Cindy Sharo** for organizing the trip.



### Order of the Arrow Weekend

The first of the Ordeal Weekends this year is from September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. For those candi-

dates who choose to go this weekend, a registration form and additional information is available at: [2008 Ordeal Packet](#).

### Scout Recruiting

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 talk up 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 26<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



### Congratulations and Welcome!

Congratulations to:

- **Deri Harris** who was elected **Senior Patrol Leader**.
- **Andrew Sharo** who was elected **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader**.
- **Colin Weissman, Scott Dixon, AB Maynard** and **John Bravacos**, who were elected **Patrol Leaders**.

A warm welcome back to **Kevin Haddad** and his family to Troop 181!



### 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 car wash fundraising event was held on **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. The scouts who attended raised **\$260** collectively during this event.

The next fundraising event is the **Popcorn Show and Sell** on the weekend of **September 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>** at two locations in two hour shifts. If you have not already signed up, you can do so on September 9<sup>th</sup> during the troop meeting. We need **scouts** and **leaders** to sign up to make this successful! If you can't participate in the Show and Sell, you can still sell popcorn to your family and friends. Trail's End has made online sales even easier than in past years. The program will be explained to the boys at

the Troop meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> and Scott Wilson is always available to answer your questions. A big thank you to **Scott Wilson** and **Gene Christner** for coordinating the Show and Sell and to everyone on the Fundraising Committee, headed by **Scott Wilson**, for all of their efforts!

The Popcorn Sale is our final fundraising event for the current year. When the sale is complete, the boys' accounts will be totaled and invoices will issue for any sum due to get to the annual \$125 contribution.

The first event for the coming scout year will be **Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble** tentatively scheduled for **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for more details.

### Class B Shirts

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



### Merit Badge Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

In recognition that some Scouts did not complete merit badges during summer camp due to the illness that swept through Camp Horseshoe, Chester County Council is sponsoring a merit badge weekend **October 17-19** to allow scouts to complete merit badges. We have not received details yet from Council about what badges will be offered. This weekend conflicts with our October canoeing/camping trip on the Delaware River. Mr. Miller will discuss the merit badge weekend with the scouts at the meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you think you might attend, even if you are not ready to make a commitment, please send an **e-mail** to both **Mr. Miller and Mrs. Bravacos** as soon as possible so that we can let Council know that we may be sending Scouts and get to you more information as soon as it becomes available.

**PLC News****September 9<sup>th</sup> – Class A - Cabin:**

- Fire building
- Summer camp wrap-up
- 2008-2009 calendar – discuss trip to DC or Annapolis, other activities
- Knot race
- Popcorn Sale Kick-Off by Mr. Wilson

**September 16<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC:**

*Special starting time – 6:30 PM – for a showing of the Youth Protection Training DVD, “A Time to Tell” at 6:30 PM. **If you did not attend the summer presentation, you must attend this one.** Parents are welcome.*

- Deep sea fishing tips by Mr. Miller
- Lashing
- Menu planning
- Frisbee

**September 28<sup>th</sup> – PLC meeting @ Harris'****September 30<sup>th</sup> – Class B – Cabin**

- Tentative plan to host Webelos – more information to follow
- Return gear.

**Next Parents' Meeting**

The next parents' meeting is at **7:30pm on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at BUMC.**

**BSA's new rank requirements**

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

**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.** We are showing the DVD for the second

time before the start of our Troop meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at BUMC library by **6:30 PM**. If a parent does not wish for their son to view “A Time to Tell,” complete a Request for Absence form. (See Linda Bravacos for the form.)

**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 [CCBSA 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.*

**Free CPR/First Aid Training**

Classes will be held at the Government Services Center on Westtown Road in West Chester on multiple dates. The next two dates are **Thursday evening November 6<sup>th</sup>** and **all day Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>**. For details, please refer to: [Free CPR/First Aid Training](#).

### 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@yahogroups.com](mailto:paoli181-subscribe@yahogroups.com). Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar for help: [bhaskar@acm.org](mailto:bhaskar@acm.org). Please note that any e-mail sent to [paoli181@yahogroups.com](mailto:paoli181@yahogroups.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.

### Co-Scoutmaster Assignments

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

**September -- Mr. Harris**

**October -- Mr. Franz**

**November -- Mr. DiGiorgio**

**December --**

**January --**

**February -- Mr. Bhaskar**

**March --**

**April --**

**May --**

**June --**

**July --**

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 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

**Jack Warnock**– Recruiting Coordinator  
610-722-2673

**Gus Rolotti**- Friends of Scouting Coordinator  
610-783-0294

**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

**September 13-14** – Pop Corn Show and Sell

**September 19-21** – Camping at Belleplain State Forest and Deep Sea Fishing in Cape May

**October 5** – Troop JLT for PLC – BUMC

**October 17-19** – Camping – Canoeing/Hiking Delaware river

**November 14-16 – Camping** – Advancement, merit badge

**December 13** – Day outing TBA

**December 20** – 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*