

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Scouting Year 2009-2010

Welcome back to the new scouting year of 2009-2010! As always, the PLC has planned a range of activities which include favorites such as skiing to traditional activities such as camping, hiking and backpacking. There is something for everyone! Please refer to the [calendar](#) as well as the monthly newsletters for updates on future events.



Camping at Antietam National Battlefield

The first camping trip of the new scouting year was over the weekend of **September 11th – 13th** to the historic [Antietam National Battlefield](#) in Sharpsburg, MD. Our Scouts got to hike while learning some of the history of the battles that took place there. **Scott Wilson** led an Orienteering Course on Saturday afternoon. Thank you to **Joe DiGiorgio** and **A.B. Maynard** are organizing this trip.

High Adventure 2010 Update

Mike Harris has taken the lead in organizing the high adventure trip for 2010. Mr. Harris brainstormed with the boys at summer camp to gather ideas and to begin to make plans for next summer's trip. The next meeting of all Scouts planning to go on the high adventure trip next summer is set for Saturday, September 19, 11 am at the Harris' home. 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. 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.



Summer Camp 2009

The Troop had another successful week of summer camp at Camp Horseshoe from **July 26th – August 2nd**. Eighteen Scouts attended camp and earned, all together, fifty-eight merit badges! Twelve Scouts advanced in rank! We are very fortunate in having many adult volunteers who helped to ensure that the Scouts had a productive and fun week. Scott Wilson spent his first week in residence as Scoutmaster. Dave Miller came on check-in Sunday to help everyone get settled. Joe Franz, Bhaskar, and Mike Harris braved the mosquitoes and spent several nights. Linda Bravacos, Kathy Warnock, Jack Warnock, Matt Warnock, Vince Piotti and Chris Linderman all helped with Boards of Review and advancement. Two Scouts, Ben Levin and Joseph DiGiorgio, were tapped out for OA.



Life to Eagle Seminar

With so many of our scouts advancing to the Life rank, Troop 181 Advancement Chair, Vince Piotti, is hosting two "Life to Eagle" seminars for Scouts working toward their Eagle rank. Dates and times are:

- Tuesday, September 22 from 6:00 – 7:30 at the BUMC Parlor
- Tuesday, October 6 from 6:00 – 7:30 at the BUMC Library

This seminar will address rank questions, the steps and procedures necessary to begin working on Eagle Scout projects, workbooks and more. All Scouts working toward their Eagle Scout rank should attend with a parent. Attendance **one** evening is all that is needed. Please RSVP to lbravacos@gmail.com. We need a head count as pizza and drinks will be served. For a copy of the seminar flyer, click [here](#).

Scout Recruiting

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

October 16-18 Camporee at Hibernia Park

November 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!

Mike is working on scheduling additional recruiting activities, such as hosting a Pinewood Derby workshop for Cub Scouts, later in the year. He could use volunteers on his Committee....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 new leadership team!

- **John Bravacos** – Senior Patrol Leader

- **Colin Weissman** – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- **Dhananjay Bhaskar** – Patrol Leader
- **Joseph DiGiorgio** – Patrol Leader
- **David Siah** – Patrol Leader
- **Andrew Weissman** – Patrol Leader

Congratulations to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- **Connor Jamison** - Scout to **Tenderfoot**
- **Jason Linderman** - Scout to **Tenderfoot**
- **Stephen Toner** - Scout to **Tenderfoot**
- **Ian Weissman** - Tenderfoot to **Second Class**
- **Jack Franz** -Second Class to **First Class**
- **John Bravacos** - Star to **Life**
- **Stephen Christner** - Star to **Life**
- **Joseph DiGiorgio** - Star to **Life**
- **Michael Ryczyn** - Star to **Life**
- **David Siah** - Star to **Life**
- **Andrew Weissman** - Star to **Life**
- **Ian Wilson** - Star to **Life**

Congratulations to the all of the Scouts who earned merit badges during summer camp!!!



2010 National Jamboree

Chester County Council is sending 36 Scouts, together with adult leaders, in five patrols to the centennial National Jamboree at **Ft. A.P. Hill** in **Virginia**. The Chester County contingent will depart on **July 25th** and tour Sharpsburg, Antietam and Harper's Ferry on the way to the Jamboree. After spending a night at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA, the group will arrive at the Jamboree on **July 26th** and return home on **August 4th**. There are 3 spaces still available for this once in a lifetime adventure; cost is \$1,300. (The cost to Council just to outfit each patrol is \$75,000.) If you wish to sign up for Jamboree, contact Chester County Council by phone: 610-696-2900.

To see a promotional video and Jamboree map, visit the [Jamboree Website](#)



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. Three fundraisers have been planned for the fall to enable the Scouts to raise money.

Our first fundraiser is a Joe Corbi Pizza Sale! (It's more than just pizza!) Information and order forms have been distributed to Scouts. Orders are due on September 29 at the Troop meeting and orders will be delivered on October 13, also at the Troop meeting. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is in the works for November at the Wayne United Methodist Church. Our third fundraiser will be a repeat of our successful Barnes & Noble gift wrap table in December.

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.



New Cabin Update

Currently, we do not have a Chair for fundraising for the cabin. We are rapidly approaching that point where the project needs to have a leader for it to move forward.

In August, the Building Committee met and addressed some of the basic scope and size issues for the project. Information was gathered since then and the Committee will be meeting again during September. If you didn't attend the August meeting and wish to participate, contact John Bravacos to be added

to the list.

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

All Scouts First Class rank and above are required to attend Junior Leadership Training on **Sunday, October 4 starting at 1:00 p.m. at BUMC.**

PLC News

September 1st – Class A – Cabin

- Patrol leader & Patrol name for entrance
- Planning for Antietam

September 8th – Class B – BUMC

- Sheet bend knot & uses for entrance
- Planning for Antietam

September 15th – PLC Meeting at Bravacos'

- Please note that there is **no scout meeting** this day

September 22nd – Class B – BUMC

- Timber hitch & uses for entrance
- Camping safety, patrol meetings

September 29th – Class B – Cabin

- Clove hitch & uses for entrance
- Plant & animal identification; Scout Skills Jeopardy

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, 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 4th 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

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. Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar for help: bhaskar@acm.org. Please note that any e-mail sent to 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.

**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

September 8-29 – Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser
October 4 – Troop JLT for PLC – BUMC
October 16-18 - Council Camporee – Hibernia Park
November – Pancake Breakfast – Wayne UMC (date TBD)
November 13-15 – BUMC Camping, Webelos Event (Scouts only 11/13; Webelos 11/14-15)
December 5-6 – Winter Camping – Camp Ware
December – Barnes & Noble fundraiser (date TBD)
January 2 or 3 – Farewell reception for Mr. Miller - BUMC
January 8-10 – Ice Hiking - Ricketts Glen
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 13 – Scout Sunday - BUMC

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

March 13 – First Aid Meet (location TBD)

March 19-21 – DC camping trip - Greenbelt National Park

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 12-13 – Jamboree Shakedown (location TBD)

June 19 – Family Outing (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