

# Troop 181 Newsletter

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## Scouting Year 2010-2011

Welcome back to the new scouting year of 2010-2011! 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 Hawk Mountain



The first camping trip of the new scouting year is going to be to [Hawk Mountain](#) in the Poconos over the weekend of **September 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will drive up on Saturday morning, hike up to [The Pinnacle](#) and camp in tents. Please bring flash lights. **A.B. Maynard** and **Eric Hohenschuh** are organizing this trip.



### October camping trip to Quantico

This trip is going to be on the weekend of **October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We plan to leave around 5 PM on Friday and set up tents upon reaching Quantico. On Saturday, we'll try to see the taps with color guard. Watch for the trip details from **A.B. Maynard** via e-mail.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for 7 days. We can have as many as nine scouts in a crew and two adults for a total of eleven people. Please let **Mr. DiGiorgio**

know asap if you are going on this trip.



### Summer Camp 2010

The Troop had another successful week of summer camp at Camp Horseshoe from **July 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** this year. 28 scouts attended the camp and earned 84 merit badges collectively! In addition, a total of 14 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. Thanks to **Jon VanMeter, Mike Harris, Joe Franz, Gene Christner** who all took turns to provide two deep leadership at the camp which made it possible for **Scott Wilson** to take a break one night! Sincere apologies in advance for any missed names. Also, thanks to all the adult leaders who conducted the boards of review.

Here's a message from the Wilson family:

*"A BIG THANK YOU from the Wilson family for the gift certificate that we received during the awards ceremony at Horseshoe. We went to dinner at San Nicola in Paoli and had a great meal. A great evening was had by all. Thank you again!"*



### Eagle Court of Honor

On Saturday, **November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Eagle Projects

**Deri Harris** presented his Eagle project at the Troop Committee meeting and got approved. Here's Deri's description of the project:

*"My eagle project consists of renovating the shed of the Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School which is located next to the scout shed. I plan to build a walkway and a ramp up to the door, paint the interior, build some shelves to organize the toys stored there, and clear away the vines on the outside. I will need a lot of help from all of the scouts with this project and I plan for it to take place in October."*

### Adult Leadership Positions

A huge thank you to **Jon VanMeter** who has stepped up to be the Quartermaster next year when **Mike Harris** steps down. The 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. Your help is needed! Please look over the list of committees, consider where you can best help and then be a volunteer – contact the chair of the committee on which you would like to work. We are transitioning some adult positions this year: Committee Chair, Quartermaster, Training Coordinator, Summer Camp Coordinator, Cabin Committee Chair. We currently have vacancies and are in need of a Roundtable Representative and a Court of Honor 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 including a

camping event during the weekend of **November 12-14** right at BUMC as well as another camping event at Camp Horseshoe in December where we invite Webelos scouts and their parents to camp with us. Mr. Ryczyn will coordinate a Pinewood Derby workshop for Cub Scouts from Pack 112 and other Cub Packs, if requests are received.



### Congratulations!

**Congratulations** to the new **leadership team!**

- Andrew Weissman**– Senior Patrol Leader
- A.B. Maynard** – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Dhananjay Bhaskar** – Patrol Leader
- Joseph DiGiorgio** – Patrol Leader
- David Siah** – Patrol Leader
- Michael Ryczyn** – Patrol Leader

**Congratulations** to the following scouts who have advanced in rank:

- Massimo DiDario**- Tenderfoot
- Bryce Gartner**- Tenderfoot
- Troy Gartner** - Tenderfoot
- Kevin Haddad** - Star
- Jason Linderman**- First Class
- AJ Nadel** - Tenderfoot
- Ryan Nadel**- Tenderfoot
- Matt Paolizzi** - Tenderfoot
- Nathan Shreve** - Tenderfoot
- Stephen Toner** – Second Class
- Chris Toner** - Tenderfoot
- Michael VanMeter** – Tenderfoot
- Ian Weissman** – First Class
- Lewis Winnemore** - Tenderfoot

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



### Fundraising Committee News

We are going to kick off our series of fundraisers for this year with the **Weekend Popcorn Blitz** on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Paoli Acme. Please get in touch with **Kate**

**VanMeter**, our Popcorn Kernel, to sign up for the popcorn sales at Acme or to get more information on other methods of sales. **Susan Morris** and **Cassie Jamison**, fundraising committee's co-chairs are running the **Joe Corbi** sale again this year. More information to follow on that as well as the **Barnes and Noble** gift wrapping fundraiser to be held in December.

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.

### 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. The Calendar was recently updated to include next year's schedule.

### PLC News

#### September 7<sup>th</sup> – Class A – BUMC

- Admission: Bring your flash light/head light
- Camping demo
- Pitch tent in the dark competition

#### September 14<sup>th</sup> – Class B – BUMC

- Admission – Taut Line
- Planning for Hawk Mountain trip



- Quartermaster preparation
- Shed tour/pre-orienteeing

#### September 21<sup>st</sup> – No Troop Meeting

#### September 26<sup>th</sup> – PLC Meeting - BUMC

#### September 28<sup>th</sup> – Class B -- BUMC

### Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

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](http://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 Cindy Sharo 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 Cindy 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](mailto: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@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:paoli181-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com).

Having trouble with sign up? Contact KS Bhaskar at [bhaskar@acm.org](mailto:bhaskar@acm.org).

Remember that any e-mail sent to [paoli181@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:paoli181@yahoogleroups.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

**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.*

### **2010-2011 Calendar of Key Events**

**September 11 and 12** – Popcorn sales – Paoli Acme

**September 18-19** – Camping – Hawk Mountain

**October 1-3** - Camping – Quantico, VA

**November 11** – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Troop 181

**November 12-14** – 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