

Troop 181 Newsletter

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First Aid Meet

The annual First Aid Meet hosted by Diamond Rock District was held at the Phelps School in Malvern on the morning of **Saturday, March 14th**. Here are some [pictures](#) of the event. Thanks to **Gale Robinson-Smith** for providing training in first aid to prepare the troop, for the photos and for coordinating the event.



Troop Swim at Immaculata University

Our annual Troop Swim was held on **Saturday, March 28th** at Immaculata University. **Dave Miller** made a special appearance to help out as life guard and to prepare scouts for advancement. **Deri** and **Mike Harris** brought a kayak that provided 2-hours of non-stop entertainment. Thanks to **Linda Bravacos** who organized the event.

A few reminders!

Calling all scouts who are quartermasters. Please contact **Mr. Harris** to check and restock your cabinets.

Also, younger scouts—please practice your swimming to pass the red-white-blue swimming ability test for Camp Horseshoe.

Younger scouts again-check requirement 10a for Tenderfoot. You can advance rank to Tenderfoot at summer camp if you have completed the physical fitness requirements at 10a. You will need 30 days to complete 10a.

Please note the following **calendar changes**:

Change in meeting location on **April 28th**. We will meet at the **cabin** instead of the church.

Change in date of the **Family Fun Day**. We will hold the event on **May 23rd**.



Spring 2009 Camping Trip

Our Scouts went camping and hiked the historic President's Trail in Washington, DC on the weekend of **March 20th – 22nd**. The cold nights were not a deterrent to fun. One of the highlights of the hike was watching Marine One land on the White House lawn. Thanks to **Jack Warnock** for coordinating this trip.



April Camping/Backpacking Trip

The April camping and backpacking trip is scheduled for the weekend of **April 18th – 19th**. We plan to hike the Appalachian Trail starting at Hawk's Mountain and ending near Allentown. Please respond to the e-mail from **A.B. Maynard** to let him know you are planning to hike. Details and a permission slip are attached to the e-mail.

May Bike Trip

Please mark your calendar for the May camping and bike trip scheduled for the

weekend of **May 15th – May 17th**. Stay tuned for details. **A.B. Maynard** is coordinating this event.

May Family Day

This event scheduled is now scheduled for **May 23rd** (yes, this is a change to the calendar!) at Valley Forge Park. All Scout families are invited. We will grill and have pot-luck salads and desserts. Bring your Frisbees, whiffle bats and balls, jump ropes, bikes, etc. for some family fun. We still need a volunteer to coordinate this event; let Linda Bravacos know if you can cover it..

Cabin Cleanup

The cabin committee has scheduled clean-up for **May 9th**; times will be announced at the next parents' meeting. Fortunately, not too much work is needed this year at the cabin so if everyone can spend a few hours, we'll be done quickly. Bring a broom and a rake. **Mike Dixon** is coordinating this event.

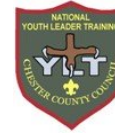
Life to Eagle Seminar

Chester County Council one time annually offers a program for scouts and their parents to learn about advancing from Life Scout to Eagle. The program is offered this year on Sunday, **May 3rd at 4:00 at Camp Jarvis**. Any scout can attend although those who are Life Scouts or nearly Life Scouts will gain the most from it.



Friends of Scouting Update

Giving this year for the Troop is \$1,839. Compared to 2008 (\$3,300) and 2007 (\$3,235), we have a ways to go. Your donation to Friends of Scouting supports the high-quality program that all scouts in Chester County receive. If you have not made a donation yet, you can still do so by [clicking here](#). Thank you for your support!



National Youth Leader Training Conference

[Register online now for National Youth Leadership Training \(NYLT\)](#)! The Conference this year is at Camp Ware on the weekends of **May 8th - 10th and May 15th - 17th**. The fee is \$200.00. **Troop 181 will pay half of the fee!**

Full attendance at both weekends is required for graduation. Remember to ask Mr. Wilson for permission to attend NYLT **before** registering.

NYLT is a two-weekend youth-led outdoor experience for youth leaders. The course focuses on growing leadership skills in new leaders to equip them to better lead their units. Training is conducted by the Council Leadership Training Committee using an outline developed and approved by the Boy Scouts of America.

Participants in the Course should be a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Guide or a scout likely to assume one of these positions soon. The Course is designed for scouts who are now in 8th grade or older. Questions can be emailed to this year's Course Director, **Jeff Kearney**, at jeffrey.kearney@comcast.net



Science Camp



It is time to sign up for Chester County Council's Science Camp! Any scout can attend Science Camp to explore an area of interest, earn a merit badge or two and enjoy an extra week of scout activities and camping at Camp Ware.

The merit badges offered are: metalwork, photography, engineering, geology, environmental science (Eagle required), reptile and amphibian study, textile, radio and electronics. Scouts who take radio and electronics can sit for the Federal Technician

Class Exam on Friday at Camp and, if they pass, receive their Ham Radio Operator's License. The 2009 registration information can be found [here](#). For more information, contact Chuck Coggins or Linda Bastian at cccsciencecamp@gmail.com.



Summer Camp

It's also time to sign up for a week of camping with Troop 181 at Camp Horseshoe. The Troop will be at Roberts Campground from **July 26th – August 2nd**. The cost of summer camp is \$305, if paid by May 5th, and \$340 of paid later. Summer camp is a great opportunity for our scouts to work on scout skills and advancement, earn merit badges and just have some fun while getting to know each other and the adult leaders better. Let **Jane Harris** know if you plan to attend summer camp.

Make a note as well that **medical forms have changed this year**. Council now requires a medical form signed by a doctor dated within a year of the date of camp; for us that means dated August, 2008 or later. Here's the [new form](#)

Scout Recruiting

We are happy to report that another scout from Pack 98 has joined our Troop family. We welcome **Jason Linderman!**

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 promote Troop 181 and recruit a new Boy Scout today.**



Congratulations and Welcome!

A very warm welcome to **Jason Linderman** and his family to our Troop.

Congratulations to:

- **Stephen Toner** and **Connor Jamison** who earned their **Scout** rank.
- **Ian Wilson** who earned the **Animal Science** merit badge.



2010 National Jamboree Application information

The centennial National Jamboree is scheduled to be held from **July 26th-August 4th 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](#)



Fundraising Committee News

Four fundraising events will be held over the course of the year, and Scouts are strongly encouraged to participate in as many as they can but at least one at a minimum. Of course, Scouts are welcome to participate in all four events. To make our Troop 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. **We are currently in need of a fundraising chair!** Please see Linda

Bravacos or Scott Wilson to volunteer.

Class B Shirts

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

PLC News

April 7th – Class A – BUMC

- Knot – two-and-a-half hitches
- Game Night with

April 14th – Class B – BUMC

- Knot – Bowline
- Art Merit Badge
- Camping prep and backpack weigh-in

April 21st – No Meeting

April 26th – PLC Meeting at Harris'

April 28th – Class B – Cabin

- Knot – Timber Hitch
- Patrol activity game led by Andrew Sharo
- Patrol event for a Baden Powell award

Next Parents' Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at **7:00 pm on Sunday, May 3rd at BUMC**. *Please note the new time.*

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](#)

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

Vacant – 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

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.

2008-2009 Calendar of Key Events

April 18-19 – Camping – Backpacking starting at Hawk Mountain

May 1-3 – Philmont Crew Training Weekend

May 15-17 – Camping – Bike trip

May 23 – 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*