

Troop 181 Newsletter

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Court of Honor & Friends of Scouting



The next **Court of Honor** is **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30pm** at BUMC. We will also kickoff the annual **Friends of Scouting** fundraising event. Please come out and support our hardworking Scouts and the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America. **CLASS A REQUIRED.**



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Please plan to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for **Sean Miller and Vincent Szupica** on **Sunday, February 17th**. Achieving the highest rank in Boy Scouting is an achievement to celebrate. Please arrive in Class A uniform at **BUMC at 2:00pm**. All scouts should try to attend.

Klondike Derby

Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Klondike Derby** to be held at **Valley Creek Park in Malvern on February 9** from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Troop 181 is the two-time defending champion of this grand event. The troop has 2 sleds ready to go for the event. Meet at **BUMC at 8am** and plan to be home by 4pm. **Hiking boots are required – NO sneakers will be allowed** on the course. **Bring your permission slips and lots of energy.** Lunch will be

provided. Thanks to the Christners for coordinating the Derby!



Scout Sunday

February 10th is Scout Sunday at BUMC. The Scouts will be leading the 10:30 am service and reading the scripture passages. **Please arrive at 10:15am.** Service is **one hour** and will end at 11:30am. **CLASS A REQUIRED.**



February Ski Trip

The upcoming ski trip is scheduled for **February 22-24 at Camelback.** There are limited spots in the cabin, sign up now! Please contact **Mike Dixon.**



First Aid Meet



The First Aid Meet will be held at **The Vanguard School (please note the different location)** on **Saturday, March 8th at 1777 N Valley Rd Malvern, PA.**

Please arrive in Class A uniforms at **7:45 am**. See Gale Smith for more information.

PLC NEWS

Feb. 5 –BUMC – Class A

- Klondike Derby Prep
- First Aid problem – Mrs. Smith
- Pets and Scholarship MB- Ms. Sharo

Feb. 12 - BUMC - Class A

- Winter Court of Honor
- Friends of Scouting Kickoff

Feb. 19 – BUMC – Class B

- Menus and Duty Rosters
- First Aid problem – Mrs. Smith

Feb. 24 – Next PLC Meeting



Troop Swim @ Immaculata

The Troop Swim in the pool at Alumnae Hall at Immaculata will be on **Saturday, March 29 from 11am to 1pm**. This is a great opportunity for scouts to complete swimming requirements for various ranks. We will also invite **Webelos Scouts** to work on and complete their **Aquanaut Activity Badge**, so we will need lots of parent supervision help. **We need a couple of more qualified lifeguards to attend**. If you are one or know of one, please let Jack Warnock or David Miller know so we can ask for help.

New Patrol Leaders

Congratulations to **Deri Harris and Mike Warnock** who were elected Patrol Leaders. Thanks to **Henry Szupica and Sam McCarty** for their service to the troop as Patrol Leaders.

Troop Committee Chair Search

A Search Committee consisting of **David Miller, Mike Dixon and Cindy Sharo** has been formed to conduct a search for a new Troop Committee Chairperson to replace Jack Warnock who will resign his post effective at the end of the Court of Honor at summer camp in July. Please offer your support of their efforts with your suggestions for nominees. As soon as a selection can be made transition work can begin.

Next Parents Meeting

The next parents meeting will be at **7:30pm on Sunday, March 2nd at BUMC**. It is important to have at least one parent from each family attend and make their own commitments to our events rather than having them assigned to them.

Adult Youth Protection Training

Volunteering at Troop 181 events is a wonderful thing you can do for yourself and your son. It is always appreciated and encouraged. If you are volunteering, it would be a good idea to take the time to get certified with the **BSA Youth Protection Training for Adults**. **This certification is valid for 3 years**. It's easy to do on-line. Just go to the council website at www.cccbsa.org, go to **Training**, and look under **Youth Protection Training**. At the end of the on-line training they will ask for your **ID number – that number is your social security number**. It's fast and easy. Please let **Cindy Sharo**, our Training Coordinator, know when you have completed your course.

New Leaders Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

There will be a **New Leaders Essentials** training session on **Thursday the 28th**

from 7 to 9pm at Council HQ in West Chester for all parents interested in learning more about Scouting.

There will be a **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific** training session on **Saturday, March 15 from 8:30am to 3:30pm.**

There will be an **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** training course on **Saturday, March 29 beginning at 8:30am and ending on Sunday the 30th at 12:00pm at Camp Jarvis in Devon.**

*Every Scout deserves a trained leader.
Please do your part to oblige him.*



Wood Badge Adult Leadership Training @ Horseshoe Scout Reservation - April 11-13 & May 3-5

The Wood Badge experience is the ultimate bargain in leadership training and development. Wood Badge focuses on leadership, team development and application of good people skills – all characteristics that you will find valuable in your Scouting, professional and personal life. Scouting's value-based approach is an integral part of the Wood Badge experience. Please go to: www.ne-iv-198.org for course and registration details. Hurry because most of the spots are already taken!

Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the **Yahoo Groups for Troop 181**, please refer to the email from Bhaskar and do so. Any e-mail sent to paoli181@yahogroups.com

will be forwarded to everyone who is a subscriber to the group.

Scout Recruiting

Scouts, earn the BSA Recruiter patch by recruiting right now 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:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/paoli181/files>

and click on: [Paoli 181 Scout Info Brochure.pdf](#).

In addition, **parents** can help too. We know there are many Webelos Scouts who will be ready to move up to Boy Scouts this winter in several packs right around us. **Please talk up Troop 181 and volunteer to help recruit by calling Joan Levin today.**

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Co-Scoutmaster Assignments

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

Mr. Christner – February

Mr. Smith - March

Mr. Ryczyn – April

Mr. McCarty – May

Mr. Hillenbrand – June

Mr. Piotti - July

Please call the Co-Scoutmaster if you have a "Mr. Miller question" and he is not home. **Please remember to support them too by attending the troop meeting 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

Jack Warnock – Troop Committee Chair
610-722-2673

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

Joan Johnson-Levin– Recruiting Coordinator
484-595-0279

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.

2007-2008 Calendar of Key Events

Feb. 10 – Scout Sunday @ BUMC – 10:15am

Feb. 12 – Winter Court of Honor - BUMC

Feb. 22-24 – Cabin Camping - Skiing – Camp Minsi & Camelback

Mar. 8 – First Aid Meet – Vanguard School

Apr. 5-6 – Webelos Woods – Paoli Memorial Battlefield Park – Camping Sat. only

Apr. 12&13 – Cabin Clean-Up

Apr. 18-20 – Camping – Battle of Monmouth Medal Trail Hike – Quail Hill SR

May 16-18 – Camping & Kayaking – Pine Barrens

May 31 – Outing – Hershey? Dorney?

June 20-22 – Camping – Fun in the Sun - Cape Henlopen

July 20-27 – Summer Camp – Camp Horseshoe

July 5-13 – Adirondack Mtn. High Adventure Trek – Wakpominee SR

Aug. 17 – *PLC Annual Planning Meeting for 2008-2009*