



# Newsletter



## Welcome to a New Year of Scouting

The new scouting year is shaping up as an exciting one! Lots of great locations have been chosen by the boys for our monthly camping trips, including:

- Gettysburg, PA,
- Lincoln Caverns, Huntingdon, PA (Geology Merit Badge)
- Washington D.C.
- Whitewater Rafting and
- Deep Sea Fishing



## THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all of the adults who made Summer Camp possible. As always, your participation in maintaining two-deep leadership at camp, helping with Boards of Review and all of the up front planning is much appreciated. Special thanks to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Franz, Mr. Linderman, Mrs. Gartner and Mrs. Shreve.

*The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations. We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Scott Wilson, Sherri Gartner or Joe DiGiorgio.*

## Our New Leadership

Congratulations to the boys elected as the new leadership:

**Senior Patrol Leaders** - Mike Rycyzyn (Fall) and Joseph DiGiorgio (Spring)

### Patrol/Asst. Patrol Leaders -

*Flaming Penguin Patrol* - Stephen Christner/ John Bravacos

*Flying Ligers Patrol* - Ian Wilson/ Massy DiDario

*Black Hole Patrol* - Jason Linderman/ Bryce Gartner

*Buffalo Patrol* - Matt Paolizzi/ Ian Weissman

*Killer Gnome Patrol* - Michael VanMeter/ Nathan Shreve

**Troop Quartermaster** - Ryan Nadel



## This Month's Meetings

Sept 6th – Class A – BUMC  
Admission: 2 half hitches

Sept 13th – Class B – BUMC  
Admission: Taught Line

Sept 27th – Class B – BUMC  
Admission: Bowline

## Summer Camp Photos Available

5 x 7 copies of the 2011 Troop Summer Camp photo are available for \$2 each from Scott Wilson.

## September Camping Trip

Troop 181 will be hiking the Gettysburg Heritage Trail during the weekend of September 16-18th. The Gettysburg Heritage Trails program includes a stop at the Visitor Center/National Cemetery, two hiking trails through the battlefield at Gettysburg, a walking tour of historic downtown Gettysburg and a tour of the Eisenhower National Historic Site. The total trail is approximately 15 miles of hiking.

Thank you to Mike Dernoga for stepping in to organize this trip.

Look for the email with the trip information sheet, permission slip, and details.

**Permission slips and \$15 for food are due at the weekly meeting September 13th.** Please send these items in an envelope labeled with your scout's name.



## New Grubmaster Position

At the recent Troop Committee Meeting, Mr. Wilson outlined a set of guidelines that will help with the organization surrounding food for the camp outs. One of the most important changes you need to be aware of is that \$15 for the weekend campouts (or another specified amount) **MUST** be brought to the meeting prior to the camping weekend. This will allow the family shopping to have cash on hand to pay for the groceries. Please read the entire document via the email sent by Scott Wilson. The document is also available in the Files section of Yahoo Groups. Contact Mr. Wilson with any questions.

## Upcoming Scouting University

Date: February 11, 2012

Scouting University is a day of learning and fun for both Boy and Girl Scouts from various regions to earn two merit badges in one day and to visit a college campus. Classes are held at Elizabethtown

College. The badges are taught by students and faculty during morning and afternoon sessions. Scouting University sessions cover a wide variety of badge topics,

from first aid and self defense to computers, crafts, science, business, and ethics topics. It is an excellent chance for scouts to earn up to two badges in one day and meet fellow scouts from surrounding areas.

Spots typically fill quickly, so watch for announcements on date of open registration: [www2.etown.edu/sife/scoutinguniversity.asp](http://www2.etown.edu/sife/scoutinguniversity.asp)

Sign-up today to receive up-to-date information about Scouting University 2012: [ScoutingU@etown.edu](mailto:ScoutingU@etown.edu)



## Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 2** at BUMC.

We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend the meeting and be part of the planning process to put together the best possible program for our scouts.

## 2013 Jamboree Registration

The 2013 National Jamboree will be held July 15 - July 24, 2013 at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, a brand new Jamboree site built by the Boy Scouts of America. Chester County Council is planning to send 6 Boy Scout Troops. Venturing Advisors are also needed! For the first time ever, the 2013 National Scout Jamboree will have coed Venture Crews in attendance. Chester County Council has been allotted a total of 18 slots for Venturers, requiring a minimum of 2 adult Venturing leaders. Venturing units will meet up with other Venturers at Jamboree for an amazing 9 days. Adult leaders will be required to recruit, recruit, and follow up with more recruiting, until the contingent is full. During the months prior to the Jamboree, participants prepare by developing themselves into cohesive teams, following the leadership principles and ideals of Scouting. Registration for the 2013 National Jamboree to be held July 15-24 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is now open at the Summit's jamboree website. Deposit of \$150.00 due with application. Price and payment schedule will be announced by October 1, 2011; however we estimate it will not exceed \$1400.

## Adult Leadership Positions

### Scoutmaster

Scott Wilson will be looking for his replacement over the next few months. A Search Committee will be formed to find the troop's next Scoutmaster. If you are interested in the position, or being on the committee, contact Scott Wilson or Sherri Gartner.

### Camping Coordinator

A big Thank you to Ed Maier for accepting the position of Camping Coordinator.

The parents in our troop, by filling vital roles, keep our troop strong. Your help is always needed!

**Attention Life Scouts!** If you are looking for ideas for your Eagle project, please contact Mr. Piotti. As always, Mr. Piotti will be able to answer any question regarding the process of progressing from Life to Eagle ranks.



## Message from the Quartermaster

Typically in the past, the camping equipment was cleaned and returned on the second Tuesday after a camping trip which was too far out. Effective immediately, scouts who take home gear to be cleaned will come back on the Tuesday immediately following a trip during the regular meeting hours (even though there is no troop meeting) and return them. Please be sure to dry and air out tents **as soon as possible** after a trip to keep them in in good shape. Thanks for your cooperation as we change procedures.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our scouts who went to Summer camp in July. The troop earned a total of:

**153 Merit Badges  
and  
18 Rank Advancements**

## Upcoming Adult Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills is being offered by Chester County Council this fall. This is **REQUIRED** for all registered leaders in the troop.

### Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

When: Sat, October 1, 7:30am –  
Sun, October 2, 1:00pm

Where: Camp Jarvis, Wayne

To register online: Visit [www.cccbsa.org](http://www.cccbsa.org) and click on "Online Registration"

Please let Kate VanMeter know when you have completed this training.

## POPCORN 2012

Popcorn sale slots are available for the following dates and times at the Paoli Acme:

**Thursday, September 15th, 4-7 pm**

**Friday, September 16th, 4-7 pm**

**Thursday, September 22nd, 4-7 pm and**

**Friday, September 23rd, 4-7 pm**

Kate VanMeter will have sign ups at the weekly meetings. Please remember that funds earned will be divided up and be placed into Scout Accounts of the scouts who participate in these sale times. Class A uniforms will be worn to sell popcorn, and 2 adults are required at all times. Contact Kate with any questions or to help out. Your scout can also take regular popcorn orders to earn more money!

## Insurance and Driving Our Scouts

Please remember to be safe and obey speed limits when driving with our scouts in your car. You are carrying the most precious cargo!

In order to simplify the tour permit application process for troop trips, please provide your Car insurance information to our Camping Coordinator, Ed Maier.

## 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.

## Class B Shirts

Our moisture wicking Class B shirts are available for purchase. The price varies according to the type and size. Please contact Sharmon Prialux (610-647-3620 or [sharmonp@comcast.net](mailto:sharmonp@comcast.net)) if you want to place an order.



## High Adventure 2012

Plans are underway for High Adventure 2012 to **Florida Sea Base!** Joe DiGiorgio has reserved August 3-9 for the Coral Reef Sailing Adventure which is fully subscribed. Watch for e-mails from Joe DiGiorgio for further 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. We encourage new parents to get on board by getting their YPT certification. The online course can be found at BSA Online Learning Center. When you have completed the course, please print your certificate and provide a copy to our new Troop training coordinator, Kate VanMeter, so that the Troop will have a record. A big THANK YOU to all of the registered adult leaders who have completed Youth Protection Training – that's all of you!!! We still need ALL adults who are not registered but who attend Troop meetings, campouts and other special events to complete their training. Every parent should go online and complete Youth Protection Training so that you are ready to step up to help.

### 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 Kate VanMeter 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 Kate with this information as well.

## Troop Yahoo Groups Sign-Up

If you haven't already signed up for the YahooGroups for Troop 181, please do so. Send an e-mail to:

**[paoli181-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:paoli181-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**

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

## Mark your Calendars!

Summer Camp 2012 dates:

**Sunday July 22 to  
Sunday July 29**



## 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 Wilson.

## Troop Adult Leadership

**Sherri Gartner** – Troop Committee Chair

610- 408-9384

**Scott Wilson** - Scoutmaster

610-964-8467

**Ed Maier**– Camping Committee Chair

610-725-8095

**Vince Piotti** – Advancement Committee Chair

610-296-9058

**Christine Linderman** - Court of Honor Comm. Chair

610-722-9914

**Joe Linderman** – Cabin Committee Chair

610-722-9914

**Jayashree Bhaskar** – Communications Comm. Chair

610-296-7332

**Kathy Nadel** – Newsletter

610-578-0603

**Joe DiGiorgio** – Finance Committee Chair

610-688-1126

**Jon VanMeter**- Quartermaster

610-247-8889

**Kate VanMeter** – Training Coordinator

610-247-8889

**Jack Campbell** - Charter Organization Representative

**Mike Ryczyn** – Recruiting Coordinator

610-240-7769

**John Bravacos**- Friends of Scouting Chair

610-647-8951

**Donna DiGiorgio**- Treasurer

610-688-1126

**Evelyn Shreve** - Summer Camp Coordinator

610-688-3005

**Christine Linderman**- Registrar

610-722-9914

Please see the troop roster for the Boy Scout Youth Leadership contact information.

## Calendar of Key Events

**September 6** – Meeting - BUMC - Class A

**September 13** – Meeting - BUMC Class B

**September 16 – 18** – Camping - Gettysburg

**September 27** – Meeting - BUMC - Class B

**October 1** - Den Chief Training

**October 1-2** - Intro to Outdoor Leadership Training, Camp Jarvis

**October 2** - PLC Meeting Meeting

**October 2** - Troop Committee Parent's Meeting - 7:00 PM BUMC

**October** - Camping - Horseshoe Trail

## 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

## Get Connected

Chester County Council has a Facebook page! Sign up for our new Facebook page and keep up with the latest activities and information in the Chester County Council.