



# Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2015

**3/1 - ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR: (3PM) – Scout Cabin**

3/3 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg. & CPR Recertification

3/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 to 8:30 PM)

3/6 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

**3/6-8 - JLTC Trip to Jake's Cabin**

3/8 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (4:00 PM)

3/10 - *Friends of 78 Pasta Nite 7 PM @ cabin*

3/12 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*

**3/13-15 - Historic Trip to Baltimore**

3/20 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

**Hoagie Orders Due**

3/27 - 4/4 – **Florida Disney Trip**

### APRIL 2015

4/7 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.

4/8 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 to 8:30 PM)

4/9 – *Diamond Rock District Roundtable*

4/10 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

Parents Build Hoagies

4/11 – Build and Deliver Hoagies

4/14 – *Friends of 78 Pasta Nite 7 PM @ Cabin*

**4/18 - Canoe Trip**

4/24-26 - Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend @ HSR

**NOTE: Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold. TROOP MEETINGS underlined in CAPITALS. Adult only meetings in Italics.**

### NEW DADS NEEDED!

The March Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 PM, at the cabin. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month to guide and discuss the operation of the troop.

## Baltimore

### HISTORIC BALTIMORE TRIP

Please mark your calendars and break out your comfy walking shoes for this year's historic trip. We'll be leaving the cabin at 6 PM Friday the 13th and driving to Troop 78's second home, Dan Beard at Camp Horseshoe as our staging ground for the ultimate Inner Harbor Baltimore trip. On Saturday among our destinations will be Fort McHenry, whose defense inspired the Star Spangled Banner, the National Aquarium, a visit to two of the historic warships in Baltimore, and the food of Harborplace. While lunch will be on your own in Inner Harbor, all other fees for scouts will be paid for by the troop. Adults and Fathers going on the trip will require \$40.

Scouts will need to be in Troop 78 T-shirts on Saturday. After a long day in Baltimore, we will return to Dan Beard for a hearty dinner and good night sleep. We expect to return back to the cabin Sunday at 11 AM.

Please let your patrol leader know by Sunday, March 1st, at 7:00 PM, if you and/or your dad would like to go on the trip. As multiple group tickets must be secured and negotiated, it is critical to get an accurate attendance for the trip. A handout and required permission slip will be handed out and emailed at the next meeting.

### CPR RESCHEDULED

CPR training and recertification has been rescheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately after the regular troop committee meeting. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend if they have not been certified within the past 2 years. Due to increased costs, we are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366 for more information.



### PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR

**Sunday, March 1, 3:00 PM**

Each year in early March the troop holds a Court of Honor to present scout awards and ranks, conduct an Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony and update scouts and parents on upcoming troop activities. Also included is recognition of the Recruit of the Year from 2014. Please join us in recognizing your scouts.

**TIME: 3:00 PM (SCOUTS ARRIVE BY 2:45 in complete Class "A" Uniform)**

**PLACE: TROOP 78 CABIN  
15 MILL ROAD (If our lot is filled,**

please park at the baseball fields next door)

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Highlights of the first half of the scout year
- Presentation of merit badges and rank advancement
- Recruit of the year award
- Order of the Arrow call out ceremony
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- Information on upcoming trips

**Scouts and scouters, please wear your complete uniform and Order of the Arrow sash if you are a member**

#### SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Congratulations to the Stag Patrol for taking first place in the Chester County Council First Aid meet! They scored 417 points out of 450! It was a very close competition, and the troop had three more patrols in the top ten, Panther came in 4<sup>th</sup> with 410 points, Cougar 5<sup>th</sup> with 408 and Rattlesnake 10<sup>th</sup> with 397. Great work guys!



*First Place Stag Patrol*

*Left to Right: Andrew Brown, Luke Lasure, Chris St. Clair, Ethan Bilson (PL), Jeremy Wenger (visitor), Bryce Elliot & Seth Fox*

Thanks to those Troop 78 adults who assisted with scoring or served as a judge at the Council First Aid meet. They are Jake Schallack, Pete Motel, Jack Bilson, Bob Urban, Mike Tredinnick, Ted Dinsmore, and Eric Meltzer.

While we were at the First Aid Meet, Robert Varney, Dan Brown and

Paul Skodny assisted Pack 76 at their Pinewood Derby event. Thanks guys!

#### Florida Sea Base – Scuba Adventure – New Openings!

Two spots have opened up in our Sea Base crew for this summer. The trip begins in late July, returning August 5<sup>th</sup>. If you think you may be interested, contact trip leader Eric Meltzer at [emeltzer@bvone.com](mailto:emeltzer@bvone.com).

#### Scuba Certification (for any interested troop member)

Note that the first class (Sat., Feb 28) starts at 9:00 AM (at Aqua Adventures in Frazer), an hour earlier than the other two days (Sun, Mar 1, and Sat, Mar 7). The mornings are classes at Aqua Adventures and afternoons are pool training at Immaculata University. There is an hour between morning class and afternoon pool for lunch and travel to pool. Bring a bag lunch or run to Wawa.

Payment to Aqua Adventures is \$400, which you can pay directly to them. This does not include the open water dive at Bainbridge Quarry, which will be about \$100 or so. But it does include your own mask, fins and snorkel as well as use of a heavy-duty wet suit for the open-water dive. You may wish to contact Jeff Merkel at Aqua Adventure at [610-644-4544](tel:610-644-4544) if you have questions. You should also tell him what color gear you want & your shoe size.

You cannot get into the pool without a completed health form. Jeff MUST have it before you get wet.

#### Pasta Night – March 10<sup>th</sup>

So what is a Friends of Troop 78 pasta night, you ask? An opportunity for adults to get together with friends, neighbors, leaders and supporters of the troop to talk, have a good meal and raise a few dollars to help with some of the unfunded troop needs, usually cabin or bus related, both of which are provided by and maintained by our troop sponsor, Friends of Troop 78.

So am I paying \$20 for just a plate of spaghetti? The menus are much more than spaghetti, including tossed salad, breads, a meat entree, and delicious all you can eat desserts. No tax and no tips are added. If you'd like to join us (we'd love to have you. All we ask is that you email chef Joe at [jcadyjr@gmail.com](mailto:jcadyjr@gmail.com) by March 8<sup>th</sup> so he knows how many diners to expect. See you at the cabin around 7 PM!

#### Leadership Training

Still looking for a few good 78 scouts (14 and Up) willing to take on the challenge of the National Youth Leader Training course to be given on the weekends of May 1-3 and 8-10. Please note that these dates do not conflict with any camping trips or the Radnor Races. The troop will reimburse you for the cost. Sign up by March 31<sup>st</sup>!

#### Florida Trippers

Don't forget the mandatory meetings to prepare equipment and pack the bus. They are **Friday February 27th, 9:00 PM, at the cabin (parents and scouts) and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM (equipment shakedown)**

#### Summer Camp Is Coming!

Mark your calendars for Summer Camp at Horseshoe (Week one, June 21 to 28, and Week two, June 28 to July 5). Camp information will be sent out in the next month with deposits due by the end of March.

Dads are needed to assist at camp. Come down for a weekend or take a day or two off in the middle of the week. See what it's all about!

#### ROUNDTABLE: GEAR DEMONSTRATION Thursday, March 12, 7-9 PM

**Good Samaritan Church in Paoli**  
Council-wide Roundtables are monthly gatherings that are great for networking and socializing with other parents of scouts in Chester County. They feature interesting speakers, vendors and discussions on important topics that impact scouting in our communities.

In March, we will be visited by some local gear vendors who specialize in outdoor gear, camping supplies and other gadgetry related to spending time outdoors. You'll have a chance to get some hands-on time with the new gear, while asking questions of the various gear representatives.

### **MATJE FARM TRIP**

#### **Christian Skodny**

The bus ride took approximately 4-and-a-half hours to get there. When we got there, Mr. Matje gave his annual speech about fire safety in his 150-year-old barn, where we would be sleeping. Then, when we unpacked and went to bed at 11:30, some of the younger scouts thought it would be funny to make dolphin noises. Then Billy, the Senior Patrol Leader came in to tell us that the older scouts were not allowed to throw walnuts at the annoying dolphin-noise-making scouts. I have an odd feeling that if Billy did not do that, there would be an all-out war. So thanks, Billy. Then in the middle of the night a scout went to the rest room and left the door wide open.

Everybody was up at 7:30 for breakfast. The breakfast was French toast and a sausage. After breakfast the younger scouts started the sled course and played manhunt in Mr. Matje's 120 acres of land. Then the events started. The events were tug-of-war, bolt splitting, 2-man saw, 3-man ski, shotgun, and bobsled racing. Then for lunch we ate grilled cheese and potato chips. After lunch everybody had an afternoon of hardcore sledding. For dinner, we enjoyed a scrumptious plate of pasta, sauce, and BBQ chicken. After dinner a few of us went sledding. However most of us just watched the Big Bang Theory inside. Then it was time for bed.

### **SCOUT LOG BOOK**

The troop asks that each scout keep a written log or journal of his scouting activities. The log should contain an entry for every troop meeting and trip that he attends. Although the log will only be checked at Star, Life, and Eagle Scoutmaster's conferences and Boards of Review, entries for

everything a scout attends before these ranks are to be included. Here is a sample entry to help you get started:

***"Troop Meeting 11/14/97: The troop fell in promptly at 7:00. We did a quick patrol leader report, followed by inspection. I lost 5 points because I forgot my pen. Next we pulled around the benches and had a few brief first-aid demos. Then we fell back in and got our equipment from upstairs and set up. We did three first-aid problems. We got a 90, an 86 and a 100! Then we fell in and did a game of steal the bacon. It was really fun, and I won all three times I got called. When they announced the winners of the night's first-aid problem, it went like this: Stag, Moose, Panther, Rattlesnake, and us, Flying Eagle! We won! I thought that our patrol performed well, despite the 86 on the patrol leader problem. Overall it was a fun night!"***