



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

January

Tuesday 5

Board of Review 7PM

Troop Committee 7:30 PM

Wednesday 6

Patrol Leaders' Council

7:30 PM

Friday 8 – Sunday 10

Winter Camp Weekend at
Camp Horseshoe. Fathers
and scout-age boys invited.

Friday 15

Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 22

Troop Meeting 7PM

Sunday 24

Ski Trip, family friends and
Webelos invited

Friday 29

Troop Meeting 7PM

February

Tuesday 2

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7:30PM

Friday 5

Troop Meeting 7PM

Troop First Aid Meet

[Click Here For The
Full Troop Calendar](#)

Annual Winter Holiday Meeting

by Luke Brogan

On Friday December 18th the troop celebrated its annual Holiday party.

We started off the meeting with a festive first aid problem like we do every year, but this year's present from the troop to the scouts was only doing one first aid problem instead of two! The other 1 and 1/2 hours of the holiday meeting was spent playing games such as the stick game and jump the shark, stuffing ourselves with sugary treats, and the always fun Pollyanna.

Our cabin was also visited by some old legends of the troop, including Chris Duncan, Ian Riley, Chris Wang, and the spectacular Dan Dufoe. Ethan's dismissal marked the end of the 2015 year of Troop 78, but marked the beginning of the 2016 year.

[Click for more pictures from the Holiday Party](#)

[Stick game video](#)



Holiday Meeting: First Aid, then a party

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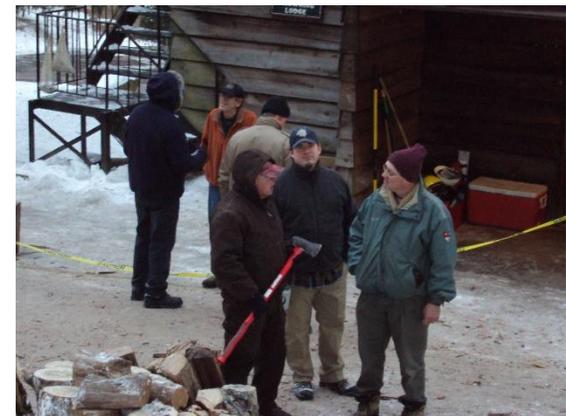
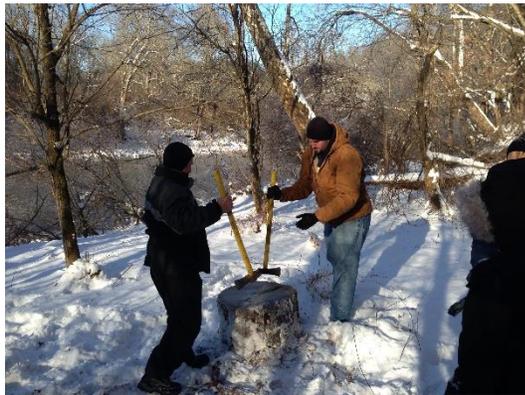
Troop Uniform

Winter Weekend at Horseshoe

Please join us for a fun-filled weekend January 8, 9, 10 at Camp Horseshoe. We will gather there for our annual Winter Weekend and our traditional stay in Schramm and Browning Lodges.

All dads, scouts and their scout age friends are welcome to join us. We will rally to good food, some hard work to benefit the camp, rank advancement, scout skills and games.

[For more information click here](#)



Another Poinsettia Sale is in the Books

And the stats are thus: Thirty four scouts sold 1,021 plants for a profit to the troop of \$3,721! In addition, the scouts who participated gained payments to their individual scout accounts. The total payments to scout accounts were \$2,406!

The top sellers were:

Fourth place: Thomas Pizzuto

Third place: Andrew Brown

Second place: Michael Orlow

First Place: Nathan Motel

Top Patrols:

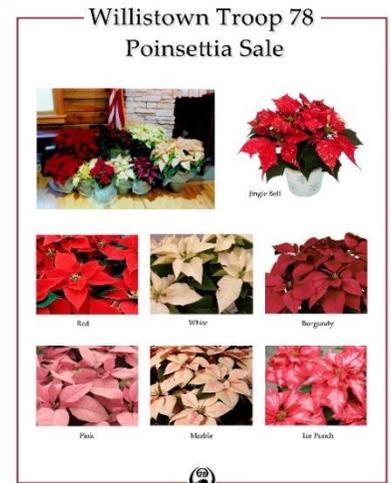
Third place: Stag

Second place: Rattlesnake

First place: Flying Eagle

The top seller received a \$100 gift card to Best Buy.

The top patrol received a pizza party at Malvern Pizza.



Thanks to all who helped with this important fundraiser! A big shout out to Mark Siegle and Jon Duncan who planned and organized this event. This fundraiser is one of the important reasons the troop outings throughout the year are free to the scouts. So to all the scouts who participated: Thank You!

Troop Apparel

We received a shipment of Troop 78 jackets, hats, sweatshirts and T-shirts just in time for the Holidays. The scouts and leaders and, in many cases, members of their families, are now outfitted with new Troop 78 apparel. The crew going to KISC this summer will all be easy to pick out of a crowd, with their burgundy wear.

For those who missed this sale, there are a few hats and long sleeve T-shirts left over. Please ask Mr. D if you are interested.

There will likely be another opportunity to purchase Troop gear this spring. We will keep you posted.



Troop Leader's Jacket



Troop Fleece Jacket



Hoodie: front



Hoodie: back



Troop Fleece Hat

Scrip Program

Please consider participating in this great troop program. You simply buy store cards you would normally buy anyway through the troop scrip program, the troop benefits and so do you and your scout.

Through this program a percentage of the face value of the store card is donated by the retailer back to the troop. This donation is split between the troop and your scout's personal account. The percentage varies depending on the retailer, but it can be as high as 16%. This donation from the retailer to the troop does not affect the value of the card. For example: if you buy a \$100 card from LL Bean, you receive a \$100 card and the troop receives \$16.

Ordering the cards through the Scrip Program is easy. Use the [order form on the troop website](#) or you can look up card options on the Scrip Program website: www.glscrip.com. Nearly every retailer you can think of participates.

Please make checks out to: Friends of Troop 78, and give the check and the order form to Ted or Diane Dinsmore. Please contact Ted or Diane with any questions.

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Heading to Walt Disney World with Troop 78?

We are looking for more scouts to participate in this spring's trip.

Reserve Your spot for Spring Break 2016, March 18 to 26.

Please contact [Mr. Hogan](#) if you are thinking about going.

With a five-day Park Hopper ticket, you can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and you can use your ticket for up to five visits to Disney Quest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Minatare Golf Courses), or the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time. One morning or afternoon we will attend a Disney "YES" Program. (Youth Education Series). Yes, it is educational and more importantly fun. Last year part of the pro- gram made the boys ride on Test Track and Soaring with no wait. Hmmm educational.....

[Click here for more information](#)



Important KISC Trip Updates

Final payment is due Monday, February 1. The amount is \$750 for adults and \$625 for scouts.

We are now only six months away from our great adventure in the Swiss Alps at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) next summer!

The Planning Committee has decided to require everyone have a Troop jacket for the trip. Not only will you need a warmer jacket in Switzerland, wearing the same jacket (and hats) makes it easier to keep track of everyone and keeps the Troop looking sharp. Please [click here](#) for more information on Troop clothing.

Questions: email Mr. Brown at: stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com.

[For the Kandersteg website click here](#)



Troop Uniform Exchange

Do you have scout uniforms that you have outgrown and/or no longer need?

Please drop them at the cabin. The troop keeps a uniform exchange for the scouts as they grow through the years, and they need bigger and bigger uniforms.

If you bring one, you can take one!

Taking submissions for the Newsletter

Have pictures or videos suitable for the Newsletter? Please send them along.

Have an idea for a Newsletter article? Please let me know. Thanks, [Newsletter Editor](#)