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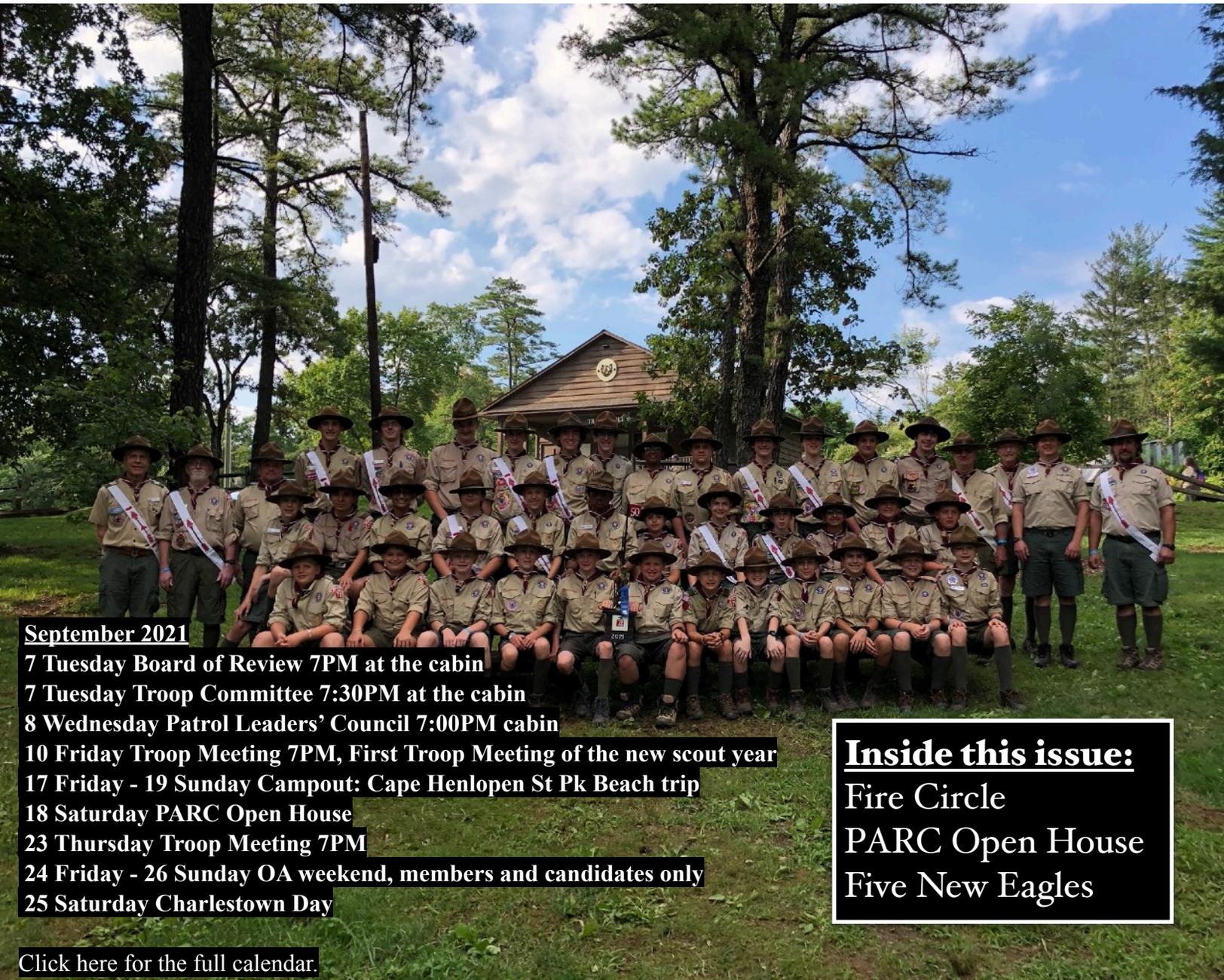
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Horseshoe Summer Camp

We had summer camp!



September 2021

- 7 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM at the cabin
- 7 Tuesday Troop Committee 7:30PM at the cabin
- 8 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM cabin
- 10 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, First Troop Meeting of the new scout year
- 17 Friday - 19 Sunday Campout: Cape Henlopen St Pk Beach trip
- 18 Saturday PARC Open House
- 23 Thursday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 24 Friday - 26 Sunday OA weekend, members and candidates only
- 25 Saturday Charlestown Day

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Summer Camp!

Week One

Sunday June 27 - Saturday July 3, 2021

By Logan Duff

This summer, Horseshoe reopened to campers and the troops flooded in. As usual, 78 started our two week stay with a full house. For many of the kids, this was their first time at summer camp due to the previous missed year. Although it took some effort from everyone, we all worked together to make the best out of the first week. Logan was SPL, with David, Peter-Paul, Nathan, Shreyas, and Luke as PLs. We started the week off with a win on the first night of marching, although we did have to do some siesta marching practice. By the end of the week, we had dominated the marching trophy, with one rained out retreat.



As usual, the troop competed in the Paul Bunyan Field Day. Although some of us were worried after the first few events without our usual results, we pulled ahead with first places in competitions like Heaving Bar, Nine-knot, Two-man Saw, and Giant clove hitch. We also won some of the events like the Inter-troop rifle shoot, the track meet, the clean camp award, and standard troop. Many of the younger scouts participated in the Trailblazer program and had a blast, while others participated in various merit badges around camp. On Monday evening, the camp held the scavenger hunt game. It was chaotic as usual but we came out on top. We had our troop auction on Tuesday night and our campfire with skits and songs on Thursday night.



Overall, it was an amazing week and we could not have been happier with how it went. While some of the scouts packed it in there, many got ready for the second week of camp.





Summer Camp!

Week Two

Sunday July 4 - Saturday July 10, 2021

By Logan Duff

After a great first week at camp, some of troop packed up and headed home, while others decided to really take in the experience and spend an extra week. Due to the changed COVID arrival times, 78 was the only troop in camp on Saturday. The camp was empty other than a skeleton crew of staff. We tried to go tubing Saturday afternoon, but a thunderstorm cancelled our plans and put us in hardcover where Cody led the troop in an excessive number of verses of the song “Six Pence”. We had a burger meal that night and went to bed ready to



invite the newcomers in the next day. Nathan Schallack took over the position of SPL and led the troop in an amazing week. We won most of the marching, even more than the week before, and came in second at the Water Carnival. Logan Duff broke a paddle during the canoe tug o’war finale, and we had a loud cheer war with Devon 50 and a few other troops joined in. The patrols battled it out in our volleyball tournament and took part in many activities around camp like the track meet, obstacle course, and scavenger hunt. By the end of the week, everyone was happy they got to come back to camp for a fantastic summer. We all packed it in and headed back home for our summer break.



Achgekatum Fire Circle



Vigil Honor in the OA

Saturday July 10 - Sunday July 11, 2021

Order of the Arrow Lodge Octoraro 22 welcomed new members into the Vigil Honor this July at Camp Horseshoe. Troop 78 has two new members of the Vigil Honor. Please congratulate Ethan Bilson and Jack Dinsmore on their accomplishment.



Ted and Jack Dinsmore, Ethan and Jack Bilson

Five New Eagles

Sunday June 6, 2021

Troop 78 welcomed five new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor this past June. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon five scouts were recognized for a lifetime achievement, the highest rank in Scouting.

Please congratulate Alex Hornickle, PJ Cronauer, Cameron Skodny, Brandon Schallack, and Julian Lu.



Field Day

Friday June 4 and Sunday June 6, 2021

Troop 78 held its annual Field Day this past June to close out the Scout year. The scouts competed in the traditional Scout skill events including String Burning, Flint and Steel, Water Boiling, among others and one new event the 8-Knot. This is an event in which the scouts use 8 different knots to suspend a log between two posts. The winning Patrol: Rattlesnake, Patrol Leader: Nathan Schallack.



June Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday June 10 - Sunday June 12, 2021

We gathered again at Camp Horseshoe for an OA work weekend. Troop 78 did various projects, spending quite a bit of time working on the Achgekatum Fire Circle.



Whitewater Rafting Trip

Saturday June 19, 2021

Troop 78 spent the day on the Lehigh River whitewater rafting. A group of scouts and leaders had a great day on the river enjoying the rapids and the beautiful weather.



Camp Horseshoe Updates: Progress continues on the new Shower House

Major facilities upgrade coming!

A new shower house will be available for all scouts and leaders.

Hope is the shower house will be available for the September Order of the Arrow weekend. The shower house will consist of individual shower rooms each with a shower, sink and toilet.



Schramm Lodge

Troop 78 has completed several projects at Schramm Lodge to make the building handicapped accessible including installing widened doorways to the outside and to the restroom.

The final piece was the installation of a retaining wall and parking pad to the left of the lodge.



PARC

Opened July 26, 2021

Located on Business Rt 30

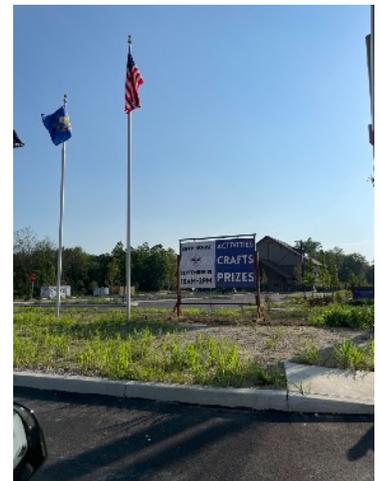
Address: 1 Scouting Way, Exton, PA 19341

The Chester County Council Program Activity Resource Campus (PARC) is open for business! The Council staff officially moved into the new building at PARC. The scout shop is open and the meeting rooms are available for use. [PARC: Program Activity Resource Campus](#)

Please consider donating an [Entryway Paver](#) to commemorate you, your scout, or your family.

Please join us for an [Open House](#) at PARC Sept 18th, for more info: see below.

It is not yet on GPS. To find it, put Auto Lenders, Exton into your map.



Flag Plaza at PARC



New Scout Shop at PARC

Upcoming Events

First Troop Meeting

Friday September 10, 2021

The Scout year begins fresh on what we expect to be a glorious evening on the second Friday in September.

We will greet each other at the start of another year of adventures.

[Click here for the Troop Calendar](#)

Campout: Cape Henlopen State Park: beach trip

Friday September 17 - Sunday September 19, 2021

Save the Date!

We plan to spend the day lounging on the beach and enjoying the surf.

More on this as we get closer to the date.

PARC Open House

Saturday September 18, 2021 10:00AM - 2:00PM

The public is invited to PARC for a fun day of outdoor activities, tours of the building and the property, scout skill activities, and food trucks.

If you are not going on the campout, we need your help at the Open House.

Troop are being asked to host a scout skill station or scout skill activity.

[Click here for more information on the Open House](#)

[Click here for more information about PARC](#)

Charlestown Day!

Saturday September 25, 2021

Please join us at Charlestown Park for a day of fun, live music, carnival games, food trucks and vendors.

We need volunteers to help run carnival games from 10AM to 2PM

[Click here for more information.](#)

<https://www.charlestownday.org/>