



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Upcoming Events

### October

Tuesday 4  
Board of Review 7:00 PM  
Troop Committee 7:30 PM

Wednesday 5  
Patrol Leader's Council 7:30

Friday 7  
Troop Meeting:  
Open house, all scout-age  
friends and Webelos  
welcome!  
Poinsettia sale begins  
7 PM

Saturday 8  
Radnor Horse Trials  
10AM – 5PM  
Please contact [Steve Brown](#)  
Volunteers needed

Sunday 9  
[Annual Troop Family Dinner  
and Court of Honor](#) 3 PM  
Troop Cabin

Friday 14 – Sunday 16  
[Campout: Wolf Preserve:](#)  
friends and Webelos invited

Friday 21  
Troop Meeting 7 PM

Friday 28  
Troop Meeting  
Halloween Party: costume  
required! 7PM

Please note: there is no  
troop meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>

[Click here for the  
full Troop calendar](#)

# Sun, Sand, Sea, Scouts

Troop 78 made its way to the beaches of southern Delaware for a delightful weekend of fun and relaxation. After an uneventful bus ride Friday night September 16<sup>th</sup>, we set up camp at the Delaware Seashore State Park campground. We had plenty of room, picnic tables, and we were within a short walk of the ocean.

Saturday morning we had a great breakfast of french toast and sausage and then set out for the beach. It was a beautiful mid-September day, sunny, no humidity, no bugs, and beach as far as the eye could see. We set out a few chairs, enjoyed the ocean, and the sounds and sights of the ocean. Many went for a swim in the warm ocean waters and waves. Some went for a beachcombing walk, others just relaxed in some chairs we brought along.



Fun at the beach



Relax: as it should be



Sunrise over the waves

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Warm September ocean

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## **Beach Trip** (continued from page 1)

We returned to the campsite for a delightful lunch of grilled hamburgers and all the fixings. Then we took a walk on a nature trail nearby. The park has preserved some of the old growth forest which used to line the bay near the shore. It was a nice walk along trail and raised walkways.

We returned to the campsite by late afternoon to prepare dinner, which was chicken burritos, always a hit. After everyone had their fill, we drove to the boardwalk in Rehoboth. There we snacked on all of the usual boardwalk favorites: fries, caramel corn, ice cream, taffy, pizza – you name it.

By the time we got back to the campsite, we were all pretty tired from a long day and went to bed for the night. Sunday morning we had a quick breakfast of cereal and muffins and then loaded the bus for the trip back to the cabin. We arrived at the cabin right at the pre-planned time. Altogether it was a great weekend and lots of fun was had by all.

## **First Troop Meeting**

### **Fall 2016**

Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> ushered in the new scout year. It was a beautiful late summer night at the cabin, the meeting got underway as the sun slid gently below the tops of the trees. We had close to 50 fifty scouts, including several new faces join us for an evening of scout skill training and demonstration and fun. The older scouts

trained up the younger scouts in knot tying and lashing. Then those skills were put to the test in several activities. The scouts had to build chariots to demonstrate their proficiency in the knots and lashings, and then they had the traditional chariot race to see whose chariot could hold together under actual use. The patrols then put their skills to the test of construction of forts made from lashing poles and tarps. The forts were then home base during a spectacular water balloon fight that resulted in shrieks and howls all around and everybody soaked. Perfect for a warm evening cool down.

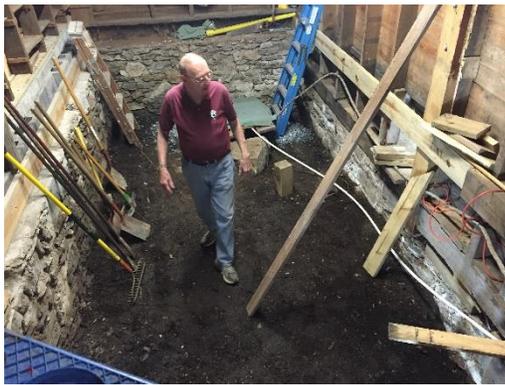


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# Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

When Fall rolls around you can count on several things. First the temps get cooler and there is a service weekend at Camp Horseshoe. September 23<sup>rd</sup> members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) convened at Camp Horseshoe and Camp Ware for a weekend of work to complete service projects to improve the camps and get them ready for the Winter season. (Troop 78 will be at Camp Horseshoe January 6, 7, 8 for our annual Winter Weekend. Join us!)

At Camp Horseshoe Troop 78 inducted several new members and as is a Troop 78 tradition, completed a substantial camp improvement project. A Troop 78 crew repaired/replaced a section of the Floor in Kindness Center. This section of the floor had deteriorated to the point the area was closed to use. The Troop removed the deteriorated section and then systematically, tediously replaced the floor under the direction of the tireless Ernie Heegard. Starting with a dirt floor, 5 to 6 inches of gravel was spread by using the old Ernie adage: many hands make light the work. Then the beams and joists were leveled and installed. We will return to install the tongue-and-groove. Troop 78 continues its long traditional of substantial camp improvement projects.



# Notices of Upcoming Events

## Open House

Please join us for the Troop meeting on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>. That night we plan an open house to welcome new members, scout-age friends, and Webelos to join the troop family. We plan an evening of fun, outdoor activities, and scout skills.

## **Notice of Upcoming Events** (continued)

### **Annual Troop Family Dinner and Court of Honor**

Please join us Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the troop cabin for food, fellowship and awards. Please plan to join us to cheer the scouts in their achievements, the numerous merit badges and ranks earned at camp and since will be presented, including two scouts who earned Eagle, scouting's highest rank. We will also recognize and congratulate the Scout-of-the-Year.

Please put this important event in your calendar.

Each family is asked to bring a vegetable dish or salad. The troop will provide lasagna (meat and vegetarian), rolls, butter, and beverages. There will also be cake for everyone in honor of those scouts earning Eagle.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Wolf Preserve Trip: Campout**

The troop will travel to the Worthington State Forest in New Jersey for the weekend of October 14 – 16. We will be camping along the Delaware Water Gap, hiking and then the highlight of the weekend will be a tour of the Lakota Wolf Preserve, home to four wolf packs.

This trip is open to Troop 78 scouts and leaders, scout-age friends, and Webelos.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Pasta Dinner

Join us one and all for a night of good food and fellowship on [Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM](#) at the cabin. We will gather for another delicious meal of Joe Cady's creation, lasagna and salad all the trimmings. This is an opportunity to meet the adults of the troop. Everyone from the parents of the current and former scouts, the old guard, and the new recruits, moms and dads, adult brothers and sisters, are all welcome. Please join us for an evening of easy fun without the kids. There is no program and there will be no speeches. The cost is only \$20 and all proceeds benefit the troop bus fund.



## Annual Dues and Registration

It is that time of year again!

All scout and adults must re-register and pay dues.

Adults who wish to be registered must submit the required clearances.

[Please click here for the information and forms.](#)

## Notice from Chester County Council

BSA and eKnowledge offering SAT/ACT prep course.

All scout families are invited to take advantage of this discounted semester-long interactive course valued at \$250, offered here for \$20. [Click here to find out more](#) about this program and the partnership between the BSA and the SAT/ACT Donation Project.

## **Glow4Kids Event**

There is a glow-in-the-dark 5 K at the Great Valley High School track Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4PM to 8PM. This event is sponsored by [justice4PAkids.org](http://justice4PAkids.org), an organization which works to stop child sexual abuse and is headed by our own Maureen Cislo.

Volunteers are needed: 10 BOYS NEEDED to sell food and drinks during the event from 4-8PM. This will count toward service hours.

Text Maureen Cislo (Ricky's Mom) [484-325-4092](tel:484-325-4092).

## **Helpful Links**

[ccbsa.org](http://ccbsa.org) Chester County Council, BSA

[scouting.org](http://scouting.org) National BSA

## **Troop 78 Calendar for 2016 – 2017**

[Please click here for the one-page calendar](#)

[Please click here for the Google Calendar](#)