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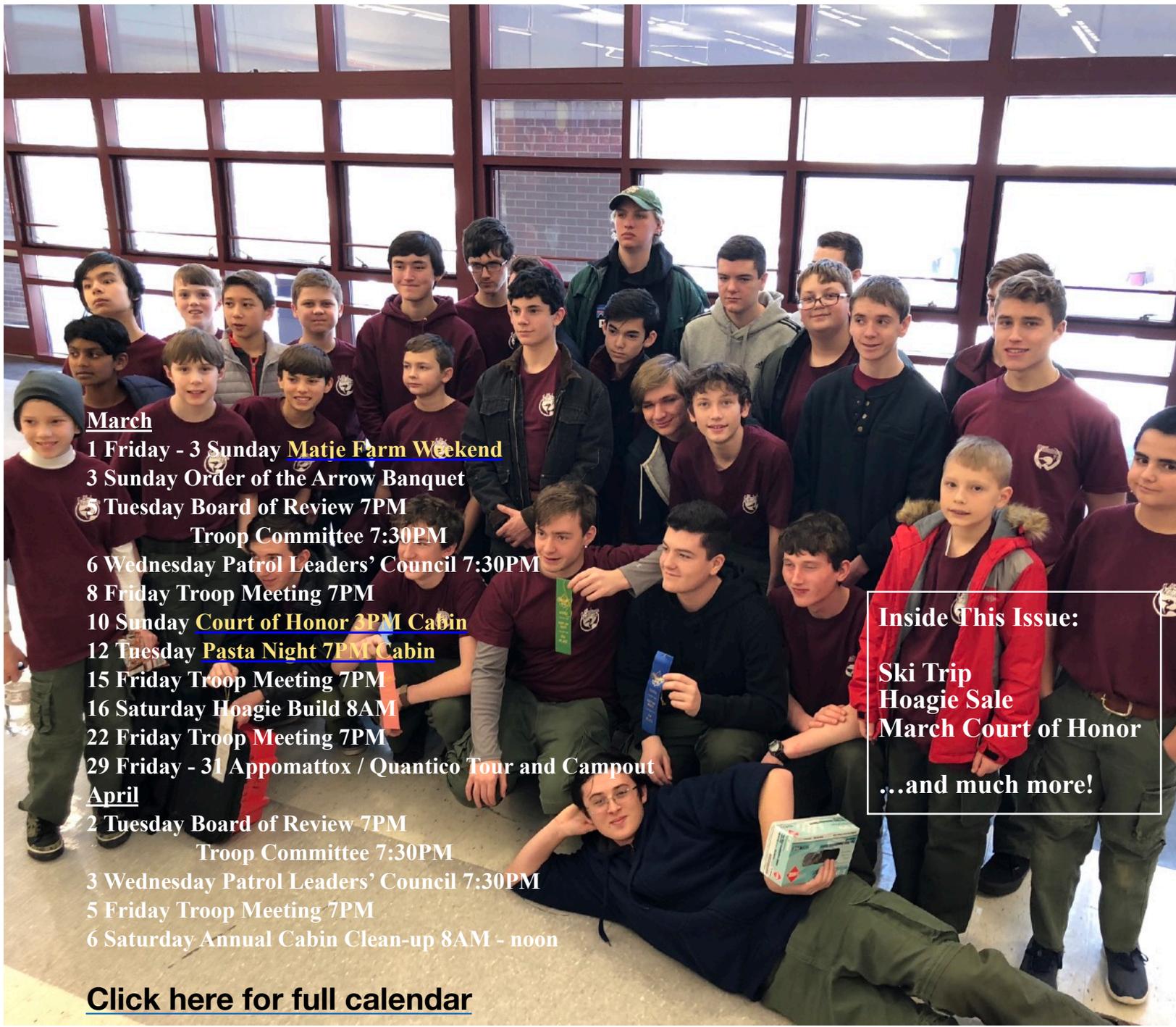
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First Aid! First Place!



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Chester County First Aid Meet

Saturday February 2, 2019

By Brandon Schallack

The First Aid Meet had been looming over our heads since the start of the new scouting year last fall. Hours upon hours of practice, first aid problems, demonstrations, stations, learning new things, and trying to figure out exactly the current way to properly treat an embedded fish hook. All of this leading up to the final competition of the year. This competition may not be as big as our troop field day or even compare to anything at summer camp, but I believe this is one of the more important events in our scouting career.

We showed up at the cabin at the early hour of 6AM and we departed off to the competition. We arrived early at the competition site: the Chester County IU. We waited outside the cafeteria until we could get registered. Once we got registered, went to our spaces on the floor of the cafeteria. We had a short answer registration problem which eventually led to the real problems. These problems are first aid scenarios that the older scouts had all seen before nevertheless they pushed the limits of our skills. Problem after problem hit us and we all racked our brains trying to find the one thing that we may be missing.

Once we got them all done, some stood, some sat, and some like myself laid down on the floor in physical and emotional exhaustion. This was the part everyone did not like: the wait for the results. We waited and waited for what seemed like an eternity until finally the results were in. This year we did pretty well, maybe not as well as last year, but we still put 4 patrols in the top 6. Moose patrol came in 1st, Rattlesnake 3rd, Panther 4th, and Stag tied for 6th.

This year was one of the better years that I can remember for the First Aid Meet. The Troop 78 cabin is definitely one place you would be completely ok if you got injured.



Super Bowl Breakfast

Saturday February 2, 2019

Another wonderful Super Bowl Breakfast was enjoyed by over 60 people. This has become a great Troop 78 tradition, for the third year in a row we gathered for a full made-to-order breakfast complete with eggs any style, pancakes, french toast, sausage and bacon.

Since it is likely you will be cooking later in the day for the Super Bowl, you can enjoy breakfast on Troop 78! Hope to see you next Super Bowl Sunday for another delicious breakfast!



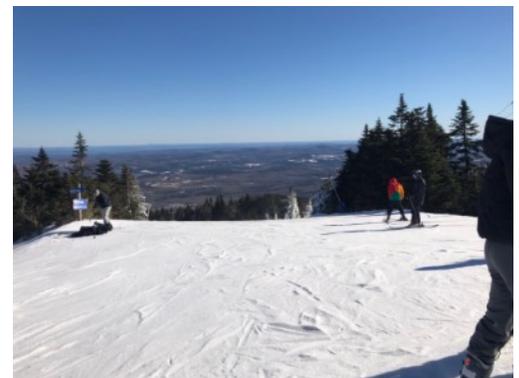
Ski Trip to Vermont

Friday February 7 - Sunday February 9, 2019

By Zach Fox

The Vermont ski trip has always held a special spot in the hearts of those who are truly passionate about the sport of skiing or snowboarding. The trip this year was definitely not one to disappoint those who went up for the first time or those who journeyed up last year. In the words of a good friend of mine Brandon Schallack, “The black diamonds up here are triple blacks at Jack Frost”. Now that is definitely an exaggeration, but at the same time he got his message across to me and that message was that everything on Mount Snow is bigger and better. This year, many were disheartened by the long trip that they would have to take through most of New England, but enjoyed every bit of the trip making many new memories.

One such memory was wondering when the heat would turn on in the bus, as it got colder and colder and I added more and more layers on. The bus ride was not bad and was enjoyable as we all told stories, listened to the adults’ hilarious jokes and hung out with each other. When we finally got to the lodge, I remember sneezing and seeing it freeze in mid air. That was definitely something new to me. Sleeping arrangements had the staff on the first floor on couches, the kids upstairs, and the adults taking up every other available space. Some adults in my own opinion and in many of their own, deserved awards for how loud they snored. The amount of noise was truly impressive.

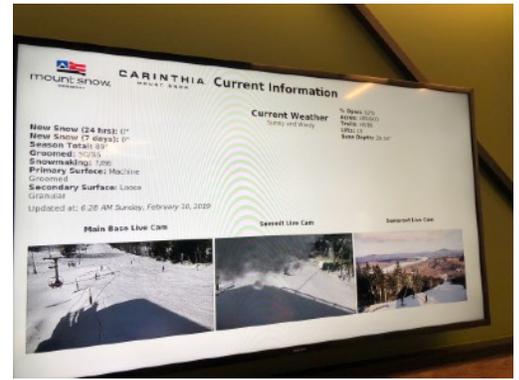


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Lodge life also included such luxuries as movies and the fine cooking of our own Mr. Bilson.

Being a skier myself, I got to enjoy the beauty that are moguls and the hilarity of watching many people wipe out on them. Many of the younger scouts enjoyed Long John, an adrenaline pumping green slope with many side trails through the woods. Older scouts enjoyed the blues and for the more daring: black diamonds with names like Plummet and Rollercoaster. These slopes were definitely appropriately named. The only thing that you can say was a bummer was the sheer number of slopes closed down due to dangerous ice conditions. The slopes that were open had many serious jumps and great places to grind. There was a terrain park with jumps and places for tubing. The park was phenomenal, tempting even the adults to do it. Sometimes if you were lucky, there were sheets of ice that you could go down. I rode one that was 200 feet long that was really fun.

The group had many fun times across our two days of skiing and many scouts got to try new things. In the future we can only hope that more scouts will be able to join us on this wonderful trip and make the same great memories.



Hoagie Sale is Underway !

Last day for orders: Friday March 8

Delivery: Saturday March 16

Delicious Troop 78 foot-long Italian hoagies are coming your way!

The annual Troop 78 hoagie sale is underway. Please order your hoagies now through the Troop online store. And tell your friends too ! You can either pick up your hoagies at the cabin or choose a scout to deliver them to your door.

Scouts earn approximately \$2 for each hoagie they are credited with selling.

[Click here for more information and for how you can help.](#)

[Click here for the online store.](#)



Notice of Upcoming Events

Matje Farm Weekend: Winter Olympics

Friday March 1 - Sunday March 3, 2019

Please join us for the annual excursion to the Matje Farm, 130 acres of meadows and woods bordering State game land in north central PA. We stay indoors (youth in the 1850s barn and adults in the old farm house). The troop will spend the day Saturday enjoying outdoor activities including scout skill events such as fire starting, two-man saw/ drill/ drop, block chopping, knot tying, chariot racing, flag pole raising, and the ever popular dog-sled racing. We will also practice our clay shooting with an assortment of various gauge and size shotguns. Everyone who wants to will get a chance or even two.

Good food, good fun, and good company!

[Please click here for more information.](#)



Court of Honor

Sunday March 10, 2019, 3PM at the Cabin

Please join us for the Annual Troop Parent's Night and Court of Honor!

We will be presenting Rank Advancements, including Eagle Awards. We will also recognize scouts recently elected to the Order of the Arrow and we will recognize the Recruit of the Year.

[Please click here for more information.](#)



Pasta Night

Tuesday March 12, 2019, 7PM at the Cabin

An evening of great food, conversation and fellowship open to all adults.

Please come out and meet the other adults involved in Troop 78. No pressure, no hype, just great home cooked food, all for a donation of \$20 which benefits the troop's high adventure fund. We use the high adventure fund to help scouts pay for extended trips outside the troop's usual budget such as Philmont New Mexico and Kandersteg Switzerland.



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Summer Camp Registration is Underway!

Deposit due: Friday March 15, 2019

Are you tired of winter; the cold and the snow? Are you looking forward to warm sunny days and camping under the stars? Are you looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks:

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 23rd and ends on June 30th
- Week Two begins on Sunday, June 30th and ends on July 7th

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, hundreds of merit badges, and display their teamwork, skills, and Scout spirit in the many games and contests at camp. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year. Your troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the troop in camp this summer. We are encouraging 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$415.00 per week if paid in full by April 25th, (\$470 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by March 15th (please indicate which week you are registering for on the deposit payment form found on the troop website).

Again this year, there is a Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50 for each additional scout.

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by April 25th and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 30th. The health form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. Please make sure the completed medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card. If your scout has special dietary needs or needs to take medication while at camp, a Special Dietary Form and Medication Form are also required (forms are available on the Troop website).

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Key Dates – Summer Camp 2019	
Camp Deposit Due	3/15/2019
Full Payment Due	4/25/2019
<i>(After this date, rate is \$465/week)</i>	
Health Forms Due	5/30/2019
<i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card; also Special Dietary Needs and Medication forms if applicable)</i>	
Camp Horseshoe Weeks	Week One: 6/23/2019 – 6/30/2019 Week Two: 6/30/2019 – 7/07/2019

Radnor Races: Save the Date

Saturday May 18 & Sunday 19, 2019

PLEASE, go over to your calendar right now and block out the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Expect a beautiful time in the Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends another weekend at the Races. We have formally requested that they hold the mud this year!

Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing. Please plan to be there!

Kandersteg 2020

July 25 -August 8, 2020

Please see the keys dates for the upcoming trip to Kandersteg Switzerland in the summer of 2020.

Initial Deposit Due	9/07/2018	\$100.00
Payment #1	11/02/2018	\$250.00
Payment #2	3/01/2019	\$750.00
Payment #3	7/05/2019	\$700.00
Payment #4	11/01/2019	\$700.00
Payment #5	2/07/2020	\$600.00
Total Cost		\$3,100.00

Note: The total cost is an estimate. Any excess funds will be refunded based upon finalization of the itinerary, airfare, exchange rates, etc.

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