



Willistown Troop 78

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Holiday Party Troop Cabin



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4 Tuesday Troop Committee 7:30PM, Zoom

5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM

8 Saturday - 9 Sunday **Winter Weekend, Camp Horseshoe**

14 Friday Troop Meeting, cabin 7PM

21 Friday Troop Meeting, prep for the Klondike Derby

22 Saturday Klondike Derby, Camp Ware

28 Friday Troop Meeting, cabin 7PM

No Troop Meeting Friday January 7

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Friday December 17, 2021

By Max Lang

Following Troop 78's annual tradition, on Friday December 17th, 2021 was the Holiday Party and Gift exchange. This year we had a slight change in protocol, we all wore masks and followed social distancing regulations.

For the gift exchange each scout had purchased a gift of their own choice with a criterion of \$10 and under. On arrival at our cabin, we placed the gifts in a wooden sleigh.

Per a typical meeting we first had Patrol time and after our general catch up, each patrol received two first aid challenges to solve. Each challenge consisted of a first aid scenario that included an injury that the scouts had to treat. Each patrol volunteered a hurt patient (a scout) that laid on a blanket and received the appropriate first aid treatments, for example treating a burn or a hiking fall. The patrol leader guided his patrol on the suitable first aid care while adult leaders observed and provided scores.

After the two first aid challenges were completed, there was an exciting gift exchange. From a mini canoe everyone picked out a slip of paper with a number on it. The scout with the lowest number



picked their choice of gift first from the sleigh, after this when a number was called each scout could select their choice.

Once everyone had picked a gift, we had a lot of fun opening them. There were some great ideas ranging from; practical such as a mini waffle-maker; to educational books; food items such as hot chocolate and boxes of chocolates; games like chess and fun items like gaming-headphones. Everyone was pleased with their surprise gift.

After the gift exchange, G. Ernest Heegard, lovingly known as “Ernie” our the longest serving member of Troop 78 received an award to honor his 75 years in scouting, called “The 75 Year Service Award”. Ernie received his award and gave a speech about growing up as a scout and shared his memories of his time in the troop. He told many interesting stories including one about the fact that there used to be an older



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cabin that was destroyed, and they had to build the new one. This was new information to many of the younger scouts.

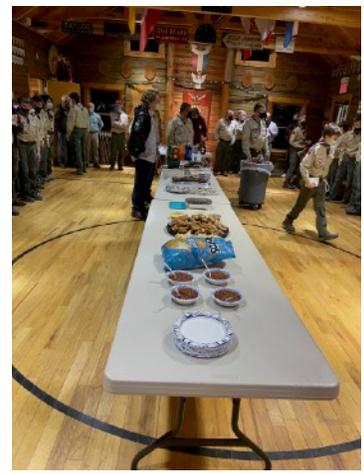
After Ernie's speech some scouts received their merit badges and ranks, and a new scout received his neckerchief.

Lastly, we ate a buffet provided by the parents. The patrol with the highest score from the first aid challenge was allowed to

go first to the buffet – the winner was the Panther Patrol.

A great time was had by all.

Happy Holidays!



Ernie Presented 75 Year Service Award

Friday December 17, 2021

It is with great delight that we announce the achievement of 75 years of service for Ernie Heegard. Ernie joined scouts and went to Camp Horseshoe for the first time at the age of 12. Since then and to the present day, he has served the youth of Chester County through his devotion to Troop 78, Order of the Arrow Lodge Octoraro 22 and Camp Horseshoe. We have all benefited from his dedication and service.

On Friday December 17th, Ernie was awarded the National BSA 75 Year Service Pin at a small ceremony we held at the Holiday Party.

Thank you Ernie, for a lifetime of service to the scouts and scouters of Chester County!



Upcoming Events

Winter Weekend

Saturday January 8 - Sunday January 9, 2022

Camp Horseshoe

Troop 78 will be gathering for its traditional winter weekend at Camp Horseshoe. It will be a one-nighter, Saturday January 8 - Sunday January 9.

We plan to tent camp in the Campcraft Area.

Troop tents will be made available for those who wish to borrow a tent.

We will cook meals in the Browning Lodge kitchen and eat in the Campcraft area.

We plan the usual activities including a service project to benefit the camp, a camp-wide scavenger hunt, a round robin of scout skills and much much more. See you then!

[Click here for more information.](#)



Klondike Derby

Saturday January 22, 2022

Camp Ware

The Council will hold its annual Klondike Derby at Camp Ware on the weekend of January 22. This is a weekend of inter-troop competition with troops from all over the Council. We will attend as a day trip.

Last year Troop 78 won 2nd place overall in this event. We are going back this year to win 1st place!



Radnor Races

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2022

SAVE the DATE

Radnor Races - May 21 & 22, 2022

PLEASE, go over to your brand new 2022 calendar right now and block out the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at this year's edition of the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Expect a beautiful time in the Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends another weekend at the Races.

The Brandywine Conservancy will once again do all it can to insure that this year's Event puts the safety and well-being of volunteers as its top priority.

On Saturday, May 21 & Sunday May 22 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing.

Please plan on being there!

Fundraising

Holiday Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Another Holiday sale is in the books!

Proceeds from the sale are used to pay for troop expenses including all expenses related to troop events, all award ceremonies, all awards and patches, camping trip expenses such as food for the scouts, campsite fees, and fuel for the bus.



This year we had over 200 orders for 680 plants and 136 wreaths. The strong sales will help the troop continue its exemplary program throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone who sold flowers and wreaths and thanks to everyone who helped run the sale and sort the orders.

Yours in Scouting,
Willistown Troop 78 Poinsettia Sale Committee

Gift Card Fundraiser: “Scrip”

[Click here for more information.](#)

You can purchase gift cards for family, friends, teachers and service providers through Troop 78 !! There are hundreds of stores from which to choose.

You can fill out a paper order form and return to Steve or Sherri Wark or you can input your order electronically and pay by check made out to **Friends of Troop 78** or through Paypal or Venmo (ask Sherri for details on those). Please visit shopwithscrip.com/shop for a full listing of gift card retailers available.

You can use the RaiseRight APP! Our Troop Enrollment code is FEF118A31591L You can input your order through the app and still pay by cash/check/Venmo, or you can connect a bank account (small transaction fee applied), or pay by credit card.

If you would like to order your gift cards online but not with the app, please contact Sherri Wark at sherriwark@yahoo.com. She will send you an email link to our Troop account through Scrips. It is an easy process.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Alumni Corner

Auld Lang (Old Loon) Syne!

Wednesday December 29, 2021

"Old Loon-ey" Tunes: Troop 78 Alumni Board Hosts 2nd Event

Like Troop 78 itself, the Troop 78 Alumni Board always looks to build on its previous successes rather than rest on its laurels. Accordingly, following the relative success of the "Franks-Giving" event in November, the Alumni Board began planning a holiday/New Year's get-together. This event, quickly nicknamed "Old Loon" Syne, took place at the Sly Fox Tap House in Malvern, PA on the evening of Wednesday, December 29th. About 20 attendees enjoyed a casual dinner around the Sly Fox's outdoor fire pit, complete with abundant conversation.

Although Old Loon Syne and Franks-Giving each had a distinct flavor, there were definitely parallels between the two. While attendees at both events ranged in age from 20 to, let us say, a bit north of 20, all shared the common bond of Scouting in Troop 78. Both Franks-Giving and Old Loon Syne involved plenty of reflecting on Scouting adventures gone by, as well as healthy helpings of renewing old friendships and making new ones. Yet Old Loon Syne, like Franks-Giving, was as much about catching up on the present as it was about reminiscing about the past. Many discussions revolved around the Troop's current activities and trips, as well as what everyone is up to outside of Scouting. The future came up often as well, as phrases such as, "The Troop ought to go there!" and "When did 78 last visit that place?" were bounced around frequently throughout the evening.

What does the Troop 78 Alumni Board have up its sleeve next? Stay tuned to the Newsletter to find out more!

[Click here for the alumni association's Facebook page.](#)

In Memoriam

R Scott Lee

June 2, 1982 - October 31, 2021

The following is adapted from Scott's obituary.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Richard Scott Lee, Jr, unexpectedly early on Sunday October 31, 2021. He was 39 years old.

Scott loved and participated in so many things. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 78 growing up and was awarded his Eagle Scout Award. He graduated from Great Valley High School in 2001 and studied education at IUP. He later graduated from West Chester University in 2006. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Scott served as a paraprofessional in several districts in the Chester County area for 7 years before leaving for health reasons.

Scott was vocal about his Prader-Willi diagnosis and how it affected his everyday life. He received a lot of support from staff and patients at the Prader-Willi Institute, and he tried to give the same. He spent his last 2 years at Spring Creek Nursing Home in Harrisburg. He had gone there for rehab after a fall in 2019, but due to COVID much of the rehab services were suspended. Scott as always made friends with staff and residents alike. He was active with activities, worship when able to have services, and keeping up with his puzzles and coloring.

Scott loved people. He loved being a son and brother, a husband, a son-in-law and brother-in-law, a nephew and a cousin. He also really enjoyed being an uncle to Nathan and Natalie as well as a friend to so many.

Scott brought a lot of light and color to this life. It can honestly be said that be a good or a bad moment, he inspired so much laughter and hope. So while a huge light has left this world, please be comforted that Scott will live on in our hearts and our memories. It was a life well lived and well loved.

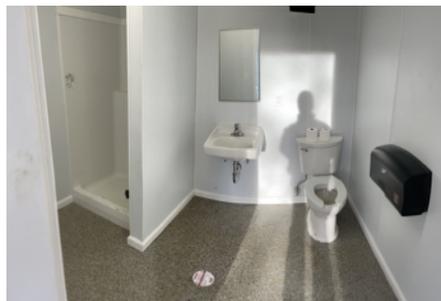
If anyone would like to remember Scott in a tangible way, donations can be made to Friends of Troop 78, P.O. Box 22, Malvern PA 19355 or Prader-Willi Syndrome Association pwsausa.org

Chester County Council News

Shower Houses

Camp Horseshoe

The new shower house at Camp Horseshoe is complete and awaits it final inspection from the township. This shower house will be open year-round and, if all goes as planned, it will be available for use on the Troop 78 winter weekend in January.



Chester County Council has been awarded a RACP (redevelopment assistant capital program) grant through the state in the amount of \$750,000 to construct additional updated shower and restroom facilities at Camp Horseshoe. Many thanks to those responsible for getting this amazing grant to benefit the scouts and scouters at the camp, especially Jake Segal Chester County Council Director of Support Services and State Senator Carolyn Comitta.