



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2014

- 2/3 - Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting
- 2/4 – Board of Review (7:00 PM), Troop Committee Mtg. & CPR Training
- 2/5 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 2/7 - TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7 to 9 PM)
Begin Hoagie Sale
- 2/8 – **Council First Aid Meet (meet at cabin at 6:45 AM)**
- 2/13 – Council-wide Roundtable
- 2/21-23 – **Matje Farm Klondike Weekend**
- 2/28 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

MARCH 2014

- 3/4 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
- 3/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 3/7 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 3/8 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (5:30 PM)
- 3/9 - **ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR: (3PM) – Scout Cabin**
- 3/13 – Diamond Rock Roundtable
- 3/14 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Hoagie \$ due
- 3/21 - TROOP MEETING
- 3/26-28 – Antietam Battlefield Tour and Campout

NOTE: Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold. TROOP MEETINGS underlined in CAPITALS. Adult only meetings in Italics.

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The February Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7:30 PM, at the cabin. The committee meets to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.

CPR TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 4th, 2014, immediately after the regular Troop Committee meeting. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend if they have not been certified within the past 2 years. Due to increased costs, we are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366 for more information.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL FIRST AID MEET

Saturday, February 8, 6:45 AM
Location: Technical College High School, Downingtown

This is the one we've been practicing for since November. Don't miss it! Your patrol needs you! Your troop needs you!

- Meet at the cabin at 6:45 AM (in complete Scout uniform with sneakers) for the bus ride to Downingtown
- Wear rubber-soled shoes or sneakers
- Expected pick up time at the cabin between 12:30 and 1:00 PM

- Each participant will receive a First Aid Meet patch

Please let your Patrol Leader know that you are coming. Remember to study First Aid in your Scout Handbook the night before!



'WINTER OLYMPIAD' TRIP TO MATJE FARM

February 21– 23, 2014

Hike, sled and or ski cross country at Mr. Matje's farm! Scouts sleep in a 150+ year-old barn; dads and other adults in a heated cabin. Hear coyotes and see animal tracks! Meet and compete with Scouts from our guest troop from West Point, NY. Winter Olympic "fun" events include snow melting, log sawing, sled racing, snowshoe relays, tug-of-war and other great events. Additional activities include shotgun instruction with NRA certified instructors, nature hike, and hopefully some snowball fights.

Don't miss this trip! One of the best events of the Scouting year!

- What to Bring** (Pack in a duffle bag):
- Winter sleeping bag or sleeping bag w/blanket
 - Sleeping pad
 - Flashlight
 - Warm clothes, gloves, pullover, hat
 - Rain /snow gear
 - Sleds, ice-skates, XC skis (optional and weather-dependent)
 - Sturdy hiking boots

- Extra synthetic or wool socks
- Toilet articles
- DRINKING CUP
- Money for "pit stops" (snacks, etc.)

Transportation: Troop Bus

Meet at cabin on Friday, February 21st, leaving cabin at 6:00 PM SHARP.

Arrive back at cabin about 2:00 PM on Sunday.

Reservations: Contact your patrol leader no later than Monday, February 17th, if you're planning to attend. Patrol leaders: Get your Patrol count to SPL Ian Riley by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18th.

Questions: Call your patrol leader.



The month of February kicks off our annual troop Hoagie Sale. This long-running fundraiser allows Scouts to sell a delicious, handmade Italian hoagie. The funds raised are used to help support the troop's needs for equipment, trips, and programs along with adding to the Scouts' own personal Scout accounts. Scout account funds earned can be used to pay for various Scouting events.

Hoagie sale forms will be handed out to the Scouts at the end of the troop meeting on Friday, February 7th. All money and orders will be collected at the beginning of the troop meeting on Friday, March 14th.

The cost of our great hoagies will be the same as recent years: \$6, with the Scout earning \$1.75 for each hoagie he sells. Since the fundraiser benefits the whole troop, it is anticipated that each Scout sells a minimum of 12 hoagies. After the selling is done, this is where you parents come in. The troop customarily sells over 1,000 hoagies and this year will be no

different. With your effort we will be making hoagies on the following 2 dates. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending 1 or both sessions. A large adult turnout is essential and means quick, easy work for all! Besides it's a lot of fun!

- Friday, April 4^h, 7-9 PM - Hoagie Set-ups during troop meeting
- Saturday, April 5th, 7-9 **AM!** - Hoagie Assembly. Scouts pick up orders on back porch from 9-10 AM.

Looking forward to working with you all again on another successful hoagie sale.

- Scott Vercoe, Outgoing Hoagie Sale Coordinator
- Kathi Schallack, Incoming Hoagie Sale Coordinator

WINTER CAMP 2014

By Francis Purcell, Stag Patrol

This year's Winter Camp was jam-packed with fun, memories, and snow. Our friend the polar vortex came along and brought us close to zero-degree weather. On Friday night, Troop 78 went into our cold bus, packed everything into the back, and drove on US-1 down south to the Pennsylvania and Maryland border to Camp Horseshoe. I was not sure what to expect, as this was my first time going to Winter Camp. We arrived there at 8 o'clock at night and then we unpacked the troop gear and our personal gear into Browning lodge, which took about 45 minutes. What a surprise to find HOT dogs, HOT chili and HOT chocolate waiting for us. Next, Chris Duncan passed out the trivia sheets. One of the questions was name all of the original 151 Pokémon in the Kanto region. Riley Palmer was very good at naming most of the Pokémon because he appreciates the Pokémon video games. A brief game of Capture the Flag turned into an epic snowball fight. Finally, after settling in, we all went to bed in the bunk loft upstairs.

On Saturday, we woke up around 7 AM and were very tired. Breakfast was pancakes and sausage cooked

by Mr. Cady and the breakfast patrol. After breakfast, we chopped logs for the other troops who come to camp. Kyle Sheridan was especially good at chopping logs. I noticed the dads were competing with each other to see who could saw wood the loudest, but I'm not sure if this was supposed to be a snoring contest. After chopping a LOT of logs, we went to lunch. Lunch was grilled cheese and tomato or homemade veggie soup cooked by Moose Patrol. The lunch was very delicious because they put the right amount of cheese in the sandwiches. After lunch, you could go sledding or get started on a merit badge. Seth Hoffritz was especially talented at sledding. After a long, fun and tiring afternoon it was time for dinner. Dinner was beef stew and dinner rolls. After dinner, we worked on the scavenger hunt some more. Then we had timed outdoor activities. One of the Stag Patrol's favorite games was the sled relay. After the outdoor activities, we got inside Browning lodge to watch *Captain Phillips* and had late-night snacks. Finally after a long day we went to bed.

On Sunday morning we had a cold breakfast consisting of Life cereal, orange juice, and assorted fruits. After breakfast we started to pack up our personal gear and then the troop gear into the bus. Freezing rain started when the troop got on the bus, which was a safety hazard, so Mr. Schallack put on the snow chains. The hilly camp driveway was ahead of us. The bus and wet, icy hill were at war with each other. But Admiral Schallack steered the ship home safely.

Thanks to Mr. D, the cooks, the dads, staff, and senior Scouts.

I liked this trip a lot and recommend it to any dad or Scout next year. But please, bring long underwear (and pizza for your senior patrol leader).

WINTER CAMP WINNERS

On the Winter Camp trip, the Scouts' patrols and three patrols made up of adults competed in a series of competitions, including a

trivia test, a scavenger search and a winter edition of Horseshoe Highscore. The top patrols in the trivia/scavenger/riddle portion of the challenges were, in third, Stag with 24.45 points, Flying Eagle in second with 29.75 points, and coming in first place was the adult patrol called "The Band Formerly Known as the Misfits" with a whopping 43.7 points.

Horseshoe Highscore featured events like fire building, knot tying, sled racing and two-man saw. In third place with 15 points was Stag patrol. In second place with 17.5 points was Rattlesnake patrol. And in first with 19 points was the Panther patrol.



ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD TOUR AND CAMPOUT

Dads and Scouts, join us for an exciting trip to Antietam National Battlefield on the weekend of March 28-30, www.nps.gov/anti/index.htm.

The battle at Antietam Creek, Maryland, was one prong of a two-prong attack into Northern territory by Confederate General Robert E. Lee. While Lee was advancing on

Union forces at Antietam, Confederate General Stonewall Jackson was advancing on Harper's Ferry.

The battle in Antietam, fought on September 17, 1862, stands as the bloodiest single day of fighting in US history, with nearly 23,000 killed, wounded, or missing. We will tour the battlefield, a field hospital, the visitor's center, and Antietam National Cemetery.

We will be tent camping at the nearby Maple Tree Campground (www.thetreehousecamp.com).

We will leave from the troop cabin on Friday night and return early Sunday afternoon. Mark your calendar now!