



Willistown Troop 78

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Ski weekend

Mount Snow Vermont



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- 1 Friday Troop Meeting, cabin 7PM
- 2 Saturday Spring cabin clean up, 8AM-noon, rain date Sunday noon
- 5 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM, cabin
Troop Committee 7:30PM, cabin
- 6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 9 Saturday - 16 Saturday Florida Disney trip
- 22 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, cabin
- 25 Monday, all final flower sale orders due by 9PM
- 29 Friday - Sunday May 1 Order of the Arrow service weekend

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

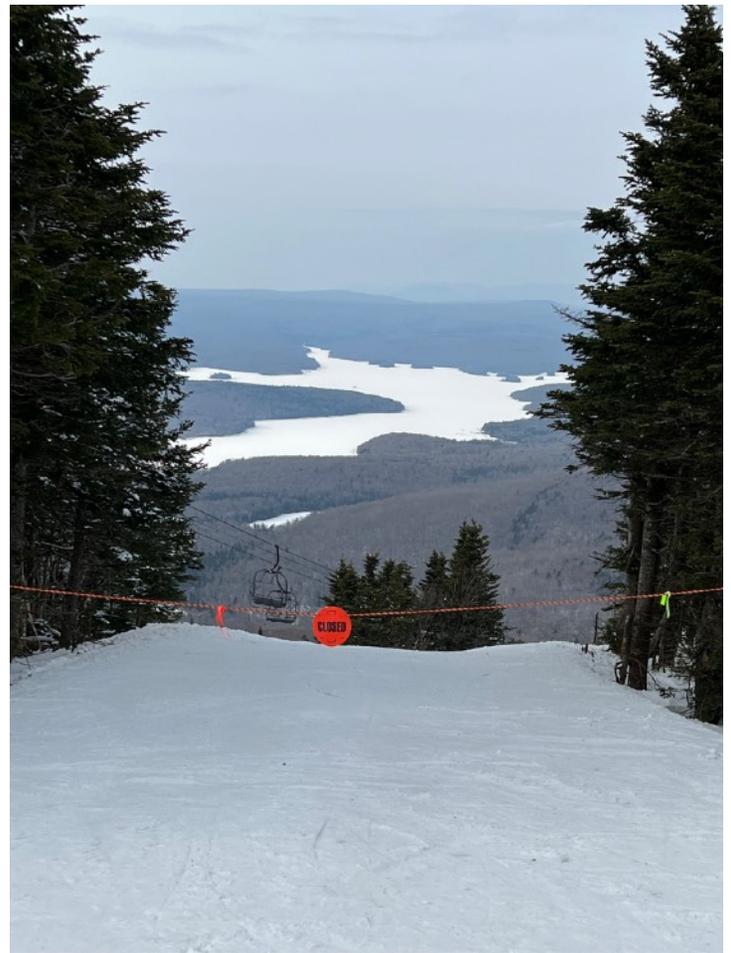
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Mount Snow Vermont

Friday March 10 - Sunday March 12, 2022

By Nic Opielski

On March 11th at 6:00 PM the Scouts of Troop 78 left for the long ride to Mount Snow Vermont. When the scouts arrived it was past midnight, and everyone was ready for a good night's sleep. Their night however was cut short with a 6:30 AM wake up. Breakfast that morning consisted of assorted cereals, french toast, sausage and eggs. After the amazing breakfast, Scouts put on their boots for the short bus ride to the mountain. The Scouts arrived at roughly 8:00 AM and were ready for a great day of skiing. During the 8 hour day, the Scouts paired up with a buddy and ventured all over the mountain in search of the best trails. During the day, Scouts were in and out of the many lodges scattered around the



mountain, to either warm up or to get some food. At 4:00PM the Scouts met back at the Discovery Center to repack the bus for the short ride back to the lodge. When the Scouts got back to the lodge they had some free time before they came downstairs to the smell of an amazing dinner. Dinner included salad, sweet and savory macaroni and cheese, and an amazing homemade chili. After dinner, Scouts played a variety of games before going to bed. Yet again the scouts were greeted by another 6:30 AM wake-up. After all the Scouts were up, they packed up their gear and got their ski clothes on before a 7:00 breakfast. The breakfast consisted of assorted cereals, and eggs, sausage, and french toast. After breakfast, the trip to the mountain was delayed slightly due to the bus experiencing technical difficulties. With the aid of a hair dryer to get the bus started Scouts loaded up for their final day of skiing. When they arrived at the mountain the Scouts broke off into groups and skied until 12:30. The Scouts skied tirelessly, trying to make the most of their day. Many



Scouts skied until 12:30 without stopping before meeting back at Sundance lodge for pickup. When we got back to the lodge, Scouts rushed off to find and pack all their remaining gear before loading it under the bus for the 6-hour ride home. On the way home we took a singular rest stop to stretch out our legs, use the bathroom and grab some food. When we finally arrived back at the 78 cabin, it was already dark. The bus was a mess due to the long ride home. Those two “lucky” Scouts who were assigned bus cleanup duty were Braeden Happ, and Ryan Wark. Even though the trip was over, I am sure that it will be one that 78 Scouts will remember for a long time. Looking back on the trip, I am positive that I

speak for everyone when I say that we are looking forward to coming back next year. Also, on behalf of all the Scouts on the trip, we want to say big Thank You to all the awesome Adult Leaders who took turns driving the bus to ensure a safe trip.



Eagle Court of Honor

Sunday March 20, 2022

By Luke Fox

This past March, Troop 78 held its annual spring Court of Honor to present awards and celebrate recent achievements. The afternoon started with speeches recapping the year to date, including highlights of the first aid season, the Matje farm trip, and a review of the not-so-long-ago Vermont Ski trip.

At the March Court of Honor the troop awards the annual Recruit of the Year. This year's recipient is Caleb Fulmer. The award, in addition to the recognition, includes one paid week at summer camp, a \$450 value. Congratulations Caleb!



Another highlight of the day was when, Logan Duff, our esteemed and recently retired Senior Patrol Leader, was awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout after completing his final merit badges and leadership project.



Continuing with 78 traditions, the troop also held its Order of the Arrow tap-out ceremony: 8 Scouts and 1 adult were selected to participate in the OA ordeal, and once completed, they are inducted into Octoraro Lodge 22.



Overall, it was a fun time to hang out with friends and enjoy some delicious cake.

Upcoming Events

Walt Disney World Florida

Saturday April 9 - Saturday April 16, 2022

The Troop will again make its way to Orlando Florida for the Spring Break trip to Disney World. This will be the first time to Disney since the trip in 2019 due to the pandemic. The troop will be making their way to FLA in style! Looking forward to fun in the sun and good times in the Magic Kingdom.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Radnor Races

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2022

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 21st & 22nd. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as much time as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 21. Please concentrate on helping us between 11:00 and 3:00. These are the most critical hours. Of course help any time is appreciated and extended hours are always needed. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon. Remember, we welcome and need help from every person you can bring out, not just Scouts & parents!

Volunteering at the Radnor Races helps:

- OUR TROOP'S MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AS TROOP 78 HELPS THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR CAMPING ACCOUNT

Your sign-up sheet should arrive in the mail soon. *Please fill it out & send it back as soon as you get it.* That will minimize unnecessary calls and e-mails both for your sake and ours.

PLEASE BE PROMPT!!

Summer Camp at Camp Horseshoe

Week one: Sunday June 26 - Saturday July 2, 2022

Week two: Sunday July 3 - Saturday July 9, 2022

Countdown to Summer Camp!

We are in the countdown to summer camp at Camp Horseshoe, when Troop 78 will again spend two glorious weeks in sun and open air of Camp Horseshoe, the greatest place on Earth.

Health/Medical forms are due May 13th. The health/medical form is on the troop website, Section C must be signed by a physician and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. Please make sure the completed health/medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

Reminder: All KISC attendees under 18 must attend at least one-week of summer camp. Reminder: All KISC attendees under 18 must attend at least one-week of summer camp.



Fundraising

Spring Flower Sale

Closes Monday April 25 at 9PM

The Spring Flower Sale is now underway!!!

This is a win - win !!

You get your spring flowers and garden plants delivered to your door AND the troop raises funds to support the scouting program throughout the year.

Remember: the troop's programs, including all meetings, campouts, scout food on campouts, awards, etc. are free to the scouts. This flower sale is the reason.

Please take a look at our user friendly online store.

This year we're featuring new bee and butterfly friendly Angelonia and Colocasia plants in addition to the standard options of garden plants, herbs, annual flats, individual potted plants, and hanging baskets. Sale goes through April 25th with delivery just in time for Mother's day.

Brighten your home and yard from the comfort of your own couch.

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



Cabin Lighting Sale!

Update: we have raised about half of the \$5k to fully fund this project.

Please consider a donation to help.

The troop 78 cabin recently had a major upgrade. All of the old incandescent and mercury vapor lights were replaced with LED lighting. All the light fixtures (not just the bulbs) in the hallways, meeting rooms, kitchen, bathrooms, storage areas, porches, the back field, and the parking lot were replaced. That is a total of 50 light fixtures replaced!

This upgrade has already paid off with better more effective lighting inside and outside the cabin. More pay off will come in savings on the cost of electricity going forward.

Please make your checks payable to:

Friends of Troop 78.

Drop checks at the cabin or mail them to:

Pete Motel

1191 Pebble Spring Drive

Berwyn, PA 19312



Chester County Council News

Vigil Honor

Sunday March 6, 2022

At the recent Octoraro Lodge 22 banquet, two of our very own scouts were recognized for their years of service in the past and years of service expected going forward. Arek Connors and Nate Motel were called out to Vigil Honor, the highest degree in the Order of the Arrow. They will be inducted this coming summer. Congratulations gentlemen!



Order of the Arrow Octoraro Lodge 22

OA Service Weekend at Camp Horseshoe Friday April 29 - Sunday May 1

We encourage all OA members to attend. This weekend of service projects is essential to help get the camp ready for the upcoming summer season.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Founder's Award

Given annually to one youth and one adult who have demonstrated a spirit of selfless service as described by Founder E. Uner Goodman.

“For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest.”

This year's recipients are both from Troop 78:

Francis Purcell and Dr. Pete Motel.

Camping Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Thursday March 31, 2022

Just for fun, the Council Camping committee had the inaugural Camping Volunteer Recognition Dinner for all those who give their time to camp and the Council by serving on various committees in the Council and the Order of the Arrow and for the service of the Ranger Corps.

We had a nice buffet dinner and had an inspirational talk from Collin Francis, former Horseshoe Pool Director who now works as Assistant Trainer for the Baltimore Ravens. Recognition was given to the Muddy River Gang, volunteers who come to camp every Wednesday for a day of projects. The MRG gave over 2000 hours of service to the camps in 2021.

The Volunteer of the Year for 2021 was announced: Congratulations to Allan Forsmarkk for all the work he has done and continues to do for the camps and for PARC and for scouting throughout Chester County. Thanks to everyone who gives their time, toil, and treasure to scouting!

