

**WILLISTOWN 78 CANOE TRIP – SCHUYLKILL RIVER AND PHOENIXVILLE CANAL**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 2024**

We will run two trips at once on Sunday. The first Long trip is where older and experienced scouts will be dropped off upriver on the Schuylkill River outside of Pottstown and canoe to Phoenixville and the Phoenixville Canal. This will require strenuous paddling and two difficult portages. Younger and unexperienced scouts (and dads) can choose the Short trip. Here we will put in on the Phoenixville Canal, and get some basic instruction. We will then canoe up the canal, which borders the epic Schuylkill River Trail (SRT), pulling our boats out at Lock 60 and putting them in the river where we will continue down the river, stopping at the canal portage trail and back again as a loop. This is one of the few places on the east coast where you can have a single put in and take out. This stretch of watershed is filled with multiple bird species. Scouts (and their dads) must be able to pass the Red, White, and Blue Scout Swim test in order to attend this trip. The Troop reserves the right to engineer boat crews for participant safety. We are hoping for great weather, but this trip could be canceled for bad weather, if we cancel you will be notified via email and text the night before. A hot lunch will be provided along the canal for all.

**Cost:** Free for all

**Departure:** Arrive at the cabin no later than 8:30 AM, with breakfast in your stomach

**Return:** 3PM to Cabin (approximate – boys will call when 30 minutes from cabin)

**Transport:** Bus for Scouts and leaders/accompanying fathers. Other alternative transportation (e.g. to Canal) MUST be approved in advance by Mr. Bilson by May 1<sup>st</sup> without exception.

**How to sign up for the Canoe trip:**

1. Either bring your completed form to the May 3rd meeting, or MAIL your completed form and payment to Jack Bilson (see address below).
2. Patrol Leaders – Send Mr. Bilson a list of your attendees by e-mail, by no later than, May 1. Please e-mail Mr. Bilson at JackBilson@gmail.com. Mr. Bilson's address is 250 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Phoenixville, PA 19460.

**QUESTIONS? CALL YOUR PATROL LEADER or Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934)**

**What to Bring:**

In a knapsack, please pack the following in Ziploc bags or other soft waterproof container (these items will go in the canoe with you).

Nalgene bottles (at least 2 liters of water)

Dry pants (synthetic, quick-dry material – NOT cotton or jeans)

Dry shirt (again, synthetic quick-dry)

Wear lightweight sneakers you must have close-toed shoes (Gators do not count)!

Sunglasses with strap

Visored hat

Sunscreen & Bug Spray

Tasty Snack for energy

It should go without saying – check the weather and dress appropriately! (check weather prior to departure). Quick dry clothing is highly suggested for this trip wearing and packed. You will get wet.

The page headed RETURN THIS PAGE must be completed and returned with your payment.

### RETURN THIS PAGE! CANOE TRIP

Please complete and return this page, all sections, including the permission slip below, with payment by check, to Mr. Bilson per terms of handout.

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult attendee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact email & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies – please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions (for religious, medical or social reasons) or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings, etc.):  
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#### **Troop 78 – May 2024 Canoe Trip (the “Trip”) Permission Form**

**If I am signing for a Scout:** I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout/guest named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the Trip. This permission slip also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to execute any additional forms, releases or permission slips that National Aquarium may require to be signed by a parent or guardian to allow my child to ski or board at this event. By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that the person for whom I am signing this permission slip has also read, understands and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my son, his other parent/guardian, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If my child cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that my son will call both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$25, notwithstanding the reason. I authorize such funds to be deducted from my son’s Troop account and I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that my son may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

**If I am an adult attendee:** By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that I understand and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my representative/delegates/agents, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If I cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that I will call Jack Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$25, notwithstanding the reason. I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that I may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee if submitted by attending adult)