



Willistown Troop 78

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First Aid Meet First Place!

Chester County Council



March 2022

- 1 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM, cabin
Troop Committee 7:30PM, cabin
- 2 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 3 Thursday KISC Switzerland Parent Meeting, 7PM, cabin
- 4 Friday Troop Meeting, cabin 7PM
- 6 Sunday Order of the Arrow banquet, 4PM
- 11 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, cabin
- 11 Friday - 13 Sunday, Ski Trip
- 18 Friday Troop Meeting, 7PM, cabin,
Begin Spring flower sale
All Summer Camp money due
- 20 Sunday Parent's Night and Court of Honor 3PM, cabin
- 25 Friday - 27 Sunday Bear Creek Preserve

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

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First Aid Meet

Saturday February 12, 2022

By Caleb Fulmer

Early on the morning of Saturday February 12th, Troop 78 went to the Chester County Council first aid meet. We left on the bus for our 40 minute trek to Downingtown. When we arrived we deboarded the bus and got our gear out of Mr. D's truck. Then we made our way inside to check in and set up our floorspace for the competition.

The first part of the competition was to take a multiple choice test on first aid. When the competition started, the judge handed us our first problem and we began. We had five minutes to read over the first aid problem and determine how we would treat our patient. Then we had ten minutes to treat the patient followed by five minutes with the judge to talk over our treatment plan and get our score.

The first aid problems went over a lot of different injuries and some were very difficult. Each patrol had four different problems to work on and then they tallied up all the scores



to determine a winner. Troop 78 did extremely well, Stag patrol finished 6th, Rattlesnake and Flying Eagle finished in a tie for second, and winning the whole competition in first place was Moose Patrol. We boarded the bus having had a very successful day.



Matje Farm!

Friday February 18 - Sunday February 20, 2022

By Nic Opielski

On February 18th at 6:45 PM, the Scouts of Troop 78 set off to Matje farm which is owned by Troop 78 alumnus Mr. Matje. We arrived by bus at the farm at 9:30 PM and had a quick snack before the lights went out at 11:00 PM.

To start off Saturday morning, we cleared a large wood pile and moved it all to an open fire circle to be burned later in the day. After the brush pile had been cleared, Scouts competed in bolt splitting which ended in a close finish between Moose and Rattle-Stag. The Troop then competed in three-man ski, which was also won by Rattle-Stag. The next competition was tug-of-war on the icy grass. Rattle-Stag brought home the gold once again. Next we competed in sled racing, which was



won very narrowly by the Rattle-Stag patrol. We also competed in chariot racing, which was also won by Rattle-Stag after the shocking disqualification of the Moose patrol. The final competition was the water boiling contest which was won by the Rattle-Stag patrol. However, most surprisingly, was the inventive comeback by the Moose patrol after their fire had died. To secure them second place, to everyone's surprise, Moose salvaged the water and fire from Rattle-Stag to boil the remaining water that they had left.

After the competitions, the Troop enjoyed playing on the frozen lake after it was deemed safe. Later, the boys enjoyed skeet shooting under the supervision of the adult leaders. On Saturday night, just before Rattle-Stag was supposed to cook dinner, the power went out, forcing the patrol to cook outside in the cold windy weather. After a half hour of suffering in the cold, a dinner of meatball subs with a side of spaghetti and sauce was served. Later Saturday night we concluded the day with our traditional campfire in which there were skits from Flying Eagle and Moose, and a song from the Rattle-Stag. We concluded the night with a snack before bed. That night ended up being the coldest part of the trip, with a temperature of 9° Fahrenheit in the barn.



In the morning we enjoyed a breakfast that was “cooked” by the staff patrol. The breakfast consisted of assorted cereals, bagels, and muffins. After breakfast we started cleaning the grounds. We put out the fire that we had started the previous day and we packed the bus, preparing for the trip home. On the bus ride home, we went to a rest stop and arrived back at the cabin to unpack at 3:00 PM. A thousand thanks to the scouts that got the dreaded bus clean up duty: Ryan Wark, Carter S, Logan S, and Jacob D. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to returning next year.



Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 13, 2022

Thanks to Joe Cady for a huge breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday! Over 100 people enjoyed an all-you-can-eat breakfast and the fellowship of time well spent with good food and good company at the cabin. It was wonderful to see everyone as we awaken from our long covid slumber. We hope to have more occasions soon where we gather and celebrate the troop family.



In Memoriam

Stan Conover 1954 - 2022

Stan "Popcorn Kernel" Conover, held several roles in the troop including the lead for the Popcorn Sale, second in command for several garage sales and other positions.

Stan passed away on January 24th 2022.

Stanley Conover "Stan", 67, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2022, at home, surrounded by loved ones. Stan was a graduate of Bishop Kenrick High School where he played for the Varsity football team. Stan graduated with his Doctorate in Chiropractic from Sherman College in South Carolina, and pursued a passionate and successful career in Chiropractic Medicine. He established offices in Phoenixville, Spring City, Norristown, and Collegeville.

Outside his career, Stan was heavily engaged in the local community. He supported multiple groups including the Boy Scouts of America Willistown Troop 78, West End Fire Company, St. Basil's Church, Knights of Columbus, Squires, Customer's First Bank formerly New Century Bank, and Shuffleboard leagues in Havertown and Pottstown. Within these groups he helped support fundraisers, trips, gatherings, sat on boards, and much more. Stan enjoyed a plethora of relationships that evolved into lifelong friendships. Stan's warm and friendly personality will always be remembered, and his memories will be in our hearts forever.

Upcoming Events

Vermont Ski Trip, Mount Snow

Friday March 11 to Sunday March 13, 2022

On the second weekend in March the troop will head north to the ski slopes of Mount Snow Vermont. We plan two fun-filled days of skiing and fellowship. We will stay again at the Buck Ridge Lodge. There will be skiing Saturday and Sunday, meals in Buck Ridge Lodge and in the Mount Snow lodge.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Bear Creek Preserve, Pocono Mountains

Friday March 25 - Sunday March 27, 2022

Bear Creek Preserve, located in the White Haven / Lake Harmony area in the Poconos, is 3500 acres of Pennsylvania wilderness. The Preserve is filled with wildlife and hiking trails. The troop will spend the weekend camping, hiking and exploring the Preserve. This weekend will be fun-filled days welcoming Spring. [Click here for more information.](#)

Radnor Races

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2022

PLEASE, go to your 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!

Summer Camp @ 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.

Final Payment is due Friday March 18, 2022. Final payment form is on the troop website.

The cost this year is \$450.00 per week if paid in full by March 18th (\$495 per week after that).

Please note, Camp Horseshoe is not offering a Multi-Scout Family Discount this year, due to overall increases in costs.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Fundraising

Cabin Lighting Sale!

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.

The upgrades cost \$5,000 and we are endeavoring to raise the money to cover this cost.

Please consider a donation to the cabin lighting fund.

Buy a light fixture for \$100, or 10 for \$1,000. Any amount will be accepted!

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

Alumni Corner

Glad You “Axed”

A Troop 78 Alumni Update

By Michael Bennett

In late 2021, Troop 78 kicked off a regular series of alumni events with “Franks-Giving” in November and “Old Loon” Syne in December. Now, the Troop 78 Alumni Board is planning more events to build on these early successes.

The first of two events currently being planned is axe-throwing at Tilted Axes in West Chester on Sunday, April 3rd from 4 to 6 PM. Axe-throwing is safe, entertaining, and a ton of fun! For participants over age 21, BYOB is an option, while all participants will enjoy delicious snacks courtesy of the Alumni Board. The Alumni Board has reserved slots for a maximum of 50 axe-throwers, so be sure to sign up soon! Email troop78alumni@gmail.com by Thursday, March 24th to reserve your slot.

For those asking the question once posed by Hamlet – “To fee, or not to fee?” – the answer is that each attendee will be responsible for a modest \$50 charge. The \$50 charge will allow the Alumni Board to cover the costs of both reservations at Tilted Axes and snacks. You can either drop checks at the cabin or mail them to: Pete Motel, 1191 Pebble Spring Drive, Berwyn, PA 19312.

A \$10 deposit will be due with your RSVP with a check made payable to Friends of Troop 78. The remaining \$40 can be paid at the event. Or you may pay the entire \$50 now.

The second alumni event currently in the works is Troop 78’s 90th birthday party. This event, originally envisioned for June of 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 5th and has been renamed the “90th + 2” celebration. While further details will follow in the April Newsletter, early plans include a pre-Field Day luncheon and social gathering featuring a pig roast, displays of historic Scouting memorabilia, and much more, all of which will be captured for posterity in a special commemorative program.



Chester County Council News

Training!

Lots of opportunities for adult training.

“Every scout deserves a trained leader.”

- Chainsaw safety training is coming up next week (March 5): <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1OucOJDU8DoCscRuOIQn5hLv0u2wKwXTNL1cPD3UgkI8Azg/viewform>

- Wilderness First Aid (2 Weekends, Virtual: May 11 & 18 from 7:00pm-9:30pm, In-Person at PARC: May 14 & 21 from 8am-5pm): <https://scoutingevent.com/539-54757>

- Wood Badge (2 Weekends, April 22-24, 2022, May 21-22, 2022): <https://scoutingevent.com/528-woodbadge2022>

- NRA (March 1): <https://hmc-bsa.org/?s=nra>

- IOLS Backpacking (May 22 and 23rd): <https://hmc-bsa.org/introduction-to-outdoor-leadership-skills-backpacking-edition/>

- IOLS Campsite (May 21 and 22nd): <https://scoutingevent.com/528-IOLSCE#>

[Click here for the Council Training Resource page.](#)

[Click here for information on upcoming Wood Badge course.](#)

[Click here for more information on upcoming Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\).](#)

[Click here for Adult Training summary page on the Troop website.](#)

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For more information contact Kipp Happ, Diamond Rock District OA Chair

OA service day at PARC in March and service weekend at Camp in April

- OA upcoming Service Day will be at PARC, Saturday March 26th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This will be an outdoor service activity.
- 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.](#)