



Willistown Troop 78

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5 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

8 Friday Troop Meeting Packing meeting 7PM

9 Saturday - 10 Sunday **Backpacking Trip**

13 Wednesday **First Responder Webelos Event 7PM**

15 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

21 Thursday **100th Anniversary Banquet Honoring Ernie**

22 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

No Troop Meeting 29 Friday

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100th Anniversary Camporee!

Friday October 25 - Sunday October 27 , 2019

By Varun Kartick

On Friday October 25, 2019, our scouts went to Hibernia County Park to represent Troop 78 at the Centennial Celebration of the Chester County Council. We left the cabin at around 6:00PM to head to Hibernia Park. Once we got there, we pitched our tents and then the Gateway team started on the intricate troop gateway. They stayed up until 11:00 working on the Gateway before heading to sleep.

The next morning we woke up to the sweet smell of french toast and sausage cooking and a playlist of pop songs. After breakfast, the Gateway was hoisted into place, complete with a revolving door and a stunning display of old troop uniforms, flags, and tents.

Then it was time for the day's activities. Many scouts were either able to start and/or finish multiple merit badges during the Partial Palooza. Other on-goings included, BB gun shooting, Archery, Fishing, Rock Climbing, and Mountain Biking. There was also a midway with stands for park and wildlife conservation and a variety of food trucks.

Later in the afternoon there were 2 competitions - Volleyball and The Chopped! cooking competition. We competed in both, then we went back to camp to eat dinner in the rain. We had hot chili and fresh sweet cornbread. After dinner and darkness set in, we went to the beautiful A Scout is Reverent Inter-Denominational service. Then we went to see the awe-inspiring arena show complete with live band performances by scouts from all over Chester and Delaware County with a laser light show.

After the light show, we went to sleep in our tents, and it rained all night. The next morning we ate breakfast, packed up our stuff and headed off, arriving back home to a newly-paved parking lot.



Court of Honor and Eagle Ceremony

Sunday October 13, 2019

By Christian Skodny

At 3 o'clock on Sunday, all of the scouts and parents of Troop 78 gathered at the Troop's cabin for the Fall Family Dinner and Court of Honor. For dinner, we had lasagna and salad as well as a variety of side dishes that the guests brought. The afternoon weather was great, so we enjoyed the meal outside.

Once back inside the cabin, we recapped the more recent trips with Zach Fox and myself discussing summer camp, Eric Connors recounting the World Jamboree, and Logan Duff exploring the caving trip. During the ceremony, the Troop awarded all of the merit badges and ranks earned at Summer Camp, and recognized Luke Fox as the Scout of the Year for 2018-19. The Achgeketum Award for outstanding youth leadership was awarded to Zach Fox. We also awarded the rank of Eagle to two Troop 78 scouts: Cody Carnes and JT Schallack. We look forward to another Award ceremony in the spring, congratulations to all! [Click here for a link to all Youth Awards through the ages.](#)



Mr D presents the Achgeketum Award to Zach Fox

Senior Patrol Leader Christian Skodny

Zach Fox presents the Scout of the Year Award to his brother Luke Fox

Annual Open House

Friday October 18, 2019

By Ethan Winkleman

The yearly Open House meeting was upon us on Friday October 18. This year's event featured many of the activities and events of years past like the Monkey Rope Bridge, memorabilia displays, and food stations to entice Webelos and other visitors. We were joined by 10 visiting prospective new scouts.

Starting off in the cabin were Chris St. Clair and Luke Fox presenting old historical gear in their Native American dance team regalia. Flanking them was a table festooned with weapons, tools, and instruments similar to those used by local tribes. Going outside, we saw a long line of food tables beginning with Cameron Skodny with his meat vegetable mix, Logan Duff's grilled cheese, David Lane's beef stew, and ending with Zack Fox and his bacon strips. Through these stations, Webelos learned about fire building and outdoor cooking. After crossing the food gauntlet, the final station was the classic rope Monkey Bridge manned by Arek Connors and Bryce Elliot. One by one visitors and Webelos scouts alike crossed the treacherous gap, held back only by three strips of rope. After everyone had their fill of the stations, we all trudged back to the cabin. Inside the older scouts marshaled and organized everyone else into a game of stick wrestling.

In stick wrestling, everyone connects hands in a large bony circle around a pole. Whoever lost their grip first or hit the pole was eliminated. The winner was a small scout who knocked over a much larger scout with momentum. The night concluded with a snack of more food: hot dogs, chips, and hot cocoa. Finally, we had announcements, declarations, and many thanks to those who came that night. I'd consider it a success!



Parking Lot Paving Project

On Saturday October 26th, the parking lot at the cabin received a well-deserved paving. The work crew from Charlestown Paving spent the entire day there on Thursday October 24 prepping the area, edging, and grading. Saturday brought the work crew back again bright and early, on the site by 7AM and the job was all done by 11AM.

And it is be-a-u-ti-full!

Thanks to everyone who worked to get this project done at the Troop 78 cabin! A special thanks to Mark Siegle for spearheading the project, Steve Brown for interfacing with Willistown Township and a big shout out to all those who donated their hard-earned cash to make this a reality.



Annual Registration 2019

Troop 78 registration fees are now due. Willistown Troop 78 needs to register all scouts and adults **each year** with the Boy Scouts of America. To ensure continuity with the scouting program we need your registration form and check by September 30, 2019.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Adult Leader Training

There are several opportunities for adult leader training to consider.

1) Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Adult leaders who wish to be registered with the BSA and all adults who have any youth contact must take the BSA Youth Protection Training.

[Click here for more information and a link to the Youth Protection Training course.](#)

[Click here for links to the mandated background checks.](#)

2) CPR certification

Adults should be CPR certified. The Troop offers CPR training one time a year generally on the evening of the first Tuesday in February.

3) Position specific training

Adults should take position specific training offered on the BSA website.

Training is offered for Committee members and Troop Leaders.

[Click here for links to position specific training.](#)

4) Activity specific training

There are numerous online courses for safety training in specific activities such as swimming, boating and many others.

[Click for more information regarding activity specific training.](#)

5) Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

Adults should consider taking the training referred to as Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS). This is a two day, one night course offered several times a year. If you wish to be registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster, you must complete the online training mentioned above in #3 and the IOLS.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here for the link to register for the course.](#)

6) Wood Badge

Adults should consider taking Wood Badge. This is a training course originally designed by Lord Baden Powell himself. This course gives instruction in outdoor skills, teamwork, and leadership necessary to be a successful Scout leader. This course takes place over two weekends and is offered once a year.

[Click here for more information.](#)

7) Bullying awareness / Anti-bullying

There is extensive and detailed anti-bullying information on the BSA National website at scouting.org.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Training page on the Chester County Council website](#)

[Training page on the National BSA website](#)

Upcoming Events

Backpacking Trip

Saturday November 9 - Sunday November 10, 2019

The Troop will hit the Appalachian Trail again for a stretch in central PA where the trail runs north of Harrisburg. We will hike between Routes 225 and 325, and stay overnight at the Peters Mountain Shelter Area. As is our tradition, the hikers will break into two groups, one for the longer hike and one for the shorter hike, starting at different ends and meeting at the shelter on Saturday. Then on Sunday morning we all hike out taking the short hike back to the trailhead. This is always a fantastic weekend in which we test our Scout skills and have some fun doing it.

[Click here for more information.](#)

100th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday November 21, 2019

On the evening of Thursday November 21 Chester County Council will host an event to honor our own Ernie Heegard for his many years of service to Scouting. On this night Ernie will be honored as Chester County Council Citizen of the Year. We will fill the banquet hall with Ernie's friends and colleagues for tributes, remembrances, and good fun. Hope you can join us!

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Holiday Poinsettia Sale

The Holiday Poinsettias are now available for order through the Troop Web Store.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

More pictures from the Camporee:



Laser light show at the Camporee



Our Chopped! team and their entry

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