



Willistown Troop 78

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Ft. Washington!

Scouting Continues During the Pandemic



April 2021

- 6 Tuesday Troop Committee Zoom 7PM
- 7 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 9 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 10 Saturday Spring cabin clean up 8AM - noon
- 16 Friday - Sunday 18 Campout Hickory Run St. Park
- 23 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 25 Sunday Last day for Spring flower sale orders
- 30 Friday - Saturday May 1 Order of the Arrow Weekend

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Friday March 12 - Sunday March 14, 2021

By Braeden Happ

We started off by unpacking and setting up our tents just in time before dark. We then gathered around a campfire listening to tunes and later enjoying the usual hot dogs for a snack. After a bit more chilling around the campfire we curled up in our sleeping bags and slept for the night.

We woke up to the fresh smell of a first night without rain. After reluctantly exiting our tents, we began cooking some breakfast sausage and french toast. The french toast was delicious and after gobbling it all down, we returned to our tents to prepare for the long hike ahead.

After grabbing a lunch bag we packed up and set off. Splitting up into a fast group and a slow group. After getting lost once or twice in the fast group, both got back on track crossing muddy roads and rock bridges missing a step. The 2 groups eventually met up at around the 5-mile point before eating a delicious turkey sandwich and a fruit snack. While on our lunch break, we enjoyed rock skipping at the nearby river before setting off again. After a perilous journey back through the broken rock bridges and muddy puddles, we finally rejoiced and refreshed back at camp. Kicking back and regaining our strength.

After 2 hours of rest, we reconvened to cook a delicious dinner of beef stew, sided with rolls. After filling our stomachs we reformed by the campfire and exchanged a few jokes before heading out for a snack. Snack that night consisted of hot chocolate and cookies. After loving the hot chocolate, and devouring the cookies we dazed back off to sleep.

Awaking in the morning, we gathered back up for a cold breakfast of muffins, bagels, and cereal. Once our stomachs were filled we gathered back up to clean out the campsite and pack our stuff. We ended the trip by packing the truck and setting off. Thanks to everyone for a great weekend at Fort Washington State Park!





Pack 76 / Troop 78 event: Webelos Bridging!

Sunday March 14, 2021

By Jim Fox

The ceremony was conducted on March 14th, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, in the backyard of the Petaja's home in Malvern. Luke Fox and Braedon Happ presented our maroon Troop 78 neckerchiefs as the new scouts were called one by one to cross over the bridge and to be welcomed into Scouts, BSA by their new troop. Five new scouts are now new members of Troop 78!!! Brandon Schallack and Jay Tyson were also present to meet the new scouts and parents. The new scouts are excited to join Troop 78 and are looking forward to the trips and outings that they will get to do as Boy Scouts. Mr. Happ read the official welcome from the troop as the assistant scoutmaster of the ceremony and Mr. Fox also extended his welcome to the new scouts and parents in attendance.



Achgekatum Fire Circle at Camp Horseshoe

The fire circle at Camp Horseshoe is nearing completion. The final touches are being completed on the accessible seating area and a stairway from the accessible seating to the bench seating area. All that remains to be done at this point is some landscaping along the road.

All ready for the summer!



Spring Flower Sale

Delivery dates Thursday May 6, Friday May 7, Saturday May 8, 2021

The annual spring flower sale is underway! Please see our complete online store, make your selections, choose pick up at the cabin or scout delivery (local delivery only) and you are on your way to beautify your Mother's Day, your home, and your garden. [Please click here for the online store.](#)

PARC

Opening getting closer

Workday at PARC to clean up the grounds

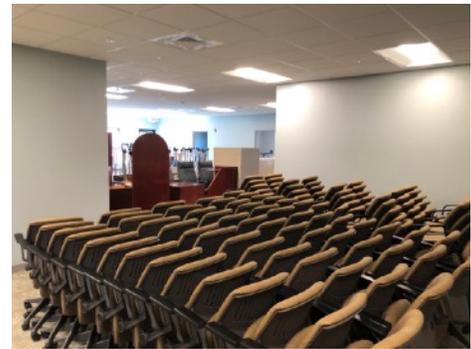
[PARC: Program Activity Resource Campus](#)

The Chester County Council Program Activity Resource Campus (PARC) is coming! We look forward to a place in the center of Exton where the scouts of Chester County can gather for events and programs. The building will house a STEM center, meeting and event rooms and a full scout shop.

The furnishings have been moved in and set up is beginning. All of the furnishings were donated by Unisys, AmerisourceBergen and Ellucian.

On a recent Saturday a team of volunteers began the process of cleaning up the 28 acres of grounds that surround the building.

Please consider donating an [Entryway Paver](#) to commemorate you, your scout, or your family.



Troop Meeting

Friday March 26, 2021

This past Friday night the troop continued its pandemic outdoor meetings. We had a great turn out on a beautiful evening to practice scout skills in preparation for the Field Day in May.



Picnic Tables for PARC and for Camp Horseshoe

Troop 78, under the leadership of Ernie, is in the process of building 20 picnic tables for Chester County Council, 10 to be used at PARC and 10 to be used at Camp Horseshoe. Many thanks to all those who donated this project and to those who have donated their time to cut the pieces and assemble the tables. Ernie has generously matched all of the donations, so the project costs are covered and any left over funds will be deposited in the Friends endowment. If you can help with assembly of the tables, we will be at the cabin this Saturday April 3, 2021. [Please contact Ernie with any questions.](#)



Upcoming Events

Radnor Races! SAVE the DATE May 15 & Sunday 16, 2021

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 15th & 16th. 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 15. 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!

The Event was not held last year because of the Pandemic. The Brandywine Conservancy is focused on making this year's Races a safe event for all attending and is implementing changes to make sure that happens. Troop 78's Radnor Races coordinators are working with the Conservancy to make sure all our volunteers are safe.

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.*

Summer Camp!

Sunday June 27 - Sunday July 4, 2021

Sunday July 4 - Sunday July 11, 2021

The cost this year is \$420.00 per week if paid in full by March 26th, \$470 per week after that. Again this year, there is a Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50 for each additional scout each week.

Health/medical form due to the troop by May 14th. The health/medical form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. The BSA has updated the Health/Medical Form this year, so make sure to download the most recent form from the Troop 78 website or from the Camp Horseshoe website. Please make sure the completed health/medical form includes parts A, B & C (part C is a pre-participation physical and requires a physician's signature) with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

If you wish to use your scout camping account funds to pay for summer camp, please contact Joe Cady at jcadyjr@gmail.com. Joe can provide the current scout account balance and you can instruct him on the amount you would like to use for summer camp.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Key Dates – Summer Camp 2021	
Camp Deposit Due	2/19/2021
Full Payment Due	3/26/2021
<i>(After this date, rate is \$470/week)</i>	
Health/Medical Forms Due	5/14/2021
<i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card; also Special Dietary Needs and Medication forms if applicable)</i>	
Camp Horseshoe Weeks	Week One: 6/27/2021 – 7/04/2021 Week Two: 7/04/2021 – 7/11/2021

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

More information and links to all forms are included on the Troop 78 website. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hornickle at thornickle@msn.com or call at (610) 742-1560.

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