



Willistown Troop 78

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Troop 78 Does High Adventure !!!



September

- 3 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 4 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 6 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 7 Saturday Work day at the cabin 8AM - noon
- 9 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM
- 12 Thursday Diamond Rock District Steak-o-Ree Roundtable
Cabin 6:30PM
- 13 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
[Family Food Festival](#)
- 14 Saturday Junior Leader Training Cabin 10AM
- 20 Friday - 22 Sunday Beach Camping Trip
Delaware Seashore State Park
- 27 Friday - 29 Sunday Order of the Arrow Fellowship Weekend
Camp Horseshoe, members and candidates only
- 30 Monday [Annual registration due](#)

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Philmont Scout Ranch - Scout Paradise

Saturday August 10 - Wednesday August 21, 2019

By Christian Curry

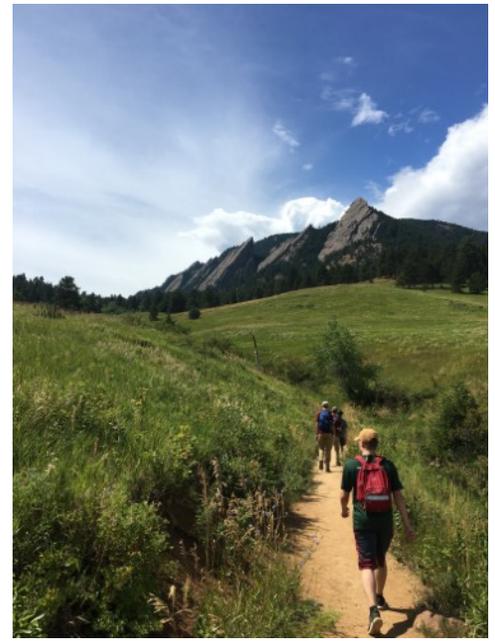
On August 10th, five scouts and two advisors departed the cabin for a high adventure trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico. The trip was really two parts, the pre-adventures in Boulder and Colorado Springs and the trek in Philmont.

The first three nights we stayed at a Boy Scout camp, Camp Patiya, close to Boulder. It was very rustic, but the A-frame cabin was a nice escape from tenting. From there we went on several hikes. One that I liked was right in Boulder in an area called Flat Irons, named for the large flat rock formations sticking up – they looked pretty cool. Before we could go on the hike I had to download an app to my phone just so that we could pay for parking. The ranger cottage had a nice collection of taxidermy – including a hummingbird! We also went on a guided hike in Rocky Mountain National Park to two alpine lakes, Loch Vale and Mills Lake. The views of the snowcapped Rockies along the way and at the lakes were spectacular.

Our next stop was Colorado Springs. We visited the Air Force Academy (seeing the modern architecture of the Chapel and a B-52 bomber) and we drove through Garden of Gods but couldn't find a parking spot to be able to get out and take a closer look at the unusual rock formations. After dinner, my dad and I went back and were able to walk around just as it was getting dark. It was close to a full moon that night and the bright light from the moon cast a shadow of the top of a ridge line on to one of the larger rock formations – we were in the right place at the right time to see this unusual but very cool sight. After a good night's sleep in a real bed, we headed to Philmont.

At Philmont we met our ranger, his name was Ryder. He a great ranger, very helpful, informative, and supportive as he prepared us to be on our own in the back country. We really enjoyed having him as our ranger. He told us we were the best crew he ever had and even bought us ice cream on the last day when we returned to HQ.

While on the trek, we had amazing views while hiking and really great programming. It was nice that we were at the end of the season so there were not as many crews out on the trails and in the camps. Some of my favorite activities: Spar Pole climbing was a lot of fun (Zach had a very fast time), the 50 caliber muzzle loading black powder rifles were cool, the Pueblano campfire show was funny and entertaining. Other interesting activities we got to do included, roping steel calves with lariats, throwing tomahawks, panning for gold, using axes to make railroad ties and our



conservation project of building a new trail near the Ponil campsite. Our biggest day of hiking was climbing Mt Baldy (12,441 ft) from the Baldy Town camp. Unfortunately, I had to stay back at the camp due to some altitude sickness. Staying back was still fun, I got some much-needed sleep. I made friends with a mini-bear named Ricardo. I had to haul the bear bags up and down twice by myself. I was able to talk to the staff at Baldy Town and we played Bananagrams. They were out of chocolate milk but I did get some strawberry milk from them. I met Bridger who was the prospector on the gold panning activity. He was a very nice and interesting person as he was also an actor and has been on many television shows. The rest of the crew all had a great time, the weather was picture perfect and they make it to the summit in less than three hours.

After seven days in the back country we made it to the trailhead and took a bus back to HQ, where we enjoyed a lunch that we didn't have to rehydrate or eat from many small pouches - the chocolate milk was a nice treat. For dinner we skipped the dining hall and went to a roadhouse a few miles outside of town that served pizza. It was an interesting venue, although it looked like a sit down restaurant inside, it was all self-service - Mr. Pizzuto did a great job as our waiter - thank you. The décor was cool, very western with a wooden wall where nearby ranchers came in and burned their brands on the wall - we recognized some of the Philmont brands. Opening and closing campfires were a lot of fun and we learned a lot of songs and the history of the Philmont ranch. Ryder, our ranger, joined us at the closing campfire. It was the last campfire of the year and the staff stayed after and played requested songs until it was time for us to go to bed so we could get up very early and head to the airport.

Overall there were amazing views wherever you looked on the WHOLE trip. It was a lot of fun, many memories were made and we all enjoyed it. It's a trip that everyone should experience if they have the opportunity.



World Jamboree

Sunday July 21 to Friday August 2, 2019

By Arek Connors

Before the first rays of a new day peaked from behind the horizon, USA Troop 139, representing Northeast Area 6, began an eight hour drive to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. We were an interesting bunch, representing councils from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Although we did not know each other very well, we were excited to be part of this provisional troop, heading out to the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

This was the second time this well established scouting event took place on US soil. In 1967 the USA hosted the 12th World Scout Jamboree in Idaho. 12,011 scouts participated in the 12th World scout jamboree. This year, the World Jamboree brought over 50,000 scouting enthusiasts from 152 countries. The 24th Jamboree was hosted by the three North American countries: Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The official Jamboree languages were French, Spanish and English, but if you listened carefully you could hear across the Summit hills and valleys an echo carrying sounds of languages from all continents.

The US contingent arrived on Sunday, July 21, one day before the World Jamboree officially began. The following day, international contingents arrived. We played the role of a good host by helping other countries set up their camps. It was raining “cats and dogs” all day, but we were eager to meet new scouts and help them build the home they would use for the next ten days.

The World Scout Jamboree is different from a National Scout Jamboree. The emphasis is on learning about other cultures, communication, leadership, and trying to learn and solve problems young people encounter in their home countries. A model UN had meetings to discuss the world’s problems and how to fix them. Representatives from every nation shared what the youth in their home country face every day, and the things that make their culture unique. In the Global Development Village, you could learn about different cultures and even make a traditional toy or noisemaker from



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that country. Near Action Point, international food houses made traditional cuisine, sharing it with the thousands of scouts that would roll through each day.

The next World Scout Jamboree is in 2023, and will take place in South Korea. This will be the 25th World Jamboree that has ever occurred, and will undoubtedly be a once in a lifetime experience. I highly encourage you to read more about the Jamboree, and if it is at all possible, consider going.

The thing that makes the World Scout Jamboree and Scouting special is the bond that everyone shares. Every single person there came to learn, to have fun, to make new friends, and to share those experiences with other scouts.





Click the links below for Jamboree videos:

[Assembling for the Stadium Show](#)

[Assembling for the Stadium Show](#)

[World Jamboree Laser Light Show](#)

[World Jamboree Stadium Show](#)

Algonquin 2019

Saturday August 3 to Saturday August 10, 2019

By Logan Duff

After packing our overly heavy packs into the trucks, we headed out from the cabin up to Canada. After a 13 hour drive starting at 3:00 AM, consisting of sleeping (for everyone except Mr. Schallack and Mr. Siegle), we finally arrived and camped out at base camp for the night. The next morning, we started out. The first leg of the journey was canoeing, portaging, canoeing, portaging.

That cycle continued for 8 more days. But in those 8 days all the boys made some amazing memories. Like when Tim and Logan shot a rapid when everyone else went ahead for “rescue support.” Or our group's “mountain goat trail”. Which was a trail that seemed more suitable for a mountain goat than for a human, until we found out it was the wrong trail and we had a laugh about later on. Also, some legs of the journey were extra fun, such as the White Partridge Creek, which seemed to be more trailblazing in water than canoeing. Even the Canadians didn’t realize it was actually a passable body of water.

Throughout the trip, we were treated with delicious meals after a long day of canoeing. Especially our steak dinner on Wednesday to celebrate our food restock. Overall, an amazing trip.

Please see this link with all of the compiled Canada pictures:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1jLK6Y09-wjRdodCNiIC0dFT9f510_qLW



Summer Camp 2019 in Pictures and Video

Sunday June 23 - Sunday July 7, 2019









Summer Camp Videos:
[Pancake flipping contest](#)
[Marching](#)
[Hard Cover Alert](#)
[Flag Ceremony in Dan Beard Campsite](#)

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.

All registered adults must also complete online Youth Protection Training (YPT) every calendar year at <http://my.scouting.org>. It is highly recommended you use Google Chrome browser.

Please complete your YPT by September 30, 2019. [Click here for more information.](#)

Updated Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Youth protection training is required for all registered adults and volunteers by September 30th, 2019. The training includes three modules and a test that takes about 90 minutes to complete. Once completed, this training will cover Chester County Council volunteers through the end of 2020. To get started, it is highly recommended you use Google Chrome browser. Go to <http://my.scouting.org> and sign in using your Username and Password. Click on the 'Begins with Youth Protection' symbol or click on 'Menu' in upper left corner and select 'My Dashboard'.

I recommend you read the 'How to Guide for Taking Youth Protection Training' PDF for detailed instructions. There seems to be a delay between 'Add Plan' and the 'Launch Course' button appearing. Based on my experience with the new training you should plan on at least 90 minutes to complete the training. [Click here for more information.](#)

Don't delay, take it today!

Scout Skills in the Mountains of Italy

By David Lane

This summer I had the chance to go and climb a very tall mountain in Italy. The mountain in which we are speaking of is the Corno Grande in the Apennines, of which we summited. It is about 9,500 feet tall which is about 50% taller than the Appalachian mountains which we climb every year.

One other thing that is particularly different about these mountains as well is the barrenness of Corno Grande with most of the top half being completely rock with some areas that were covered in gravel, making traction a problem in those areas. However this climb was a great experience and is used by many people to get a great climbing experience.



Radnor Races: Thank You!

Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19, 2019

On behalf of the Troop Committee, Don Tyson, Bob Matje, Steve Brown and I want to thank you for your efforts at this spring's Radnor Event. The Radnor Races depends on Troop 78 to handle most of the supporting functions that make this great event possible. The Troop depends on you, its extended family, to enable us to do this.

Race Day was quite a day! I wrote that last year after much rain & overwhelming mud. I write it this year after beautiful weather. Our 30th year at the Races had its challenges, but Troop 78 responded incredibly. On Sunday we had a great crew for clean-up. In less than four hours, we left the Radnor Hunt Club in wonderful condition. Thanks so much for your fabulous effort

Your participation helped the Troop in one of our major fund-raising activities. Further, you helped raise money for the Brandywine Conservancy in its ongoing and crucial efforts to preserve open space in our area. We also were able to show the public the kind of great work that Boy Scouts & Troop 78 do in our Community. I hope you were able to enjoy yourself too.

This year we had a super group of newcomers to join with our veteran members and our legendary corps of "Old-Timers." Together we once again put forth the kind of effort that most groups could not even imagine; just another day at the Races for Troop 78.

THANKS AGAIN!

Very sincerely,
Brian Rothberg

P.S.: After 30 years, Bob Matje is stepping back & letting the younger folks in our Radnor Races leadership take a bigger role. "Thank you" does not do justice to the job Bob has done developing and heading-up Troop 78's relationship with the Races. But for now: THANK YOU, BOB!

These are the families who came out and worked with the Troop. If you could not make it this time, we look forward to seeing you next May.

Altemose	DeVirgilio*	Kim	Rubino*
Anderson	Dibble	Krusen	Sao
Araya	Diederich	Lane	Schallack
Ashley	Dinsmore	Lemheney	Schertz*
Balmat*	Dondero*	Lu	Shay*
Batuello	Dougherty	Madarasz	Siegle*
Bennett*	Duff	Magee	Siegle*
Bilson	Duncan*	Manna	Simms
Brogan	Elliott	Marshall	Skodny
Brown	Fenimore	Matje*	Smith
Brown*	Fox	Mauro	Souder*
Burghart	Greskiewicz	Meiswich*	St. Clair
Cady*	Grewell*	Mergenthaler	Stevens*
Carnes	Gruss*	Miller*	TROOP 585*
Cirigliano	Gunderson	Moss	Trowill*
Connors	Happ	Motel	Tyson
Constantine	Hogan*	Motel*	Urban
Coulter	Hornickle	Pizzuto	Vercoe*
Cronauer	Jarrett	Purcell	Wark
D'Antonio*	Kartick	Rodrigues	Winkelman
Dash	Kelly*	Rothberg*	Zuraw*

The names followed by * are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 in spite of the fact that they no longer have (and in some cases never had) an active boy in the troop. Thank you! You are a wonderful example of the spirit of our Troop and its extended family!

Annual Fall Cabin Clean up

Saturday September 7, 2019

Please join us for the fall clean up at the troop cabin and grounds.

We have a large number chores inside and outside.

We plan to clean up the bus, the cabin, the parking lot area, the play field and all the planting beds.

It will be a very productive day!

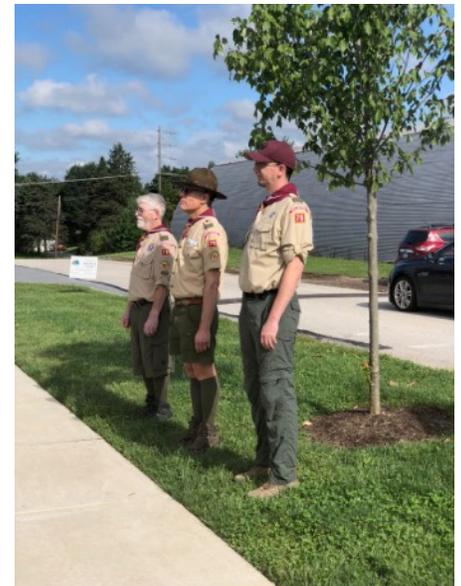


Charlestown Day: Flag Raising Ceremony

Saturday September 14, 2019

Troop 78 will be honored the year to again conduct the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Annual Charlestown Day celebration in Charlestown Park as we did last year. We are looking for a few volunteer scouts and leaders to help with a short ceremony at 9AM on Saturday September 14.

Please let [Pete Motel](#) know if you can participate. Thanks!



Beach Trip to Delaware Seashore State Park

Friday September 20 - Sunday September 22, 2019

Scouts and leaders will be venturing to the shore later this month for a weekend of fun on the beach and boardwalk. There is sure to be plenty of good food and relaxation as we take the troop to the beautiful pristine beach at Delaware Seashore State Park.

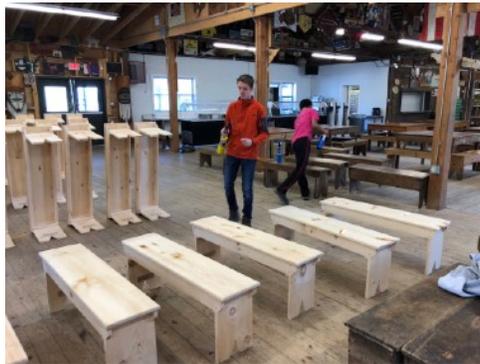
More information to come.

Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday September 27 - Sunday September 29, 2019

We will find ourselves at our favorite place on Earth (Camp Horseshoe) again for the September OA service weekend to benefit the camps and the scouts of Chester County.

We will have several scouts and leaders take the Ordeal and scouts and leaders will come for the weekend to help with projects throughout the camp. Last spring we repaired old dining hall benches and built new ones. We will continue with this project and others. Please join us for an opportunity to help the camps.



Main Line Animal Rescue Parking Event

Saturday October 5, 2019

Troop 78 will continue its long tradition of community service with a morning devoted to helping MLAR with their fall fundraiser Saturday October 5, 2019. The troop will brake out its orange vests and flags and park cars until the field is overflowing.

If you can help with this event, please contact [Steve Brown](#).

Please print out this Newsletter and post a copy at home for everyone to see.