



Willistown Troop 78

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Boots!

Adventures in the Delaware Water Gap



October 2022

- 4 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM, cabin
Troop Committee 7:30PM, cabin
- 5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 7 Friday Troop Meeting, 7PM cabin
- 8 Saturday [Radnor Horse Trials Volunteers Needed!](#)
- 9 Sunday [Court of Honor and Family Dinner 3PM, cabin](#)
- 14 Friday - 16 Sunday [Council Camporee, Camp Horseshoe](#)
- 15 Saturday Run-a-Muck parking event, Need Volunteers!
- 21 Friday Troop Meeting
- 28 Friday Troop Meeting, Halloween Party, 7PM

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Boots! Campout

October 1, 2022- October 2, 2022

By Caleb Fulmer and Ben Barsotti

On Saturday morning, a group of Troop 78 scouts and adults set out on a two and a half hour drive to the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey. As we rode the bus to our hiking spot, we were all sleepy, but we kept our eye on the forecast. We got dropped off and ready for the hike. After a little confusion finding the Appalachian Trail, we set off.

There was a short-legged group and a longer legged group. The long-legged group set off at a very brisk pace. We started our 9.5 mile hike by climbing a steep rocky hill and stopping for our first break on an overlook with an impressive view. We stopped at an old fire tower, where scouts got to climb it. Then we hiked to a cool cliff face that everyone stopped at and took pictures. Then we stopped for a break really close to the end and everyone was excited. After walking down a big hill to a parking area, we found out that we went the wrong way and we had to go all the way back up again.

Then we got on the bus and rode to the campsite. Once we got to the campsite, we unloaded Mr. D's truck and the bus. We set up our patrol kitchens and got all our equipment ready to cook dinner. Leaders set Stags' kitchen up, so they helped the other patrols too. We all grabbed our personal gear and helped each other set up our tents. Then we had to cook dinner. It was patrol cooking, so we got all the ingredients for chicken and rice tacos and cooked our rice in a pot and our chicken in pans or on the griddle. We were all hungry after a long hike and dinner was very good. Then we got the ingredients for dessert which were cinnamon buns. We all baked them using our stove top ovens, and they actually turned out pretty good. We had to clean up our dishes and patrol sites after dinner.

After dinner, many scouts started up a campfire, where they attempted a (somewhat half hearted) rendition of the song 6 Pence. We



had a snack of Oreos, which went quick. The fire was going for about 2 hours, but some scouts got bored and went to play flashlight tag, where you have to run away from the people with the flashlights on.

Adults were talking around the campfire. The group playing tag eventually got tired and most people turned in for the night. We got a relatively restful night of sleep, with a wake up call of 6:30-7:00 the next morning.

Early the next day, we got started on a patrol cooked breakfast of French Toast, sausages, and scrambled eggs. There was also a cold breakfast spread of bagels, muffins, and cereal. After this, everyone got to work on breaking down patrol kitchens, packing the bus, taking down tents, and more. We did a quick police line and we were off. We decided to stop for a quick 2 mile hike around a lake in the park. The hike had some fantastic views, and we were able to finish quickly. When we arrived back at the bus, there was a National Park ranger there who took us through what she does and what we can do to help the national parks.

We left for home about 10:30AM and had a relaxing bus ride back. The bus pulled into the cabin at about 1:15 and everyone left about 1:30. It was a great trip, and despite the threat of rain, we got incredibly lucky and got back with hardly any rain. Everyone enjoyed it, and I'm sure many scouts are looking forward to the next iteration of this trip.



First Troop Meeting of the new Scout Year!

Friday September 9, 2022

The Scout year began fresh on a glorious evening on the second Friday in September. We greeted each other at the start of another year of adventures. Scouts worked on individual advancement, then played carnival games, and enjoyed a snack of cookies and apples.



Tree Clearing Team

Sunday September 11, 2022

Troop 78 chain saw crew descended on camp in coordination with the camp rangers to clear dead standing trees in and around Dan Beard campsite. In all, 12 dead trees were dropped and cut up. Several weeks later Order of the Arrow work crews split the wood and cleared the branches.

[Click here for videos of the tree clearing.](#)



Family Food Festival

Friday September 16, 2022

by Shreyas Sao

This year, the troop hosted the fifth International Family Food Festival. At the festival we had very good participation from many scout families. There were approximately 25 dishes from many different countries (Greece, India, Germany, America, Canada). Some of the dishes enjoyed by scouts and adults were Spaetzle, Chicken Biryani, garlic bread, meatballs and handspun ice cream, cookies and pies. It was a perfect night to kick off an exciting and fun scout year. Scouts did a wonderful job in setting up the tables, lights, and tents on Thursday, a day before the festival. This was a big help.

On Friday night, scouts focused on the meeting activities before the festival. Scouts brought their dishes and set-up on a table before the meeting started. Troop meeting portion of the evening was over by 8PM, and then the Festival began. Scouts and parents enjoyed the delicious dishes till 8:45!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the set-up, brought the dishes, and helped with the cleanup. Looking forward to next year's festival!



Cabin Cleanup

Sunday September 18, 2022

Scouts and scouters reported to the cabin on Sunday September 18 for the annual fall cleanup. Numerous projects were tackled inside and outside the cabin.

Painted cellar doors- Rob Duff

Stained back porch railings- Wayne Curry and Don Tyson

Trimmed around field and berm- Logan Duff

Weeded gardens- Dave Dondero

Inside housecleaning, mopped floors- Kipp and Braeden Happ, Ben Gunderson

Crews also swept the bus barn and put away equipment, washed the bus and picked up litter along road.

Thanks to everyone who helped prep the cabin for another scout year!

Order of the Arrow Fellowship Weekend

Friday September 23 - Sunday September 25, 2022

by Braeden Happ

The OA Fellowship Weekend took place on the weekend of September 23rd thru the 25th at Camp Horseshoe. We participated in many games and activities and had a great time. After arriving at camp around 6:00 pm Friday, we checked in and hung out around the camp until going to the evening snack at the dining hall which was cheesesteaks. After that we went back to our campsites and went to sleep.

The next day we got up and ate croissant sandwiches for breakfast at 8:00AM before starting the day off by playing badminton and frisbee on the parade field. Then we walked around for a bit until it was time to eat lunch. For lunch we had pulled pork sandwiches and tater tots. They were delicious. After lunch we went over to Campcraft to play in the inflatable bouncy houses there. Which included a big slide and a wrestling ring, which we enjoyed a lot. After that we got refreshments and free cotton candy over at the trading post and messed around until it was time for dinner. Dinner that evening was garlic filled chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans, which was amazing. After dinner we headed back to our campsites and waited for the brotherhood and ordeal ceremonies and watched the new brothers get inducted into the OA. After that we ended the day by getting snacks at the dining hall which included everything we'd eaten in the last few days.

The next morning, we began packing and cleaning up our cabin before going to the dining hall for a breakfast of quiche, cereal, and more croissant sandwiches. Overall, it was a great weekend, and it was fun to attend with my Octoraro brothers as well as visiting OA members from our daughter lodge Blue Heron from Tidewater Council.





Annual Registration Due!

All scouts and scouters must re-register every year.
All forms and payment due by Friday October 21st.
[Please click here for re-registration information.](#)
For more information contact: [Mike Simms.](#)

Upcoming Events

Radnor Horse Trials

Saturday October 8, 2022

Volunteers are needed to assist with the 50th Radnor Horse Trials on October 8th. Scouts, Scouters, other adults and family members are needed from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m. Adults are especially needed to help park trailers from 6 a.m. to noon. Volunteers need to register at Eventingvolunteers.com. Please let Steve Brown stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com or 610 476-4903 know by October 5th if you can help. This is a fun event and you can watch the horses and riders close-up as they compete. Plus we're invited to the pig roast at the end of the day!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Court of Honor and Family Dinner

Sunday October 9, 2022

Please plan to join us Sunday October 9 at 3PM at the cabin for the annual fall family dinner and Court of Honor. We will be making all the awards earned at summer camp and recognizing two new Eagle Scouts and the Scout of the Year and the Patrol of the Year.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Run-a-Muck

Saturday October 15, 2022

Volunteers are needed to help park cars on October 15th at the Willistown Conservation Trust Run A Muck 5K race. We are needed from noon to 4 p.m. We are invited to enjoy a picnic and bonfire at the end of the day. Please let Steve Brown stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com or 610 476-4903 know by October 10th if you can help.

Alumni Corner

Troop 78 Cabin Fever!

Franks-giving!

Saturday November 26, 2022

By Michael Bennett

The alumni board is planning its second annual "Franks-giving" event for the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

This year "Franks-giving" will have a cool new twist. As some may know, the fall of 2022 will mark the 20th birthday of the Troop 78 cabin. The building, at first known as the "New Cabin" when it opened in the fall of 2002, it is now "The Cabin" and has since been renamed Achgekatum Lodge in honor of longtime Troop 78 Scouter Ernie Heegard.

The honored guests at this year's "Franks-Giving" will be the Scouts and adults who were in the Troop in 2002. As at past events sponsored by the alumni board, the extended Troop 78 family is welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

RSVP to trop78alumni@gmail.com to avoid missing out!

Fundraiser for the Cabin Endowment

Announcing a limited offering of reproduction prints of a watercolor painted 20 years ago of the "new" cabin done by Win Reber. Win was longtime member of the Troop committee, as well as an original member of the Friends of Troop 78 board. He was also the chair of the Radnor School District art department.

He designed the Troop loon logo as well the patch used on the Troop neckerchief. Full scale reproduction of the painting measures 22" x 15", half-scale is 15" x 11".

Limited edition: ten full scale prints offered at \$195.00 each, twenty half-scale prints at \$95.00 each.

Proceeds go to the cabin endowment fund.

More information will be announced on the troop website and at the Franks-giving in November.

Chester County Council News

Council Camporee

Friday October 14 - Sunday October 16, 2022

Chester County Council will hold a Council-wide Camporee this month, the first Council Camporee since 2017.

All troops will converge on Camp Horseshoe for a weekend of fun, activities, scout skill competitions. Patrols will set up on the Athletic Field and meet the other troop's patrols in friendly competition.

Looking forward to a glorious weekend at Camp!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Fire & Ice Gala

Friday November 18, 2022

Join us for a fun filled evening at the Chester County Council, BSA Fire & Ice Gala Friday, November 18, 2022 6:00-10:00 PM at Loch Aerie Mansion.

We will be celebrating the heartbeat of FIRE and the cool strength of ICE.

Individual tickets: \$150

Includes signature cocktails, dinner, live auction, and fun!

Questions: contact [Sam Lemheney](#).

[Click here for more information.](#)

PARC Entranceway Pavers are in!

The long and anxiously awaited entranceway pavers are in at the PARC center.

They look great!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this important recognition fundraiser.

Still an opportunity to have a paver in your name.



National Jamboree

Wednesday July 19 - Friday July 28, 2023

Chester County Council is looking to take a group of 54 scouts / 6 Leaders to the 2023 Jamboree as part of our Council Contingent. The National Jamboree is only held every four years, so don't miss out.

The 2023 National Jamboree runs for ten days from Wednesday, July 19 to Friday, July 28 at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. It is open to all scouts that are at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but have not reached 21 by the last day. The cost is \$1,875 for scouts and \$1,285 for Leaders and includes all National fees, chartered bus transportation to and from the event, and all meals. Participants will stay two per tent which is also provided.

For those of you not familiar with a Jamboree, the National Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime, and there is simply nothing else like it on the planet. What's a Jamboree? It's not just camp. The National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends, and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenges you to try things you never thought you could. The National Jamboree is 30,000 scouts from across the nation coming together to do all things scouting including shooting sports, biking,

whitewater rafting, rock climbing, skateboarding, zip-lining, canopy tours, aquatics, just to name a few.

Registration is completed in two parts. You will need to register as a participant through the National Jamboree site at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>. You will also need to register and pay your deposit through the Chester County Council site at <https://www.cccbsa.org/programs/high-adventure/2023-national-jamboree/>. Additional details are also available at these two sites.

Print this Newsletter for everyone in your family to see.



And just because this picture is so perfect in every way... we are running it again