



Willistown Troop 78

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Horseshoe Winter Weekend 2019!

February

1 Friday Troop Meeting, Annual Troop First Aid Meet 7PM

2 Saturday [Chester County Council First Aid Meet](#)
Chester County Intermediate Unit Downingtown

3 Sunday [Super Bowl Breakfast 8AM - 11AM](#)

4 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM

5 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee Meeting 7:30PM
CPR Training, open to all adult leaders 8PM

6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

8 Friday - 10 Sunday [Ski Trip to Vermont](#)

15 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

22 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

March

1 Friday - 3 Sunday Matje Farm Weekend

3 Sunday Order of the Arrow Banquet

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

6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

8 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

10 Sunday Court of Honor 3PM

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Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Friday January 4 - Sunday January 6, 2019

By Chris St. Clair

The start of the new scouting year marks the weekend trip that is favored by all who attend. Yep, it's winter camp time! This year, winter camp was an absolute blast. Many of the scouts arrived in the comfort and luxury of our troop bus, whereas others chose to rough it and come down on their own. Once we were all settled in, many of the scouts braved the cold weather and played games as a troop or hung out in the warm and comforting environment of Browning Lodge.

The next day, everybody woke up to the smell of smoke and bacon... what a great combination. The morning was a bit damp, but that didn't stop anyone from getting their work done. For this year's annual scavenger hunt, scouts and adults were split into groups and sent all over camp as far as the old Horseshoe Road and to the Nature Lodge. Around noon, the rain stopped and it was time for a lunch of grilled cheese and hot tomato soup! After lunch, it was back to work for the older scouts and fun camp-wide activities for all others. Activities included a camp tour, advancement opportunities, and the second half of the scavenger hunt.

When all the work was done and dinner was through, everyone prepared for the scouting version of the Winter Olympics. Events included saw-drill-drop, match splitting, Kim's game, and the infamous spider web event. The night was ended with a truly "incredible" movie, the Incredibles 2! The next morning, all the scouts were awakened by breakfast cooking. Once breakfast was over, we all attended the troop's non-denominational service as led by Jacob Rodriguez and Luke Fox. Good job gentlemen. Finally, we all packed up, cleaned the lodges, and headed back home.



Some more pictures from the Winter Weekend:



First Aid Practice

The troop continues to practice for the upcoming Troop First Aid Meet scheduled for Friday February 1 and the County First Aid Meet scheduled for Saturday February 2, 2019. The scouts run through practical first aid scenarios, real life accidents and illnesses, practice their first aid skills and then discuss their performance. We will be ready for February 2nd!



Scrip: the gift that keeps on giving the whole year!

Do you need store cards?

Please consider buying your store cards through the Troop. The program is called Scrip. There are innumerable national and local retail stores who offer their cards through the Scrip program. For each card purchased, the Troop gets a donation. The amount varies depending on the store. For instance: for each Barnes & Noble card, the Troop earns 8% of the value. If you buy a \$100 B&N card, the troop earns \$8, the value of the card remains \$100. Please see the scrip website for the full list of stores, www.shopwithscrip.com. If you wish to buy cards through this program, please get your requests to [Ted Dinsmore](#).

Notice of Upcoming Events

Chester County First Aid Meet

Saturday February 2, 2019

The patrols will again represent Troop 78 at the Chester County First Aid Meet coming up soon February 2nd.

The scouts have been practicing first aid for several weeks now and will continue practicing up to the Troop First Aid Meet, Friday February 1. In recent years the troop has done well at the county First Aid Meet. Two years ago our patrols swept the top 5 places, and last year we took 4 of the top 5 slots. We hope it's "Ground Hog Day" and we repeat our past success!

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



Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 3, 2019

Join us for a family event! This is an opportunity to meet the other troop families. You will be cooking later for the Super Bowl, don't bother cooking breakfast. Let us cook breakfast for you!

When: February 3 - 8:00AM until 11:00AM - come when you can - open seating

Where: Achgekutum Lodge (The Troop 78 cabin)

Menu: Eggs cooked to order, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Milk, Coffee

A Donation of \$5 is suggested.

Please email if you are coming: Joe Cady: jcadyjr@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

[Click here for more information.](#)



CPR Training and Recertification

Tuesday February 5, 2019

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 5th, 2019 immediately after the regular troop committee meeting. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend if they have not been certified within the past 2 years. We are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-812-6961 for more information.

Ski Trip

Friday February 8 - Sunday February 10, 2019

Skiing is Believing - in Vermont!

Given the success of last year's ski trip, we have booked ANOTHER trip to Mount Snow, Vermont and the Buck Ridge Ski Lodge for the weekend of February 8 - 10, 2019.



If you went on last year's trip, you know that this was one of the best Troop events of the year. And if you missed it, here's your chance to join us for another great winter weekend!

For those not familiar with the venue, Mount Snow is in southern Vermont. The summit elevation is 3,600 feet and the hill has a vertical drop of 1,700 feet. Mount Snow gets over 13 feet of natural snowfall each year, and has some of the best snowmaking capability on the East Coast. 15% of the runs at Mount Snow are "green circles" for beginners, and roughly the same percentage – mostly on the North Face – are "black diamonds" that will test experts. Most of Mount Snow is comprised of challenging "blue squares," with long runs and fun for intermediates and above.

Please visit their website at: <https://www.mountsnow.com>

Once again, we have teamed up with the Buck Ridge Ski Club to stay at their lodge, which is just over 2 miles from the base of Mount Snow. The Lodge has 28 bunks and four couches, as well as ample "floor space"; propane heat with a propane fireplace; two dining areas; two kitchens; and multiple bathrooms. There are indoor cubbies for ski boots; a large vestibule for stowing skis and snowboards; and many board games in the spacious living area for après-ski relaxation.

We are able to offer the Troop scouts and scouters great prices for two days of skiing (yes, we're skiing on both Saturday AND Sunday), transportation, and Troop-provided meals, as follows:

- For Scouts who both have a "Peak Pass" that is accepted at Mount Snow AND who have their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet), there is no charge to go on this trip!
- The cost for Scouts (that is, those up to and including 18 years of age) with their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet) is only \$60.
- The cost for Scouts who need a lift ticket AND who need equipment (see above) is only \$85.
- The cost for an adult with a "Peak Pass" that is accepted at Mount Snow AND who have their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet) is \$135*.
- The cost for an adult who has his own equipment but who needs a lift ticket is \$180*.
- The cost for an adult who needs to rent equipment, who needs a lift ticket is \$275*.



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST USE A HELMET – NO EXCEPTIONS.

*An adult who is already a member of Buck Ridge Ski Club as of January 1, 2019 gets a \$35 reduction in these fees. As an example: an adult with his own equipment who needs lift tickets AND who is a member of Buck Ridge Ski Club already pays only \$145 instead of \$180. You must provide a copy of your BRSC membership card to get the discount. Fees for adults with helmets will also be reduced by \$20. So, if an adult needs skis and boots but owns his own helmet, his fee would instead be \$255. If that same adult also already has a BRSC membership, his fee would be further reduced to \$220.

The adult charges include a family membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club. The Club membership entitles the member and all family members up to age 21 to use the Lodge anytime between now and October 31, 2019 for only \$25 per person. The nightly fee for guests of members is only \$35 a person. Membership also provides discounts on lift tickets at many ski resorts, including Mount Snow.

Ski and board lessons are available at Mount Snow. If you are interested in a lesson package, please contact Mr. Bennett directly at skibennett@comcast.net, or call him on his mobile number at 267 615 4236.

The fees outlined above are the discounted "early bird" charges for those who sign up for the trip and remit payment by Friday, January 18th. Sign-ups and payments after that date are subject to an additional fee of \$35 per person (including late Scout sign-ups). Save money and sign up early! Don't delay – see the form and equipment packing list on the Troop's website. The flyer/sign-up form will be distributed at Winter Camp and at the Troop's meeting on January 11th.

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

Summer Camp Registration is Underway!

Deposit due: Friday March 15, 2019

Are you tired of winter; the cold and the snow? Are you looking forward to warm sunny days and camping under the stars? Are you looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks:

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 23rd and ends on June 30th
- Week Two begins on Sunday, June 30th and ends on July 7th

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, hundreds of merit badges, and display their teamwork, skills, and Scout spirit in the many games and contests at camp. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year. Your troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the troop in camp this summer. We are encouraging 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$415.00 per week if paid in full by April 25th, (\$470 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by March 15th (please indicate which week you are registering for on the deposit payment form found on the troop website).

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.

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by April 25th and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 30th. The health form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. Please make sure the completed medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card. If your scout has special dietary needs or needs to take medication while at camp, a Special Dietary Form and Medication Form are also required (forms are available on the Troop website).

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

Key Dates – Summer Camp 2019	
Camp Deposit Due	3/15/2019
Full Payment Due	4/25/2019
<i>(After this date, rate is \$465/week)</i>	
Health Forms Due	5/30/2019
<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: 6/23/2019 – 6/30/2019 Week Two: 6/30/2019 – 7/07/2019

Disney 2019

Friday April 12, 2019 - Saturday April 20, 2019

Final payment due Sunday February 3rd.

Please consider joining us for five days of Park-Hopping: Magic Kingdom, Disney’s Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot. We will also visit Disney Quest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Miniature Golf Courses), the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), and just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground.

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Opportunity to Help Troop 78

For those who invest with Thrivent Financial, there is a chance to designate funds to help Troop 78. “Friends of 78”, our Troop’s sponsoring organization, is now listed with Thrivent Choice. That allows any Thrivent member to designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to go to help our Troop.

If you have any questions on how this works, please contact Brian Rothberg at bricycle@verizon.net.

Radnor Races: Save the Date

Saturday May 18 & Sunday 19, 2019

Tired of winter already?

PLEASE, go over to your calendar right now and block out the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Expect a beautiful time in the Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends another weekend at the Races.

We have formally requested that they hold the mud this year!

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday May 19 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing. Please plan to be there!

Kandersteg 2020

July 25 -August 8, 2020

Please see the keys dates for the upcoming trip to Kandersteg Switzerland in the summer of 2020.

Initial Deposit Due	9/07/2018	\$100.00
Payment #1	11/02/2018	\$250.00
Payment #2	3/01/2019	\$750.00
Payment #3	7/05/2019	\$700.00
Payment #4	11/01/2019	\$700.00
Payment #5	2/07/2020	\$600.00
Total Cost		\$3,100.00

Note: The total cost is an estimate. Any excess funds will be refunded based upon finalization of the itinerary, airfare, exchange rates, etc.

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