



Willistown Troop 78

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Hickory Run State Park!

Scouting Continues During the Pandemic



May 2021

- 3 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM at the cabin
- 4 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM at the cabin
- 4 Tuesday Troop Committee 7:30PM at the cabin
- 5 Wednesday Flower delivery
Need help sorting orders 11AM-4PM
- 5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM cabin
- 6 Thursday, Plant sale order pick up, 3PM-7PM, cabin
Need helpers
- 7 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, Begin summer uniform
- 8 Saturday Canoe Trip, day trip
- 14 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 15 Saturday Radnor Races
- 21 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 28 Friday, NO Troop meeting due to holiday weekend

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[Click here for the full calendar.](#)

Hickory Run State Park

Friday April 16 - Sunday April 18, 2021

By Ben and Jack Barsoti

After arriving at camp on Friday night, the scouts made it through a drizzly night and chilly morning. After the scouts woke up, and had a quick breakfast, they embarked on their hike. We started by driving to the trailhead, near a field of boulders appropriately named Boulder Field. It was a massive expanse of rocks covering the size of a large lake, over 16 acres in size. We climbed around the area for about 45 minutes, hiking over the massive rocks. We could tell that it was very deep because there were these holes in the field, the deepest of which went 6-7 feet down. The rocks were of all shapes and sizes and very colorful. We then reached the trailhead and hiked for about 4 miles, stopping every mile or so until we arrived at Hawk Falls, a large waterfall that was the destination of our hike. Hawk Falls doubled as a great spot to relax and fittingly enough see quite a few hawks. There we ate a lunch of ham sandwiches, PB&J sandwiches and fruit snacks after trekking up the rocks to find sunny spots. We then hiked back, walking through the boulder field once more.

Once we had gotten all the scouts back to our campsite, we started prepping for dinner that night. We had a delicious dinner of tacos with a key recommendation to put salsa in the mix! After that the scouts split up with most of us headed to the field to play football while a few stayed back to start up the fire for the night. After relaxing by the heat of the fire for a while, we had our desert of hot cocoa and Oreos. We wrapped up for the night and had a great (if not cold) end of the day.

The next morning we woke up and packed up camp from our great trip. After having a delicious breakfast buffet of cereal, bagels, muffins, oatmeal, and more hot cocoa, we did our regular cleanups and carried our camping gear back into the van for a great ending to a fun trip.





Pack 98 / Troop 78 event: Webelos Bridging!

Friday April 23, 2021

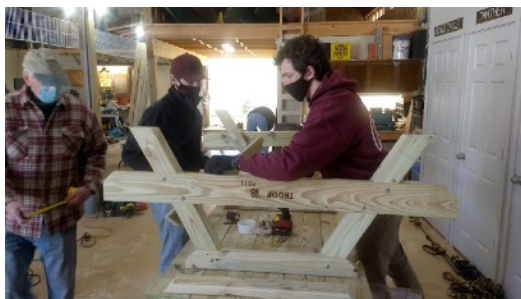
The ceremony was conducted on a beautiful Friday evening at the Troop cabin in Malvern. The new scout, Jacob Lang, was called to cross over the bridge and to be welcomed into Scouts, BSA by his new troop. The traditional Akela bridging ceremony was performed as the troop gathered around the bridge, looked on. Jacob took the figurative and literal walk from Cubs to Scouts! Once he arrived on the Troop side of the bridge, he was presented the maroon Troop 78 neckerchief by Troop 78 Senior Patrol Leader Logan Duff.

We are looking forward to the trips and outings that the troop will get to share with our newest member!



Picnic Tables for PARC and for Camp Horseshoe

Under the leadership of Ernie, Troop 78 built 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 to this project and to those who donated their time to cut the pieces and assemble the tables. The tables will be delivered to PARC and to Camp on Saturday May 1st, just in time for the OA weekend.



Who made this project possible?!

\$ Donors

Rob Duff
Michael Simms
Brian Opielski
Joe Rubino
David Dondero
John Souder
Brian Rothberg
Pete Motel
Joe Cady
Edward Happ
Brian Miller
Steve D'Antonio
Bill Trowill
Ernie Heegard

Early Helpers

Miles Stevens
John Souder
Tom Shay
Steve D'Antonio
Ernie Heegard
Mark Siegle
Bill Trowill

Saturday Assembly

Steve D'Antonio
Ernie Heegard
Ted Dinsmore
Dan Dinsmore
Jack Dinsmore
Aric Conners
Dan Conners
Tom Shay
John Souder
Rob Duff
Logan Duff
PJ Cronauer
Phil Cronauer
Mark Siegle
Luke Fox
Cameron Skodny

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated their treasure, time, and talent to this project!

Troop Meeting

Friday April 23, 2021

Friday night troop meetings continue as they have, outdoors, throughout the pandemic. We have continued great turn out, beautiful evenings to practice scout skills in preparation for our upcoming Field Day.



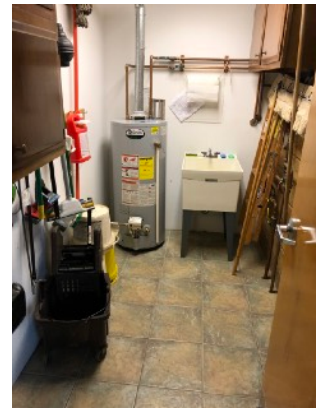
Cabin Clean Up

Saturday April 10, 2021

We had a great turnout for the annual spring clean up of the cabin. A super crew of volunteers swarmed the cabin, bus barn, shed, and the grounds cleaning up after a year of delayed projects due to the pandemic and the clean up necessary after a stormy winter.

Crews completely emptied the loft in the bus barn, the shed, the storage room in the cabin and sorted through the stored items, reorganized everything and restocked the areas. Lots of outdated, used and broken stuff was trashed. Tree crews work in the wooded areas clearing downed trees.

The inside of the cabin and the barn were completely scrubbed and cleaned to a beautiful shine! One traditional job was NOT done. We did not need to rake gravel out of the grass areas, as the parking lot and driveways are now paved, a wonderful thing!



Spring Flower Sale

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

The annual spring flower sale web store is closed and processing of the orders is underway. If you can help sort and organize the orders, please join us at the cabin Wednesday May 5th from 11AM - 4PM and Thursday May 6 from 4 - 7PM. We need helpers! [To help contact Jim Fox.](#)

New Shower House Under Construction at Camp Summer 2021

Major facilities upgrade coming on line for this summer at camp.

A new shower house will be available for all scouts and leaders. The shower house will consist of individual shower rooms each with a shower, sink and toilet.



PARC

Opening getting closer

[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.

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



Upcoming Events

Radnor Races!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Saturday May 15 & Sunday May 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 help as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out working from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 15th. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is valuable. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon.

Remember working at the Radnor Races helps:

- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PROTECT OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR CAMPING ACCOUNT
- TROOP 78's MAJOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT

You and those you bring to help, can stay after your shift & take-in a fabulous event.

In the unlikely event that you have not yet responded, please do so now. If your schedule has changed and you now have a few more hours to spare, let us know. Please remember, we need every possible family member. Moms are welcomed & needed!

This year's Event will have changes brought on by Covid-19. We will need patience and cooperation as we navigate this new reality. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Troop Boards of Review and Troop Committee Meetings

Beginning with the Board of Review and Committee Meeting on Tuesday May 4, 2021, meetings will resume at the cabin. We will be meeting outside and following the covid protocols posted on the Troop web site. The Friends of Troop 78 meeting on Monday May 3 will also be held in person at the cabin under the same protocols.

[Click here for the protocol.](#)

Summer uniforms

Friday May 7, 2021

At the regular Troop meeting on Friday May 7 we will convert to summer uniforms.

This is a monumental event as, due to the pandemic, we regrettably did not get to wear summer uniforms in 2020.

[Click here for the uniforming rules.](#)

Summer Camp

Sunday June 27 - Saturday July 3, 2021

Sunday July 4 - Saturday July 10, 2021

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Please print out this Newsletter for everyone in your house to see.

