



Willistown Troop 78

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Family Food Festival

Friday September 15, 2023

Tradition struck once again at the cabin on Friday the 15th of September, the date of the Food Festival troop meeting. During this meeting participants would be able to enjoy unique foods and learn about different cultures from their fellow scouts.

The start was filled up with the typical meeting activities such as advancement, then stations. The food was placed enticingly on tables down a long line, while scouts wrangled with tents, learned how to sharpen knives and build a fire. Then, everyone gathered together for a knot relay, running down the line to tie knots on a stripped log with hunger and vigor.

After the competition, the meeting formally ended, so scouts and their family members could eat. This was when the festivities began. The noise of talking and laughing grew louder as scouts and adults shuffled into line, served by everyone who bought food. Many dinner-goers found that by the time they reached the desert tables at the end, their flimsy paper plate was overflowing with saucy Italian pasta, Polish pierogies, Indian delicacies, and Egyptian pies, meaning they would have to come back later for dessert.

Dinner acquired, all the attendants scattered to the four winds of the cabin, eating wherever. Some went back for seconds, but the ample amounts of food ensured there was plenty to go around.

From enjoying the feast, socializing, then cleaning up, everyone got stuffed on the troop family's cuisine. Thanks to the many chefs!



October 2023

Cabin Cleanup

Saturday September 16, 2023

Scouts and leaders descended on the cabin for the fall work day. Numerous projects were completed in every corner of the property.

Crews cleaned the loft in the bus barn, organizing the canoes, kayaks, and PFDs. A group of scouts gave the cabin a thorough cleaning, the bathrooms and kitchen got a complete wash down, as did the conference room and the big meeting room. A crew emptied out the shed, organized everything and put it back. The bus was rolled out of the barn for a inside sweep out and wipe down and an outside power washing. Several dead trees on the property were taken down and cut up. All of the landscaping got a refresh. One of the nastier jobs was the cleanout of the crawl space under the cabin, removing disused items and organizing the rest.

All together it was great day and the troop cabin and surrounding facilities are ready for another scout year!





First Troop Meeting of the New Scout Year

Friday September 8, 2023

In early September Troop 78 Scouts and Leaders gathered once again at the fabulous troop scout cabin in Malvern for the start of another glorious scout year. At this meeting, the scouts renewed their friendships and caught up on various summer happenings.

The program was a night of fun and carnival games. It was a great way to kick off the troop's planned ambitious calendar of events for the 2023-2024 scout year!



Order of the Arrow Fellowship Weekend

Friday September 29 - Sunday October 1, 2023

Due to inclement weather from the remnants of hurricane Ophelia, the Order of the Arrow weekend originally scheduled for September 22 - 24 was rescheduled.

We are pleased to announce Ethan Winkleman successfully completed his Ordeal on the rescheduled weekend, Sept 29 - Oct 1. Congratulations Ethan!



Upcoming Events

Winter Uniform

Friday October 6, 2023

Even though the weather may not seem like winter, we are shifting to winter uniforms for the troop meeting on Friday October 6.

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

Radnor Horse Trials

Saturday October 7, 2023

Volunteers are needed once again this fall to assist with the Radnor Horse Trials at Radnor Hunt. Please consider helping for an hour or two or more if you can.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Court of Honor and Family Dinner

Sunday October 9, 2023 3PM cabin

Come one come all to the annual fall Court of Honor and Family Dinner at the cabin. We will gather to recognize several new Eagle Scouts, the highest award in Scouting. We will also award all of the merit badges and ranks earned at summer camp. Following the awards we will settle in for a fabulous dinner of lasagna and all of the trimmings. Please plan to join us.

Backpacking Trip on the Appalachian Trail

Saturday October 21 - Sunday October 22, 2023

Join us as we “Go West” and hike the Appalachian Trail near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We’ll have two treks: A Challenge Trek for younger Scouts and newer hikers that will be scenic and provide a wonderful first-time backpacking experience; and a Long Trek, for those who are ready to put a few more miles on their boots. Look for the handout with the details on this trip at an upcoming Scout meeting.

Annual Registration Due Now

[Click here for more information.](#)

Naval Academy Tour and Football Game

Friday November 10 - Sunday November 12, 2023

Camping at Kinder Farm Park campgrounds in Maryland; tour of the US Naval Academy; ticket to see Navy vs. University of Alabama – Birmingham. If you’ve never been to the Naval Academy, you are in for a treat! Tour the institution that educated US Sen. John McCain (AND his father, AND his grandfather!), NFL great Roger Staubach, and astronauts Alan Shepard, Wally Schirra and Jim Lovell. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Brigade of Midshipmen as they march into Navy-Marines Corps Stadium. Tickets are limited! Scouts have preference, followed by bus drivers, uniformed leaders and registered adults that are military veterans. Look for the handout with details at an upcoming Scout meeting.

Troop Alumni Corner

Save the Dates!

Franksgiving III: We invite Troop members, alumni, family and friends to join us at the Cabin on Saturday, November 25, 2023 for our Third Annual Franksgiving, from Noon till 3 PM. As usual, we’ll have food and fun for the family. Mark your calendar now and look for the details in the November Newsletter.

Holiday Gathering (pay as you go): Those 21 and over should also save the evening of Wednesday, December 27, 2023, when we’ll gather at a local establishment TBD to toast the end of 2023 and look ahead to the New Year. Again, mark the date on your calendar, and look for the details in the December Newsletter.

Chester County Council News

Troop 78 Crew Builds Pavilion at the PARC Scout Center

Multiple dates

A crew of dedicated Troop 78 volunteers completed construction of a pavilion at the Scout Center in Exton.

Those giving their time and talents included Dan Connors, Ted Dinsmore, Steve D'Antonio, Rob Duff, Mark Siegle, Chris Wagner, Joe Johnson, James Connors, Nathan Motel, Pete Motel.





Council Annual Report

Our very own Logan Duff was featured in the Chester County Council Annual Report. Logan is a Troop 78 Eagle Scout, former Senior Patrol Leader, now a freshman at Virginia Tech. He answers the question: "What scouting meant to me" in a well reasoned essay to the Scouting community.

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



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