



Willistown Troop 78

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June

- 1 Thursday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 2 Friday - 4 Sunday Order of the Arrow weekend at Camp Horseshoe (OA members and candidates only)
- 6 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 7 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 8 Thursday Troop Meeting 7PM
Field Day Part I
- 9 Friday - 11 Sunday OA Conclave Hawk Mountain (OA members only)
- 11 Sunday Field Day Part 2 and family picnic. Cabin 3 - 5PM
- 16 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
Summer Camp prep
- 17 Saturday Rafting trip - day trip
- 24 Saturday PLC to Camp Horseshoe, Dan Beard 2PM

Please note: The Troop meetings on June 1 and June 8 are Thursday nights. 7PM at the cabin.

Summer Camp

Week One:
Sunday June 25 - Sunday July 2
Week Two:
Sunday July 2 - Sunday July 9

Sea Base

15 July - 22 July

Algonquin

5 August - 12 August

[Click here for full calendar](#)

RADNOR RACES

Benefit the Brandywine Conservancy

Saturday May 20 and Sunday May 21, 2017

By Jay Madarasz

Radnor Races is my favorite volunteer event of the year since it is actually a lot of fun to work there. You meet so many people and you can catch glimpses of one of the biggest horse races in America. I arrived at 7:20AM and got right to work. After signing in I spotted Ethan Bilson driving a golf cart setting up trash cans so I hopped in and joined him. Once we had set up what seemed to be 1000 trash cans, we dropped off the cart and headed over to parking at lot #1 with my favorite person, Mr. Hogan. Lot 1 is the most exclusive, only the most important people park there. That morning however, the caterers decided to park there, taking up some of the precious parking space.

At about 9:30AM people began to arrive and it started filling up quick. Luckily, due to Jack Dinsmore's and my expert parking skills we managed to fit everyone in. There were a few really cool old cars but not too many expensive sports models as there have been in the past. After people stopped arriving, we dropped all of the guide ropes, allowing an easy exit once the races had concluded. From that point forward my job was pretty much finished so I was able to kick back and watch the races.



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I headed down to lot #5 where my friend AJ Stacy had been parking cars all day as it is right next to the track. Just my luck, I arrived just in time to help gather all the ropes and cones that had been guiding cars down there as well.

Not long afterwards the last race was run and people began to pack up and head out. I hope they all had a designated driver! Thankfully everyone seemed safe and everyone made it out without a hitch. Once again, Radnor races was a great time for everyone, much thanks to the help of Troop 78.

By Brian Rothberg, Radnor Races Volunteer Coordinator

Dear 78er:

Just a quick, preliminary THANK YOU for yet another stellar effort at this year's Radnor Races. We showed up in our usual overwhelming numbers to deal with a huge event. While every year is the same, every year is also different and this year threw us a couple of curve balls, but nothing we couldn't handle.

A special thanks for those who were able to hang in until 7:00 PM to help us with the delays caused by the extra race & the numerous delays during the earlier races.

Remember Working at the Radnor Races helps:

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

Job well done!

Thanks again everybody and see you all next year at Radnor!



Flower Sale Wrap Up

Troop 78 Spring Flower Sale 2017

By Jim Fox

"Getch yer tomatoes, wave petunias, and hanging baskets!"

Our 2017 troop flower sale completed successfully just in time for scouts to deliver beautiful flowers and plants for Mother's Day.

The scouts sold flats, garden plants, hanging baskets, and individual potted plants to over 190 customers!

For helping to manage the order process and distribution of over 1100 plants to our loyal customers, we completely rebuilt the troop's online store to add the ability to receive all orders digitally.

The top sellers for the sale will be announced at the June Court of Honor. The troop would like to recognize the behind-the-scenes efforts of Jeanette Fox and Jenn Hornickle for managing the growers and helping to explain the difference between a Portulaca and an Impatiens flat.



Notice of Upcoming Events

Order of the Arrow Weekend Friday June 2 - Sunday June 4, 2017

Members of the Order of the Arrow and Candidates for membership: We will gather at Camp Horseshoe the first weekend in June for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, good food and service to the Camp. Please plan to join us and help welcome the newest members of the Troop into the OA.

[For details click here.](#)



Annual Field Day Part I Thursday June 8 Part II Sunday June 11

The Annual Troop Field Day and Picnic is set for early June. The Field Day is broken into two parts. Part I is Thursday June 8 at 7PM at the cabin. At Part I, the scouts will demonstrate their skills in Nature Identification, Scout's Pace, Compass, and Log Chopping.

Field Day Part II is Sunday June 11 at 3PM at the cabin and will feature: Chariot Race, Fire Building, Water Boiling, String Burning, Flint and Steel and Knots.

Please join us for the competitions and plan to hang around on Sunday after the events for a delightful picnic of hamburgers, hotdogs, and homemade side dishes, fun and fellowship and conversation.



Count Down to Summer Camp at Horseshoe!

Troop 78 will be back at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks in June and July.

Week #1: Sunday June 25 to Sunday July 2

Week #2: Sunday July 2 to Sunday July 9

[Click here for a countdown to Horseshoe 2017.](#)

[Click here for link to pictures and videos from the troop's stay at camp last year.](#)

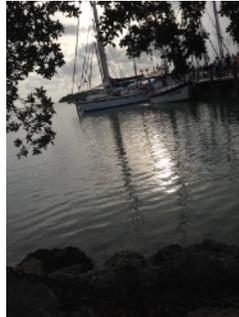
[Click here for the troop web page which shows cost, sign up info, and dates.](#)

For more info please contact [Tim Hornickle](#).



Sea Base 2017

Troop 78 is sending a crew to Sea Base in Florida again this year! We have a full crew of 8 going again this summer. Our crew will be winging its way to Islamorada in the Florida Keys, July 15 to July 22, 2017 for a full week of fun and adventure scuba diving on the nearby reefs and shipwrecks.



Algonquin 2017

Yes that's right! Summer is here and the time is right for dancin' in the streets! Or in our case, dancing on the shimmering waters and rock lined paths of Algonquin Provincial Park in the great Canadian Province of Ontario. Our trip is scheduled to begin on Saturday August 5th and return on Sunday, August 12th.

The cost you ask? A very reasonable \$375 per person. That's still less than a week at summer camp! And that's still crazy!! (Check with Joe Cady for how much you have in your scout account)

To learn more about this year's trip, make your first move by signing up today. You can email Mr. Siegle anytime at msiegle@att.net and let him know you want to go. There will also be a sign up sheet at the cabin at the troop meeting this Thursday, June 1st. To secure your spot on the trip you will need to bring a \$50.00 deposit to the troop meeting on Thursday, June 8th (Field Day Part I). We already have several scouts and adults who have indicated they are going, so act now because space is limited. Don't miss out on the best high adventure trip of the year!



P.S. This trip requires a US Passport so if you don't have one, start the process of getting one now because it takes some time.

In Memoriam

Charles Chip Lewis

Troop 78 has lost another kingpin. Charles L. Lewis Jr, known by all as Chip, passed away on May 11, 2017. Chip became active in the Troop when his son Matt began his journey to Eagle. As so often happens, once one gets into 78 they stay. Luckily for us, Chip did stay. With the formation of Friends of 78, Inc, in 1999, Chip stepped up to be the Treasurer. And for the next 18 years, he guided the financial side, from budget to disbursements to asset allocation, always with skill and precision, and often humor. Once, when we struggled with how to fund the replacement of a dilapidated lawn tractor, Chip found a solution: "If the new tractor is yellow, we can use the Bus Fund". Our prayers and thoughts go out to Chip's wife Diane, and his children Matt and Carolyn. Chip was a valuable asset to Troop 78, and he will be missed.

In Memoriam

Albert D'Antonio

Al D'Antonio, known to many 78'ers as "Big Al" passed away on Monday, May 1st. He was 95 years old. Al lived by the Scout Oath and Law, always putting God, Country, and others first. He was a Committee Member and supporter of Troop 78 and the Chester County Boy Scouts for more than 50 years, a Vigil Honor member of Octoraro Lodge 22 and recipient of the Troop's Bellegrau and Old Loon awards for distinguished service to Troop 78. Al was very active in troop fundraising events, especially the driveway sealing crew, the hoagie sales, and at Radnor Races, helping to set up before race day, as cashier of food sales, and manning the "will call" ticket window in his later years. Al was an active member of the Order of the Arrow exemplifying cheerful service through his service to Camp Horseshoe. He worked for many years at the Order of the Arrow weekends and on special projects at Camp Horseshoe, including clearing the trees for the "new" camp road in the 1980's and was an integral part of the renovation of the "Lane House" driving down to camp almost every Saturday for a year. He also worked many hours during 2001 and 2002 helping to build the current troop cabin.

Al was a Boy Scout, joining Wayne Troop 1 at age 15, participating in their drum and bugle corps and reaching the rank of Life. He was a WWII veteran serving in Europe during 1944 and 45 with the Army 102 D Infantry Division, and was among those veterans interviewed by then Eagle Scout candidate Michael Bennett, for inclusion of their military experiences in the Library of Congress. He is survived by four sons, three of whom were or are members of Troop 78 (Steve, Rob and Mike). He was the proud father of two Eagle Scouts, Steve and Mike, and the even prouder grandfather of three Eagle Scouts Greg, Brett, and Bobby.

Although his presence will be missed, he exemplified the ideals of scouting by leaving a place better than he found them through his service to the Troop, Camp Horseshoe, and the community.

