



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Winter Weekend!



### **February 2020**

- 1 Saturday [Chester County Council First Aid Meet](#)**
- 2 Sunday [Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast 8 - 11AM Cabin](#)**
- 3 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM**
- 4 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM**  
**Troop Committee 7:30PM**
- 5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM**
- 7 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM**
- 9 Sunday [Ski Trip to Jack Frost Mountain](#)**
- 14 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, [Summer Camp deposit due](#)**
- 21 Friday - 23 Sunday [Campout: Matje Farm Winter Olympics](#)**
- 28 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, Order of the Arrow election**

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## Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Friday January 3 - Sunday January 5, 2020

By Nathan Schallack

Scouts and adults traveled down to Camp Horseshoe in Rising Sun Maryland for yet another exciting and fun-filled Winter Camp. Unlike many past years, this year the temperature was sitting comfortably in the 30's and 40's, contrary to past years when we arrived in the bitter cold. With the exception of the troop's staff and leaders who made a decision to arrive early, the bus transported the majority of the scouts down arriving at around 8:30 Friday night. As scouts began to arrive, everyone began unpacking and setting up their bunks. That night's food was none other than our traditional chili, snacks, and drinks as a wonderful and relaxing way to begin the weekend. What's winter camp without our annual scavenger hunt! Our SPL Christian Skodny handed out Part One to all of the Patrol Leaders. It consisted of the traditional outlandish and weird questions as well as a request for Bryce Elliot's boot! People claimed their snacks for the night and began to lumber down for a night of good sleep.

Everyone woke up bright and early Saturday morning to begin a day of wood chopping. Breakfast was bacon, egg, and cheese sandwiches. From there we spent the day collecting and chopping wood, which was then followed by a delicious grilled cheese and tomato soup lunch. Afterward, we had a well-deserved siesta and advancement period. The day flew right into dinner after a relaxed few hours leading up to it. Dinner was pasta and meatballs which everyone enjoyed as always. We eased into the night with a likable movie: The Lego Movie, accompanied by cookies and snacks. With people waking up Sunday morning well-rested and warm, people began packing up their bags to close off yet another great and eventful winter camp weekend. Scouts made their way to the bus to hit the road back to the cabin.



# Adult Training

By Mike Simms, Troop 78 Training Coordinator

If you are a registered Troop Committee member and have not completed the training, please do so promptly.

Completing the training is important for a few reasons:

1. Trained troop committee members are better able to support our youth Scouts on their path to Eagle.
2. Trained troop committee members understand their roles and responsibilities within the troop.
3. Trained troop committee members will best deliver the promise of Scouting.
4. Troop 78 would like to achieve Journey To Excellence Gold status. Today our percent of trained troop committee members prevents us from reaching that goal.

I will be reporting completion percentages at the monthly troop committee meetings. Please complete the Troop Committee training before Monday, March 2nd.

There is a link ([Process for Adult Training](#)) on the Troop website under the [Adult Training](#) section. It points to a step-by-step guide on how to log into the my.Scouting training portal and navigate to the respective training courses. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address: [msimmsscouter@gmail.com](mailto:msimmsscouter@gmail.com).

# Upcoming Events

## First Aid Meet

**Saturday February 1, 2020**

Scouts from all over Chester County will gather again Saturday February 1st at the Chester County Intermediate Unit in Downingtown for the annual countywide First Aid Meet.

There are typically 40 - 50 patrols from troops all over Chester County attending to demonstrate their First Aid skills in a competition which will include multiple choice and fill in the blank paper tests. Then the patrols will move on to demonstrate their skills in practical first aid scenarios.

Scouts will be given a situation in which injuries resulted and then they must demonstrate how to care for the injured. All patrols will be scored on their performance in four such scenarios. The winners will then be announced.

Troop 78 patrols have been practicing their first aid skills for the past several meetings and will continue to practice throughout January. In past years our patrols have done fairly well and we look forward to another year of friendly competition with the other troops in the county.

[Click here for more information.](#)



# Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast

Sunday February 2, 2020

Please join us for a delightful morning of good food and conversation on Super Bowl Sunday! Later in the day you will likely be cooking and prepping for the Super Bowl, so make it easy on yourself and allow us to cook you a full made-to-order breakfast.

Please bring the whole family, settle in around the fireplace at the cabin, and order from the menu (see below). This event is just for fun and fellowship, not a fundraiser.

When: February 2 - 8:00AM until 11:00AM - come when you can - open seating

Where: Achgekatum Lodge (The Troop 78 cabin)

Menu: Eggs 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](mailto:jcadyjr@gmail.com)

[Click here for more info.](#)



# Ski Trip to Jack Frost Mountain

Sunday February 9, 2020

Join us for a day of fun on the slopes of Jack Frost Mountain in the Poconos!

We will head out on the morning of Sunday February 9, ski the day ticket, and return to the cabin in the early evening, for you to arrive home in time for dinner at home.

[Please click here for more information.](#) [Please click here for the Jack Frost Mountain website.](#)

# Matje Farm Weekend: Winter Olympics

Friday February 21 - Sunday February 23, 2020

Please join us for a trip to the Matje Farm in upstate Pennsylvania. We will stay indoors on this historic 130 acre property, scouts in the historic barn and adult leaders in the old farmhouse. We will enjoy Troop 78 home cooked meals and lots of outdoor activities including shot gun shooting, sporting clays, and winter olympics round robin of scout skill events.

It will be a great weekend of fun, food and friendship!

[Click here for more information.](#)



# Diamond Rock Pinewood Derby

**Saturday March 28, 2020**

Are you looking to fill service hours? If you are, Troop 78 has been given the opportunity to fill 6 volunteer positions at the the annual Diamond Rock District Pinewood Derby being held on the morning of March 28th from 8:00AM to 1:00 PM at Covenant Presbyterian in Malvern. This will arguably be one of the most fun, exciting, helpful, climate controlled volunteer opportunities of the year.

Volunteers will help with the following positions:

- Gathering - Demonstrate scout skills to attendees. This is a great opportunity to hone your Den Chief skills.
- Pinewood race car shuttle - Shuttle the race cars from the finish line to the on-deck table. Manage the on-deck table.
- Troop 78 recruitment table - A benefit of being the Troop responsible for the volunteers is having a table to show off some reasons why Webelos would want to visit our Troop.
- Setup and tear down - Setup the chairs for the audience and concession tables.

If you are interested in this opportunity, reach out to Mike Simms ([msimmsscouter@gmail.com](mailto:msimmsscouter@gmail.com)).



# Radnor Races - Save the Date

**Saturday May 16 & Sunday May 17, 2020**

Tired of winter already? Well, it's not ending soon, BUT...

Think Spring! and grab your brand-new 2020 calendar to reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

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

On Saturday May 16 & Sunday May 17 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing. To sign up please contact [Brian Rothburg](#).



# Summer Camp 2020

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY!

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 21<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 28<sup>th</sup>

Week Two begins on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and ends on July 5<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$420.00 per week if paid in full by March 27<sup>th</sup>, (\$475 per week after that).

**[A \\$50 deposit per week is due by February 14th.](#)**

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 each week.

**You will receive a free troop T-shirt** if you pay in full by March 27<sup>th</sup> and turn in your completed health/medical form to the troop by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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 and submitted along with the health/medical form by May 15<sup>th</sup> (forms are available on the Troop website and Camp Horseshoe website).



If you wish to use scout account funds to pay for summer camp, please contact Joe Cady at [jcadyjr@gmail.com](mailto:jcadyjr@gmail.com). Joe can provide the current scout account balance and you can instruct him on the amount you would like to use for summer camp.

**Note: due to required due date changes from Chester County Council for summer camp this year, the due dates for payments and forms have changed and are earlier than in prior years.**

<b>Key Dates – Summer Camp 2020</b>	
Camp Deposit Due	2/14/2020
Full Payment Due	3/27/2020
<i>(After this date, rate is \$475/week)</i>	
Health/Medical Forms Due	5/15/2020
<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: 6/21/2020 – 6/28/2020  Week Two: 6/28/2020 – 7/05/2020

**Reminder: All KISC attendees under 18 must attend at least one-week of summer camp.**

More information and links to all forms are on the Troop 78 website, [tr78.org](http://tr78.org).

[Click here for the Summer Camp page on the troop website.](#)

Any questions, please contact Tim Hornickle at [thornickle@msn.com](mailto:thornickle@msn.com) or call at (610) 742-1560.

## **Community Service Opportunities**

Please join Troop 78 as we serve our community. The Troop continues its longstanding tradition of helping make our community a better place. There are many opportunities in the coming months.

**Monday February 17, Okehocking Day of Service.** For more information contact [Steve Brown](#)

**Saturday March 28: [Diamond Rock District Pinewood Derby](#),** contact [Mike Simms](#)

**Saturday April 25, Main Line Animal Rescue.** For more information contact [Steve Brown](#)

**Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17: [Radnor Races](#),** contact [Brian Rothberg](#)

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