



Willistown Troop 78

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May

- 1 Monday Friends of Tr 78 7PM
- 2 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 5 Friday Final payment due for summer camp.
[Click here for info.](#)
- 5 Friday - 7 Sunday
[Campout: Canoe Trip](#)
- 12 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
[Flower sale delivery](#)
- 13 Saturday [Flower sale delivery](#)
- 19 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 20 Saturday - 21 Sunday
[Radnor Races](#)

June

- 2 Friday - 4 Sunday
Order of the Arrow weekend at Camp Horseshoe (Members 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 (OA members only)
- 11 Sunday Field Day Part II
Cabin 3PM

Please note: There are no Troop Meetings May 26 due to the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend or June 2 due to the OA service weekend.

[Click here for full calendar](#)

Disney Adventure 2017: Part I

April 7 - April 15, 2017

by Cameron Skodny

Every scout arrived at the cabin before 1PM Friday April 7th, the scheduled departure time. We were about to embark on a 22 hour journey on the freshly cleaned new air-brake bus. The adults sat up front while the younger scouts sat in the middle and the older scouts in the back.

We passed time along in many different ways. Some scouts chose to be anti-social. Others played card games and the older scouts talked. Soon night had fallen and we were in Washington DC. Some scouts went to sleep earlier than others. The ones who went to sleep earlier than the others got the better sleeping positions. Cameron got a foot rest but in turn had to sleep under a cracked window. Some other scouts slept on the floor. There was an unexpected pit-stop which happened when Cameron made the choice to eat too many antacid tablets.

We arrived at Fort Wilderness campsite in Disney around 11AM-ish and we had to wait until we checked in. I think it was the fastest time ever for check in. We got to our campsite and the adults told us to get the troop stuff up first (as always). Once that was finished, we set up our tents and rolled out our sleeping bags. For the rest of that day we chilled out.

Everyone woke up bright and early the next day to get to the parks. Arek and Cameron got a head start to the Magic Kingdom. Francis, James, and Chris were close behind. They saw each other in Tomorrowland with Arek and Cameron on their way out while the others were just getting in. The older scouts went to the Magic Kingdom as well. Martin and Christian went to the pool in Fort Wilderness in the afternoon and Cameron and Arek arrived at the pool a bit later and they played Marco Polo.



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The next day was oddly uneventful with the main highlights being the older scouts playing too much Pokemon go. On Wednesday, the older scouts went to one of the water parks while the rest of the scouts stayed back at camp because they were "too tired", but Cameron wanted to go out to Animal Kingdom. The older boys came back and said they had a good time and caught lots of Pokemon at the water park. Cameron was annoyed because he didn't get to catch some good Pokemon. Other than that, the food at camp was good. No one really complained because we were all having such a great time there.



On Thursday, we formed new-ish groups. Cameron and his dad went into Animal Kingdom and went on Everest twice and the Kali River Rapids once then went on "It's hard to be a bug". To wrap things up at that park, they helped open a restaurant. The older scouts hung out in the campsite and the other group of scouts went to Magic Kingdom...I think. The dinner was good and the younger scouts went to Japan in Epcot for lunch some of the days.



On the bus ride home, we stopped at the NASCAR track in Daytona and learned about how the old Nascars were built and used on various tracks. Then, after paying for over-priced food, we set off again for home. The sleeping arrangements were different, but similar from when we came down a week earlier. We woke up and got ready for breakfast. We stopped at a Denny's and ate breakfast. Then we got back on the road and occupied ourselves for the rest of the way back. Once we got back to the cabin, we got everything unloaded and stowed where it needed to be. We thanked the adults and then we parted ways, envious of the weather in Florida.

The new Troop bus



In Fort Wilderness



RADNOR RACES

RACING FOR OPEN SPACE to Benefit the Brandywine Conservancy

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 21 & 22
It is Radnor Race time again!

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 20th & 21st. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be working from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 20st. The hours from 11:00AM to 3:00PM 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 TROOP 78 SCOUT ACCOUNT
- TROOP 78's MAJOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT

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 welcome & needed!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SATURDAY MAY 20 & SUNDAY MAY 21

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here for the sign up form.](#)

[Click here for pictures and information from Radnor Races 2016.](#)



Radnor Races

Disney Adventure 2017: Part II

by Arek Conners

Friday afternoon, I got on the new Troop bus and I was thinking, how am I going to survive such a long bus ride. It turned out that it wasn't that bad, half of it you are playing card games, watching a movie on your phone, or reading a book, while the other half you are sleeping. When we got there on Saturday it was early afternoon. We set up camp and then had some time to relax. We ate dinner, got our Magic Bands, and then started the grueling challenge to get our Magic Bands connected. We got them connected, but by that point of time there was no point in going to the parks, we were all tired and the parks would be closing soon either way.

The next morning we got up, ate breakfast and headed to Magic Kingdom and hopped onto Space Mountain. Not my favorite ride, but we only had to wait 5 minutes. The parts of the park that were not open yet finally opened, we beat the crowd to Splash Mountain and walked straight up to the ride. Unfortunately we had to wait until they had inspected the ride (which took about 10 minutes), but we got a free copy of the picture for our troubles. We decided to eat lunch and then go back to camp. At that point, the parks were packed so we went to the pool at the camp and played Marco Polo. We then went back to the campsite to eat dinner and then played tether ball till we got tired.

The next morning, we ate breakfast and then went to Epcot for the Yes program. It was longer than I expected, but was it interesting to see all of the backstage operations of the aquarium. We then walked around Epcot, looked through the stores at Japan and ate lunch in Japan. By then we were bored and decided to go back to camp, where we just relaxed and played games. After dinner we went to the trading post. Basically the whole evening we just relaxed.

Tuesday was my favorite, we went to Hollywood Studios where we rode Tower of Terror and Rockin' Roller Coaster. We went to Epcot for lunch where we looked through the shops again. We then went back to Magic Kingdom and went through the Haunted Mansion. Which I predicted the times of which the monsters would pop up. We then head over to the Pirates of the Caribbean ride which we suspected to be the source for water of all of the water fountains. It was cool to see the different scenes but again, kinda boring.

Wednesday I went back to Magic, rode Splash Mountain again and then went to the Haunted House which I predicted, again. We went back to camp, went to the pool, and then waited around camp for dinner to roll around. We ate, then went to the Beach to watch the fireworks, which never became visible. At that time, we decided just to go back to camp and go to bed.

The next day I went to Hollywood, rode the Great Movie Ride, Muppet Vision, and Toy Story Mania. We then went to Magic and got Pineapple Floats which were the best things ever. We then went back to camp, started to pack up for the trip home the next day, and played tetherball, lots of tetherball. After dinner we took down the troop gear and put it into neat piles. The next morning we took down the tents and packed up the bus. We then departed for home and repeated the process of the drive down to Disney.

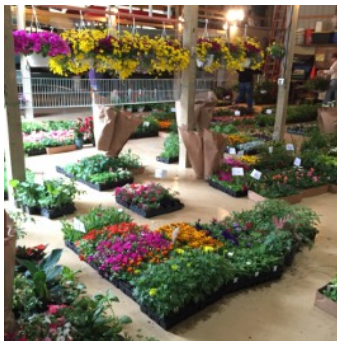


Flower Sale Wrap Up

Our Spring Flower Sale is due to wrap up Friday May 12 with the delivery of the flowers to the cabin and then, after they are sorted into the various orders, the scouts will deliver them to the customers on Saturday May 13, just in time for Mother's Day on Sunday May 14.

This year's flower sale was another grand success! The scouts that participated will receive money in their scout accounts and their friends and families will receive beautiful flowers!

Please remember us for next spring when you are planning your vegetable and herb gardens and your flower beds.



Order of the Arrow Service Weekend April 2017

Troop 78 members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) gathered at Camp Horseshoe for a great weekend of fun, friendship, good food, and service to Camp Horseshoe. The Troop was represented by 12 of its members the OA and inducted two new members. We were blessed with a weekend of wonderful weather, probably the best an April service weekend has ever seen. The crew worked on a project to rebuild an enclosure at the Camp Dining Hall. We will be at our favorite place in the world, Camp Horseshoe again June 2 - 5 for another service weekend. All members of the OA are welcome to join us for a weekend of fun and friendship and to reconnect with this wonderful camp.

[Click here for more info and pictures.](#)



Notice of Upcoming Events

Canoe Trip to the Potomac River Friday May 5 - Sunday 7, 2017

On Friday May 5, the Troop will be paddling the Potomac River for a weekend of fun through the hills of Maryland and Virginia. It has been quite a number of years since we did this stretch of the Potomac river. A full report to follow after we return! [Click here for more information](#)

Personal Management Merit Badge

For anyone who has already started Personal Management Merit Badge: Mr. Hogan will be having a wrap-up session on Friday May 19 at 6PM before the regular Troop Meeting at 7. Please come prepared to discuss and / or turn in your outstanding work.



Annual Field Day

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!

Looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Save these dates: Sunday June 25 to Sunday July 9, 2017

We will be back at Horseshoe for another delightful stay at summer camp.

[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.](#)

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