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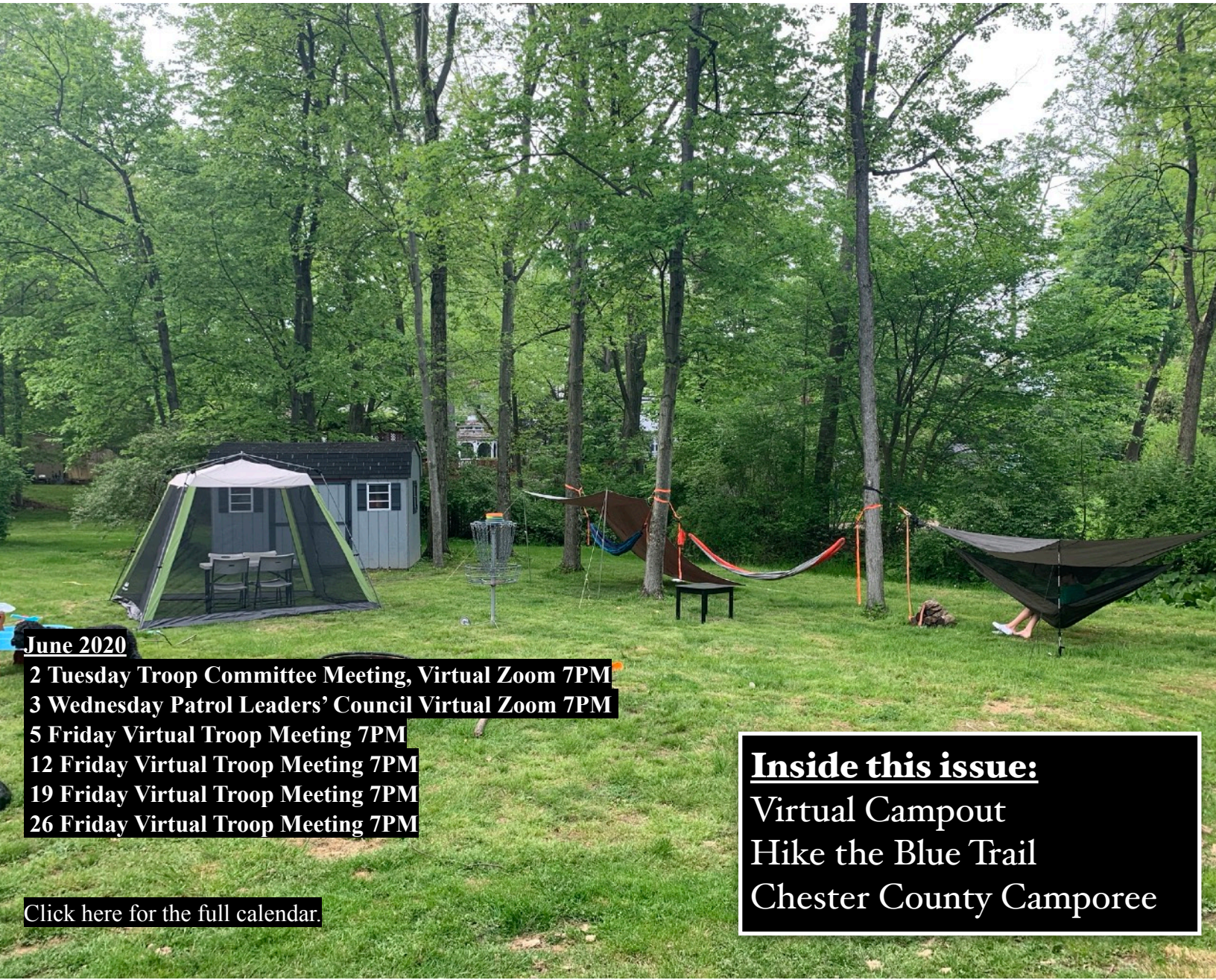
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## Scout On!

Scouting Continues During the Lockdown



### June 2020

- 2 Tuesday Troop Committee Meeting, Virtual Zoom 7PM
- 3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council Virtual Zoom 7PM
- 5 Friday Virtual Troop Meeting 7PM
- 12 Friday Virtual Troop Meeting 7PM
- 19 Friday Virtual Troop Meeting 7PM
- 26 Friday Virtual Troop Meeting 7PM

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

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# Troop 78 Continues Scouting During the Shutdown

## Troop 78 First Ever Virtual Campout

Friday May 15 - Saturday May 16, 2020

By Cody Carnes

Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 78

We started our virtual campout Saturday night with some relaxing music through Zoom. Logan and many other scouts grew their campfires as the day turned to night. To close our campfires, all of us were graced with a story from Ernie Heegard, which is always a great way to spend the time. With great weather, all scouts enjoyed the outdoors in their backyards and eventually went to bed.

In the morning, scouts were tasked with many activities such as a breakfast competition, making a lashing structure, and going on a hike. These could be done at any time that day and scouts could participate at their own leisure. I spent my morning making a fantastic breakfast of pancakes and bacon, and enjoyed it with the family.

After that, I logged onto Zoom to open our knot instruction, only to find that our main website to hold meetings, Zoom, was down! Myself and others worked to find a solution, and fortunately we found another meeting option. Once we got our video chat up and running, younger scouts looking to learn about knots and lashings rushed in and learned as much as they could. I enjoyed helping these scouts further their scouting knowledge, and am happy that so many were interested in advancing their ranks.

We met together one last time to conclude our campout with a flag ceremony video conducted by the troop at Horseshoe in years prior. I enjoyed this trip greatly and hope other scouts and families were able to get outside and connect in this time of uncertainty.





# Campout Contest Awards

## Breakfast

Anish N



## Nature Hike

John and Ryan W



## Whittling

Colton M



## Structure

Shreyas S



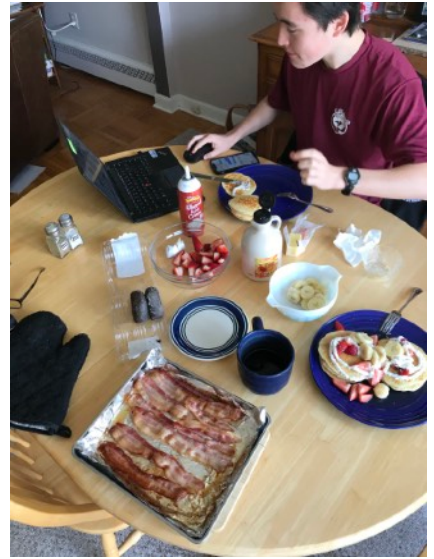
## Campsite

Jacob D





# More Pics from the Campout







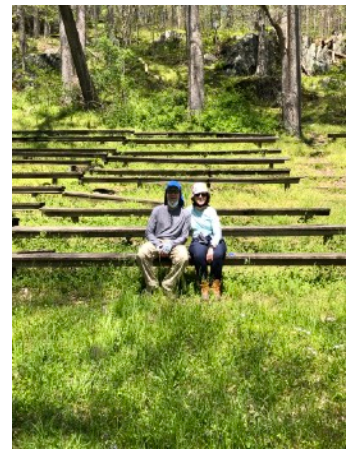
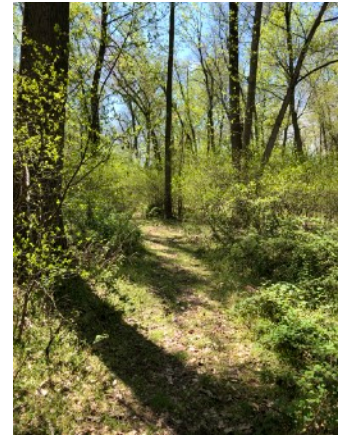


# Hike the Green Trail at Camp

**Saturday May 2, 2020**

**By Pete Motel**

There was the scent of honeysuckle and spirea in the air on a beautiful early spring day. It was the first really nice day of spring, sunny and warm and breezy. We walked the Green Trail, a two and half mile loop at Camp Ware, which in places tracks through typical Pennsylvania woodland, then in places along an old trace road, a small brook, then along the banks of the Octoraro. With many people hiking, all were following the recommended social distancing guidelines. It was a great day to see the camp, nearly empty and camp never smelled so nice.



# Spring Flower Sale

**Delivery was Saturday May 9, 2020**

**By Jim Fox**

Flower Sale:

Short version:

Hi! Plants? YEESSSS! Whoah, Delivery drivers are cool, Cheer for mothers! Collapse.

Long version:

Who knew that Troop 78 could have a successful fundraiser in the middle of a pandemic? As difficult as the adjustments to staying home were, our community supported the Troop 78 scouts who provided beautiful flowers and garden plants to help people gain some normalcy from gardening and sprucing up their homes with flowers. Plants arrived just in time for Mother's Day.

The sales were led by Luke Fox, Ben Gunderson, and Alex Hornickle who had combined sales of over 1600 plants! Our math-minded readers might want to know that we had 340 orders for 3597

products totaling \$25K in sales. This was a troop record and a much-needed one as the hoagie sale and Radnor Races were not held this year. Our farthest orders were from Missouri (got refunded) and San Francisco Bay (didn't drive quite that far). We realized the reach of our online store and how people like supporting the scouts!

The sorting of the orders which filled the Bus Barn completely to overflowing was handled by a group of willing masked volunteers. A special thanks for the efforts of Steve Wark, Steve D'Antonio, Steph and Ben Gunderson, Tim and Jenn Hornickle, Dawn and Kipp Happ, Jeanette Fox, Brian Rothberg, Pete Motel, Jon Duncan, Mark Siegle, and Ted Dinsmore. The sale could not have been successful without these volunteers.

An online pickup schedule was newly added this year which helped spread out the distribution. Scouts patiently waited for their orders to be pulled and triple checked so that Vinca, Zinnias, and San Marzano Tomatoes were not confused with Coleus Wizard or Snapdragons.

Once the flowers were 100% picked up on Thursday (thank you, troop!), if the delivery challenges were not enough, multiple freeze warnings buzzed the phones of those who carefully sorted their orders for delivery day - alerting them to get the plants into a warm shelter for the night. For extra incentive to get the task done quickly, a staple of Troop 78 events (a deluge of rain) fell on Friday night accelerating the efforts with all-hands family efforts to protect the crops from overwatering.

The flower sale committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped and all of the scouts who participated to support the troop and bless their neighbors with the joy of growing plants!





# Chester County May Virtual Camporee

Saturday May 23 - Sunday May 24, 2020

By Pete Motel

[Please click here for the link to the full program.](#)

Chester County Council hosted another wonderful Camporee the third weekend in May, virtually of course. The schedule was packed with training videos, contests, scout skill demonstrations, and virtual visits by outdoor enthusiasts from around the United States. There were dutch oven cooking demonstrations from the National Dutch Oven Cooking Society (who knew!) and then dutch oven cooking contests.

There was a great discussion about all the opportunities to ScoutOn! during the shutdown led by the National Advancement Chair. I participated along with about 50 others in the “Are you smarter than a scout leader” contest. Lots of fun!

The Camporee wrapped up Sunday morning with a religious service lead by the Chaplain at Philmont, then an awards ceremony and closing.

Another great weekend of Scouting program as we all ScoutOn! during the shutdown.

## Achgekatum Campfire Circle: Camp Horseshoe

### Photos from May 26, 2020

Phase II work on the Saturday Night Campfire Circle is underway, after a generous donation from the Horseshoe Alumni Association. There has been regrading between the road and the Circle. Trenching work from Roberts Lodge (the Nature Lodge) all the way to the circle has been completed allowing the installation of electric and water service to the circle.

Several volunteers constructed and installed a new gateway for the circle.





## **Some more pictures from around camp.**

Beautiful! Grass has never looked better! No feet.



## **Friends of Scouting Helps Chester County Council**

Chester County Council receives a good portion of its operating budget from generous free will donations from people like you. Please consider helping this year. Chester County Council needs your help now more than ever with all event-fundraising shutdown.

[Please click this link to see more from Jim Bennett on Friends of Scouting!](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Scout On! programs**

Ongoing

[Click here for the link to Chester County Council Scout On! info.](#)

### **Summer Camp 2020**

All Summer programs have been cancelled at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation.

All day camps have been cancelled as well.

Please stand by for information regarding day hike opportunities, possible day trips for merit badge classes and Trailblazer as the situation evolves.



## **Where?**

### **Answer to last month's contest:**

Sugartown Rd, Malvern just off the corner of Sugartown and Goshen Rds (down the road from the Sugartown Historic District.)

As there were no correct answers, the prize rolls over to this month.



This is farm in the picture to the left.

**Please vote on this location.**

**Hint: site of a Troop field trip**

**[Click here to vote.](#)**



## **Joke of the Month** (Two jokes this month)

**Q: What did the big band leader name his two daughters?**

**A: Anna 1, Anna 2.**

**You are taking your Scouting too seriously if:**

**You get detained by the TSA because you wouldn't give up your favorite pocket knife until the officer said: "Thank you".**

**[Please click here to submit a joke for the next Newsletter.](#)**



# **78 Historical Notes More Troop 78 History gleaned from old Newsletters**

**By Steve D'Antonio**

In January of 1980, the troop started off the new decade by taking 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th at the Council First Aid meet. Moose Patrol took the top place. Like most Februarys in the 80's there was a Klondike Derby where Troops compete against each other in outdoor events and camp (usually) in the snow. These were typically held at French Creek State park or at Hibernia park. The highlight of the day is the patrol sled races in the afternoon. Ernie assisted with the design of the sleds built by each patrol. Many of them are still used by the troop today. In 1980, the troop bought new 2-man tents, and they were a huge advance over the old Army pup tents because they had a floor! Summer camp cost \$95 a week in 1980 and troop dues was just \$12 annually.

It looks like there were no newsletters published between late 1980, and October of 1984. But since 1984 they have been published continuously, so there is a lot more troop history to tell. By 1984, dues had increased to \$20. Troop family dinners in October were being held "on the hill" at the old cabin property (now Veteran's Lane). Lights were strung up in the trees and a long extension cord led to the cabin at the bottom of the hill. What was unique about those dinners was that the Scouts in each patrol would cook some of the side dishes on an open fire, the troop staff would cook the main dish (usually ham) and families of three patrols bringing salads and the other patrol families bringing desserts. All tables and chairs were borrowed from either the VFW which was our Troop sponsor, or the Covenant Presbyterian church. It was usually late at night until everything was returned.

Throughout most of the 1980's the first trip of the year was a "beach trip" to Cape Henlopen in Delaware. Each year there was a Hoagie sale or two (the troop didn't begin working at Radnor Races until 1989), a Matje Farm trip in February, a troop swim in February at the Immaculata indoor pool, and a Florida trip over Spring break. And yes, the newsletter even mentions Mr. Matje's arrival speech back in the '80s! In May there was almost always a Council Camporee similar to the one we had last year for the Council's 100th birthday. In 1985, patrols from Troop 78 won several of the events at the camporee, including Knots, Flagpole raising, Compass and map reading, with the overall best score going to the Panther patrol.

Summer camp in 1985 was deemed the most successful since 1977, with the troop and patrols winning many events, including both the Paul Bunyan Field Day and the Water Carnival. The troop camped overnight at Camp Jubilee on the last night before the name was changed to Camp Ware. At a nightly Boom Town, the troop earned enough \$ to purchase the right to stand in for the Camp Director at retreat, while the Camp Director (Ernie) marched with the troop! I hope Ern was in step and didn't cause the troop to lose the trophy. Then as now, there were many 78'ers on camp staff, including the Handicraft Director and the Campcraft Director.

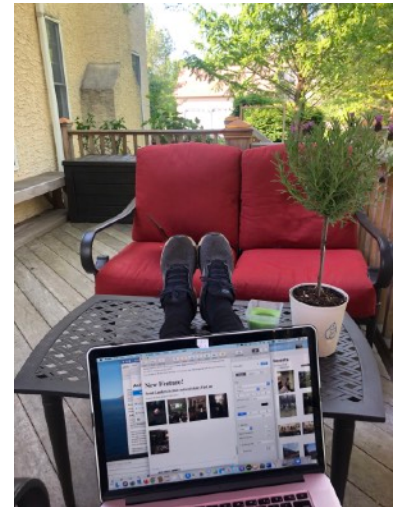
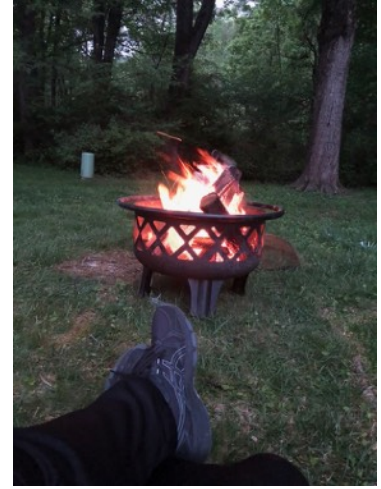
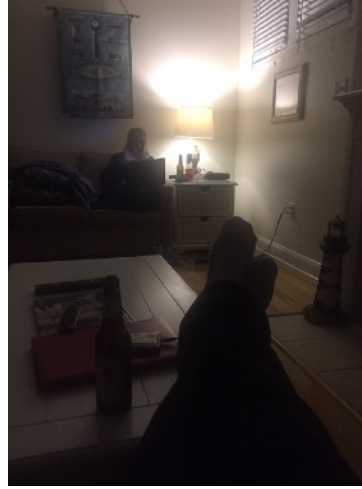
Throughout 1985, Scouts and families were saving and earning for a European trip in 1986. And at least two Scouts (Rich Foot and Mark Matje) were headed to the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia in July of '85. Next month we'll have more about the '85 Jamboree, the '86 Europe trip and the rest of the decade.



# New Feature!

## Scout Leaders in their natural state: Feet up

Identify the Scout leaders in these pics.



## Nature Moment

### **Spotted Lanternfly Alert!**

Scouts are taught to respect nature and leave no trace. This is not the case for the spotted lanternfly (SLF). Spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest ravaging trees in our area. These hungry insects cause damage when they feed by sucking sap from the host's stem and branches reducing photosynthesis. In addition, they excrete a large amount of fluid which promotes mold and attracts other harmful insects. The damage done by SLF can weaken the tree leaving it susceptible diseases. The USDA recommends trapping and eliminating where ever it's found.



One very effective method to trap SLF nymphs (nymphs are emerging right now) is to use fly trap paper to wrap the tree trunks. Here are some examples of how effective fly paper can be. These pictures were taken on May 30th and again on May 31st. Notice the white spotted black nymphs at the bottom of the paper. The first two pictures are an hour apart. The third picture is about 18 hours from the second picture.



The trap paper used is CatchMaster Giant Fly Trap Roll. For more information and pictures of the SLF stages of life, check out the United States Department of Agriculture website.

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