



Willistown Troop 78

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Canoe Trip Brandywine River



June 2022

- 1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 2 Thursday Troop Meeting Field Day Part I, 7PM cabin
- 3 Friday - 5 Sunday OA Conclave, members only
- 5 Sunday Field Day Part II, Eagle Court of Honor, 90+2 Anniversary Celebration, 3PM Cabin
- 7 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM, cabin
Troop Committee 7:30PM, cabin
- 9 Thursday Troop Meeting, 7PM cabin
- 10 Friday - 12 Sunday Order of the Arrow Service Weekend, Camp Horseshoe
- 17 Friday - 19 Sunday Whitewater rafting trip, Ohiopyle

Summer Camp

- 26 Sunday June - 2 Saturday July Week One
- 3 Sunday July - 9 Saturday July Week Two

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Brandywine River Canoe Trip

Sunday May 15, 2022

By Caleb Fulmer

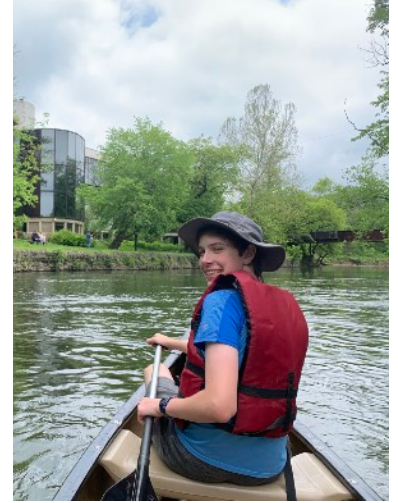
We started our morning bright and early because we had to be at the cabin by 8:00 AM Sunday morning. First, we double checked our gear and canoes. We boarded the bus to start the short 50 minute drive to the river.

Upon arrival, we unloaded the canoes and started down to the unloading point. Some guys struggled to get the canoes down to the river, **cough** me **cough**, but we all got there in the end. We had some extra time, so Logan Duff proposed the idea that we play Duck Duck Goose. Everyone agreed, so we played that for the extra time that we had. After 10 minutes, we had to stop and launch the canoes into the river.

The first canoe that launched unfortunately flipped, and we had to drag that canoe out of the water. We regrouped and got everyone into the water successfully. Then we started our way down the river calmly. However, the calm sensation didn't last long as 2 canoes flipped within 2 minutes of each other. After that, we continued our way down the river having a few water battles along the way.

We had to stop and make our way around some rapids because they were impossible to cross without flipping. Then we stopped at a stretch of land and had lunch. Every scout was required to pack their own lunch, and they enjoyed it while talking with their friends for 30 minutes before we launched again.

After lunch, we continued down the river experiencing more water battles along the way. Finally, we came up to the landing point and docked the canoes to bring up to the bus and load. Once we loaded the canoes up and gathered our personal gear to board the bus, we headed home. We enjoyed ourselves on the bus ride back to the cabin. When we got there we cleaned up the gear and put everything away and went home to enjoy the rest of our Sunday.



Radnor Races

Brandywine Conservancy

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2022

By Logan Duff

This year the troop came out for our annual Radnor Hunt Races volunteer opportunity. We had lots of volunteers who braved the heat and sun to make the races possible. When we arrived, the troop split into their assignments. Most people were either parking cars or doing “environmental management”, which consisted of setting up boxes and trash bags at each tent.

Once things were set up, many people switched assignments at 9AM to jobs like security or programs. Security made sure that no one crossed the track during the races, programs crews walked around or were stationed at a table selling the Radnor Programs, and parking continued to park attendees in the various lots throughout the property.

Although the races were delayed and the chariot show was canceled, we began with a pony race at about 11am. This was a race where a bunch of little kids sat on horses which were pulled by their parents at a trot for about 50 yards to the finish. It went in two heats, with one winner per heat. Then was the side-saddle race. This was where women rode horses with both feet on the same side once around the track. It was really interesting to see how fast they could go without falling off.

The final exhibit before the races was the Budweiser Clydesdales who pulled a huge wagon of beer. Each horse was 2,000 pounds and there were a total of 8 horses pulling the wagon. It was very impressive and a great way to introduce the races. There were five races throughout the day, with four being 1 lap races on the normal jumps and one race being 2 laps using wooden fence jumps. The heat was hard even for the horses. There were no horse casualties or injuries, but a couple horses got overheated and had to get doused in water or trailered out. Only 3 horses raced in the 2 lap race and only 2 horses finished that race.

Overall, the races went well and it was a great day. We had lots of volunteers to help and everyone did their part. The viewers were very grateful for the troops’ continuous help with these races. Thank you to all who came out!





Spring Flower Sale

May 7, 2022

Another Spring Flower sale in the books!
Many thanks to all who helped make it a success!

The funds raised are used to pay for troop program throughout the year, making troop meeting program and campouts free to all youth.

- * 42 scouts participated
- * 2400+ plants sold from 250 orders
- * Seven scouts sold over \$1000 in plants
- * This year, we added new plant options that were especially beneficial to bees and butterflies
- * Weather was beautiful for several days of sorting
- * The team improved the distribution process by sorting outside the pole barn - all plants were sorted by 2pm

There were many more sorters who helped out and made the sale very successful. It's like to add my thanks too!

Steve Wark had the great idea to setup outside and only move the plants the minimum number of times. This really improved our efficiency. He also kept the inventory straight and felt with the vendor even with their new bulk approach.

Dawn Happ helped improve and update the product list and got rid of the low selling items giving us a cleaner inventory.

Jeannine Simms spent her vacation time to help sort and lent her eagle eye to finding misplaced items from distracted sorters.

Sherri Wark helped finish out the late pickups and order the gift cards for the top sellers.

Pete Motel helped get the tents setup and handled the finances which is no small feat with cash/checks and refunding customers who click multiple times for a credit card purchase.

Steve D caught all of the missing details and stayed from beginning to end each day to make sure everything went right for the distribution to the scouts.

Brian Rothberg and Wayne Curry spent extra time helping sort and get the large orders loaded and on their way to free up space in the barn.

Thanks again to everyone who helped. See you again at the Holidays for the poinsettia and wreath sale!



Troop Meeting

Prep for Field Day
Friday May 20, 2022

The scouts continue to flock to the cabin on Friday nights to prep for the upcoming Field Day. The Field Day will be held in two parts, Part I Thursday June 2 and Part II Sunday June 5, 2022.

The patrols will compete in numerous events including Nature Identification, Flint and Steel, Chariot Race, String Burning, Knot Relay, Nine Knot, Eight Knot, Heaving Bar and many more.



Scout Uniform Shirts Available

We have long-sleeve uniform shirts available for purchase at the cabin for \$30.

We have sizes youth medium and large, adult small, medium, large, and extra large.

We need your used uniforms, shirts, pants, shorts. These we offer free to a good home. Please bring in your old uniforms! And those hiking boots you grew out of too!



Upcoming Events

Field Day!

Thursday June 2 and Sunday June 5, 2022, 3PM at the cabin

We will gather at the cabin Sunday June 5 for an afternoon of scout skill competition, an Eagle Award Court of Honor and the twice postponed Troop 90th Anniversary Celebration. It will be an action-packed afternoon!

[Click here for more information.](#)



Field Day winner 2021 Rattlesnake

90+2 Troop Anniversary Celebration and Alumni Reunion

Troop 78 Celebrates 90 Years (which was 2020!)

"Don't Mess with the Best": Troop 78 Celebrates its 90th Birthday in Style

On Sunday, June 5th, Troop 78 will have Part II of its annual Field Day competition, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, and - as a special treat - its 90th birthday celebration. The event, creatively nicknamed the "90th Plus 2", is finally ready to go following a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, at least 30 members of the Troop 78 family will be attending. Please join us for roast pig (along with other delicious food) as Scouts, Scouters, alumni, and friends of 78 enjoy the camaraderie that comes with being part of such a special group.

A commemorative program is also being issued to honor the occasion - the first of its kind since the Troop's 75th birthday bash in 2005. The program includes reflections on Troop events and trips such as Summer Camp, Field Day, and Kandersteg, as well as a moving essay on what being part of Troop 78 truly means. Other highlights include a timeline of Troop and world history and many photographs of 78'ers from all eras of Troop history. The program is sure to both entertain and serve as a memento of a memorable afternoon.

Join us for the 90th Plus 2, and celebrate the past, present, and future of Scouting in Willistown Troop 78!

We look forward to seeing you at the 90th + 2. Mark your calendars - it's almost here!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Whitewater Rafting

Friday June 17 - Sunday June 19, 2022

Troop 78 will venture to Ohiopyle, PA to take on the challenge of the Youghiogheny River.

The Yough has the best whitewater in the eastern US.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Summer Camp at Camp Horseshoe

Week one: Sunday June 26 - Saturday July 2, 2022

Week two: Sunday July 3 - Saturday July 9, 2022

Countdown to Summer Camp!

Our long-awaited annual foray to Camp Horseshoe is coming up fast.

We will spend two weeks in the greatest place on Earth, the Horseshoe Scout Reservation.

All your questions are answered and all your necessary forms are available on the Troop website and Camp Horseshoe website.

[Click here for all the information on summer camp.](#)



Chester County Council News

Troop 78 Scouts at District and Council Championship Pinewood Derbies

By Mike Simms

5/29/2022

Five Willistown Scouts recently gave up their Saturday mornings to help run this year's district and council championship pinewood derby races. The boys did a fine job keeping the Cub's (and siblings) active and engaged during the gathering phase of the mornings. The opening ceremonies were both executed perfectly with the utmost reverence. During the race, one of the most important tasks is keeping the cars safely flowing from the finish line to the starting table. Race officials were very pleased with how well the Scouts performed this task. When the race fanfare ended, every one of them found a way to be helpful with the tear-down of the race operations. All of this continues the Troop 78 tradition of outstanding performance.

Scouts are pictured below leading the district race opening ceremony. From left to right: Ben Barsotti (district race); Nic Opielski, Josh Simms, Justin Sansone and Ethan Sansone (district and council races)



Order of the Arrow Octoraro Lodge 22

For more information contact Kipp Happ, Diamond Rock District OA Chair

- Order of the Arrow Service Weekend, June 10 - June 12

We encourage all OA members to attend. This weekend of service projects is essential to help get the camp ready for the upcoming summer season.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Amazon Smile

Consider a gift to your favorite department at Camp Horseshoe. See what the camp needs!

[Click here for Amazon Smile Camp Horseshoe.](#)

Camp Horseshoe Shower House

Phase two of the Camp Horseshoe shower house project is underway. The second new shower house is planned for the Stockade Trail just above the Conestoga campsite.

Hope is to have it on line for summer 2023.

The camp is clearing the greenbriar from the proposed area with a team of goats hired for that purpose.



Site for the new shower house before the goats cleared it.



Site after the goats did their work. A goat with nothing left to do.

National Jamboree

Wednesday July 19 - Friday July 28, 2023

Chester County Council is looking to take a group of 54 scouts / 6 Leaders to the 2023 Jamboree as part of our Council Contingent. The National Jamboree is only held every four years, so don't miss out.

The 2023 National Jamboree runs for ten days from Wednesday, July 19 to Friday, July 28 at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. It is open to all scouts that are at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but have not reached 21 by the last day. The cost is \$1,875 for scouts and \$1,285 for Leaders and includes all National fees, chartered bus transportation to and from the event, and all meals. Participants will stay two per tent which is also provided.

For those of you not familiar with a Jamboree, the National Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime, and there is simply nothing else like it on the planet. What's a Jamboree? It's not just camp. The National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends, and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenges you to try things you never thought you could. The National Jamboree is 30,000 scouts from across the nation coming together to do all things scouting including shooting sports, biking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, skateboarding, zip-lining, canopy tours, aquatics, just to name a few.

Registration is completed in two parts. You will need to register as a participant through the National Jamboree site at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>. You will also need to register and pay your deposit through the Chester County Council site at <https://www.cccbsa.org/programs/high-adventure/2023-national-jamboree/>. Additional details are also available at these two sites.

Print this Newsletter for everyone in your family to see.