



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2010

- 11/1 - *Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting*
11/2 - Board of Review (7:00 PM), Troop Committee Mtg. & Youth Protection Training
11/3 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30 PM)
11/5 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Poinsettia \$ due for early or corporate orders to be delivered 11/23
11/6 - *Chainsaw Training @ Camp Ware (9:00 AM - Noon)*
11/6 - Den Chief Training (8:00 AM - 2 PM)
11/6 - Dance Team Open House (2:00 - 3:30 PM) at the cabin
10/9-10 - *IOLST (HT)*
11/9 - *Chester Co. Council Roundtable*
11/12-14 - Annapolis Trip
11/16 - *Pasta Night (7:00 PM)*
11/18 - Readyman for 4th grade Weblelos (help needed)
11/19 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) (Readyman, 5th grade)
11/22 - Poinsettia early or corporate order pick-up at cabin

DECEMBER 2010

- 12/1 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30 PM)
12/4 - *Chainsaw Training @ Camp Ware (9:00 AM - Noon)*
12/7 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
12/3 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Poinsettia \$ Due
12/9 - *Diamond Rock Holiday Roundtable*
12/10 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
12/11 - Poinsettia Order pick-up at Cabin - Regular Orders
12/11 - *SM & ASM Specific (8:00AM - 4:00PM)*
12/17 - TROOP MEETING and Holiday Party (7 to 9 PM)

NOTE:

Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold
TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS
Adult Only Meetings: in Italics



WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 HEADS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Did you sign up for this exciting trip? The troop is going to the United States Naval Academy during the weekend of Friday, November 12, to Sunday, November 14. Scouts and dads who wanted to attend needed to let patrol leaders know by Monday, October 25th.

To recap the events of this exciting weekend: We will camp for two nights at Camp Barrett in Annapolis, MD, as part of Maryland Elks Club's 2010 Camporee. On Saturday, we will tour the United States Naval Academy. We will then attend the Navy/Central Michigan football game, complete with tailgate party. On Saturday night, we will participate in a campfire with Scouts from across the Middle Atlantic States.

Dress for the Naval Academy tour and football game with be full Class A uniform with long pants. All scouts must be in uniform, and adults with uniforms should wear them as well.

There is no charge for scouts; however, any scout that signed up and does not make the trip will have a \$25 charge to his scout account. Adults are asked to pay a fee of \$50. Payment should be by check made out to Troop 78 and should be remitted to Jim Bennett ahead of our departure.

WHAT TO BRING:

Note - This packing list is NOT intended to be an exhaustive list. THINK about what you need; then, use the packing list as a guideline. Pack in a duffel bag.

Class A uniform with long pants
Troop hat (no other hats to be worn with uniform)
Troop jacket (if you have one)
Scout handbook (if under First Class)

Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad
Flashlight
Daypack (to take to USNA)
Nalgene/water bottle
Troop T-shirt
Change of clothes
Sunscreen
Lip balm
Sweatshirt or fleece (should fit under your jacket)
Jacket (if you don't have a troop jacket)
Gloves
Raingear
Toilet articles, including toothbrush, toothpaste and deodorant
Spending money for souvenirs (recommend \$10 - \$20)
DRINKING CUP (Attendees without a cup will be able to buy a Troop 78 mug for \$5)

Attendees should check the weather forecast for Annapolis prior to leaving on Friday. We anticipate cold weather in the stands at the football game. Please pack and dress accordingly.

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The November committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, at 7:30 PM at the cabin. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

At its October meeting, the Troop Committee approved the 2010-2011 budget. As always, the goal remains to provide a rich and varied scouting experience, fully funded within the annual registration fees. The program is chosen by the boy leaders and includes scout meetings, participation in council activities and monthly trips. Fortunately, we are able to hold the current dues structure for another year.

Where does the \$65 of dues money go? First, \$24.80 is allocated to BSA insurance and Boy's Life. The balance of \$40.20 goes to the troop and is used to cover cabin expenses, maintenance of the bus, camping equipment, advancement materials (patches, neckerchiefs, etc) AND the trips. As an example, last spring's Gettysburg trip alone cost \$28 per attending scout. And, the rafting bike trip cost was \$39 per attending scout. Clearly, registration fees don't cover the cost of the program. If we are to provide the program at no cost beyond dues, supplemental income is needed. That is where the fundraising activities come in. For example, a scout who sells 15 hoagies, in addition to adding \$22 to his scout account, produces \$50 of additional income to support the program.

This time of year, when registration is due and fundraising is in full swing, the Troop Committee wanted to give everyone a fuller understanding of how the money works.

DANCE TEAM OPEN HOUSE

The Ahtaquaoweh Indian Dance Team is holding an open house on Saturday, November 6, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Please see the attached flyer

and RSVP with your name and the number of people who will attend to Stephanie Robinson at 610-415- [REDACTED] or stephaniefrobinsor@scout24.org by Sunday, October 31.



2010 POINSETTIA SALE

This is an important fund-raiser for the troop. Boys can earn \$\$ for their scout accounts -- good for high-adventure trips, Florida, Canada, summer camp, and Switzerland! There are 2 delivery dates: the EARLY (corporate) orders will be delivered the Monday before Thanksgiving (November 22), since many businesses will decorate that weekend. The INDIVIDUAL orders will be delivered on December 11. Don't feel that you can only sell the EARLY plants to businesses - and there is no reason why a business couldn't take the later delivery. One strategy we use is that we offer people both deliveries and let them decide when they'd like their plants.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: These plants are beautiful and make lovely holiday gifts for any religious denomination. Please ask your employers, beauty shop, bank, favorite restaurant, etc. to help our troop by purchasing the plants. They make great giveaways for your clients, too!

Boys will earn \$2 for every single plant and \$4 for every triple plant they sell, so the money adds up very quickly. PRIZES include \$100 into the scout account for the boy who sells the most plants; \$60 for second place, and \$40 for third place. This is in addition to the money they earn by selling the plants! EXAMPLE: a boy sells 100 singles and comes in first would receive \$300 in his scout account! That's a WEEK of SUMMER CAMP!

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Robinson at 610-415- [REDACTED] or stephaniefrobinsor@scout24.org



PASTA NIGHT

Tuesday, November 16th, at 7:00 PM

Baked Italian Chicken
Pasta with Marinara and Meatballs
Rolls, Salad and Dessert
Make reservations with Joe Cady,
610-647- [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

MAIN LINE ANIMAL RESCUE EVENT

On Saturday evening, September 29th, a group of scouts and adults from Troop 78 volunteered their services at the annual MLAR silent meeting. The event was a huge success, and our group had a lot to do with keeping everything running smoothly and efficiently.

Jimmy Hogan was honored before the entire group for the outstanding job he did on his Eagle project for the MLAR (see letter below).

We received numerous compliments not only from the MLAR staff but also from those attending the event.

Our group included Jimmy Hogan, Dan Dufoe, Mat Hogan, Connor Ritchie, Riley McCarthy, Chris Wang, Chip Lehmeny, Stan Conover, Jim Hogan, and Claire Hogan. We all had a good time for a good cause!

--Bob Matje

Dear Troop Leader:
On behalf of every dog and cat temporarily residing at Main Line Animal Rescue, waiting for their new home, I sincerely thank you for sharing the gifts of Jimmy Hogan. It was a pleasure to work with a young man who so exemplifies the ethics and behavior of a Boy Scout.

TROOP 78 BSA REGISTRATIONS

Troop 78 registration fees are due now. Willistown Troop 78 needs to register all scouts and adults each year with the Boy Scouts of America. Registration fees covering 2011 are the same rate as 2010.

2011 Troop 78 Registration Fees

- First scout \$65
- Each additional scout in a family \$50
- Venture Crew \$35
- Adults \$50
- 1st Year Dads \$35
- Seniors (age 65+) \$35

Dads, please show your support for your son and the Boy Scout program by registering as an adult.

If you have not already paid, your registration form and check are due now. If you have already paid, thank you!

New this year: All new and existing registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training.

For a form or questions, please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-██████ or Registrar@w██████



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ALL REGISTERED ADULTS

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies.

The following policy became effective June 2010.

- Youth Protection Training is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before submitting an application for registration.

He organized the entire project. With no help or guidance from us (unfortunately we just make it through the day caring for 150 dogs and cats), he coordinated the excavating, the layout of the garden and the donations of the plants from the Philadelphia Flower Show. It really was a feat on his part! He should be proud of the work he did.

Pickering Meade Farm was once home to cows and foxhounds and it is a spectacular place, with one of the oldest bank barns in Chester County. It became home to Main Line Animal Rescue about 5 years ago and we have worked hard to maintain the natural beauty of the whole property. The property is under an easement with French and Pickering Conservation Trust. It is essential that the look of the garden be as natural to the landscape as possible. Jimmy did a great job in doing just that.

This garden, having been built by a young man, is particularly poignant considering the story that led to our decision to have a memorial garden. In Baltimore on May 27, 2009, two young men thought it would be "fun" to pour gasoline on a 2-year-old female dog. Police arrived to find her burning and we received a call for help. Some wonderful volunteers brought her to our emergency hospital at Metropolitan, in Trooper, where they tried for 4 days to save her. Despite the best care we could offer, she passed away. Even in her last few days the veterinarians who treated her said she had the kindest eyes and never gave them a moment of trouble. Our new garden will be named for this dog, Mercy.

Work at an animal shelter is difficult, but the kindness of most people still urges us on to continue this work. Jimmy Hogan is one of those people. His hard work on behalf of the Eagle Scouts has given us a special place to share a moment of reflection for those who have lost a beloved pet. It is a treasure in so many ways.

*Sincerely,
Betsy Moran Legnini
Managing Director
Main Line Animal Rescue*

- Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years.

All troop 78 registered adults must complete the Youth Protection Training by November 2.

A Youth Protection Training session will be held at the cabin following the November 2nd Troop Committee meeting. All registered or to be registered adults are urged to attend.

Youth Protection Training can also be completed online and takes about 30 minutes to complete. These are the steps:

- Go to <http://myscouting.scouting.org>.
- Click on "Create an Account" if you do not already have one.
- Login to your account.
- Select "E-Learning" from left side.
- Select "Take Course" under Youth Protection Training.
- Complete the online training.
- Print your certificate.
- Cut out certificate and mail in with your dues or drop off at cabin office.

ADULT TRAINING CORNER

In addition to the online trainings that we hope you all are finding time to complete, here are some other opportunities.

Adult Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget.)

- November 2 – Youth Protection Training at 78 cabin
- November 6 – This Is Scouting (also online)
- November 6–7 – IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills)

Please continue to submit copies of your training cards to Sam Lemheney for inclusion in our training database. There are how-to guides located on the training section on the troop website (willistown78.org) if you have questions.

SCOUT TRAINING CORNER

If you are a new den chief, **Den Chief training** is recommended. Please plan on attending one of the three trainings. The next one is November 6. Den Chief Training is intended to

build enthusiasm for the job, develop high morals, and teach the skills the Den Chief will need to be successful. Training class descriptions can be found on the troop website under the training link.

TROOP WEBSITE

Reminder, the Troop website can be found at willistown78.org and contains many useful resources and the latest information about the troop activities and events



UPSTREAM – WITH A PADDLE

By Michael Bennett

Early one Sunday morning this past August, scouts and scouters of Troop 78 dragged themselves out of bed for a nine-hour bus ride to Pembroke, Ontario, where they spent the night. The next morning, they had a two-hour ride before they started on the water. The 2010 78 Algonquin Canoe Trip had begun! After twelve grueling miles, some were ready to collapse. The baptism by fire proved well worth it though, when they reached their campsite. From there, they had a wonderful view of a wide, shallow lake as they ate dinner and shot the breeze around their campfire before hitting the rack.

The first day set the tone for the entire trip: a speedy, efficient, and challenging day of canoeing followed by leisure and relaxation at camp. No two campsites were alike, and the days were filled with many unique experiences. The second day of the trip, for example, the scouts enjoyed swimming near a waterfall. On the third day, they visited fabled Lake Eustache and spent the day jumping from the cliffs into the water and boating around the lake. The next day, after pulling into their campsite, the boys enjoyed shooting through the Little Thompson Rapids again and again just for fun. The last full day,

the scouts had the legendary “Natch” as their campsite. The Natch is the campsite with the high cliffs in the background pictured on the cabin’s bulletin board. In camp, they hiked scenic Natch Peak and cracked each other up over a roaring campfire that night. All were sorry to start for home the next day.

However, these select highlights were only one part of the boys’ wonderful Canada experience. Many little things also contributed to the atmosphere of fun and adventure: going swimming out on a quiet river; the pesky squirrels and chipmunks that came extremely close to the kitchen and had to be chased away; and, best of all, the satisfaction of falling asleep surrounded by nature and her starlit sky.

Canada is a wonderful experience for all scouts due to its low cost, its high adventure, its many opportunities for learning, and the terrific time you will have on it. Challenge yourself to take on the goat-trail portages and to make your way through rapids without swamping. Canada 2011 sign-ups will be posted soon – make sure you watch for them. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mr. Siegle at 610-469-██████ or ██████████. This year’s participants would like to thank Mr. Siegle for his continued service to scouting.



SCRIP & THE HOLIDAYS

It is now time to start thinking about getting your holiday shopping done. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, November 7th, which will give everyone the opportunity to hand in orders at the meeting on Friday night the 5th. Cards ordered will be available on Friday the 12th. What better way of giving than with scrip/gift cards to all of your family and friends? It makes for a great gift AND your son

will benefit, too. Remember that half of the proceeds of what you buy will go directly into your son’s scout account. The other half will go into the next “Big Trip” fund. You can save for summer camp, Canada, or the next Big Trip, of which planning is in the works already.

We will stock Acme, Giant, and Wawa gift cards. All you need to do is fill out forms when buying these cards and pay with cash or a check made out to “Friends of Troop 78.” This will help us keep an accurate account of the credit that will go into your son’s scout account. You can also order cards from a list of retailers, just like last year. The list of retailers and the order forms can be downloaded from the troop web site at <http://www.willistown78.org/scrips-mainmenu-57.html>. Remember to save this site as a favorite.

For those unfamiliar with scrip, they are gift cards from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift cards that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Giant, Acme, Wawa, Starbucks, iTunes, Home Depot, Outback, CVS, Walgreens, and many, many others.

You’re probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It’s simple: scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our troop keeps the difference as revenue. You get half and the other half goes to the “Big Trip,” which your son will be going on. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business.
- You get a powerful revenue alternative that involves no selling.
- Your son gets money in his scout account.
- The “Big Trip Fund” grows and helps with our fund raising efforts for the big trip.

The Troop 78 scrip program promises to be a simple and effective revenue-

generating program that will be very beneficial to you, your scout, and their fellow scouts. Last year 26 scouts participated and brought in over \$1,000 of profits. Don't be left out of making money for yourself in these challenging times. Buy scrip for your everyday purchases like groceries and gas. Grocery stores like Acme and Giant give back 4% of all purchases. How much do you buy in groceries in a week? Multiply that by 52 and see how much money could add up in a year with 4% coming back to you and troop.

Thanks for your support,
Jim and Claire Hogan
Troop 78 Scrip Coordinators
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