



Willistown Troop 78

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Antietam National Battlefield

Antietam Creek



December 2021

- 1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 2 Thursday Poinsettia order sort and pick up at the cabin
- 3 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 7 Tuesday Board of Review 7:00PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 10 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 17 Friday Troop Meeting, Holiday Party 7PM

January 2022

- 7 Friday - 9 Sunday Winter Weekend, Camp Horseshoe

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

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Antietam

Friday November 12 - Sunday November 14, 2021

By Caleb Fulmer

Twenty Scouts and eight adults headed out to the historic Antietam Battlefield on a very memorable trip. The trip started on Friday night when everybody came to the cabin packed and ready to go to Antietam. We boarded the bus for a 3 hour ride to the campsite. Once we survived the 3 hour bus ride we went to the campsite and had to walk down the hill to our campsite. We set up the tent pavilions and grabbed a buddy to set up our tents. After that we were ready to go to bed. Sleeping was not too comfortable because we were sleeping on a hill, so every few hours you would wake up and have to scoot yourself back up.

The next morning we woke up, and the breakfast crew started making a breakfast of burritos with sausage and eggs. Everyone commented to the cooking patrol on how good the meal was. After breakfast we prepared our tents and backpacks for the forecast rain and set out for a tour of the Antietam battlefield. We rode in the bus to the Visitors Center. We got there a few minutes before it opened, so we checked out the monuments and cannons nearby. Once the visitors center opened, we went in and watched an introductory film. Then many scouts visited the gift shop and bought their fair share of souvenirs.



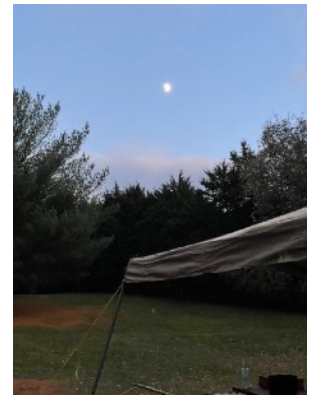
Once our tour guide joined us, we started the tour outside the visitors center with the cannons. We then went over to a monument to talk a little bit about Robert E. Lee's battle strategy. We then boarded the bus to go to another stop on the tour - Bloody Lane. Bloody Lane was an area in the Civil War where there were a lot of Confederate soldiers dead in the roadway. The next stop was the Burnside Bridge, where we climbed to the top of a hill to see more of General Lee's battle strategy. The last stop on the tour was the Civil War Cemetery. The cemetery is a place where we could remember those who died in the Civil War.

Afterwards we boarded the bus and went back to the campsite to eat a lunch of a turkey and cheese sandwich, a PB&J sandwich, fruit snacks and Oreo mini's. We all ended up eating lunch in our tents. The rain had cleared up and it was sunny. It was still cold, so the sunlight would go into the tents and heat them up so the tents were very warm. After lunch, a small group of scouts went back

to the Burnside Bridge and stayed there a little bit longer to further explore some of the monuments and historical signs.

The dinner crew started to make dinner at 5 o'clock. A dinner of chicken tacos with a side of rice was served at 6. After dinner we tried to stay warm, so we made a campfire, and had a snack of cookies. After snack we all went to bed. The next morning we all packed up our gear and our tents and had a breakfast of mini muffins and mini bagels, and some assorted cereals. Once we packed all of the troop gear in Mr. D's truck,

we made a police line and searched for trash. We took all of our personal gear up the hill and loaded the bus, then we left the campsite to go home. At around 10:30 a.m. we stopped at a rest stop area to get lunch and snacks. At 11:15 a.m. we started the bus back up and left to finish this trip. When we got back to the cabin we had to hang up the tents and ground tarps to dry and clean the bus. Finally, we had to unload Mr. D's truck into the closet, then we all went home to enjoy the rest of our Sunday! Overall I had a lot of fun.





Webelos First Responder

Thursday November 11, 2021

By Logan Duff

On a beautiful Thursday night we enjoyed an evening teaching first aid and showing some Webelos what our troop is all about. Each patrol ran a station with topics such as First Aid kits, CPR, cuts, hypothermia, and home emergency plans.

A Troop 78 alumnus was able to come to the cabin with a real ambulance that all the Webelos saw and got to ask questions about. We saw some faces of boys that had visited before and some completely new faces that we hope will take an interest in our troop. Overall, we got to introduce a bunch of possible new scouts to our troop, teach some valuable first aid skills, and give them a patch for their uniform at the same time. It was a great night and we look forward to seeing some of the boys in 78 uniforms.



Upcoming Events

Troop 78 is Heading Back to Walt Disney World!!!

Saturday April 9 - Saturday April 16, 2021

Time is running out to sign up for Disney 2022

Permission slips and deposit are due on Friday December 3rd. We need a minimum of 15 people to go to Disney. Official handout can be found on the troop web site.



Dates to remember for mandatory meetings and payments are:

1. Friday December 3rd (Troop Meeting) - \$425.00 Deposit and permission slip are due.
2. Sunday, February 11th (Troop Meeting)- \$400 Final Payment due
3. Friday March 18th, 9:00 PM (after Troop meeting) – Scout and Parent Meeting (Parent must attend with scout)
4. Sunday April 3rd – Bus and equipment cleaning meeting 1:00PM to 4:00PM
5. Friday April 8th – 7:00 PM Load your gear on the bus
6. Saturday April 9th – 1PM Leave for DISNEY

[Click here for more information.](#)

Fundraising

Holiday Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Pick up your order at the cabin on Thursday December 2 from 3PM - 6PM

Delivery for all orders December 2nd - 5th

The sale has been a grand success to this point!

We need your help!

The Holiday sale has closed and now we must fill and deliver the orders.



We had over 200 orders for 680 plants and 136 wreaths.

We are looking for 6-8 volunteers who can help unload and sort the poinsettia orders from (11-2pm on 12/2) and help with order verification at pickup (3pm-6pm). If you are willing to help sort, please use the [Sign Up Genius](#) to confirm. Our sorting coordinators are [Meena Krishnamurthy](#) and [Steve Wark](#).

Payment

The money for all early and regular orders is due at the cabin on Friday Dec 3rd.

Orders paid online with PayPal and credit card (Stripe payments) were already collected for you via the website. No money is due for those orders - only for the cash and check orders.



When do I pickup the poinsettias and wreaths?

Schedule your pickup time, to help with social distancing, by clicking the link in your e-mail (check for a Poinsettia Sale e-mail).

Pickup time is Thursday, December 2nd (3pm - 6pm).

Who do I contact about sale questions?

For sorting, unloading, or delivery please contact [Meena Krishnamurthy](#) or [Steve Wark](#).

For orders questions, please contact [Mark Siegle](#).

For online store questions, please contact [Jim Fox](#).

Yours in Scouting,
Willistown Troop 78 Poinsettia Sale Committee

Gift Card Fundraiser: “Scrip”

[Click here for more information.](#)

It’s holiday shopping time!

You can purchase gift cards for family, friends, teachers and service providers through Troop 78 !!

There are hundreds of stores from which to choose.

Additionally, think beyond holiday gifts and consider purchasing gift cards for monthly expenses such as groceries, gas, household supplies, clothing, and restaurants. Every gift card purchased through Scrips sends a rebate back to Troop 78. Rebates range from 1%-12% with occasional bonuses. For the next few weeks there are smaller gift cards – \$5/\$10, as well as lots of special bonuses.

You can fill out a paper order form and return to Steve or Sherri Wark or you can input your order electronically and pay by check made out to **Friends of Troop 78** or through Paypal or Venmo (ask Sherri for details on those). For some stores, e-cards are available. Reloadable gift cards are also available for some stores. Please visit shopwithscrip.com/shop for a full listing of gift card retailers available. A few of the new retailers include DoorDash, Ebay and Instacart!

NEW!! You can use the RaiseRight APP! Our Troop Enrollment code is FEF118A31591L You can input your order through the app and still pay by cash/check/Venmo, or you can connect a bank account (small transaction fee applied), or pay by credit card (2.6% fee added to your order at checkout). If you would like to order your gift cards online but not with the app, please contact Sherri Wark at sherriwark@yahoo.com. She will send you an email link to our Troop account through Scrips. It is an easy process.

Bring the form and the checks to the cabin **on or before Troop Meeting December 10th**. Please contact us directly with any orders after that date. Cards will be distributed at the meeting on December 17. You can also pick up at an alternate time.

Check out some of these examples below. Keep a few in your purse or wallet.

For example:

Giant \$100	\$4 rebate	Wawa \$100	\$1 rebate
Target \$100	\$2.50 rebate	Old Navy \$100	\$14 rebate
CVS \$100	\$6 rebate	Petsmart \$100	\$5 rebate
Dick’s \$100	\$8 rebate	Outback Steakhouse \$100	\$13 rebate

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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Alumni Corner

Franks-Giving!

“Franks” for the Memories.

Troop 78 Alumni Board Hosts 1st Event Over Thanksgiving Weekend.

Whether it’s visiting family, eating delicious food, watching football, or enjoying shopping deals, Thanksgiving weekend already has many wonderful traditions. On Saturday, November 27th, Troop 78 kicked off another one - the First Annual “Franks-Giving” for Troop friends and alumni. The event ran from 12 noon to 3 PM and featured a cornucopia of fun activities. Attendees from ages 8 to 80-plus feasted on hot dogs and relaxed by playing games such as ladder-ball and giant chess. Mostly, however, the former Scouts and Scouters enjoyed catching up and reminiscing about past Scouting adventures.

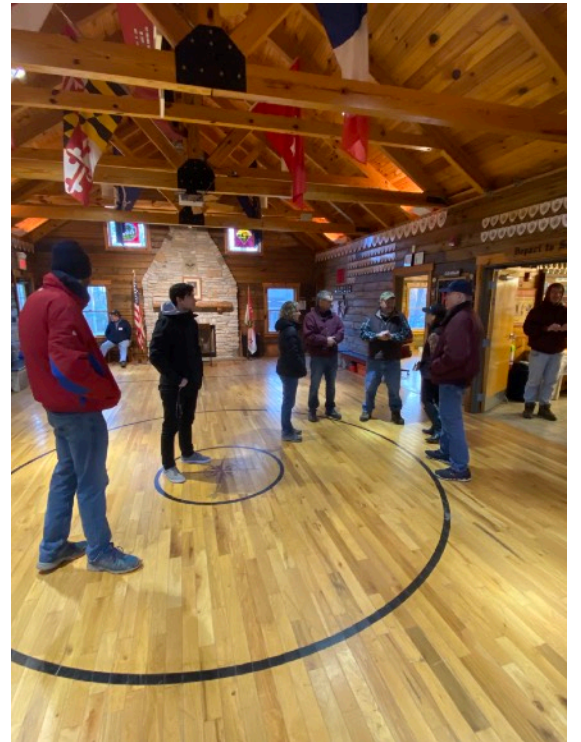
Every former Scout or Scouter knows, of course, that it takes a group to successfully plan and run events. For Franks-Giving, that group was the Troop 78 Alumni Board. “We had a great team,” said Michael Bennett, a Troop 78 alum and Alumni Board member, “and all the Board members contributed something.” Bennett elaborated that the Franks-Giving group “relished” its work from the start and never had to play “ketchup” with its assignments. Scoutmaster Steve D’Antonio concurred, adding that he thought the event had cut the “mustard” - even if Bennett’s puns “mayo” may not have.

While Franks-Giving had many enjoyable aspects, what really stood out throughout the afternoon was the power of Scouting to unite people across generations and to rekindle old memories. Frequently used phrases included “What a character he was!” and “That’s me in this picture!”. Scouts from different eras in Troop 78 history mixed easily, swapping stories about their most memorable trips and weeks at Summer Camp. As the guests departed, spirits were bright and everyone was looking forward to the next event.

Given the success of Franks-Giving, the 78 Alumni Board is already planning that next event. In late December (date TBD), Troop 78’s friends and alumni will get together at a local restaurant to celebrate the holiday season and the New Year. Watch your email and the Troop 78 Alumni Facebook page for details!

[Click here for the alumni association’s Facebook page.](#)





Chester County Council News

Spook-O-Ree

Friday November 5 - Sunday November 7, 2021

Camp Horseshoe and Camp Ware



Camp Horseshoe and Camp Ware came alive with an overflow crowd of more than 600 scouts and leaders for the annual Spook-o-ree.

Scouts met and competed in a variety of games and scout skill contests with a Halloween theme.

It was a beautiful weekend in November for a trip to camp and super fun for everyone.



Veterans' Breakfast

Thursday November 11, 2021

The Desmond, Malvern



Several hundred veterans, community leaders, and guests packed the banquet room at The Desmond Hotel for a breakfast to honor the country's veterans and for an address from Kenneth Braithwaite, former Secretary of the Navy. It was a fitting tribute to the nation's veterans.



Annual Gala

Friday November 19, 2021

Loch Aerie Mansion, Frazer, PA



Chester County scouts and supporters filled Loch Aerie Mansion for the annual Council gala. Those who attended were treated to a delicious buffet dinner, and an evening of music and dancing, all to benefit the scouts and program of Chester County Council.



Shower House

Camp Horseshoe

The new shower house at Camp Horseshoe is complete and awaits its final inspection from the township. This shower house will be open year-round and, if all goes as planned, it will be available for use on the Troop 78 winter weekend in January.

