



Willistown Troop 78

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Eagle Scout!



April 2020

1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM CANCELLED

3 Friday NO Troop Meeting due to Spring Break

4 Saturday - 11 Saturday Disney World, Florida CANCELLED

17 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM CANCELLED

18 Saturday Spring Cabin Clean up, 8AM - noon CANCELLED

23 Thursday Troop Meeting 7PM CANCELLED

24 Friday - 26 Sunday Order of the Arrow weekend CANCELLED

May 2020

1 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

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

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Eagle Scout Awarded to Christian Skodny

Sunday March 8, 2020

By Cody Carnes

On a bright Sunday afternoon, the troop gathered to commemorate the achievements of the scouts throughout the first half of the scout year. As usual, the scouts gave brief speeches about all of the recent exciting trips and events, including the 100th Anniversary Camporee, Winter Camp at Horseshoe, and the Chester County Council First Aid Meet. After the scout speeches and some adult announcements, we began the Order of the Arrow call out to recognize new candidates for the OA, followed by the beginning of the award ceremony.

The Boot award was given to Mr. Skodny, who had been the driver of the bus when it ran out of gas on the way to the First Aid Meet. Then, we began the scout awards, going through merit badges and ranks from Scout to Life. Finally, the afternoon ceremony concluded with the awarding of the Eagle Scout rank to Christian Skodny. Christian has had a long and prestigious scout career with Troop 78, including his service as Senior Patrol Leader the first half of this scout year, leading the troop to success at summer camp 2019, the fall Camporee, and the First Aid Meet.



Congratulations Christian!



Chester County Order of the Arrow Banquet

Saturday March 7, 2020

By Logan Duff

This March 7th, a few Troop 78 members attended the Order of the Arrow banquet. The OA banquet is a meeting of OA brothers to discuss future trips and events like the National Order of the Arrow Convention (NOAC), tap out the incoming OA Vigil Honor members, raise money for the OA lodge, and most importantly to gather the brothers to spend a night of food and conversation together.

It was held at the Technical College High School in Downingtown, and some of the culinary students prepared our exceptional dinner. The organizers also held a silent auction with items like homemade knives, cooking equipment, OA patches, and many others. All the proceeds went to funding for our brothers to attend NOAC. We also had a key speaker who shared with us his tale of traveling the entire Appalachian Trail. It was a very humorous speech with a few life lessons at the end. Many awards were given out like the Arrowman of the Year.

A highlight of the evening, our very own Francis Purcell achieved the highest degree in the Order of the Arrow - Vigil Honor. Overall, it was a great banquet and an exceptional opportunity for new OA members to see what the OA is about while raising money for a good cause.



Pasta Night

Tuesday March 10, 2020

By Joe Cady

On March 10, 42 Scouters, parents, and friends enjoyed the spring pasta night at the cabin. Through the labors of Jon and Claire Duncan, and Brian Rothberg, the lasagna was prepared during the morning and afternoon. Dave Bravo served table side (tough to pass a hot pan of lasagna), while meatballs and salad were available family style. The dessert table was plentiful (thank you Judy Cady), and Ernie, Betsy, Brian, and others cleaned up. Shout out to Nathan Motel for his work collecting money for the dinner and the gift card.



As you know, this event supports the troop's High Adventure Fund.

This particular dinner's profit will replenish the High Adventure money being used for the Kandersteg Switzerland trip this summer.

Thanks to all who attended!

Next Pasta Night date TBD.



Achgekatum Campfire Circle: Camp Horseshoe

Photos from March 26, 2020

The renovations at the campfire circle at Horseshoe are looking good!

The weather has continued to cooperate and with the camp closed to all visitors and scouts the contractor has been able to continue his work without interruption.

All of the site work, grading, leveling, and underground drainage work in the circle has been done. All of the benches have been replaced.

Site work and leveling between the road and the circle continues.

We are going to have a great new ceremonial fire circle for summer camp!



Spring Flower Sale

Delivery Date: Saturday May 9, 2020 Just in time for Mother's Day!

Our Spring Flower Sale is now underway!

Our grower is still growing plants and planning to deliver in May *after* the end date of the latest stay-at-home government directive.

We have a safe, secure, and easy way to place your order online for your spring plantings, baskets, and patio plants through the Troop 78 web store.

Visit: <https://shop.tr78.org> to support your favorite scouts!

This sale is very important for funding troop activities and is even more important this year due to the cancellation of our Hoagie Sale and Radnor Races fundraisers.

We are all looking for a reason to spend some time outside in our yards.

Time for some planting of flower beds and vegetable gardens!

Scouts please send the Troop web store link <https://shop.tr78.org> to your friends and family members.

Scout On! during the Viral Pandemic

As you all are aware, scouting face-to-face is completely shutdown for now.

All scouting activities are cancelled through to the end of April.

The Troop 78 cabin and property are closed to all visitors.

Please stand by for updates as the situation changes day to day.

We will continue to scout remotely through Scout-at-Home programs!

The Troop SPL and his staff will work with the Patrol Leaders to coordinate skills learning, merit badges, and rank advancement through remote link.

Scouts can find resources to learn scout skills, earn merit badges, and work toward rank advancement at this link. [Please click this link to the Council's remote scouting Scout On! platform.](#)

[Click here for the latest news from Chester county Council.](#)

For the Next Newsletter !!!

Hey everyone:

The next Newsletter will be a compilation of various contributions from you the readers.

Please submit posts about what you and your family have been up to during the viral shutdown. Looking for stories which will keep us updated on the activities of our “scouting family” and add some flavor to our current situation.

If you have photos, please send them along too.

What are you doing now that we are in a shutdown?

Send your submissions to [Pete Motel](#).

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Chester County Council gets 20% of its revenue through generous donations from the scouting community like you. This initiative is called Friends of Scouting. As we are all trying to: “Do Our Best to Help Other People at All Times”, please consider, if you can, a donation to the Council to support scouting in Chester County. The Council staff are all working from home to support [Scout On!](#) our new scout-from-home program.

Troop 78 is usually the leading unit in Chester County on FOS. [Click here for the link to FOS.](#)

Upcoming Events

Antietam National Park Campout: POSTPONED

Date: to be determined

Radnor Races: CANCELLED

Saturday May 16 & Sunday May 17, 2020

As I am sure most of you already know, the 2020 edition of the Radnor Hunt Races has been cancelled. I know you share our disappointment that this hallmark of the Troop 78 calendar will not be held this year. Thank you for all your past support.

See you all again next year! Look forward to seeing you on May 15 & 16, 2021 at the Races!

Summer Camp 2020

Week One starts on Sunday, June 21st and ends on June 28th

Week Two begins on Sunday, June 28th and ends on July 5th

As of now, Summer Camp is still scheduled as planned.

Winter has ended and summer camp registration is underway!

There are only 12 weeks or 81 days left until Troop 78 will arrive at the Dan Beard Campsite at Camp Horseshoe. [Summer Camp info on the Troop website.](#)



Due to COVID-19 and given that all BSA and Troop activities are cancelled through April, Council has announced an extension of the discounted rate Final Payment due date by 30 days. **Therefore, registration and the final discounted payment due date for Summer Camp is being extended from March 27, 2020 to May 1, 2020.**



The cost this year is \$420.00 per week if paid in full by May 1st (\$475 per week if paid after May 1st). Please include final payment slip with payment. [\(Final Payment Form is available on the Troop website\).](#)

Do not forget about the Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50/week for each additional scout per week.

Health/Medical forms are due May 15th. The health/medical form is on the troop website, Section C must be signed by a physician and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp.

The BSA has updated the [Health/Medical Form](#) this year, so make sure to download the most recent form from the Troop 78 website or from the Camp Horseshoe website. Please make sure the completed health/medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

If your scout has special dietary needs or needs to take medication while at camp, a Special Dietary Form and Medication Form are also required to be submitted with the health/medical form by May 15th (forms are available on the Troop website).

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by May 1st and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 15th.

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, hundreds of merit badges, and display their teamwork, skills, and Scout spirit in the many games and contests at camp. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year.

Your troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the troop in camp this summer. We are encouraging 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

Reminder: All KISC attendees under 18 must attend at least one-week of summer camp.

Key Dates –	
Camp Deposit	2/14/2020
Full Payment Due	5/01/2020 <i>(Revised Date)</i>
<i>(After this date, rate is \$470/week)</i>	
Health/Medical Forms Due	5/15/2020

We will continue to monitor the situation and will send additional updates as soon as we receive them. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hornickle at thornickle@msn.com or call at (610) 742-1560.

Please print out this Newsletter and post a copy at home for everyone to see.