



Willistown Troop 78

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2 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

4 Friday - 6 Sunday **Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe**

8 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM

Troop Committee 7:30PM

11 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

18 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

25 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

February

1 Friday Troop Meeting, Annual Troop First Aid Meet 7PM

2 Saturday Chester County Council First Aid Meet
Chester County Intermediate Unit
Downtown

3 Sunday **Super Bowl Breakfast 8AM - 11AM**

4 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM

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8 Friday - 10 Sunday Ski Trip to Vermont

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Holiday Party

Friday December 14, 2018

By Chris St. Clair

'Twas the night before Christmas (about 10 days before), and all through the cabin, the scouts have come together for a night of good fun. On Friday December 14, the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 78 came to the fun and exciting Annual Holiday Party and Scout gift exchange.

Every year, the meeting begins with an awesome and usually humorous first aid problem to help us prepare for the up-coming Council-wide First Aid Meet. Our SPL, Zach Fox, took extra time to make a first aid problem of his own, writing a Christmas poem with ridiculous first aid situations that you would least expect. Once the first aid competition was out of the way, it was time for the party to officially begin.

We enjoyed food, games and music, all while socializing with other patrols. And who could forget the most important thing: the gifts! Each Scout was instructed to bring a wrapped gift for someone else so they could participate in the Exchange and Trade. Gifts ranged from useful camp gadgets like flashlights and carabiners to other items like gift cards and boxes and bags of candy. When it was finally time to relax and socialize, we also got to eat. The food was delicious as usual and there was plenty to go around: homemade cakes and cookies, candy, ice cream, and all sorts of other treats.

As I wrap up this article, I would like to say, on behalf of all Scouts of Willistown Troop 78, thank you for all the support you give to your son in this troop. I would like to also say thank you to our scoutmaster Mr. Steve D'Antonio for an excellent year of scouting! We look forward to many more good years with Mr. D as our Troop's Scoutmaster.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! We are excited for the Scouting year of 2019 and we hope that you are as well.

Thank you to everyone who helps support Troop 78! Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2019!



Scrip: the gift that keeps on giving the whole year

Do you need store cards?

Please consider buying your store cards through the Troop. There are innumerable national and local retail stores who offer their cards through the Scrip program. For each card purchased, the Troop gets a donation which varies depending on the store. For instance, for each Barnes & Noble card, the Troop earns 8% of the value, meaning if you buy a \$100 B&N card, the troop earns \$8, the value of the card remains \$100. Please see the scrip website for the full list of stores at www.shopwithscrip.com.

If you wish to buy cards through this program, please get your requests to [Ted Dinsmore](#).

Notice of Upcoming Events

Horseshoe Winter Camp Weekend

Friday January 4 - Sunday January 6, 2019

Please join us for the annual Father / Son Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe. We will be staying indoors in cabins heated by wood stoves, sleeping on bunks with mattresses, eating a delicious menu of home cooked food, and generally living large.

The Troop will collect and split firewood for the camp, then work on individual scout advancement, play games, compete in a round robin of scout skill events and all around have fun.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Winter Camp Packing List

By Jim Hogan

What-to-bring-list:

1. Your Disney permission slip and deposit
2. All the other stuff

Disney Reminder:

Disney permission slips and deposits are due by Sunday January 7th. Permission slips can be downloaded from the troop website. Permission slips and deposits can be handed in at Winter Camp or mailed to Mr. Hogan at: 15 Pine Road, Malvern PA 19355. Please make sure everything is filled out and handed in on time. Our goal is to get the ticket order in early and have the opportunity to get Fast Passes for the rides that are the most popular. Mr. Hogan cannot order tickets until he has an adequate head count to hand into the "YES" Program (Youth Education Program) and we are accepted. [Click here for more information.](#)



What are we doing?

We're going to Disney World! Friday April 12, 2019 - Saturday April 20, 2019

Five days of Park-Hopping. We can visit any of the four theme parks: Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot. We can also use our ticket for up to five visits to Disney Quest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Miniature Golf Courses), or the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground.

Disney dates to remember:

1. Sunday January 7th (Winter Camp) - \$300.00 Deposit and permission slip are due
2. Sunday, February 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast) - \$300 Final payment due
3. Friday March 8th, 9:00 PM (after Troop meeting) – Scout and Parent Meeting (Parent must attend with scout)
4. Sunday April 7th – Bus and equipment cleaning meeting 1:00PM to 4:00PM
5. Thursday April 11th – 6:30 PM Load your gear on the bus
6. Friday April 12th – 1PM Leave for Disney



We must have at least 20 Scouts and Adults to Camp at Disney.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

First Aid Meet

Saturday February 2, 2019

The patrols will again represent Troop 78 at the Chester County First Aid Meet coming up in February.

The scouts have been practicing first aid for several weeks now and will continue practicing up to the Troop First Aid Meet, Friday February 1. In recent years the troop has done well at the county First Aid Meet. Two years ago our patrols swept the top 5 places and last year we took 4 of the top 5 slots.



Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 3, 2019

When: February 3 - 8:00AM until 11:00AM - come when you can - open seating

Where: Achgekatum Lodge (The Troop 78 cabin)

Menu: Eggs cooked to order, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Milk, Coffee

A Donation of \$5 is suggested.

Please email if you are coming: Joe Cady: jcadyjr@gmail.com



Ski Trip

Friday February 8 - Sunday February 10, 2019

By Jim Bennett

Skiing is Believing - in Vermont!

NEW EVENT ON THE TROOP CALENDAR!

Given the success of last year's ski trip, we have tentatively booked ANOTHER trip to Mount Snow, Vermont and the Buck Ridge Ski Lodge for the weekend of February 8 – 10, 2019. If you went on last year's trip, you know that this was one of the best Troop events of the year. And if you missed it, here's your chance to join us for another great winter weekend!



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For those not familiar with the venue, Mount Snow is in southern Vermont. The summit elevation is 3,600 feet and the hill has a vertical drop of 1,700 feet. Mount Snow gets over 13 feet of natural snowfall each year, and has some of the best snowmaking capability on the East Coast. 15% of the runs at Mount Snow are “green circles” for beginners, and roughly the same percentage – mostly on the North Face – are “black diamonds” that will test experts. Most of Mount Snow is comprised of challenging “blue squares,” with long runs and fun for intermediates and above. Please visit their website at: <https://www.mountsnow.com>

Once again, we have teamed up with the Buck Ridge Ski Club to stay at their lodge, which is just over 2 miles from the base of Mount Snow. The Lodge has 28 bunks and four couches, as well as ample “floor space”; propane heat with a propane fireplace; two dining areas; two kitchens; and multiple bathrooms. There are indoor cubbies for ski boots; a large vestibule for stowing skis and snowboards; and many board games in the spacious living area for après-ski relaxation.

We are able to offer the Troop scouts and scouters great prices for two days of skiing (yes, we’re skiing on both Saturday AND Sunday), transportation, and Troop-provided meals, as follows:

- For Scouts who both have a “Peak Pass” that is accepted at Mount Snow AND who have their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet), there is no charge to go on this trip!
- The cost for Scouts (that is, those up to and including 18 years of age) with their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet) is only \$60.
- The cost for Scouts who need a lift ticket AND who need equipment (see above) is only \$85.
- The cost for an adult with a “Peak Pass” that is accepted at Mount Snow AND who have their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots, and helmet) is \$135*.
- The cost for an adult who has his own equipment but who needs a lift ticket is \$180*.
- The cost for an adult who needs to rent equipment, who needs a lift ticket is \$275*.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST USE A HELMET – NO EXCEPTIONS.

*An adult who is already a member of Buck Ridge Ski Club as of January 1, 2019 gets a \$35 reduction in these fees. As an example: an adult with his own equipment who needs lift tickets AND who is a member of Buck Ridge Ski Club already pays only \$145 instead of \$180. You must provide a copy of your BRSC membership card to get the discount. Fees for adults with helmets will also be reduced by \$20. So, if an adult needs skis and boots but owns his own helmet, his fee would instead be \$255. If that same adult also already has a BRSC membership, his fee would be further reduced to \$220.

The adult charges include a family membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club. The Club membership entitles the member and all family members up to age 21 to use the Lodge anytime between now and October 31, 2019 for only \$25 per person. The nightly fee for guests of members is only \$35 a person. Membership also provides discounts on lift tickets at many ski resorts, including Mount Snow.

Ski and board lessons are available at Mount Snow. If you are interested in a lesson package, please contact Mr. Bennett directly at skibennett@comcast.net, or call him on his mobile number at 267 615 4236.

The fees outlined above are the discounted “early bird” charges for those who sign up for the trip and remit payment by Friday, January 18th. Sign-ups and payments after that date are subject to an additional fee of \$35 per person (including late Scout sign-ups). Save money and sign up early! Don’t delay – see the form and equipment packing list on the Troop’s website. The flyer/sign-up form will be distributed at Winter Camp and at the Troop’s meeting on January 11th.

NOTE: This trip will take the place of the one day ski trip that is currently on the calendar for Sunday, January 20th. That trip is **cancelled**. If we do not have adequate sign-ups for the Vermont trip, we will instead have a one day ski trip to the Poconos on Sunday, February 10th.



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