



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

June

Wednesday 1
Patrol Leaders' Council
7:30 PM

Thursday 2
Troop Meeting 7PM
Field Day Part I

Sunday 5
Annual Field Day
Family Picnic 3PM-5PM

Tuesday 7
Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

Friday 10 to Sunday 12
Order of the Arrow Service
Weekend (Members Only)

Saturday 25
PLC reports to Camp
Horseshoe

Sunday 26
Summer Camp Week 1
Camp Horseshoe 1PM

July

Sunday 3
Summer Camp Week 2
Camp Horseshoe 1PM

Saturday 23 to Saturday
August 6
Kandersteg

August

Algonquin Canoe Trip
Sunday 7 to Sunday 14

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

RADNOR RACES 2016!

Another year in the books

By Nathan Motel

Early on the morning of Saturday May 21, Troop 78 scouts and scouters began arriving at the check-in table for our most important volunteer event of the year, The Radnor Races. This large horse racing event, organized by the Brandywine Open Land Conservancy and hosted by the Radnor Hunt, brings together thousands of people from around the area and the country for an afternoon of competition and fun.

After checking-in each scout and scouter made their way to their assigned job. The most popular of these jobs is parking cars. We were assigned to Lot 2. Once we arrived in Lot 2, we began to set up the parking rows. The rows were spaced 20 paces apart to ensure ample room for cars to pull in and out of their spaces. Although people arrived early, it wasn't until eleven o'clock that the cars began to pour into the parking lots. This mass movement of cars continued until about four o'clock. We were allowed to leave around five o'clock once the cars had stopped arriving entirely. All together we probably parked about 600 cars.

By Brian Rothberg

Despite the inclement weather, Troop 78 still accounted for nearly 140 scouts and scouter volunteers on Saturday to help with the event, and more than 50 scouts and scouter volunteers to help with clean up on Sunday. We had a total of only 10 no-shows for the entire weekend; considering the elements, an excellent result. BUT, we had 10 people come out who had not originally signed up! There cannot be many organizations anywhere that could do that. Troop 78 continued its proud tradition of helping this worthy cause. See you all again next year!

[Click here for more pictures and video](#)



Mr. Smith, Mr. Cady and Mr. Matje: ready to roll

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Canoe Trip on the Brandywine River

By Jack Dinsmore

Troop 78's annual canoe trip was nearly spoiled by the chance of thunderstorms, but the troop was determined to get everyone onto the water. To be able to get on the water with safety in mind the trip was rescheduled to a one day trip. All 39 of those attending were awake and lively on an early Sunday morning ready for many miles of canoeing. After a ride on the bus, we arrived at the put in, unloaded all the canoes, kayaks, and other various equipment and then began to organize boat crews. While a few adults were moving the cars down to the take out, the staff was giving a quick lesson on paddle strokes, first aid, and safety on the water. Soon enough the adults returned and it was time to launch!

All 18 canoes and 3 kayaks were on the water and at this point all dry. It wasn't long before we all reached our first portage. The portage went around a dam that looked awfully tempting to ride over. The portage was more awkward than the average portage but we made it through with minimal flipped



vessels. The constant rainfall from the past week made this trip on the Brandywine one of the best with minimal beaching or scraping on the bottom of the canoes. We tied up our canoes at the Brandywine Museum where they generously let us eat our lunches in the parking lot which we soon found out was not worth the trouble. Where we parked our canoes there was a muddy hill that made it hard to keep your footing which resulted in people rolling into the water or falling when trying to get back into their canoes. The most impressive flip of the day was during lunch by Ethan Bilson who decided to slide down a hill with a kayak into water no more than two feet deep. Despite his best effort he ended up in the water. The rest of the trip was just as good as the beginning with only a few flips that didn't even phase the fun we had and maybe even added to it. At the take out, we portaged our canoes up to the bus, packed up, switched out of wet clothing, and made our way back to the cabin.

[Click here for more pictures and videos.](#)



Spring Flower Sale

Our Spring flower sale was a great success. The scouts sold and delivered over 1200 plants to hundreds of happy customers. The troop and the scouts both benefit from this effort, the proceeds are shared between the individual scout's accounts and the troop.

[Click here for more pictures](#)

Please stay tuned for information this coming Fall on our next fundraiser.



Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Field Day and Family Picnic

66th ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC Sunday, June 5, 3:00 PM

PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO THIS ANNUAL EVENT!

FIELD DAY - 3:00 PM to about 4:30 PM at the Scout Cabin.

Come see your scout's patrol compete in various skill events in an attempt to win the coveted Field Day trophy. For 66 years, Troop 78 has been holding this Inter-patrol competition to determine the top patrol in scout skills. Events include Patrol Wood Chopping, Patrol Water Boiling, Flint and Steel Fire Starting, Nine Knot Sequence, Patrol Knot relay, Patrol Chariot races and Two-man String Burning. Bring your cameras and a lawn chair.

FAMILY PICNIC - 4:30 PM (or immediately following the Field Day events).

Following Field Day, stay around for food and conversation. Meet the other parents and adults involved with Troop 78. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

Please bring a Salad if your last name begins A through L or a Dessert if your last name begins M through Z.

Parents: If you are able to help setup for the picnic, help is needed Sunday at 2:30 PM, and clean-up help is needed after the picnic. Many hands make light the work! ALSO BRING: any medical forms or monies not yet turned in for summer camp.

SCOUTS: PLEASE WEAR YOUR COMPLETE SUMMER UNIFORM TO FIELD DAY.

Order of the Arrow Service Weekend



There is an OA weekend set for Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 12 at Camp Horseshoe. This weekend is open to all members and candidates who were tapped out at our February Court of Honor. New candidates: if you have not yet gone through your initial weekend, you must attend either this weekend in June or the September service weekend (September 23 to 25). If you do not attend one of these weekends, you will need to be elected again.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Or you may also see the OA page on the troop website (tr78.org) or visit: octoraro22.org.

Summer Camp: June 26 to July 10

It's not too late to sign up!

The cost this year is \$440 per week. Please note: there is a long-standing well-used program in place for scouts who need help with the cost of camp. See Mr. D about this.

Please turn in your completed medical form to the troop by June 2nd (Thursday troop meeting). The health form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp.



Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at [Camp Horseshoe](#) for two weeks.

Week One: Sunday, June 26th - July 3rd.

Week Two: Sunday, July 3rd - July 10th.

[Click here for more information and forms.](#)

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, dozens 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.

A reminder to those going on the KISC trip, that attending summer camp or working on the camp staff in 2016 is a prerequisite. You must attend camp with the troop or work at camp to go to KISC.

Important KISC Trip Updates

We are now only one month away from our great adventure in the Swiss Alps at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC). We have 22 scouts and 15 leaders going to KISC.

All scouts and leaders must turn in:

- 1) a signed Code of Conduct
- 2) a signed and notarized Permission and Release
- 3) a medical form dated less than one year old which will be valid through the final date of the trip.

If you have not already done so: Please send a photocopy of your passport to Mr. Skodny **and make a copy of your passport for your own home records.**

Also, on the trip, **you must bring your passport and another copy of it** in case your passport is misplaced while we are abroad.

If you need a passport, apply for it NOW. If you have a passport, it must be valid for 6 months AFTER our return date.

The next and final group meeting will be in July, probably the week of the 11th when everyone is back from camp, exact date to-be-determined. At that meeting we'll go over final preparations; things like: when we're leaving and what to do (we'll all meet at the cabin and leave via our bus), bring your meds, emergency contacts, some of the adult leaders will need to have phone service, go over packing again, etc.

People going should be gathering the items on the packing list if they don't already have them, making sure they are doing some sort of exercise, should begin hydrating about 2 weeks before the trip, should make sure their paperwork is all in.

Click here for the [Kandersteg Information Page](#) on the Troop web site.

Click here for the [Activity Schedule Grid](#).

Click here for the [Activity Descriptions](#).

Click here for the [Kandersteg website](#).

Questions: email [Steve Brown](#).

ALGONQUIN CANADA 2016

Are you looking for High Adventure, Gourmet Cuisine, International Travel to mysterious places but don't want to spend a lot?? Then we have the trip for you! Once again we will return to the peaceful waters and hallowed forests of Algonquin Provincial Park in the great Canadian Province of Ontario.

Our trip begins on Sunday August 7th and returns on Sunday, August 14th. So anyone going to Kandersteg who thought Canada conflicts with the Europe trip schedule would be mistaken and still has the chance to sign up for both trips. Imagine that, international travel on two continents in one summer. Wow! Now that's a summer vacation to remember! And when your friends ask; "What did you do this summer?" You know you will have the best stories of all of your friends combined to tell and remember forever.



The cost you ask? A mere \$350 per person. That's less than a week at summer camp! That's crazy!! How do we do it?

To learn more of how we do it, make the first move by signing up today. There will be a sign-up sheet at the cabin or you can email Mr. Siegle directly at msiegle@att.net and let him know you want to go. We already have several scouts and adults signed up so act now because space is limited. Don't miss out on the summer of a lifetime!

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

The annual fundraising drive to support Chester County Council, BSA is underway. These funds support the activities of our local scout council, including the Camporee, First Aid Meet, and Camp Horseshoe. Please consider a donation to [Chester County Council](#). If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Jim Bennett](#).

