



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

April

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

5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders'
Council 7:30PM

7 Friday - 15 Saturday
Florida Disney Trip

21 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

22 Saturday Spring Clean up at
the cabin 8AM - Noon

28 Friday - 30 Sunday
Order of the Arrow service
weekend at Camp Horseshoe

28 Friday Spring Flower Sale
orders due

May

1 Monday Friends of Tr 78 7PM

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

3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders'
Council 7:30PM

5 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
Final payment due for summer
camp. [Click here for info.](#)

6 Saturday - 7 Sunday
Campout: Canoe Trip

12 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
Flower sale delivery

Please note:

There are no Troop meetings
April 7, April 14, April 28

[Click here for full calendar](#)

Appalachian Adventure

Appalachian Trail Hike March 24 - 26, 2017

CHALLENGE TREK - 5.5 mile hike on the AT from Stokes State Forest to Brink Shelter campsite, north to south.
(Recommended for young Scouts and new backpackers)

LONGER TREK - 11+ mile hike from Camp NoBeBoSco to Brink Shelter campsite, south to north.
(For senior Scouts and experienced backpackers)

SUNDAY TREK -
Reversal of Challenge Hike back to the bus.

by Bryce Elliott, longer hike

Friday evening was a slow grueling drive to Camp NoBeBoSco, a scout camp in northern New Jersey. There we built our tents and slept. In the morning, we ate breakfast and got ready to hike. The long hikers and short hikers then split.

The short hikers got on the bus while the long hikers started their hike from the camp. The long hike started by going up the side of the ridge. After we got to the top, it was ups and downs from there. We stayed mostly silent as we trekked, taking in the views when we stopped.

When we got to our camping spot, we started up dinner. Dinner was beef stroganoff and mashed potatoes. This meal was cooked using boiling water in the plastic bags they were stored in. Sleep took us fast and only the silence remained in the cold night. The next morning, many scouts did not want to leave their sleeping bags as it was frigid.



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We got out anyway to eat breakfast and pack up. Once everything was packed, we hiked several miles down to the bus. The bus ride home included lots of gratitude that the trip was over and many stories of what happened on the trails. Once at the cabin, we all got to work hanging out the tents and unpacking packs for the last time. After all of the jobs were done, we all went home to a good dinner and a good night's sleep.

by Nathan Schallack, challenge hike



This year's hike on the backpacking trip was quite the load because we had about six inches of snow on the ground and in some spots more. Also what made the trip even more difficult was that the hike was the longest it has been for a while in past years.



We woke up Saturday morning and we had French toast and sausage with some cereal for breakfast. We packed up our tents and loaded those onto the bus while the long hikers left from the campsite. My food group and I were handed our rations of food for the weekend and for lunch later in the day.

We boarded the bus and headed off to the midpoint on the trail, from there we found the trailhead and started off for what I didn't know at the time was the most tiring experience of all time. Though it was still quite the fun time, I have to say because we had plenty of fun later in the trip. Anyway, after we got along the trail, people started to slow down becoming more and more tired.



I managed a steady pace progressing forward, not expecting to have to drag myself up a fairly large mountain, but it all came with a reward because we got to see a beautiful view at the top of the mountain sitting on a plateau looking down on the small town below. We waited for a while to let everyone come up and then a while more to let everyone rest. After we were well rested, all of us continued down the trail slowly decreasing and sloping down the mountain until we had split up and spread out so far apart that the group up front ended up waiting for an almost twenty minutes until everything was caught up and we kept going forward and eventually we exhaustively dragged ourselves into camp.

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

Eagles Arrive!

Court of Honor: Sunday March 12th

by Christian Skodny

The Court of Honor started promptly at 3:00PM with the SPL Jay Madarasz leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. We moved into the Highlights-of-the-Year speeches about the Naval Academy and Wolf Preserve trip.

The dance team, which has practiced for months, took the stage to perform for the troop and did an amazing job entertaining the scouts and guests. The dance team then conducted the Order of the Arrow tap out ceremony. The Hornickles: Mr. and Alex were both tapped out. The adults gave announcements for upcoming events such as the hoagie sale and Radnor Races. The Recruit of the Year was recognized: David Lane. The Compass Award for outstanding service by a scout who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the troop was given to: Ethan Bilson, Jack Dinsmore, Michael Orlow, Matt Urban.

The Eagle Scouts were then presented: George Meltzer presented by Ethan Bilson, Peter Zuraw presented by Nathan Motel, and Luke Phayre presented by myself, Christian Skodny. The event ended with Scoutmaster's Benediction. Delicious cake was served to celebrate the Eagle Scouts' achievement. Congratulations to everyone!



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First Aid Meet Victory!

by JT Schallack, Patrol Leader, Moose Patrol

On Saturday February 4th the troop headed to compete in the annual Council First Aid Meet. But what we didn't know was that we were getting on the bus to make history. Contrary to popular belief, we do not just practice first aid to win the first aid meet, we practice to prepare for 3 real world scenarios.

We prepare to: 1) Aid in treatment of a subject in an emergency situation, 2) Treat ourselves in the event of self-injury, and 3) Provide direction in a crisis situation. The first aid meet provides practice and testing of these skills in the form of three types of problems. First, there is the infamous Registration Problem, testing the obscure points of first aid and personal treatment. Then comes the Standard Problem, involving one or two victims, requiring the patrol to evaluate, strategize, and execute a plan of action. And finally there is the Patrol Leader Problem where the Patrol Leader is taken out of the action, serves as the injured subject, and therefore cannot direct his patrol in the work. For the first time in a long time, the entirety of the Troop performed well on the Registration Problem, creating a lead from the very beginning. And the lead only grew, few Troop 78 problems went into the scoring room without a 90 point score or higher. Even with the twists thrown at us we still performed well. After the final problem was finished we sat and waited to hear the score results. The longest wait of the day... then finalists were called up: All from Troop 78.

5th Rattlesnake

4th Flying Eagle

3rd Stag

2nd Panther

1st Moose

That was the first time that anyone can remember that every top spot was taken by the same troop.

[Click here for more pictures](#)



Hoagies, Hoagies and More Hoagies for 2017

by Kathi Schallack, Hoagie Sale coordinator

Another great hoagie season has ‘wrapped up’ nice and neatly and been ‘delivered’ with great success!! Thank you to all that came to slice, fill, assemble, wrap and then yes distribute those fantastic Italian hoagies!! Even though this season’s selling was lighter than years past it was a tremendous success to see parents and Scouts alike work together in making this sale what it is. It is a daunting task, but we see old-timers and new parents come out Thursday night to slice the thousands of slices of meat and cheese, Friday night to put those thousands slices of meat and cheese together plus fill those peppers cups and Saturday morning to build the final product, organize it and pack it for the Scouts to retrieve. It takes tremendous effort well beyond what is actually seen to make this fundraiser happen every year and for those who thank Mr. Schallack and I for our efforts I would personally like to say “THANK YOU”!! YOU are what make our efforts worthwhile. Congratulations to our top sellers for the 2017 hoagie sale.

Andrew Brown 1st place - David Lane 2nd place - Jay Madarasz 3rd place

Spend your prizes wisely boys! Congratulations to all the Scouts who helped with the continued support of Troop 78 and adding funds to their individual Scout accounts.

Until next year: when I might have the smell of Italian hoagie out of my car!! [More pictures here](#)



Notice of Upcoming Events

Spring Flower Sale

Our Spring Flower Sale kicked off Friday March 31.

Same as last year, we have a tremendous selection of a wide variety of flowers, garden plants, and herbs. Please visit our newly updated online store at: <https://shop.tr78.org/>

The flowers will be delivered Saturday May 13th, just in time for Mother’s Day Sunday March 14th.

Personal Management Merit Badge

For anyone who has already started Personal Management Merit Badge:

Mr. Hogan will be having a wrap-up session on Friday April 21 at 6PM before the regular Troop Meeting at 7.

Please come prepared to discuss and / or turn in your outstanding work.



Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Attention! All current members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) and those new candidates recently recognized at the Court of Honor are due to attend the service weekend at Camp Horseshoe scheduled for April 28, 29, 30.

As many of you know, Horseshoe depends on the volunteer time and work effort of the OA for much of the Camp's maintenance. Over the course of many years, the OA and its work crews are responsible for the current excellent condition of campsites, trails, roadways, buildings, and program areas in Camp.

Please consider coming to help the Camp maintain its reputation as one of the premier scout camps in United States. Everyone will be put to work!

Save the Date: Radnor Races 2017

RADNOR RACES - SAT, MAY 20 & SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 20th & 21st. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as much time as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 20. Please concentrate on helping us between 11:00 and 3:00. These are the most critical hours. Of course help any time is appreciated and extended hours are always needed. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon. Remember, we welcome and need help from all those you can bring out, not just Scouts & parents! Contact Brian Rothberg at: bricycle@verizon.net

Volunteering at the Radnor Races helps:

- Our Troop's major community service project
- Troop 78 earn funds
- Protect the environment, as the Troop helps the Brandywine Conservancy
- Earn money in your scout account

Your sign-up sheet should arrive in the mail soon. Please fill it out & send it back as soon as you get it. That will minimize unnecessary calls and e-mails both for your sake and ours. BE PROMPT! [Click here for pictures and information from Radnor Races 2016.](#)

Count Down to Summer Camp at Horseshoe!

Important Dates: Payment due May 5.

Health form due June 8.

We will be back in camp Sunday June 25 to Sunday July 9, 2017

[Click here for a countdown to Horseshoe 2017.](#)

[Click here for link to pictures and videos from the troop's stay at camp last year.](#)

[Click here for the troop web page which shows cost, sign up info, and dates.](#)

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