



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 2014

1/3-5 - Winter Camp at Horseshoe – Fathers invited!

1/7 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.

1/8 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30PM)

1/10 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*

1/10 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) (Fla. Deposits Due)

1/17 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/24 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/26 - **Ski Trip**

1/31 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

FEBRUARY 2014

2/3 - *Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting*

2/4 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.

2/5 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

2/7 - TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7 to 9 PM)

Begin Hoagie Sale

2/8 – Council First Aid Meet (meet at cabin at 7:00 AM)

2/13 – *Council-wide Roundtable*

2/21-23 – Matje Farm Klondike Weekend

2/28 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

NOTE: Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold. TROOP MEETINGS underlined in CAPITALS. *Adult only meetings in Italics.*

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The January Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:30 PM at the cabin. The committee meets to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.



WINTER CAMP

Father/Son Weekend

Winter Camp fun is just after the New Year, January 3-5. Remember to tell your Patrol Leader by Sunday, December 29th, that you are attending. Food cost is \$20 for adults (collected at camp) and free for Scouts and visiting Webelos.

Dads, we encourage you to join us and see what Troop 78 is all about. Please let your son's Patrol Leader know you will be joining us. Consult the December newsletter for a packing list.



SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 (Note change in date)

Join Willistown Troop 78 as we head to Jack Frost Ski Resort in the Poconos for a day of skiing on Sunday, January 26. The bus will be leaving the cabin at 6:30 AM sharp to make the drive up the Pennsylvania Turnpike for a day of fun on the slopes. If you haven't been to Jack Frost recently, you're in for a treat! Jack Frost has the best snowmaking capability in the Poconos and has trails for the expert and novice alike. If you've never skied or boarded, Jack Frost has one of the premier instructional programs on the East Coast. And if you're an experienced boarder or skier, you'll love Jack Frost's board park and the challenges of East

Mountain! Check out the trail map, the lodge and a live web cam showing the fabulous conditions at www.jfbb.com.

Families are welcome to join the Scouts, and family members can take advantage of our group rates. While we cannot accommodate families on the bus, you can drive up to Frost on your own, or you can follow the bus. Directions will be available. Driving time is about 1:45 from the Cabin.

Note: All Scouts and family members that ski or board with us on this trip **MUST** wear helmets – no exceptions! Helmets are available for rental at Jack Frost for an additional charge of \$10 per person.

Our group rates are set out below. Flyers will be available at the first troop meeting after New Year's Day and will also be available at the Father/Son trip. Don't miss out on a great day of skiing and snowboarding with Troop 78!

Group Rates for Jack Frost Ski/Snowboard Trip:

- All area lift tickets: Youth (up to 18) - \$30. Adult - \$37
- Package (lift, rental of board or skis, and lesson) - \$45 (youth or adult)
- Helmet rental - \$10



HEADING TO WALT DISNEY WORLD WITH TROOP 78?

Reserve Your Spot for Spring Break 2014 – April 11 - 19

With a five-day Park-Hopper ticket, you can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and you can use your pass for up to five visits to DisneyQuest and the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time.

Our Troop Committee has determined eligibility as, those Scouts who -

- 1) are registered and active in the troop (50% minimum participation),
- 2) attended or worked at summer camp at least one week in 2013,
- 3) are *or will be* First Class rank by March 22nd, and
- 4) are responsible enough to visit the theme parks on their own with a small group of other Scouts as determined by their parents and the Scoutmaster.

The total cost including bus transportation, food, camping fees, a five-day Park-Hopper Disney pass, is expected to be **only \$515.00**. Money from your Scout camping account may be used for this trip. A \$200 deposit is due by **January 17th**. Note: Although all meals are provided at the campsite, most Scouts bring \$100 to \$150 spending money for food (lunch in the parks), beverages, souvenirs, etc.

Reserve your spot now by sending your deposit of \$200 per person via check payable to **Willistown Troop 78, B.S.A.**, to **Miles Stevens, 1130 Paxson Hollow Rd., Media, PA 19063**, or bring it to a **troop meeting**. You may use your Scout camping account money by calling or e-mailing Mr. Joe Cady at (610) 647-4037, jcady@comcast.net.

Once you reserve a spot you will receive further instructions

regarding departure times, what to pack, spending money, bus preparation etc.

We must have at least 20 Scouts and adults to camp at Disney. If we do not have 16 Scouts, we will have to cancel; so talk it up!

SEA BASE – SUMMER 2015 Signup Meeting January 10

There will be a meeting on January 10 at 6 PM at the cabin (an hour before the troop meeting) to sign up for Sea Base - Summer 2015.

Parents should attend and should be prepared to make a \$100 per person deposit if their Scout (or Scout and Dad) wish to go.

We will be signing up for the Sea Base "Aqua Adventure" program. This is an eight-day open water Scuba diving trip to the Florida Keys that runs either Wednesday - Wednesday or Sunday - Sunday.

At our meeting on January 10 we will decide which weeks of Summer 2015 will work for our group. Parents should bring calendars as well as checkbooks.

At the meeting we also will discuss all of the details of the trip and trip preparation (Scuba certification, etc). Scouts need to be 13 years old AND finished 8th grade OR 14 years old at the time of the trip.

For Scouts (and Dads) the January 10 meeting is the Go/No Go decision point.

We had a great trip this past summer – don't miss Sea Base 2015



2013 POINSETTIA SALE RESULTS

Well, the results are in and you guys broke the records! Highest sales of any year and most plants sold, ever! This year also had the highest sales per Scout ratio, which indicates that some of you took advantage of making high volume sales to corporate and organization customers. For the first time ever the troop sold over a thousand plants (1044), so many in fact our grower had to schedule an extra delivery day. Great job everyone and a special thank you to all of the parents who helped their sons transport and deliver poinsettias to their customers!

Now for the Salesmen of the Year Awards: First we should mention that four of you sold over \$1,000 each. Eight Scouts sold more than 35 plants and more than half the Scouts selling poinsettias this year sold more than 20 plants each. Great job, gentlemen, you all worked very hard to do your best. Here are the results of the top 5 salesmen: Coming in 5th place with 53 plants sold was Nathan Motel. In fourth place with 66 plants sold was Harry Tredinnick. In third place with 75 plants sold and \$1,090 in sales was Andrew Brown. In second place, with 86 plants sold and \$1,200 in sales was Ethan Bilson and in first place with 113 plants sold for a whopping \$1,250 in sales was (drum roll, please) Michael Orlow.

New for this year is the award for top-selling patrol. The prize for top-selling patrol is the "Head of the Line Pass" which grants the entire patrol the privilege to be at the front of the line for all meals and events at this year's Winter Camp. That prize goes to the Flying Eagle Patrol. Congratulations, gentlemen!

In order for us to keep this fundraiser successful and grow we need to do one more thing right now. Ask your friends and customers if they like their poinsettias and, if so, would they like to give you their contact information so we can contact them

next year. Your customers' information does not get shared with anyone; it only gets used to send out a broadcast e-mail notice of an upcoming sale/event. All customers will be directed to contact you, the Scout of their choice for purchase and delivery. Please send the e-mail addresses for those that do want to be notified to Mr. Siegle at msiegle@att.net so we can add them to our mailing list. Explain to them that we will contact them if and only when there is a fundraising or troop event that they want to be informed of. This will help both you and the troop to capture loyal customers and prevent them from missing out the great plants that are only available from our troop. If you are an older Scout who is moving on to bigger adventures next year, here's your chance to make sure your loyal customers remain in touch with the troop and continue their support of Willistown Troop 78, a great way for you to pay it forward. So before you forget, gather, write down and send us those e-mail addresses of your willing friends and customers.

Thank you all for supporting the great Scouting tradition we all love and know as Willistown Troop 78!

CPR TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 4th, 2014, immediately after the regular troop committee meeting. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend if they have not been certified within the past 2 years. Due to increased

costs, we are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366 for more information.



MICHAEL BENNETT AWARDED NESA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) recently announced its 2013 scholarship recipients. Troop 78 alumnus and Eagle Scout Michael Bennett was the recipient of a NESA Academic Scholarship. Michael attends Lafayette College and is pursuing a dual major in civil engineering and history. He was one of only 218 winners selected from a highly competitive pool of over 5,000 applicants.

According to the NESA website, NESA scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts who are members of NESA and who are graduating high school and entering college in the year for which they apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which their scholarship is presented. And whose Eagle Scout board of review

occurs in the same year as their year of high school graduation. Those Scouts can apply for a NESA scholarship in that calendar year.

NESA awards both merit and academic scholarships. The requirements and the on-line application for NESA scholarships, as well as a list of all of the 2013 recipients, can be found at the National Eagle Scout Association's website at <http://www.nesa.org/scholarships.html>.

The Troop 78 family extends its congratulations to Michael, and encourages all 78 Eagles to consider applying for NESA scholarships.



RADNOR RACES May 17 & 18, 2014

Well, it's the Holiday Season & here is something you can do with your brand-new 2014 Calendar.

Grab it and reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the Radnor Hunt Races.

It promises to be a sunny time in the Chester County countryside as the troop marks 25 Years of service to the races.

On Saturday, May 17, & Sunday, May 18, we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing. Please plan on being there.