

WILLISTOWN 78 HISTORIC TRIP – HARRISBURG
FRIDAY, MARCH 21 – SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

A first of its kind trip for Troop 78! We will visit the Commonwealth Museum, enjoy a guided tour of the Capital Building, and finally see The Civil War Museum - all on Saturday the 22nd. The day will be long and structured to and from the Museums, but inside the museums we will break into smaller groups where groups can find their pace. There will not be sufficient time to see everything at the National Civil War Museum, so Scouts should prioritize what they want to see and explore. See <https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/?srsltid=AfmBOor5oBNYkgD76zV6BHoY-xpMAafYzybVPqjaXQcALPiiYTWaz4Bl>

We will be tent camping on the grounds of the Army College outside Harrisburg, which will provide a unique opportunity to experience the grounds and some military and Commonwealth history that include some displays on Sunday. Lunch will be Troop provided on Saturday and we will eat as a group, we will likely stop (but may not) on Sunday for lunch going back to the cabin. Friday night, have dinner in your stomach and/or in your hand for the bus ride.

Transportation will be provided exclusively by our Troop bus, making the journey comfortable and convenient for all participants. There is NO opportunity for separate travel to the Army College in personal vehicles. We will be the only youth group of any kind camping on the grounds. Scout like behavior is critical for this trip.

The trip can expand to accommodate all scouts and registered and YPT certified Scouting America Adult Dads and Adult Troop Leaders; but we do have a hard limit of 36 youth Scouts and 4 qualified adults for the Capitol tour. We will prioritize the guided tour for Scouts and Youth Scout guests.

Dress for all youth and adults for Saturday's events will be full Class A uniform. Additionally, we should all attempt to be in Troop gear and/or burgundy - so Troop hats, shirts, jackets should be worn on Saturday, a Troop T shirt should be on under your uniform shirt. Actual sturdy walking shoes or boots, appropriate for Class A uniform, should be worn as well. You don't have to be in uniform for Friday, but MUST be on Saturday.

Adults (That is ages 18 and up) going on the trip MUST have a government-issued ID AT ALL TIMES. Acceptable forms include a State Drivers license, USA Passport, or USA Passport Card. Non-USA citizens should contact Mr. Bilson in advance for ID requirements. Adults may need to submit to a background check and may be contacted by Mr. Bilson to provide, prior to coming on the trip, certain personal information to comply with the ever-evolving nature of military requests and regulations.

- Cost:** NO CHARGE for Scouts & Youth Scout Guests.
\$45 for Scouting America Registered Adults with YPT
- Departure:** Arrive at the cabin at 6 PM Friday. Do not be late.
- Return:** 1-3 PM to Cabin (approximate – boys will call when 30 minutes from cabin)
- Transport:** Bus for Scouts and leaders/accompanying fathers. Transportation by Bus is the only option without exception.

How to sign up for the trip:

1. Either bring your payment and completed form to the March 14th meeting, or email your completed form to Jack Bilson jackbilson@gmail.com and bring payment by the Trip departure.
2. **CHECKS ONLY – NO CASH! Make checks payable to “Willistown Troop 78.”**
3. Patrol Leaders & Senior Patrol Leader – Send Mr. Bilson a list of your attendees by e-mail, by no later than Sunday, March 16th. Please e-mail Mr. Bilson at JackBilson@gmail.com.

QUESTIONS? CALL YOUR PATROL LEADER or Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934)

What to Bring:

Winter sleeping bag or sleeping bag w/blanket

(if you wish to borrow a troop zero degree bag to go over your own, please let your Patrol leader know)

(Pack in a duffle bag)

- Money for Sunday Lunch & Museum nick knacks
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight
- Change of warm clothes, gloves, pullover hat
- Rain gear
- Full Class A uniform with long pants, Troop t-shirt and troop gear for Saturday
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Extra synthetic or wool socks
- Drinking Cup
- Toilet articles

RETURN THIS PAGE – Harrisburg Trip

Please complete and return this page, all sections, including the permission slip below, with payment **PRINT LEGIBLY!**

Scout name: _____ Patrol: _____

Adult attendee name: _____

Emergency contact email & phone number: _____

Allergies – please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions (for religious, medical or social reasons) or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings, etc.):

\$ _____ TOTAL **Make checks made payable to “Willistown Troop 78”**

Troop 78 – March 2025 Harrisburg Trip (the “Trip”) Permission Form

If I am signing for a Scout: I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout/guest named above (the “Scout”), and my signature below constitutes my permission for my Scout to attend the Trip This permission slip also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to execute any additional forms, releases or permission slips that events at the Trip may require to be signed by a parent or guardian to allow my Scout to participate. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my Scout if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my Scout, his other parent/guardian, and our respective legal heirs, assigns and successors in interest, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns (“Released Parties”) harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip.

By signing this form, I represent that my Scout will NOT attend the Trip if my Scout is not feeling well at the time of Trip departure. Moreover, if my Scout is not feeling well prior to the Trip and will be unable to attend as a result, my Scout will contact his Patrol Leader, and I will contact the Trip leader as far before the Trip departure as reasonably possible. If my Scout cannot attend the trip for any other reason, I promise that my son will contact both his Patrol Leader and the Trip leader no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$75, notwithstanding the reason. I authorize such funds to be deducted from my son’s Troop account and I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that my son may be precluded from attending other Troop trips until and unless such amount is paid in full.

If I am an adult attendee: My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for me, in the absence of my ability to consent to such treatment myself, if in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself and my heirs, assigns and legal successors in interest, to hold the Released Parties harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip.

By signing this form, I represent that I will NOT attend the Trip if I am not feeling well at the time of Trip departure. Moreover, if I am not feeling well prior to the Trip and will be unable to attend as a result, I will contact the Trip leader as far before the Trip departure as reasonably possible. If I cannot attend the trip for any other reason, I promise that I will contact the Trip leader no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$75, notwithstanding the reason. I promise to pay such amount to the Troop ASAP, with the understanding that I may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless and until such amount is paid in full.

_____ Date of signature: _____

(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee if submitted by attending adult)