



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Winter Weekend 2018!

## Upcoming Events

Please print out this Newsletter and post a copy for everyone to see.

### February

2 Friday Troop Meeting  
Troop First Aid Meet 7PM

3 Saturday [Council First Aid Meet](#)  
Chester County Technical College HS  
Brandywine campus

4 Sunday [Pancake Breakfast 8AM-11AM](#)  
[Cabin](#)

5 Monday Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting 7PM

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

7 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

9 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

16 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

23 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

25 Sunday [Annual Parents Night and Court of Honor 3PM at the cabin](#)

### March

2 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM Hoagie Sale begins

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

7 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

9 Friday - 11 Sunday [Vermont Ski Trip](#)

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Friday January 5 - Sunday January 7, 2018

By Nathan Schallack

This year we headed down to Camp Horseshoe for another round of winter camp in the bitter cold. This year it was especially cold dropping down to at least 5 degrees on Saturday night, with a wind chill making it even colder. A decision was made to not take the Troop bus due to it not having a block heater and fears it might not start on Sunday morning, so there was a carpool for anyone who could not get a ride. People started arriving at Camp around 7:00 - 7:30PM with the exception of a few early birds. Friday night featured the traditional homemade chili, hotdogs, other snacks, and a relaxing night. This year, like in years past, we had the Scavenger Hunt and Friday night we got Part I which consisted of all the questions like "list the entire Skywalker family line from Star Wars." After settling into bed Friday night followed by a good night's rest, we woke up Saturday morning to a pancake and bacon breakfast. We turned in Part I of the Scavenger Hunt and then received Part II which consisted of the items which were to be collected and made. From there we spent part of the morning collecting and chopping wood. Then we went to the Rifle Range for shotgun clay pigeon shooting and rifle target shooting. Our time at the Rifle Range was followed by a delicious grilled cheese and tomato soup lunch. Afterward we had a well deserved siesta and advancement period where scouts worked on merit badges and ranks. There was also a tour of the camp by none other than Ernie, though the tour wasn't long because of the extreme cold. The day flew right into dinner which was beef stew which I had no trouble finishing and asking for seconds. We eased into the night with a Boom Town of scout skill events and games in Kindness Center and then a classic movie: The Princess Bride, which we watched with popcorn and snacks. We went to bed with full bellies and the night, unlike years past, went by pretty smoothly, with people waking up the following morning well rested and warm. People began packing up their bags to close off yet another great and eventful winter camp weekend at Horseshoe.

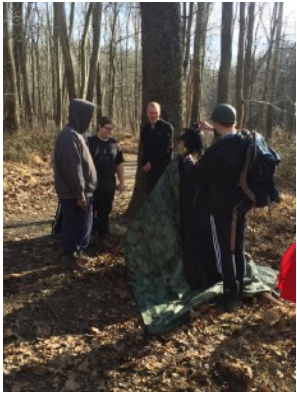
[Please click here for more pictures and videos from Winter Camp.](#)



# Klondike Derby

Saturday January 20, 2018

By Chris St. Clair



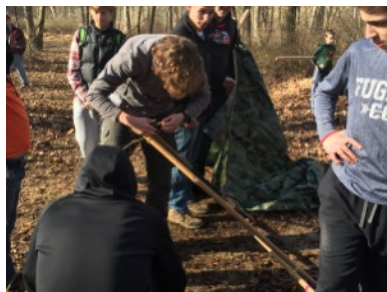
Early Saturday morning January 20 at 6:20AM, Troop 78 scouts and adults met at the cabin, boarded the Troop bus, and headed down to Camp Ware at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation for the Klondike Derby. This Chester County Council-wide event had 23 troops from all over the county competing in a variety of scout skill events, this year with a Star Wars theme. Events included were sled racing, shelter building, first aid, water boiling, rifle, archery, scavenger hunt and many more.

The results of the competitions were:

Rattlesnake patrol, Patrol Leader Ryan Small: Second place overall.

Stag patrol, Patrol Leader Zach Fox, First place overall.

Although it is fun to win these Council-wide competitions, as scouts we should know that it's not always about winning and the Klondike Derby is no exception. This is an event that enhances our team building capabilities and possibilities to work together as a patrol. In my opinion, winning isn't everything (but it sure is nice). What matters is looking behind you and reflecting on what you did, working well as a team.



[Click here for more pictures and videos from the Klondike Derby.](#)



## Sign up for Troop 78 Text Notices

Troop 78 now has a Text Notification System!

The system is: [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com)

It is easy to join the text group. (And easy to un-join, if you later so choose).

This text group will be used to notify you of upcoming events, last minute changes due to weather and other unforeseen events.

To sign up simply text: @willistown to 81010

## Order of the Arrow 2018 Dues Due!

Are you a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA) ?

If so, your annual dues are now due.

If you already paid your dues: Great!

If not, please use this link to pay your dues.

[Click here to pay your 2018 OA dues.](#)

[If you are not sure whether your dues are up to date, please click here.](#)

## Notice of Upcoming Events

### **2nd Annual Troop 78 Super Bowl Breakfast**

Sunday February 4, 2018

By Joe Cady

When: Sunday February 4th - 8:00am to 11:00am - Open Seating, come when you can

Where: Cabin

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

A donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

A forewarning of your intent to join us would be appreciated, so we can get an estimate of the head count.

Please notify me at [jcadyjr@gmail.com](mailto:jcadyjr@gmail.com)

#### **Editor's Note:**

Last year's breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday was just terrific, featuring the great cooking of Troop 78's renown chef: Joe Cady and his crew of able kitchen mates.

After all: Who wants to cook breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday? You have enough cooking to do later in the day!

Come out and join us for an open house, drop-in any time between 8 and 11, bring your whole family and your friends and you will be treated to a delicious made-to-order full breakfast.

Then you can enjoy the day with a full belly.

Hope to see you there!



# CPR Certification

Tuesday February 6, 2018

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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. 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 for more information: [email](#) him or call him: 610-812-6961.

# Vermont Ski Trip

Friday March 9 – Sunday March 11, 2018

By **Jim Bennett**

**Join Willistown Troop 78 For Skiing in Vermont: March 9 – 11, 2018**

The Troop heads for the mountains of Vermont as we trek to Mount Snow for a weekend of skiing and fun from Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mount Snow is located in southern Vermont and has a summit elevation of 3,600 feet and a vertical drop of 1,700 feet. The mountain gets about 160 inches of natural snowfall each year and has some of the best snowmaking capability in the Northeastern United States. Host of the Winter X Games in 2000 and again in 2001, Mount Snow is the proud home training hill for both Women's Half-Pipe 2002 Olympic gold medalist Kelly Clark, and 2014 Olympic Slopestyle silver medalist Devlin Logan. About 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. The vast majority of Mount Snow is comprised of challenging "blue squares," with long runs and fun for intermediates and above.

Check out Mount Snow on the Internet at: <https://www.mountsnow.com>

Our accommodations will be luxurious by Troop 78 standards. Thanks to a generous partnership that the Troop has formed with the Buck Ridge Ski Club of Delaware County, we will be staying at the Buck Ridge Ski Lodge, a mere 2.5 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 apres-ski relaxation.

The price for two days of skiing (yes, we're skiing on both Saturday AND Sunday), transportation, and Troop-provided meals, just can't be beat for this kind of trip:

- For Scouts that have a "Peak Pass" that is accepted at Mount Snow AND who have their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots and helmet), there's no charge at all!
- The cost for Scouts (those up to and including 18 years of age) with their own equipment (meaning skis or board, boots and helmet) is only \$50.
- The cost for Scouts who need a lift ticket AND who need equipment (see above) is only \$78.
- 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 \$125.
- 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 and who needs a lift ticket is \$260.

## **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST USE A HELMET – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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, 2018 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](mailto:skibennett@comcast.net), or call him on his mobile number at 267 615 4236.

**The fees outline above are the discounted "early bird" charges for those who sign up for the trip and remit payment by Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 the Troop's meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you on the slopes!**

[Click here for more information on the upcoming Ski Trip.](#)

# Hoagie Sale

By Kathi Schallack

## Important Dates:

Kick off Friday February 16

Orders due Friday March 6

Hoagie build Friday March 16 and Saturday March 17

## **Troop 78 Hoagie Sale 2018 is Happening !**

The month of February kicks off the annual Troop 78 Hoagie Sale.

This long running fundraiser allows Scouts to sell a delicious, handmade Italian hoagie. The funds raised are used to help support the troop's needs for equipment, trips, and programs while also adding to the seller's own personal Scout account. Personal Scout account funds earned can be used to pay for various Troop 78 adventures.

Hoagie sale forms will be handed out at the end of the Troop meeting on Friday February 16, 2018. All money and orders will be collected at the meeting on Friday March 2, 2018.

The cost of our awesome hoagies will be the same as recent years, \$7 per hoagie.

**Because the fundraiser benefits all of Troop 78, it is requested that each scout sell a minimum of 10 hoagies.**

This task should be very easy for each scout: just buy some for your family and a few friends.

The building of hundreds of fresh hoagies is a vast undertaking, so we ask for help from scouts and parents alike. Please mark your calendars NOW and plan on attending one or both sessions listed below to help make this task easier. A large adult turnout is CRUCIAL to the success of the sale and means quick, easy work for ALL!! With everyone's effort we will be making hoagies on the following 2 dates:

Friday March 16, 2018 7pm-9pm: make hoagie set-ups during the Troop meeting.

Saturday March 17, 2018 7am-9am (yes, morning!): hoagie assembly and Scouts pick-up orders from 9am-10am.

Looking forward to another great turn out from everyone and successful hoagie sale!!

Kathi Schallack, Hoagie sale coordinator (Cell 10-842-0638)

# Pasta Night!

**Save the date:** Tuesday March 13th at 7PM at the cabin. Menu and further detail to be announced.

Hope to see you there!

# Summer Camp is Right Around the Corner!

By Tim Hornickle

## **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!**

Winter has ended and it's time to think about summer camp! Looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks:

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and ends on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Week Two begins on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on July 8<sup>th</sup>

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, hundreds 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$405.00 per week if paid in full by April 20<sup>th</sup>, (\$465 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by March 16<sup>th</sup> (please indicate which week you are registering for on the deposit payment form found on the troop website).

Again this year, there is a Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50 for each additional scout.

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by April 20<sup>th</sup> and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. Please make sure the completed medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

[Click here for more information about Summer Camp.](#)

<b>Key Dates – Summer Camp 2018</b>	
Camp Deposit Due	3/16/2018
Full Payment Due	4/20/2018
<i>(After this date, rate is \$465/week)</i>	
Health Form Due	5/31/2018
<i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card)</i>	
Camp Horseshoe Weeks	Week One: 6/24/2018 – 7/01/2018  Week Two: 7/01/2018 – 7/08/2018

## Radnor Races - Save the Date: Saturday May 19, 2018

Please [email Brian Rothberg](#) for more information.



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