



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

February

- 4 Saturday Council First Aid Meet
(Downingtown CAT)
- 5 Sunday Pancake Breakfast Cabin,
8AM – 11AM, drop in
- 6 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM
- 7 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 10 Friday - 12 Sunday Matje
Farm Trip
Friends and Webelos Invited
- 17 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM Hoagie
Sale begins
- 18 Saturday - 20 Monday
Older Scout trip to Jake's cabin
- 24 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

March

- 1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders'
Council 7:30PM
- 3 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
Hoagie orders due
- 7 Tuesday Board of Review
7PM
Troop Committee
7:30PM
- 10 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 12 Sunday Annual Parent's Night and
Court of Honor. 3PM Cabin

Winter Weekend 2017

All Together at Camp Horseshoe!

By Chris St. Clair

On Friday, January 6th, the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 78 headed down to our beloved Camp Horseshoe for winter camp. Since a majority of older scout's drove down, the bus was practically empty. Once we got down to camp we unpacked our personal gear and headed down to the Schramm and Browning Lodges. We all hung out for a little while the adults prepared the snack. Snack was nice and hot chili. At approximately 11:00, we went to bed and prepared for the long and hardworking day ahead of us.



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[Click here for full calendar](#)



The next morning, the Scouts rose to the great smell of pancakes and greasy bacon made by none other than Flying Eagle Patrol. Once finished we got dressed for the day and split into two groups for log hauling. One went down past the lodges along the chapel trail, the other went to Taylor campsite to clean up fallen trees out of campsites and camp trails. Lunch was made by Stag Patrol which was tomato soup, stew, chips, and Troop 78's favorite: grilled cheese.

When everyone was done eating, Siesta was in session. Some people played games. Some just relaxed. Some scouts took the extra step to work on their scavenger hunt. There were other sessions happening around camp such as Totin' Chip, merit badge sessions, and wood splitting in front of Browning. Dinner was just before the game, it was pasta and meatballs along with salad and breads. At around 7:30PM, we headed outside for the night's game. In third place was Flying Eagle, second was Stag, and first place was Moose. Congrats to the winning patrols. Then to top that, the night's featured movie was *Bee Movie*. After the movie and later that night, a "rare" spotting of a bat was seen flying around in Browning. This really caused a major commotion to the scouts trying to sleep. Early the next morning we woke up, had a quick breakfast of cereal, muffins, bagels, and donuts. Of course before we left camp, we completed our patrol clean up jobs and got the 2017 group picture of the Scouts and Scouters in front of the stock of firewood we split. Once all was done, we headed up to the bus and cars and we said our goodbyes to Horseshoe and departed from Winter Camp.

Winter Weekend Highscore Competition

By Nathan Schallack

At our recent troop annual Winter Camp, I definitely enjoyed the Horseshoe Highscore competition on Saturday night. We went around camp and completed a variety of games and events. I was in Rattlesnake Patrol when we did the events. We started out with the Spider Web. For this event you had to climb through a twine webbing. You were timed and if any part of your body touched the web, ten seconds were added to your time. The second the last person's foot was through, time was stopped.

We ventured off into the distance as we headed to Campcraft to complete the Obstacle Course Luke had set up for us. When we arrived at Campcraft, Luke was waiting. He began to explain that we would have as much time as we needed and only one person would be competing. He showed us through the Obstacle Course which I realized was very lengthy. As we were walking, Luke explained that if the competitor fell or messed, up five seconds would be added. We had Ryan Small compete for us because he seemed well qualified for the job as he is a long distance runner. Luke counted down, "Three, two, one.... go!" Ryan raced across the land over the balance beam, around the trees, over the wall with ease, up and around the poles, and then around the pavilion to tie it off with 10 push ups. The night really lightened up from there and it was really fun.

After finishing the Obstacle Course with a reasonably good time, we went back behind the Parade Field where Chip was doing the "Lava River". You were given three pieces of scrap wood that acted as places to step and you

had to make it from one side of the road to the other without touching the ground, as fast as you could. We completed it with the fastest time yet. I realized that we were approaching the end of the night with just three events left.

We headed down the road where we met Matt Urban. On the ground there lay a box of matches and a hatchet. As we clambered down, he explained that we had to split the match in half vertically without holding it and you had to accomplish it with the least amount of swings. I went hacking away and Matt said, "Hold up, hold up..." He gave us a hint that there was no rule that you couldn't use other items to hold the match. Now knowing that we could use other items we used a rock to hold up the match and we split it with only another two swings.

Michael Orlow was waiting at the bottom of the hill with Two-Man Saw in front of Browning Lodge. A.J. and Ryan cut the log once and then Bryan and I cut the second one. Next we went inside Browning Lodge so that we could warm up and work on the Trivia and the Memory Game with Mr. D. In the Memory Game we split the area up into sections so that each person would memorize it. We did pretty well on that, so we headed out to the concluding event which was Nine Knot held in Schramm Lodge. This time it was different because the nine knots were split up between three people, A.J. took three, Ryan took three, and I took three. We tied all the knots right, or at least I think we did, and got a decent score overall. Before I knew it, I was trudging off to bed. It was a great day.

Your Son's Scout Account

By Pete Motel

Every scout in the Troop has an account in his name. When a scout participates in a Troop fundraiser, a portion of the proceeds are deposited in the scout's account for the scout to use toward scout-related expenses. These funds can be used to pay for summer camp, Disney, Algonquin, Sea Base, Philmont or any other high adventure trip.

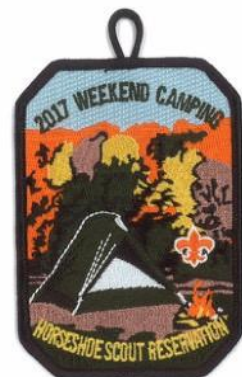
Here is a true story. When my son was in the troop for about a year, he wanted to go to Disney and I said, 'I don't know if that is in the budget'. Someone said, 'What does he have in his scout account?' I thought, well what could it be? Certainly not enough to make a dent in the cost of going to Disney. It turns out there was over \$500 in his scout account, enough to cover the cost of Disney and more! Since then his scout account has paid for several trips to Disney, summer camp, and this summer it will pay for Sea Base.

For every hoagie sold a scout earns \$2. For every poinsettia sold a scout earns \$2.00 for a small and \$4 for a large. In the Spring flower sale, scouts earn 25% of every sale. A plant that sells for \$20 earns the scout \$5. The dollars add up quickly.

Participation in the Troop fundraisers is a win-win. The proceeds help fund the Troop program and the scouts (and therefore their families) benefit directly as well. To find out what you have in your scout account, please contact Mr. Cady at jcady@gmail.com.

Winter Weekend Uniform Pocket Patch

Anyone who attended the Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe several weekends ago in January is eligible for a patch to wear on their uniform. These patches are available now and the troop will order one for you for the low low price of just \$2 if you want one. Please let either Mr. D or Dr. Pete know you want one, turn in the two dollars and we will put in the order. The final date for the orders will be Friday February 17th.



In Memoriam:

Member of the Troop 78 Family Gone Too Soon

Al Terrell, 71 years of age, former Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 78 passed away suddenly on Sunday January 15th. Al was the father of Eagle Scouts Andrew and Joseph. He recently assisted Scout Luke Phayre with his Eagle project to reclaim the overgrown AME cemetery on Bacton Hill Road in East Whiteland Township, burial site for two African American Civil War veterans among others. While his sons have been out of the troop for some years, some of you may remember Al coming to Horseshoe in his yellow VW beetle at the end of the week to help with Boards of Review. Recently he retired from his two jobs and was starting to get more involved with the troop. Al was an asset to Troop 78, a wonderful father who took care of his family, and cheerfully gave back to the community. He will definitely be missed.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Al's two sons Andrew and Joseph, his daughter Lana and especially his wife Darryl. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Willistown Troop 78 BSA, sent to PO Box 22 Malvern PA 19355, or to Triangle Park, PO Box 74 Cape May Point, NJ 08212.

Notice of Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast

The Troop will host a breakfast open to all members of the Troop family and Troop 78 friends on Sunday February 5th from 8AM to 11AM. We hope you can join us for a full home-cooked breakfast, courtesy of Joe Cady and his cook crew. We will enjoy good food and good conversation. Please plan to drop in anytime between 8 and 11. [Click here for more information.](#)

CPR Training and Recertification

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 7th, 2017 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 participates. No prior CPR training is required to attend. Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366 for more information.

Matje Farm Campout

Please join us February 10 - 12 for the annual trip to the Matje Farm in north central PA.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here for pictures and videos from last year.](#)

Parent Night and Court of Honor

Please plan to join us for the annual Court of Honor on Sunday March 12 at the cabin at 3PM. We will have many awards for the scouts including 2 new Eagles and there will also be a Tap Out Ceremony to recognize those newly elected to the Order of the Arrow.

Hoagie Sale

The annual hoagie sale kicks off Friday February 17th for delivery Saturday March 18th. We are looking forward to enjoying our Troop 78 hoagies again this year! Please plan to order some hoagies for your family and friends.

Pasta Night

Keep your ear to the rail for the date of the next Pasta Night: To Be Announced. We are likely going to have it sometime in March. It is a great evening for good food and conversation and its open to all adults. If you've never been, please join us! If you've been before, we hope to see you again!

Time is running out to sign up for Disney 2017

Permission slips and deposit are due on February 3rd. Limited spaces left for this trip don't be left behind. Official handout can be found on the troop web site.



Dates to remember for mandatory meetings and payments are:

1. **Friday February 3rd - \$300 Deposit and permission slip are due**
2. **Friday, March 3rd - \$300 Final Payment is due**
3. **Friday March 10th, 9:00 PM (after Troop meeting) – Scout and Parent Meeting (Parent must attend with Scout)**
4. **Sunday April 2nd – Bus and equipment cleaning meeting 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM**



Disney Trip 2017

We are going to roll to Florida in our new Troop bus!

When are we going? April 7th – April 15th 2017

What are we going to do? Spend five days Park-Hopping, we can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and we can use our ticket for up to five visits to Disney Quest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Miniature Golf Courses), or the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time.

Who can go?

Scouts and leaders who are registered and active in the troop, Scouts must have attended (or worked) at summer camp at least one week in 2016, and Scouts who are *or will be* First Class rank by March 27th, and who 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 cost to go on the trip to Disney? \$600 plus spending money. You can use your Scout account \$.

What do I get for the \$600 cost? Round trip bus transportation on the luxurious troop bus, food and meals, camping fees, a Five day Park-Hopper Disney pass, adventures of conquering all of the mountains in Disney, visit Mickey and Minnie, and create some magical memories.

How do I sign up for this awesome annual trip? Handouts will be given out during a troop meeting in December and they will also be posted on the troop web site.

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.

[Click here for more information on the upcoming 2017 Disney Trip](#)

Save the Date: Radnor Races 2017

Saturday May 20 & Sunday May 21, 2017

Had your fill of cold windy weather? Think Spring and grab your calendar to reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Look forward to a warm, sunny time in the beautiful Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends a weekend at the Races.

On Saturday May 20 & Sunday May 21 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing.

Please plan on being there! [Click here for pictures and information from Radnor Races 2016.](#)

Count Down to Summer Camp at Horseshoe!

Looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Save these dates: Sunday June 25 to Sunday July 9, 2017

We will be back at Horseshoe for another delightful stay at summer camp.

[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.](#)