



# Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE 2011

- 6/1 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)  
6/2 – TROOP MEETING (Thurs) - Field Day Part One  
6/3-5- Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend @ HSR  
**6/5 – Field Day & Family Picnic (3:00 PM)**  
6/6 – Camp Info Meeting for First Yr. Scouts (Mon, 7:00 PM)  
6/7 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.  
6/10 – TROOP MEETING - Camp Preparations  
6/10-12 – OA Conclave  
**6/17-19 – Rafting Trip**  
6/25 – PLC to Summer Camp (meet in Dan Beard at 2:00 PM)  
**6/26-7/3 – Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK ONE**

### JULY & AUGUST 2011

- 7/3-7/10 – Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK TWO  
7/16 – Horseshoe Alumni Assoc. Reunion  
7/30-8/7 – Algonquin Park Canada Canoe Trip

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

### **PLEASE PRINT THIS NEWSLETTER**

Then you can share it with other members of your family and refer to it throughout the month.

### **NEW DADS NEEDED!**

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



### **61st ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 3:00 PM**

#### **PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**

#### **FIELD DAY - 3:00 PM to about 4:30 PM at the Scout Cabin Grounds**

Come see your Scout's patrol compete in various skill events in an attempt to win the coveted Field Day trophy, a troop tradition for over 60 years! Bring your camera.

#### **FAMILY PICNIC - 4:30 PM (or immediately following Field Day events)**

Meet the parents and other adults involved with Troop 78. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. **Please bring a salad if your last name begins A through M or a dessert if your last name begins N through Z.**

**Parents:** If you are able to help set up for the picnic, help is needed Sunday at 2:30 PM, and cleanup help is needed after the picnic. Many hands make light work!

#### **SCOUTS: PLEASE WEAR YOUR COMPLETE SUMMER UNIFORM TO FIELD DAY**

**ALSO BRING:** Lawn chairs and any medical forms or monies not yet turned in for summer camp.



### **JOIN TROOP 78'S FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND WHITewater RAFTING TRIP!**

For several years now, Scouts have been asking that we schedule a real whitewater-rafting trip. The troop has pressed for a trip with world-class rapids on a world-class river. Well, we heard you and we're making it happen! This Father's Day weekend, June 17 – 19, the Troop 78 bus will trek out to Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania, for a whitewater-rafting trek on the Youghiogheny River. We will run the Lower Yough (rhymes with "Rock"), hitting Class III and IV rapids, with Whitewater Adventurers. Check out their website at [www.wwaraft.com](http://www.wwaraft.com). This is not our usual "water fight on the river" weekend trip. This is a genuine whitewater rafting experience. For 4 hours on Saturday of that weekend, we will experience the thrills and spills of the Lower Yough.

We will be camping at Ohiopyle State Park, which is just minutes away from our rafting outfitter's offices. When we return from rafting, we will have a scenic and challenging hike on some of the park's 13 miles of hiking trails. The park offers some of the most scenic views of the beautiful Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania.

We'll leave from the cabin on Friday in the early evening (time TBA) and

drive across the state to Western Pennsylvania. We will arrive late in the night, get our camp set up, rise early, and have an early breakfast. We will be the first group out on the river on Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided along the river. After our day of rafting and hiking, we'll return to camp and have a delicious dinner. If we're not too tired, we'll have a campfire, complete with s'mores, songs and skits.

The cost for the trip will be \$95 for adults and \$50 for Scouts. Scouts can use Scout account funds to pay for the trip. Contact Mr. Cady to get your Scout account balance. Additional information will be available in the handout that will be distributed at an upcoming troop meeting, but in the meantime, mark your calendar! This is a "do not miss this trip" event. Hope to see you there!

## MAY ADVANCEMENT

### Merit Badges:

- Reading - Chris Duncan
- Soil & Water Conservation, Rifle Shooting - DJ Robinson
- Personal Fitness - Matt Urban

### Ranks:

- Tenderfoot - Chris Medalgia, John Hemphill
- Second Class - Zach Chan
- Life - Duncan O'Hara, Ian Riley
- Eagle Palm (Bronze) - Michael Bennett
- Eagle Palm (Gold) - Dan Dufoe

### Neckerchiefs:

- David Finkelston
- Lee Neves



## FUN TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD

By Billy Mackrides

What do you think of when you hear the word, Disney? Do you think of Mickey Mouse, the many parades, the hundreds of rides, or maybe the water parks? Well, when you come to Disney with our troop, these are just some of the experiences you

encounter. The trip to Disney is just amazing. Some of the many fun rides Disney has to offer are Rockin' Roller Coaster and Mt. Everest. Disney World has four parks: Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and EPCOT. Magic Kingdom was my favorite. Fun rides there are the Swiss Family Robinson Tree house and the Jungle Cruise. The two best parades in all of Disney are The Electric Parade and the Celebrate a Dream Come True Parade. The Electric Parade is filled with lights, singing, dancing, and, of course, magic! The Celebrate a Dream Come True Parade is a very fun parade; it features Mickey, Minnie, Pinocchio, Goofy and Donald. This parade is very extravagant with its many different colored floats and its singing and dancing. The two water parks in Disney are Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon. While both feature wave pools and tons of fun pools, Blizzard Beach features Summit Plummet, which is the tallest water slide in the United States, 120 feet high! At the Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow, EPCOT for short, every ride feels very futuristic. At Spaceship Earth you ride in a time machine, traveling through the years standing beside many historical happenings like the invention of the personal computer!

This was my first trip to Disney, and it is a trip I will never forget! The bus trip down felt so much shorter than it actually was! On our way to Disney we stopped at many cool places to eat. My first day at Disney was a blast. It started out at Downtown Disney; which is filled with shops, interactive fountains, and candy! After riding the monorail so many times, I learned how to say "Please stand clear of the doors" in Spanish; it is, "Por favor, manténgase alejado de las puertas." The food was great at the campsite and the park! Who would've thought you could buy a turkey drumstick at Disney! Not only was the trip fun because I got to visit the many attractions Disney has to offer but also because this trip allowed me to get to know my fellow Scouts and dads.

One of the reasons that I joined Troop 78 was for their annual trip to Disney.

It certainly didn't disappoint; it actually exceeded my expectations. I look forward to going to Disney many more times, and I would recommend that everyone make this trip at least once. As they say in Disney, "Let the memories begin!"

## ONE "GOOD TURN" DESERVES ANOTHER

By Jim Bennett, ASM

In 1973, I completed my Eagle Scout project. I organized the kids in my neighborhood, and we had a block party to raise money for the Heart Fund. We put together a yard sale, set up backyard games, and solicited prizes from local merchants for a raffle. By any measure, it was a modest event: we raised a grand total of \$50. But it was the start of something bigger. The next year, we expanded the event, and we raised \$150 for leukemia research. And the year after that, our block party was even bigger, and we raised \$650 to help pay for a dialysis transport vehicle for the Kidney Fund.

In the spring of 1975, a few weeks before that third fundraiser, I went to a Phillies game with a couple of my neighborhood buddies. We had tickets in the "nosebleed" section of Veterans Stadium, up in the 700 level. In the middle of the game, the skies opened up and a teeming rain fell. During the long delay, many of the fans in the premium seats decided to go home, but my friends and I stuck around. When the rains let up, we "upgraded" our view of the game by sneaking down to the premium seats that were now largely empty.

We made it to the "picnic grove" field-level seating without getting chased by the ushers, and we waited for the game to resume. The first players out were the relief pitchers, who headed for the bullpens behind the outfield fences. Among them was number 45, the legendary Tug McGraw. The Tugger later became a key figure in Phillies lore, when he struck out Willie Wilson of the Kansas City Royals to seal the Fightin's first world championship in 1980. But in 1975, he was with his first season with the team.

I was never shy as a lad, so when I saw Tug, I bellowed at the top of my lungs, "Hey Tug – we're having a block party to raise money for charity. If you autograph a baseball, we'll chance it off!" I figured Tug was ignoring me because he trotted right on by. But a few minutes later, McGraw emerged from the bullpen and jogged right to us. He held a baseball and a pen. He stood right in front of me, looked me in the eye, and said "Son, you best not be bull----ing me." Then he wrote "Peace – Tug McGraw," drew a smiley face, and handed the ball to me before turning and running back to the 'pen. My friends and I were astonished. We did chance off that baseball at our fundraiser, and it contributed significantly to the success of the event.

Fast-forward eleven years later to downtown Philadelphia. I left my office for a bite to eat and came upon a lunchtime crowd gathered in front of the Clothespin. There stood a PVC "jail cell." Philadelphia celebrities were "locked" in jail, and passers-by were making contributions to cancer research to bail them out. Imagine my surprise when I saw that the celebrity occupying the cell at that moment was Tug McGraw! I walked up to Tug and recounted the tale of our first meeting in 1975. I told him how happy I was to now have the opportunity to do a good turn and help him with *his* fundraiser, after he'd done a good turn by helping me with *my* fundraiser many years earlier. Then I reached into my wallet and handed him his "bail" money. The Tugger was delighted. He smiled and laughed, and then he shook my hand and walked out of jail, holding the door open for the next celebrity to be imprisoned.

Sadly, in 2003 McGraw succumbed to a malignant brain tumor. But on that day in 1975, Tug did a good turn for both a Boy Scout and for charity. The Scout slogan charges us to "Do a Good Turn Daily." Our good turns don't have to be big or lofty to be meaningful. When we help a brother or sister with homework or when we assist an elderly neighbor by taking her trash to the curb, we are fulfilling the obligation of the Scout slogan.

When we assist others in ways both big and small, we make a difference in their lives. Further, by doing good turns ourselves, we are better able to see how many other people do good turns on our behalf and make a difference in our lives every day - our parents and family, our teachers, our friends, and our fellow Scouts and Scouters. So, let's rededicate ourselves to the Scout slogan and make sure that we're each doing our good turn daily!

### **WILLISTOWN78.ORG**

Attention all scouts! Forget when the next troop meeting is? Want to see your ranking in the points contest online? Thinking of joining Troop 78? Did you lose the monthly newsletter? Well don't panic! Our website has undergone a major update, and it's now better than ever! Check it out for yourself at <http://willistown78.org/>. Or visit our brand new Facebook page by going to <http://willistown78.org/> then click find us on Facebook!

If you can't remember when an upcoming event is, no worries, just visit our website. Some other notable items on the troop's website are the Fast Facts, the rules for field day, and the ability to view every single monthly newsletter back until the year 1995! Why would you want to visit willistown78.org? For any last-minute changes for troop meetings or other events, to view pictures, to view our Facebook page, for our new and improved Who's Who page, for joining resources, also for any merit badge or Eagle requirements. The reason for this website is to keep people like you informed about everything that goes on about the troop so what are you waiting for? Go check out <http://willistown78.org/>!



### **ADULT TRAINING**

Information for required and supplemental training is available on the troop website. If you are unsure as to what trainings you have completed or are unsure what we have documented for you, there are summaries on the training page of the

troop website. <http://willistown78.org/beascout/training.html>.

Both weeks of camp there will be Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Specific Training. If you are interested in being an Asst. Scoutmaster, this is a great time to knock out the classroom portion of the training. I have heard rumor that a very knowledgeable and effective Scoutmaster of 16 years is leading the training the second week, Steve D'Antonio.

### **Upcoming Adult Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget.)**

- SM & ASM Specific Training – Camp Horseshoe, Tuesday & Wednesday, both weeks of Camp
- IOLST – Camp Jarvis, Oct. 1-2 weekend. This is quite possibly the last IOLST course this year. If you want to be an ASM, make sure you are signed up for this course; don't wait for it to fill up.

Please continue to submit copies of your training cards to the green folder in Mr. D's office (entitled, Training – submissions) for inclusion in our training database.

If you have any training questions, please email us at [training@willistown78.org](mailto:training@willistown78.org)

### **SCOUT TRAINING CORNER**

Scouts, as this Scouting year winds to a close, look ahead towards next year's training opportunities. If you are interested in being a Den Chief next year, there are numerous Den Chief trainings being offered (dates in the next newsletter).

Any Scouts who are interested in leadership training, current and future Patrol Leaders and Asst. Patrol Leaders, mark your calendars now for the Council-sponsored PLDC (Patrol Leader Development Course) being held October 22 at Camp Ware.

The troop will also be holding its own Leadership Training Conference on a Saturday in September or October, Keep a watch out for that date.



### SCRIPS

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Scrips was closed out for the fiscal year, which means your money for the year has been transferred over to your Scout accounts. Scrips brought in over \$3,200 over all. There were 6 Scouts that earned over \$100 into their Scout accounts, and one Scout had over \$300. He made enough to cover a week of summer camp or over 10% of the total cost to Kanderstag thru Scrips. Thirty-two Scouts took advantage of Scrips and many were close to receiving \$100 into their Scout accounts. Great job by all participants, and hopefully as we head into the home stretch towards Kanderstag (14 Months until we go). We will see a strong and increase in our profits go even higher.

The next order for Scrips will be placed on June 5<sup>th</sup>, which is also Field

Day. All orders will be in on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Just in time for Father's Day.

This will be the last order placed until we return in September, unless I get enough interest to continue ordering throughout the summer, let me know if you would be interested in ordering or buying cards during the summer. Take a look at Great Lakes Web-site at <https://www.glscrip.com/whatsnew/index.aspx>.

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### MATCH THE QUOTATION!

Below are a series of quotations from a variety of Troop 78 Scouts, Scouters and advisors. Match each quotation with the individual to whom the quotation is appropriately attributed, and win a prize. Answers should be submitted to the editor of the newsletter at [hbevans@comcast.net](mailto:hbevans@comcast.net). Only Troop 78's registered Scouts, under age 18, are eligible to win.

In the event of more than one correct submission, the first submission will

be the winner. All issues regarding the winner will be determined in the sole judgment of Mr. Evans, the newsletter editor.

### QUOTATIONS

1. The heat's in the tools!
2. OK, I'm a Girl Scout – now leave me alone!
3. Don't be the Pee Police, OK?
4. Two words: Paul Bunyan!
5. We don't win everything we enter, but we enter everything to win.
6. I may be a little off on the numbers....
7. You're like lightning; you never strike the same place twice!
8. It's called the "Patrol Method." We've been doing it for 100 years.

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