



Willistown Troop 78

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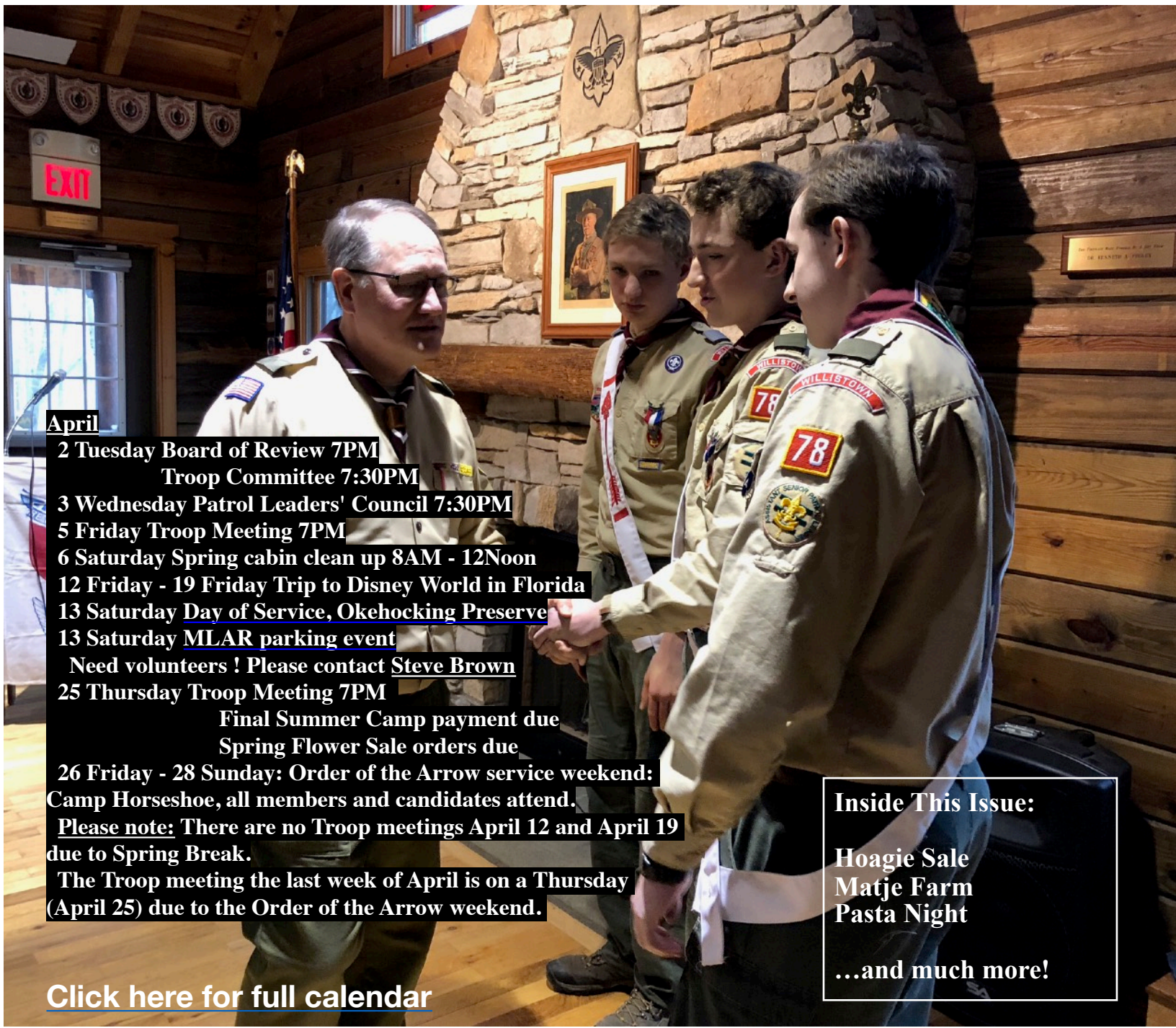
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April

- 2 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
- Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 5 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 6 Saturday Spring cabin clean up 8AM - 12Noon
- 12 Friday - 19 Friday Trip to Disney World in Florida
- 13 Saturday Day of Service, Okehocking Preserve
- 13 Saturday MLAR parking event
- Need volunteers ! Please contact [Steve Brown](#)
- 25 Thursday Troop Meeting 7PM
- Final Summer Camp payment due
- Spring Flower Sale orders due
- 26 Friday - 28 Sunday: Order of the Arrow service weekend:
- Camp Horseshoe, all members and candidates attend.
- Please note:** There are no Troop meetings April 12 and April 19 due to Spring Break.
- The Troop meeting the last week of April is on a Thursday (April 25) due to the Order of the Arrow weekend.

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Court of Honor

Sunday March 10, 2019

By Nathan Motel

Sunday afternoon around three o'clock, scouts and their families piled into the cabin for the Annual Court of Honor and Family Night. At three, on the button, we all stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and Law.

We began the Court of Honor with short summaries of the past few trips, then moved onto advancement. As with all Courts of Honor, the ranks and awards were given out in order of significance. Because of this, we started by giving out special awards including the Recruit of the Year which was awarded to John Wark and the Extraordinary Service Award to Jim Fox.

Click here to see the full list of past [Youth Awards](#) and [Adult Awards](#) recipients.

We then moved onto merit and rank badges. After these awards had been presented, the adults had the chance to spend hours announcing the upcoming events including the flower sale and Radnor Races. The crowd was enthralled by the annual Order of the Arrow tap out, where our own Native American dance team recognized new members for the OA. Hours later, the Eagle ceremony finally began. For this Court of Honor Troop 78 boasted a strong, three Eagle lineup. I began by introducing Francis Purcell. My introduction of new Eagle Scout Francis Purcell was followed by Chris St Clair introducing new Eagle Scout James Connors and Jackson Smith introducing new Eagle Scout Arek Connors.

Click here to see the full list of past [Troop 78 Eagle recipients](#).

If you could not make it to the Court of Honor, the best way to sum up all three Eagle speeches is to use the word "memorable". Concluding our Court of Honor, everyone moved through to the conference room to grab a slice of the Eagle cake. Shortly thereafter people began to leave, concluding another successful Court of Honor.



Matje Farm

March 1 - 3, 2019

By Francis Purcell

Scouts arrived at the cabin at 6PM for a 6:30 bus ride to Wyalusing PA. Everyone was excited for this trip as Zach Fox, our SPL, would be leading some great activities on Saturday. The bus ride up to Matje Farm took four hours and multiple rounds of cards promoting humanity were played. Someone's speaker played music the whole ride, and my goodness, it was rather annoying and drove the adults into a state of pure misery. As a result, many of the older scouts made attempts to stop this matter, but the scouts playing the music didn't care.

After four hours, we arrived at Higbee Road and saw the all too familiar 1850s barn with the addition of new planks to the walls to preserve the barn. Before we got off the bus, Mr. Matje gave us the good old safety speech about not having Zippo lighters and why we shouldn't overuse the only toilet on his property. Next we took the troop gear into his cabin and our personal gear went into the barn. Around 11:30, most of us went to sleep, but not without the music of the speaker being played once again with live action tree-seed projectiles being thrown around, banging off the new boards of the barn.

The next day, Stag cooked us french toast and sausages with the help of Chef Bilson. After breakfast, scouts began the Winter Olympics portion of the trip. These activities engaged the scouts to show their best outdoor abilities in sled racing, water boiling, log chopping and much more. Toward the end of the day, both scouts and adults had time to shoot shotguns and go sledding on Mr. Matje's personal trail. Shooting shotgun was a highlight for many scouts who had never done it before. For dinner, we had spaghetti and meatballs cooked by Arek Connors and the rest of Panther Patrol. After dinner, most scouts went to bed. The next day, the bus went back to Malvern to drop all of the scouts off at the cabin. What an eventful 2019 Matje Farm Trip!



Pasta Night

Tuesday March 12, 2019

We celebrated another wonderful Pasta Night at the cabin in March, attended by over 70 Troop friends and family.

The group enjoyed a great meal of chicken parmesan, broccoli rabe, spaghetti and meatballs, salad and wonderful homemade desserts, all prepared by our own chef, Joe Cady. Assisting him in the kitchen was Dave Bravo. All in all it was a delightful evening of good food and good conversation. All adult members of the Troop family are welcome. Keep your ear to the rail for information on the next Pasta Night, to be announced.



Hoagie Sale in the Books!

Delivery was Saturday March 16, 2019

The scouts and adults of Troop 78 wrapped up another successful hoagie sale! We sold over 600 hoagies to the greater Willistown community of Troop friends and family. Of course you could have the usual regular, with or without onion, with or without hot or sweet peppers. A good time was had by all making the hoagies and then eating them!



Bridging Ceremonies

Multiple dates: March 10, March 16, March 17, March 23

The troop is pleased to welcome 14 new scouts to our troop! The new scouts were warmly received at five Blue and Gold bridging ceremonies (and by their patrols if they just joined the troop not coming from a Cub Scout pack). The Troop 78 Scouts who attended the bridging ceremonies were treated to a nice dinner, the chance to meet the new scouts and parents, and the opportunity to be the first to welcome our newest members. A big thanks to all of the scouts who attended the ceremonies and a huge welcome to our newest scouts and their families!



Spring Flower Sale is Underway!

Important dates:

Orders due Thursday April 25

Order sorting at the cabin Thursday May 9

Order pick up by scouts Friday May 10, Saturday May 11

Order delivery Saturday May 11



Spring is here! The flower sale is underway!

Do you have flower beds crying for some plantings? We have annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables for all of your flower beds and your vegetable garden.

Maybe it is your year to start an herb garden!

This sale benefits the individual scout salesmen and the troop. The troop splits the proceeds with the scouts. Scouts can use the proceeds of their efforts to fund their high adventure trips and / or summer camp. Please visit our online troop store at: www.shop.tr78.org

Please encourage your friends and family to visit the shop as well.



Notice of Upcoming Events

Annual Cabin Clean-up

Saturday April 6, 2019 8AM - Noon

Please join us for the annual spring clean up at the cabin. We will be cleaning the cabin, bus barn and the grounds. In addition, there will be several special projects including, spreading some top soil and grass seed on the portions of the lawn. We will work from 8 to noon, and we need all hands on deck to get these projects knocked out. Many hands make light the work!



Cabin Clean-up Project list:

Outside

1. Rake gravel back into parking lot from grass and woods and fill potholes
2. Topsoil and seed bare spots in back lawn (Pete)
3. Remove leaves dumped at bottom of parking lot to woods
4. Clean drainage ditch along Mill Road
5. Wash outside of bus (Duff)

Inside Cabin

1. House clean
2. Wash windows
3. Straighten kitchen
4. Clean bathrooms
5. Mop floors

Pole Barn

1. Store removed bus seats under cabin
2. Move lumber pile away from the equipment storage area

Tractor Shed

1. Straighten up tools, stakes, etc.
2. Check for any items that can be discarded

Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday April 26 - Sunday April 28, 2019

Camp Horseshoe will again host the OA service weekend the last weekend in April. We have moved the regular Friday Troop meeting to Thursday April 25 so you can make both the meeting and the service weekend! At Horseshoe we will be working numerous projects around the camp to get the camp ready for the upcoming summer season. In addition, Camp Horseshoe is hosting the OA Section Conclave the second weekend in June this year. The conclave is a gathering of all of the lodges in our Section, so the camp will need to be ready to host visitors earlier than the usual start date for the summer.

All members of the OA and recently elected candidates for membership should plan to attend this service weekend.



Brandywine Backyard Barbeque

Sunday April 28, 2019

Chester County Council and the Horseshoe Trails District will host the 2nd Annual Backyard Barbeque the last Sunday in April. This is a Sunday afternoon event open to everyone: scouts, families, and the general public. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success with over



1500 attendees, events, and lots of great food. Lunch trucks from all over Chester County converged on New Garden Township Park for the festival. There are games for the kids, crafts for sale and lots of food including great barbeque! Please consider joining us for this fun event.

For more information click here: www.brandywinebbq.com

Radnor Races: Save the Date

Saturday May 18 & Sunday 19, 2019

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 18th & 19th.

This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as much time as they possibly can. We especially need **ADULTS!** We will be out from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 18. Please concentrate on helping us between 11:00 and 3:00. These are the most critical hours. Of course help any time is appreciated and extended hours are always needed. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon. Remember, we welcome and need help from every person you can bring out, not just Scouts & parents!

Volunteering at the Radnor Races helps:

-OUR TROOP'S MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

-TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS

-PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AS TROOP 78 HELPS THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PRESERVE OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA

-EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT

Your sign-up sheet should arrive in the mail soon. Please fill it out & send it back as soon as you get it. That will minimize unnecessary calls and e-mails both for your sake and ours. **PLEASE BE PROMPT!!!**

Summer Camp Registration is Underway!

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

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 23rd and ends on June 30th
- Week Two begins on Sunday, June 30th and ends on July 7th

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 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$415.00 per week if paid in full by April 25th, (\$470 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by March 15th (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 25th and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 30th. 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. If your scout has special dietary needs or needs to take medication while at camp, a Special Dietary Form and Medication Form are also required (forms are available on the Troop website).

[Please click here for more information.](#)

| Key Dates – Summer Camp 2019 | |
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| Camp Deposit Due | 3/15/2019 |
| Full Payment Due | 4/25/2019 |
| <i>(After this date, rate is \$465/week)</i> | |
| Health Forms Due | 5/30/2019 |
| <i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card; also Special Dietary Needs and Medication forms if applicable)</i> | |
| Camp Horseshoe Weeks | Week One: 6/23/2019 – 6/30/2019 Week Two: 6/30/2019 – 7/07/2019 |

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