



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

February

Tuesday 2
Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

Wednesday 3
Patrol Leaders' Council
7:30PM

Friday 5
Troop Meeting 7PM
Troop First Aid Meet

Saturday 6
Council Wide First Aid Meet
Meet at cabin at 6:45AM

Friday 19 – Sunday 21
Matje Farm Ski Weekend
Friends and Webelos welcome

Friday 26
Troop Meeting 7PM

Sunday 28
Annual Parent's Night and
Court of Honor
Cabin 3PM

March

Tuesday 1
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Wednesday 2
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Sunday 6
Ski trip to Jack Frost

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Winter Weekend at Horseshoe

By Nathan Motel

By eight o'clock Friday night almost everyone had arrived at Camp Horseshoe to participate in our fun-filled weekend, January 8, 9, 10. With activities such as scout skill competitions, games, and advancement: everyone had something fun to do.

Following a strict and immovable schedule, all of the scouts had gathered outside in an effort to organize a game of British Bulldog. Quickly losing interest in this glorified game of Sharks and Minnows, we organized a game of Capture the Flag in an effort to keep everyone busy. About an hour later everyone went back inside and to bed by around ten.

The next morning everyone was up early and ready for a delicious breakfast of bacon and pancakes at 7:00. Immediately after breakfast everyone traveled to different parts of the camp to cut and gather all of the wood they could find. We hauled all of it back to Browning Lodge and split it into firewood for the camp to use all winter. In total we cut, split, and stacked over 6 cords of wood. By the time we had finished hauling the wood it was time for a quick lunch of grilled cheese and soup. After lunch everyone went their separate ways to a variety of activities like fire building, knot tying, or advancement, and there was a camp tour for anyone new to the camp who wanted to attend.

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Down time in Browning Lodge

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After these activities had ended all of the patrols vigorously tried to complete the annual winter camp scavenger hunt. This scavenger hunt is notorious for being impossible to complete, with items on it that included the left boot of a scout that didn't attend this weekend.

Finally, it was time for dinner. Dinner was a delicious meat and potato stew with salad. Immediately after dinner we had a competition between all of the patrols. This unfortunately also included the two adult patrols. As always, one of which cheated its way into first place in most events by bending the rules or bribing the judges. Once all of the patrols had finished all of the events we went inside to turn in our scavenger hunt items and watch a movie, in this case: The Martian. After the movie everyone went to bed.

On Sunday morning everyone woke up an hour later than the previous morning, at eight o'clock and enjoyed a breakfast of bagels and cereal. At the end of breakfast while everyone was still seated we had a quick chapel service. We cleaned up both of the cabins and departed from Camp Horseshoe. See you in June Camp Horseshoe!

Walt Disney World 2016

We are looking for more scouts to participate in this spring's trip.

Reserve Your spot for Spring Break 2016, March 18 to 26.

Please contact [Mr. Hogan](#) if you are thinking about going.

Final payment is due Friday February 5th. Mr. Hogan will be at the troop meeting Friday to take the payments.

With a five-day Park Hopper ticket, you can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and you can use your ticket for up to five visits to Disney Quest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Minatare Golf Courses), or the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time. One morning or afternoon we will attend a Disney "YES" Program. (Youth Education Series). Yes, it is educational and more importantly fun. Last year part of the program made the boys ride on Test Track and Soaring with no wait. Hmm educational.....

[Click here for more information](#)



Important KISC Trip Updates

We are now only six months away from our great adventure in the Swiss Alps at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) next summer!

Final payment is due now. The amount is \$750 for adults and \$625 for scouts.

If you need a passport, apply for it now.

Click here for the [Activity Schedule Grid](#).

Click here for the [Activity Descriptions](#).

Click here for the [Kandersteg Information Page](#) on the Troop web site

Questions: email Mr. Brown at: stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com.

[For the Kandersteg website click here](#)



Day Ski Trip to Jack Frost Rescheduled

In a case of great irony, the ski trip to Jack Frost originally scheduled for January 25th was postponed because of too much snow! The trip has been rescheduled for Sunday March 6th.

Annual Parent Night and Court of Honor

Please join us at the Scout Cabin Sunday February 28th for a celebration of achievement. At this event the Troop expects to award 6 Scouts their Eagle rank, the highest rank in Scouting. Please plan to come to honor these scouts and others for all of their hard work.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL FIRST AID MEET

SATURDAY, February 6, 2016, 6:45 AM

Location: Technical College High School, 443 W. Boot Rd., Downingtown

**This is the one we've been practicing for since November. Don't miss it!
Your Patrol needs you! Your Troop needs you!**

- **MEET AT THE CABIN AT 6:45 AM** (in class B uniform: troop t-shirt, Scout pants, Scout belt, Scout socks) with sneakers FOR THE BUS RIDE to Downingtown
- WEAR RUBBER SOLED SHOES OR SNEAKERS that won't mark the gym floor
- EXPECTED PICK UP TIME AT THE CABIN between 12:30 and 1:00 PM
- EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A FIRST AID MEET PATCH

***Each patrol must provide an adult (21+) to serve as a judge.**

Please let your Patrol Leader know in advance that you are coming!
If you are meeting your patrol in Downingtown, please let your Patrol Leader know.

Remember to study the First Aid in your Scout Handbook the night before!

Troop Uniform Exchange

We Want Your Old Scout Uniforms

Do you have scout uniforms that you have outgrown and/or no longer need? Please drop them at the cabin. The troop keeps a uniform exchange for the scouts as they grow through the years, and they need bigger and bigger uniforms.



Scouts: please bring in the uniform shirts, pants and shorts you have outgrown or no longer need. We will sort these and allow other scouts to use them. Scouts: if you need a new uniform, check the uniform exchange at cabin before buying one. There may be one in the exchange you can use.

Bring one, take one.



Radnor Races: Save the Date May 21 & 22, 2016

Winter got you down?

Think Spring, grab your calendar and reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Expect a warm, sunny time in the beautiful Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends another weekend helping at the Races.

On Saturday, May 21 & Sunday May 22 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing.

Please plan on being there!

The following is a letter from the Troop Race Committee:

On behalf of the Troop Race Committee; Don Tyson, Bob Matje, Steve Brown and I want to thank you all for your efforts at last spring's Radnor Event. The Radnor Races depend on Troop 78 to handle most of the support functions which make this great event possible. The Troop depends on you, its extended family, to enable us to do this.

Race Day featured nice weather. We had our usual great bunch of people (over 140 on Saturday alone!) out to help us. Our 26th year at the Races featured many changes on the Grounds. We were able to adjust and make sure folks ended up where they needed to be. On Sunday we had a hard-working crew for clean-up. In three hours we left the Radnor Hunt Club cleaner than it was early Saturday morning. ***Thanks so much for your fabulous efforts.***

(Radnor Races continued)

Your participation helped the Troop in our major fund-raising activity. Further, you helped raise money for the Brandywine Conservancy in its ongoing and crucial efforts to preserve open space in our area. We also were able to show the public the kind of great work that Boy Scouts & Troop 78 do in our Community. I hope you were able to enjoy yourself too!

We had a great group of new members join with our veteran members and our legendary corps of "Old-Timers." Together we once again put forth the kind of effort that most groups could not even imagine; just another day at the Races for Troop 78.

THANKS AGAIN!

Very sincerely,
Brian Rothberg

These are the families who came out and worked with the Troop.

Balmat*, Belleville, Benyo, Bilson, Brogan, Brown, Cady*, Carnes, Carret*, Cecco*, Chow, Compton*, Curry, D'Antonio*, Davison*, DeVirgilio*, DiAntonio*, Dinsmore, Dondero*, Donnelly*, Dudit, Duncan, Elliott, Evans, Fenimore, Finkleston, Flipse*, Fox, Graham*, Hogan, Hornickle, Lang, Lasure, Lemheney, Longenecker*, Lu, Mackrides, Madarasz, Martinez, Matje*, Matje*, Meltzerl, Miller*, Moss, Motel, O'Hara, Orlow, Palmer, Parry, Phayre, Pizzuto, Purcell, Riley, Rothberg*, Ruggiero, Schallack, Schertz*, Shay*, Siegle*, Skodny, Small, St. Clair, Stacy, Stevens*, Tredinnick, TROOP 585*, Trowill*, Tyson*, Tyson*, Urban, Varney, Vercoe*, Walsh, Wang, Williams, Zuraw

The names followed by * are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 even though they no longer have (and in some cases never had) an active boy in the troop. **Thank you!** You are a wonderful example of the spirit of our Troop and its extended family!

If you could not make it last year, we look forward to seeing you in May.

Scrip Program: Help make money for the Troop

Please consider participating in this great troop program. You simply buy store cards you would normally buy anyway through the troop scrip program, the troop benefits and so do you and your scout.

Through this program a percentage of the face value of the store card is donated by the retailer back to the troop. This donation is split between the troop and your scout's personal account. The percentage varies depending on the retailer, but it can be as high as 16%. This donation from the retailer to the troop does not affect the value of the card. For example: if you buy a \$100 card from LL Bean, you receive a \$100 card and the troop receives \$16.

Ordering the cards through the Scrip Program is easy. Use the [order form on the troop website](#) or you can look up card options on the Scrip Program website: www.glscrip.com. Nearly every retailer you can think of participates.

Please make checks out to: Friends of Troop 78, and give the check and the order form to Ted or Diane Dinsmore. Please contact Ted or Diane with any questions.

dinsmore5@verizon.net

Thank You John!

Imagine being the head accountant of a 60-80 person company. You are responsible for making sure every penny is accounted for. You pay all the bills and watch over all the money received. You preside over thousands of transactions and attend monthly meetings so that others in the company can review your work. Imagine that you held this position with the company for so long that nobody knew how many years you had been on the job. Finally, imagine that this very important position didn't pay a penny. All your time and hard work doing this job was strictly a voluntary position, done quietly and efficiently year after year.

This was the job performed by John Davison as the treasurer of Troop 78. John is "passing the baton" after decades of dedicated voluntary work presiding over the finances of our troop.

John: we thank-you for your service to Troop 78! Your years as troop treasurer exemplify the scout example of service to the community. We wish you and your family all the best!

Scott Vercoe has agreed to take over the responsibility of Troop treasurer. Thank you Scott.

In Memorial

We just learned of the passing of Emil Vogely. Mr. Vogely served as Scoutmaster of the Troop from 1951 – 1952. Mr. Vogely followed the Troop all these years, reading his monthly copy of the Troop Newsletter. The Newsletter recently received the following message from Mr. Vogely's daughter:

My name is Anita Vogely and I am writing this note for my mom, Leah. She wanted me to let you know that my daddy, Emil H. Vogely Jr. passed away. My father was a past scoutmaster of Troop 78. He always enjoyed receiving and reading the troop newsletter and keeping up with Troop 78, which was always near and dear to his heart. He was a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts and was an Eagle Scout himself. One of his proudest moments was when he personally presented the Eagle Scout Award to his grandson.

Mom wanted me to let you know that it is no longer necessary to trouble you to send her a copy of your newsletter. She wishes you the best in the future and knows that you will continue making a difference in the lives of the young men that you have the opportunity to influence.

A small private service was held in celebration of my father. He was a very special man and is sorely missed!

Sincerely,
Anita & Leah Vogely

The Newsletter responded back to Dr. Vogely with condolences on behalf of the entire Troop 78 family and our well wishes to her and her mother.

[Please click here to see his written memorial](#)

Taking submissions for the Newsletter

Have pictures or videos suitable for the Newsletter? Please send them along.

Have an idea for a Newsletter article? Please let me know. Thanks, [Newsletter Editor](#)