



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Camp Horseshoe!



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4 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM  
Troop Committee 7:30PM  
5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM  
7 Friday First Troop Meeting after the  
summer break 7PM at the cabin  
10 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM  
14 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM  
15 Saturday - 16 Sunday Knoebels Park /  
Ricketts Glen Campout  
21 Friday Troop Meeting: [Family Food  
Festival](#) 7PM  
22 Saturday Junior Leader Training 10AM  
cabin  
28 Friday - 30 Sunday [Order of the Arrow  
service weekend](#) Camp Horseshoe

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# Another Great Summer at Horseshoe!

**June 24, 2018 - July 8, 2018**

**By Brian Pimley**

## **Summer camp week 1**

This camp week started like any other. When the Week 1 scouts arrived, we unpacked, took a tour of the camp, and then walked down to the pool for swim tests. That night the troops competed in marching before dinner, with our troop taking the first trophy of the week.

On Monday the campers started to go to merit badges and the camp had its first camp-wide game, the scavenger hunt. This year's theme was a spinoff of the "Avengers" called the "Scavengers".

Tuesday night was the inter-troop archery meet where each troop sent their best archers to compete and gain the right to call themselves the best archers in the Loop of the Octoraro Bend. Also on Tuesday night, which was troop night, our troop had the Annual Troop 78 auction in which all the scouts brought an item and some money and had a bidding war for food, scout patches, and camping gear, etc.

Wednesday was a fun-filled day including the inter-troop track meet and the Winter Olympics in summer.

Thursday was the weekly outpost where all the troops cook their own meals and certain merit badges stayed overnight outside of the troop campsites. On Thursday night our troop had a campfire that included multiple songs, cheers, and a chant from each patrol.

Friday the camp hosted a swim meet in the morning. During lunch on Friday the camp staff presented the daily game by "protesting" the way the camp was being run. The scouts were asked to split up into patrols in an attempt to round up the rebellious staff, it was a Staff Hunt.

On Saturday, the camp invited the scout's parents to come down and visit the camp. Although all the scouts were happy to see their parents, a staff member, Brennan Kohl, was feeling down (Poor Brennan Feeling Down: PBFD). In an attempt to cheer him up the Campcraft staff created a Paul Bunyan themed event called Paul Bunyan Field Day (PBFD). All troops competed in multiple scout skill events such as the heaving bar, giant clove hitch, two-man saw, and many others. Troop 78 kept our 30+ year win streak alive, coming in first place again.

Saturday night the camp had a ceremonial campfire where scouts got patches for all the things they accomplished throughout the week. The Silver Buckle Award, for best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law during the troop's week in camp, went to Nathan Motel.

By the end of the week our troop won marching five times, the Scavengers hunt, the staff hunt, the track meet, the obstacle course, Paul Bunyan Field Day and the Clean Camp Award. On Sunday the Week 1 scouts said good-bye to camp and we had our final fall-in of another great week at Horseshoe.





By Chris St. Clair

**Summer Camp Week 2**

As many scouts stayed for Week 1, some did leave and a few new scouts arrived for Week 2. Those who just arrived had to take the swim test, but when all that was done, it was the official start of the week! Sunday also marked the first day of marching, for the second week of course. Even though we lost once in marching to Troop 50 and a heatwave on Monday, it did not conquer the spirits of anybody throughout the whole week, and we did win marching 5 times.

Like many of the days, it was very similar in camp: food then merit badges, some more food, and more merit badges, and then some marching and even more food. Something that was different depending on the day, was the fun games. On Monday night, the scouts had to find items that upgraded each time. Unfortunately, many of the items were almost impossible to obtain but fortunately our efforts were enough as the troop placed in first among all other troops at camp. Similar games and competitions continued through the week like inter-troop shoots, swim and track meets, and the most loved Turtle Derby!

At the end of the week, the camp's Aquatic Director, Christian Miller and his staff thought for whatever reason it was a good idea to be the first department in camp to be on Mars. (Crazy idea Christian...). So the Water Carnival had a Martian theme. Troop 78 placed first overall which was a bit of a surprise!

At the Saturday Night Campfire, the staff congratulated the scouts on their achievements throughout the week. Chris St. Clair received the Silver Buckle. This award is given to the Scout who best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law during the week in camp.

The year of 2018 Summer Camp was an absolute success and the troop is looking forward to Summer Camp in 2019 and many years to come.



[Click here for more pictures and video from Camp Horseshoe 2018.](#)

[Click here for a new Camp Horseshoe promotional video which features scouts from Troop 78.](#)

# **Algonquin Provincial Park Canoe Trip**

**August 4 - August 11, 2018**

**By Zach Fox**

Algonquin was a truly amazing trip. When you are in remote Ontario you feel as if you don't have a care in the world. We paddled around in our canoes and saw all kinds of different landscapes and wildlife. We set up camp and ate amazing food. Two toads even decided to join us for the first half of the trip as passengers.

On this trip specifically we chose a harder portage for the first day and then decided to stay at the camp we were at for a day of rest. We hiked up two waterfalls, jumped off cliffs into the water, and saw and heard lots of loons. One of the cliffs was 13 feet high and another was about 35 feet high. JT had the best jump off the 13 foot high cliff when he over rotated his flip. I saw a black bear. Some of us even hopped across floating logs and a beaver dam and explored a 200 foot cliff. Jace unintentionally collected a lot of small leaches during this exploration and then throughout the week.

Later in the week, we went to a bunch of little rapids and a natural waterslide. Some of us enjoyed going with the current around the rapids and down the slide while others decided to jump off the rock face. We also enjoyed swimming with fish that we could see. We loved watching the sunset, the magnificent bright stars, and the sunrise with the mist on the water.

To give you an idea about the food that we ate, because we ate like kings, we had filet mignon, shrimp scampi, and pizza.

Another thing we explored were possible routes for next year's trip. Don't miss out, because it looks like it's going to be fun! To quote one friendly Canadian, "It is like heaven on earth here." I think everyone should go on this trip.



[Click here for more photos and videos from Algonquin.](#)

## **Annual Registration Due Now!**

**Annual Registration is due September 30, 2018**

All Scouts and Scouters must re-register annually.

This year the registration paperwork and payment are due on September 30.

[Please click here for more information and the necessary forms.](#)



# Ulfljotsvatn: the Northern-most Scout Camp in the World

Over the summer, several Troop 78 Scouts and Scouters had the opportunity to visit Camp Iceland, Ulfljotsvatn, in Iceland.

The camp has the bragging rights of being the Northern-most Scout Camp. It is in a beautiful setting about 30 miles east of the Capital city of Reykjavik. The camp has bunk rooms, indoor shower and restroom facilities, a dining hall and commissary similar to Kandersteg (KISC).

Scouts from around the world use the camp as a base to experience the adventures of Iceland!

[Click here for more pictures from Iceland.](#)



## Update Your Youth Protection Training (YPT)

**All Adult Leaders Need to Update Their Youth Protection Training**

**Deadline September 30, 2018 !!!**

**By Dave Schertz**

The BSA has recently introduced newly updated youth protection training that is **required for all registered adults and volunteers by September 30th, 2018**. Anyone who took the old training prior to the February 2018 rollout is required to be recertified again.

The updated training includes three modules and a test that takes a little over an hour to complete. Once completed, this training will cover Chester County Council volunteers through the end of 2019.

To get started, it is highly recommended you use **Google Chrome browser**. Go to <http://my.scouting.org> and sign in using your Username and Password. Click on the 'Begins with Youth Protection' symbol or click on 'Menu' in upper left corner and select 'My Dashboard'.

I recommend you read the 'How to Guide for Taking Youth Protection Training' PDF for detailed instructions. There seems to be a delay between 'Add Plan' and the 'Launch Course' button appearing. Based on my experience with the new training you should plan on at least 90 minutes to complete the training. **Don't delay, take it today!**

# **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

## **Why ??? I'll Tell You Why !**

**By Arek Conner**

My first contact with NYLT began three years ago when I attended a weeklong course at Camp Mack in the PA Dutch Council. You may wonder why it matters to participate in any of the BSA leadership training programs. To be successful in leadership positions in your unit you need to understand that position. You should know your responsibilities in that position, and what your patrol or unit will expect from you. You should also understand unit structure. You can gain that knowledge by attending a BSA youth training program.

The Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) is the first level of youth leadership training in the BSA. This program covers basic information any young leader should know before serving in any youth leadership positions within his unit. The council or the troop provides this training.

The next level of youth leadership training is NYLT. Boy Scouts, who have earned first class rank, are at least 13 years old, and who completed ILST training can participate in this program. NYLT further explores the youth leadership role in the unit. It teaches what a leader needs to BE, should KNOW, and must DO. When you learn what the BE and KNOW are, you must remember to DO it in your troop.

The NYLT training takes place outdoors through challenging and action-packed activities. Each participant has an opportunity to lead his patrol as a patrol leader and practice newly acquired leadership skills such as conflict resolution and communication. At the end of the NYLT program, participants receive evaluations, which the scout can use to focus on improving specific leadership skills and traits.

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is the highest leadership training for youth. Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and The Summit in West Virginia each offer a NAYLE program. The program incorporates high adventure activities specific to each base.

At the end of NYLT, the staff asked me whether I would come back on staff if asked. Obviously, I said yes. So now, that is where my yearly summer adventure starts. I have been on NYLT staff at PA Dutch Council for two years. With each season helping to train new youth leaders, I am also improving my own leadership skills.

This summer I had the privilege to attend a National Youth Leadership Academy in Washington, DC, where I met scouts from many different councils. The moment we arrived, Academy staff welcomed us with shenanigans, which continued throughout the week. We shared stories and tips on how to run an effective and exciting NYLT program at everyone's home council. We discussed, as a group, the problems we face when running NYLT programs at our home councils. Each evening we worked on presentations for the next day so that we could practice our presentation skills.

Each day we listened to experienced public speakers. We observed how they deliver their presentations and how they handle themselves in front of an audience. Among program guest speakers this year were Matthew Olsen, former Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Congressman Pete Sessions, a member of the Congressional Scouting Caucus, and Captain Eileen D'Andrea, a naval civil engineer who attended the US Naval Academy.

The culminating point of our week were presentations participants of the program gave on the National Mall. After presentations, we toured the United States Capitol. It was a week filled with hard work, a lot of fun, and many memorable moments. As with each NYLT youth training program, I received my leadership evaluation.

I am writing about my summer experience in NYLT Academy to encourage scouts in our troop to consider participating in the NYLT program offered by the Chester County Council. If you are in the situation, where you cannot commit to two weekends of training in May, talk to me about the summer NYLT program offered by the PA Dutch Council. I would like to mention that the Academy program is only available for members of NYLT staff.

I had an incredible experience this summer because I attended an NYLT program three years ago. Most importantly three years back, you would have a difficult time convincing me to stand up and talk to a large audience.

Thanks to the training I received through NYLT program, I had enough confidence to deliver a presentation in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

For me, that was a huge accomplishment!

# Radnor Races Thank You !!!

By Brian Rothberg

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

Race Day was quite a day! After 3 days of rain and more on Saturday, the ground was as muddy as we probably expected! Our 29th year at the Races presented us with difficult challenges, but we somehow made it through. Troop 78 responded incredibly. We had virtually zero "no-shows;" an amazing result. Things were in constant flux as entire Gates were closed throughout the day. Your flexibility was appreciated and it allowed us to do our jobs under very trying circumstances. On Sunday we had a great crew for clean-up. In less than four hours, we left the Radnor Hunt Club in wonderful condition. Thanks so much for your fabulous efforts.

Your participation helped the Troop in one of our major fund-raising activities. 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 (despite the moisture)!

This year we had a great group of newcomers to 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. If you could not make it this time, we look forward to seeing you next May !

**Altemose, Anderson, Bennett, Bilson, Brogan, Brown, Brown\*, Cady\*, Carnes, Conners, Constantine, Coulter, Cronauer, D'Antonio\*, DeVirgilio\*, Dibble, Dinsmore, Dondero\*, Donnelly\*, Dougherty, Duff, Elliott, Fenimore, Flipse\*, Fox, Greskiewicz, Grewell\*, Gunderson, He\*, Heegard\*, Hogan\*, Hornickle, Jarrett, Kelly\*, Kumar Manga, Lane, Lang\*, Lemheney, LePard\*, Lu, Madarasz, Magee, Matje\*, Matje\*, Meiswich\*, Miller\*, Moss, Motel, Motel\*, Orlow, Pizzuto, Purcell, Riley\*, Rodrigues, Rothberg\*, Rubino\*, Sao, Schallack, Schertz\*, Seliverstovff, Shay\*, Siegle\*, Siegle\*, Skodny, St. Clair, Stacey, Stevens\*, TROOP 585\*, Trowill\*, Tyson\*, Urban, Vercoe\*, Wark, Warlick, Wright\*, Zuraw**

The names followed by \* are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 in spite of the fact that 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!

Just remember, the best part of our muddy Saturday, may be the stories and pictures we all have to remember our great efforts in awful conditions !

Thank you all so very much!

*Brian*





# **Notice of Upcoming Events**

## **First Troop Meeting**

**Friday September 7, 7PM at the cabin**

Please join us Friday September 7 at the cabin at 7PM for an evening of fun, scout skills, and games.

We a fun-packed evening planned!

[Please click here for the full calendar for the 2018 - 2019 scout year.](#)

## **First Annual Family Food Festival**

**Friday September 21, 2018**

Please join us for an evening of cultural exchange, fun, and food.

Scouts are asked to bring a dish, either a main course or a dessert, which would be served at a gathering of their family and represents their ancestral culture.

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

## **Order of the Arrow Service Weekend**

**Friday September 28 - Sunday September 30**

We will be gathering again at Camp Horseshoe, our favorite place on Earth. We will be inducting several more Troop 78ers into the Order and working on service projects around the camp.

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

## **Philmont 2019**

**August 12, 2019 - August 19, 2019**

Troop 78 is set to go to Philmont next summer, 2019. A deposit of \$100 is due Friday September 7th at the first Troop meeting. For more information please contact: Jim Bennett at: [jim.bennett@ellucian.com](mailto:jim.bennett@ellucian.com).

## **Kandersteg Switzerland 2020 !**

**July 25, 2020 - August 8, 2020**

Troop 78 is planning to visit Kandersteg Switzerland in the summer of 2020. We have a long list of high adventure activities we will try to squeeze into the time we are there. Scouts must be 14 years of age by the time of the trip to attend.

**The \$100 Kandersteg Commitment Deposit is due Sept. 7.**

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

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