



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2015

- 2/2 - *Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting*
2/3 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
2/4 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
2/6 - TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7-9 PM)
Begin Hoagie Sale
2/7 - **Council First Aid Meet**
(Downingtown)
2/12 - Council-wide Roundtable
2/22 - **Ski Trip**
2/27 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

MARCH 2015

- 3/1 - **ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR: (3PM) - Scout Cabin**
3/3 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
3/4 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 to 8:30 PM)
3/6 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
3/6-8 - **JLTC Trip to Jake's Cabin**
3/8 - Order of the Arrow Banquet (4:00 PM)
3/10 - *Friends of 78 Pasta Nite 7 PM @ cabin*
3/12 - *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
3/13-15 - **Historic Trip to Baltimore**
3/20 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Hoagie Orders Due
3/27 - 4/4 - **Florida Disney Trip**

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

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The February Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 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.

CPR TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 3rd, 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. Due to increased costs, we are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366 for more information.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL FIRST AID MEET

Saturday, February 7, 6:45 AM
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, belt, socks with sneakers) FOR THE BUS RIDE TO DOWNINGTOWN
- 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, let your patrol leader know.

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

TROOP HOAGIE SALE IS COMING!

Scouts and parents, the month of February kicks off our annual Troop Hoagie Sale. This long-running fundraiser allows scouts to sell delicious, handmade, Italian hoagies. The funds raised are used to help support the troop's needs for equipment, trips and programs, while at the same time adding to the scouts' own personal accounts. Personal funds earned can be used to pay for various camping trips, summer camp or international trips.

Hoagie sale forms will be handed out at the end of the troop meeting on Friday, February 6th. All money and orders will be collected at the beginning of the troop meeting on Friday, March 20th.

Since the fundraiser benefits the whole troop, it is expected that each scout sells a minimum of 12 hoagies. Parents, this is where you come in. The troop generally sells 1000+ hoagies, and I know this year will be no different. With your effort we will be making the hoagies on Friday night during a troop meeting

and Saturday morning on the following dates. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. A large adult turnout is crucial and means quick easy work for all!!

Friday, April 10th, 7-9 PM, during the regular troop meeting. Hoagie assembly, Saturday, April 11th, 7-9 AM.

I look forward to working with you all again on another successful sale!

Kathi Schallack
Hoagie sale coordinator

SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP TO JACK FROST MOUNTAIN

Sunday, February 22nd

Willistown Troop 78 Scouts and their families are invited to a great day on the slopes of Jack Frost Ski Mountain in the Poconos on Sunday, February 22. Boarders and skiers are in for a great deal with the special discount package that awaits us. For \$45, each participant gets a lesson, ski or snowboard rental, and an all-day lift ticket.

The bus will be leaving the cabin at 6:30 AM sharp. We'll be on the lift by 9:00 AM. Jack Frost offers the best snowmaking capability in the Poconos, and the terrain appeals to boarders and skiers, with runs for both the novice and expert. Lift lines are short so it's "run and ride" action all day long. The instructors are experienced and knowledgeable, so first-timers will have a good time. The Terrain Park appeals to boarders, and East Mountain, Challenge and Thunderbolt await advanced skiers. You'll find a trail map, pictures of the lodge, and a live web cam and updates on the conditions at www.ifbb.com.

Families are welcome to join the scouts, and family members can take advantage of our group rates. While we cannot accommodate families on the bus, you can drive up to Frost on your own, or you can follow the bus. Directions will be available. Driving time is about 1:45 from the cabin.

Note: All scouts and family members that ski or board with us on this trip **MUST** wear helmets – no exceptions! Helmets are available for rental at Jack Frost for an additional charge of \$10 per person.

Our group rates are set out below. Flyers, sign-up forms and permission slips will be available at the troop meetings leading up to the trip. Please join us for a terrific day of skiing and snowboarding with Troop 78!

Group Rates for Jack Frost Ski/Snowboard Trip

All area lift ticket: Youth (up to 18) - \$32. Adult - \$39

Package (lift, rental of board or skis, and lesson) - \$45 (youth or adult)

Helmet rental (boards or skis) - \$10

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This spring's National Youth Leadership Training course is fast approaching. This year's course will be held the weekends of May 1-3 and 8-10 at Camp John H. Ware.

NYLT is a youth-led conference focused on providing youth leaders the skills to run successful youth-led units. The NYLT skills are also lifelong leadership skills that will distinguish participants from their peers. The event fee includes meals and materials for the event. The course is designed for youth that are 13 years of age and older or have completed the 7th grade. Scouts must be First Class or above in rank.

All participants must complete Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews (ILST/C). It is recommended that all troops offer this program as a unit activity. A day course will be offered on 3/28/15.

Please note that an "early bird" discount of \$25 is available if registered before 3/28/15.

Registration is open now:
<http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/>

[national-youth-leadership-training-2-weekends-in-may-2015/1666744](http://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/).

For questions, e-mail
nylt@cccbsa.org.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Nathan Motel, Flying Eagle Patrol
When I entered the cabin for this year's holiday party, I didn't know what I should expect. When I walked in, I put my gift down on the pile and fell in for inspection. After that we went straight to a first-aid problem to practice for the meet. The judges for the problem were the Camp Craft staff from Horseshoe. The Flying Eagle Patrol won the problem.

After the problem we fell back in and started our holiday party. There was gift giving and lots of hot, delicious food. It was a fantastic time. After the food was gone, we went outside to play a game of British Bulldogs. Then we fell back in so that Mr. D. could give out awards. Finally, we all said goodbye and left the 2014 holiday party.

RADNOR RACES THANK YOU

The following letter was sent to those who were able to help the troop at the Radnor Races in May 2014.

"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 featured practically perfect weather. We had our usual great bunch of people (over 150 on Saturday alone!) out to help us. The Races honored our troop's 25th year of work at the event and I think we proved ourselves worthy of the praise. We took care of business! On Sunday, we had a hardworking crew for cleanup. We made up for smaller than usual numbers with a great effort and left the grounds in great condition.

"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!

"This year we had a great group of new members 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,
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.

Balmat*
Barnes
Belleville
Benyo
Bilson
Brogan
Brown
Cady*
Capelli
Cecco*
Chan
Chow
Compton*
Conley
Cronauer
Curry
D'Antonio*

Darlington*
Davison*
DeVirgilio*
DiAntonio*
Dinsmore
Dondero*
Donnelly*
Dudt
Dufoe*
Duncan
Elliott
Evans
Fenimore
Finkleston
Flipse*
Fox
Graham*
Gruss*
Hemphill
Hoffritz
Hogan
Lang
Lasure
Lemheney
LePard
Longenecker*
Lotz
Mackrides
Madarasz
Martinez
Matje*
McCarthy
Meltzer
Miller*
Moss
Motel
Neves
O'Hara
Orlow
Palmer
Parry
Phayre
Pimley
Pizzuto
Purcell
Riley
Rothberg*
Ruggiero

Schallack
Schertz*
Shay*
Sheridan
Siegle*
Skodny
Small
St. Clair
Stacy
Stevens*
Tredinnick
TROOP 585*
Trowill*
Tyson*
Tyson*
Urban
Vercoe*
Wang
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!*

RADNOR RACES, MAY 16-17

How about a mini-cure for the cold, gray winter weather?

Grab your calendar & reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

It promises to be a warm, sunny time in the gorgeous Chester County countryside as the troop spends another weekend at the Races.

On Saturday, May 16 & Sunday May 17, we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing. **Please plan on being there.**