



# Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 2013

- 1/2 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30PM)
- 1/4-6 - Winter Camp at Horseshoe – Fathers invited!**
- 1/8 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
- 1/10– *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 1/11- TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) (Fla. Deposits Due)
- 1/18 -TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 1/25 -TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

### FEBRUARY 2013

- 2/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 2/4 - *Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting*
- 2/5 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg. & CPR Training
- 2/6 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 2/8 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Begin Hoagie Sale
- 2/12 – *Council-wide Roundtable*
- 2/15 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 2/22 - Council Recognition Dinner
- 2/22-24 – Ski Trip/Matje Farm**

### COMING UP

- 3/3 – Parents' Night/Court of Honor
- 3/9 – First Aid Meet
- 3/22-30 – 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 Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:30 PM, at the cabin. The committee usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.



### \*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*

#### Father/Son Winter Camp:

**January 4-6, at Camp Horseshow.**

Let your patrol leader know by January 2 if you are planning to attend. The bus will leave from the cabin at 6:00 PM on Friday and return on Sunday at approximately 10:30 AM, or you may travel in your dad's car.

#### Philmont 2014 Deposits Are Due by January 4th.

Read the article at the right. Contact John Walsh if you will be 14 by July 2014 and would like more details.

#### Deposits for the Disney World Trip Are Due on January 11

The deposit is \$250. Total cost will be \$495. Trip dates are March 22-30, 2013.

### TROOP 78'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**By Chris Duncan, Staff**

Troop 78's Annual Holiday Party occurred on the 21st of December. The cabin was decorated with lights, Christmas trees, a menorah, and, of course, the Festivus pole. To start the meeting, patrols completed an extra-difficult holiday first-aid problem. Rattlesnake patrol won just by a hair. Next, the troop participated in a gift exchange. Some of the best gifts included Slush Puppy Freezer Bars, a full-body Snuggie, and a brick. Then, Scouts gorged themselves on delicious treats like donuts, ice cream, and fabulous Buffalo wings provided by the Cummings family. Finally, Scouts of all sizes participated in the feats of strength as they fought to steal the festive bacon from their fellow troop members. All together, the meeting was a blast.



### SUMMER 2014 PHILMONT 14-DAY EXPEDITION HIKING TRIP FOR SCOUTS 14 & UP

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable high adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting—in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun.

- **Who:** Max of 12 total in a crew, at least 2 adults but no more than 4. Boy scouts 14 by day of arrival in 2014 or age 13 and completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Recommended age is 15.
- **When:** **Saturday, July 19 - Saturday August 2, 2014** (Other dates may be available.)
- **Where:** Philmont NE, New Mexico
- **Why:** Great adventure (See above and ask anyone who has gone already - Jon & Chris Duncan, Dave & Eli Bravo - they loved it! See photograph above.)
- **How:** Through Chester County Council (CCCBSA), a company called Blue Sky Adventures conducts our tour from the time we leave Philadelphia airport & arrive in Denver Airport on Saturday morning until we get dropped off at the Philmont Ranch Monday

morning. They supply the buses, meals, accommodations and activities. They also supply the bus ride back to the airport from the ranch two weeks later.

- **Costs:** \$350 deposit required with application; Total expected cost \$1,950 (could change based on airline costs).
- **Next steps:**
  1. Application signed & delivered by 7:30 am on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  2. Deliver \$350 deposit also by 7:30 am, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Electronic registration prior to January 4<sup>th</sup> - link is <http://www.cccbsa.org/contact>

We will need to act quickly, as our troop must make application and send in a \$350 deposit to send a crew by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Applications prior to January 4th will be processed after those hand-delivered to CCCBSA council on January 4. Any questions, contact John Walsh [walsh3307@comcast.net](mailto:walsh3307@comcast.net).



(Editor's Note - The following article was scheduled to appear in the *Daily Local* as this Newsletter went to press.)

## NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR BESTOWS AWARD ON CHESTER COUNTY SCOUT

The Boy Scouts of America have awarded Michael D. Bennett the National Certificate of Merit in connection with Bennett's actions to aid a Wilkes Barre man who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident a year ago. Bennett, of Berwyn, is an Eagle Scout in Willistown Troop 78, Chester County Council.

On November 25, 2011, Bennett and his family were driving on PA Route 903 to go hiking in Hickory Run State Park when they came upon the scene of an accident. Emil Feist, age 66, of Wilkes Barre, had been out riding his motorcycle when a vehicle in the opposing lane veered into the oncoming traffic and sideswiped Feist. The driver of that vehicle apparently did not immediately realize that the accident had occurred and left the scene but returned later.

Feist was still sitting on his motorcycle when the Bennetts arrived but his left leg had been sliced open from his knee to his ankle, exposing the bone and muscle beneath the skin. He was bleeding profusely. Feist later learned that his leg had been broken in 15 places.

The Bennetts pulled onto the shoulder of the road. While his father attended to Feist's leg, Bennett called 911 and alerted authorities to the exact location of the accident and provided them with a description of Feist's condition. Bennett then assisted his father and another passer-by in lifting Feist off of the motorcycle and laying him on the shoulder of the road. Bennett treated Feist for shock, covering him with an emergency blanket that Bennett had retrieved from his family's vehicle, and offered

Feist water while reassuring Feist that he was being cared for and that the ambulance was in transit. When the ambulance crew arrived, Bennett assisted them in moving Feist onto a stretcher. Feist was then taken to Geisinger Medical Center in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Feist underwent 5 surgeries in his first 10 days of hospitalization, and was subsequently operated on 2 more times. At one point in his recovery, Feist and his doctors feared that Feist's leg would have to be amputated. Feist was bedridden for 3 months after the accident and underwent rehabilitation for an additional 3 months thereafter. A year after the event, Feist is now able to walk with the aid of a cane. He keeps in touch with the Bennett family and was pleased to tell them that this past summer, he was able to walk his daughter down the aisle on her wedding day.

The Boy Scouts of America award the National Certificate of Merit to registered Scouts and Scouters who have performed a significant act of service deemed by both the local Scouting Council and Scouting's National Court of Honor to be deserving of special recognition. In 2011, the BSA awarded the National Certificate of Merit only 57 times.

Bennett is in his senior year at Conestoga High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, a Distinguished Honor Roll student, and an active participant in Conestoga's music, theatre and Academic Competition programs. A National Merit Semifinalist, Bennett is completing the college application process and looks forward to studying civil engineering beginning in the fall of 2013.