



Willistown Troop 78

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Beach Trip! Cape Henlopen



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- 1 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, Family Food Festival 8:15PM
- 5 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM at the cabin
- 5 Tuesday Troop Committee 7:30PM at the cabin
- 6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM cabin
- 8 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 9 Saturday Radnor Horse Trials, volunteers needed, contact Steve Brown
- 10 Sunday Court of Honor and Family Dinner, 3PM cabin
- 15 Friday Packing meeting for the backpacking trip, 7PM cabin
- 16 Saturday - 17 Sunday Backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail
- 16 Saturday Run-a-Muck, volunteers needed, contact Steve Brown
- 22 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 29 Friday Troop Meeting, Halloween Party 7PM

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Down the Shore!

Friday September 17 - September 19, 2021

By Ethan Winkleman

This weekend the troop came out for our first trip of the scouting year. In a return to the normalcy before covid, the troop bus was used instead of individual transport, however masks were still in use inside the bus. Down through Wilmington and Dover the bus went, never stopping until we reached the campgrounds. Out of everyone who attended the trip, many were new scouts who had never been on a trip before. They got to learn how to set up the tents and experience camp life. Because of safety, everyone got their own tent so there were no crowded conditions inside the tents. The next day a breakfast of bacon and french toast was made to get everyone's energy up for the oncoming day.



First up was a tour of Henlopen. We got to see the many abandoned military installations from past conflicts, a part of history right there as we walked past. We walked through the Great Dune, a vast swathe of inland desert and scrublands. There were giant towers used in World War II as observation posts and even the chimney of a house buried in the sand. We ended up at the pier, where a fishing competition was taking place. Scouts got to spend some cash at the bait & tackle shop and walk down the pier, making sure to stay extra quiet so as to not scare the fish away! On the way back from the pier, we took a detour to one of the observation towers that was open to climb. We drew a large 78 in the sand out of pinecones which could be seen from the top. Some silly scouts even drew a red spaceman in the sand. The top of the tower was windy with a great view, where many pictures were taken. We got back to the camp for lunch, and afterwards prepared for the main attraction: the beach!

When we got to the beach, we immediately dove in. The waves were huge beyond death defying, and many scouts got rolled around under the water by the powerful currents. Scouts enjoyed building sand structures and just feeling the water cooling them off. However, after hours of enjoyment in the surf,



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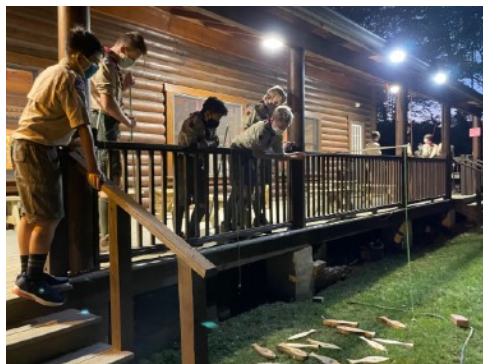
the fun times had to end, and we returned to camp. Dinner was delightful, but the best part was the inter-patrol baking competition. Some desserts were better than others, *much* better than others. But everyone had fun in the end. With everyone souped up on sugar from the desserts, sleep was a long time coming but eventually everyone dozed off. The next day was a story of three events: pack up, drive home, pick up. A smashing success, we can definitely hope for more trips like these to come. Surf's up!



First Troop Meeting of the Year

Friday September 10, 2021

Troop 78 kicked off the scout year with a great meeting on the second Friday in September. The meeting was very well attended. The scouts worked on individual advancement and then rotated by patrol through a series of carnival games. A perfect start to the new scout year!



Fall Work day at the Cabin

Saturday September 11, 2021

We had a large turn out for the annual fall clean up at the cabin on a beautiful Saturday in September. Crews worked on cleanup and brush removal along the perimeter of the field and parking lot. Crews also cleaned the entire inside of the cabin, including the bathrooms, the kitchen, vacuuming and wet mopping of all of the floors, cleaned and sorted all of the supplies in the kitchen and the commissary. Crews also worked on the flower beds, planting and mulching.



PARC Grand Opening

Saturday September 18, 2021

It was a glorious day for Scouting and for Chester County at the ribbon cutting of the new Council campus in Exton. Hundreds enjoyed a day of fun crafts, food trucks, an ice cream truck, dunk tank, pinewood derby, and tours of the new building. Lots of fun and much more to come!



Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday September 24 - Sunday September 26, 2021

Octoraro Lodge 22 held its traditional work weekend recently and Troop 78 was there in force. The Troop inducted new members into the OA with 6 Troop 78 members taking the Ordeal. Our scouts and leaders worked a carpentry project replacing window sills on the dining hall.

New Ordeal members:
Vinay Sao, Shreyas Sao, Brian Opielski, Nic Opielski, Jack Barsotti, Varun Kartick.



Charlestown Day

Saturday September 25, 2021

Troop 78 volunteers helped run a community event at Charlestown Day. Charlestown Park was filled with families enjoying a beautiful fall Saturday. There was lots to see and do with carnival games, food trucks, fire engines, vendors, a bouncy house, and live music.



Horseshoe Staff 2021

We had summer camp!

Troop 78 continued its long tradition of its scouts serving on the camp staff. Please take a moment to thank these scouts when you can for their (in many cases) years of service to Camp Horseshoe and to scouting in Chester County.

It was a great summer!

Arek Conners

Logan Duff

Bryce Elliott

Nathan Motel

Bill Purcell

Francis Purcell

Nathan Schallack



Troop 78 Resource Survey

We are asking adults to complete a Troop Resource Survey.

This survey will help us identify folks who might be willing to share their skills and talents. We are also always looking to bolster our merit badge counselor ranks. It will also capture the certifications and trainings held by our adult leaders. A survey form will be sent home with the Scouts on October 1st. Additional survey forms will be available at the cabin. Please return the completed survey with the annual registration paperwork.

[Please click here for the survey.](#)

Scout Scrip Program Fundraiser

Did you know that you can purchase gift cards through the Scrips gift card program throughout the year? Think beyond holiday gifts and consider purchasing gift cards for monthly expenses such as groceries, gas, household supplies, clothing, and restaurants. Every gift card purchased through Scrips sends a rebate back to Troop 78. Rebates range from 1%-12% with occasional bonus percentages. This does not change the value of the card.

You can fill out a paper order form and return to Steve or Sherri Wark or you can input your order electronically and pay by check made out to **Friends of Troop 78** or through Paypal or Venmo (ask Sherri for details on those). For some stores, e-cards are available. Reloadable gift cards are also available for some stores. Please visit **shopwithscrip.com/shop** for a full listing of gift card retailers available.

NEW!! You can use the RaiseRight APP! Our Troop Enrollment code is FEF118A31591L You can input your order through the app and still pay by cash/check/Venmo, or you can connect a bank account (transaction fee applied), or pay by credit card (2.6% fee added to your order at checkout). If you would like to order your gift cards online but not with the app, please contact Sherri Wark at sherriwark@yahoo.com. She will send you an email link to our Troop account through Scrips. It is an easy process.

Checks should be made out to Friends of Troop 78. Please complete the form and return it with full payment. Bring the form and the checks to the cabin on or before **Court of Honor on October 10th**. Please contact us directly with any orders after that date. Cards will be distributed at the Troop meeting on October 22nd.

Look at your family's upcoming expenses for groceries, gas, dining out and household expenses. Can you pre-purchase any of these expenses? Check out some of these examples below – can you purchase a gift card for any of these monthly/semi-monthly needs? Keep a few in your purse or wallet.

For example:

Giant \$100	\$4 rebate	Wawa \$100	\$1 rebate
Target \$100	\$ 2.50 rebate	Old Navy \$100	\$14 rebate
CVS \$100	\$6 rebate	Petsmart \$100	\$5 rebate
Dick's Sporting	\$100 \$8 rebate	Outback Steakhouse \$100	\$13 rebate

As you can see, some categories offer more of a rebate than others. A retail store offers a larger rebate than Wawa. When deciding on gift cards, you would choose something that your family would use, of course, but consider which ones have a higher rebate. There are hundreds of stores to choose from. There are electronic options for some stores as well. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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Upcoming Events

Annual Troop Registration

Due Now

All adults and scouts must re-register each year. The annual registration is now underway. Please submit your registration form and fee payment to Mike Simms.

All registered adults must also complete the annual Youth Protection Training (YPT).

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

Radnor Horse Trials

Saturday October 9, 2021

Troop 78 will continue our longstanding tradition of helping with events at Radnor Hunt, with a day of service at the Radnor Horse Trials, Saturday October 9.

We need volunteers to help throughout the day with parking of horse trailers, trash collection, and setting up and taking down of the riding rings.

Please contact [Steve Brown](#) if you can help.

You'll need to register at [EventingVolunteers.Com](#).

Need parking volunteers from 6 a.m. - Noon, helpers with the jumping & dressage from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the same until the event ends.

Food and drinks will be provided for volunteers throughout the day and we are invited to the BBQ at the end. [Click here for more information.](#)

Court of Honor and Family Dinner

Sunday October 10, 2021

Please join us for the fall Court of Honor and family dinner on Sunday October 10 at 3PM at the cabin.

At the Court of Honor all of the awards earned at summer camp and since will be presented. We will also highlight recent troop activities and the Scout of the Year for 2021 will be recognized.

After the awards we will enjoy a buffet of lasagna, various side dishes and desserts.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Backpacking Trip

Saturday October 16 - Sunday October 17, 2021

Willistown 78 will be loading up the Troop Bus to go backpacking on the famed Appalachian Trail. The trip consists of two hike options and an overnight stay at the Eagles Nest shelter campsite in Auburn, PA.

The short hike is approx. 3.5 miles. The long hike is approx. 6 miles. There will be an opportunity to check out the Eagles Nest vista. A beautiful lookout maintained by the Blue Mt. Eagle Climbing Club since 1916.

[Please click here for more information and for the sign up form and permission slip.](#)

Run-A-Muck

Saturday October 16, 2021

The annual 5K Run-a-Muck to benefit the Willistown Conservation Trust is coming up fast and volunteers are needed to help run the event.

We are invited to the food, bonfire, and music after the race.

Please contact [Steve Brown](#) if you can help. [Click here for more information.](#)