



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2011

- 4/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 4/2 – Spring Clean-up Day at Cabin
- 4/5 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
- 4/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 4/7 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable - Charcuterie*
- 4/8 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Parents build hoagies
- 4/9 – Build and Deliver Hoagies (7 to 9 AM)**
- 4/15 - 4/23 – Florida Trip – Disney World**
- 4/29 - 5/1- Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend

MAY 2011

- 5/2 – Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting
- 5/3 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
- 5/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 5/6 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/7 - Troop Yard Sale, Flower Sale & Bake Sale (8AM to Noon)
- 5/10 – *Council-wide Roundtable*
- 5/13 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/13-15 – NYLT Weekend 1
- 5/13-15 – Canoe Trip**
- 5/20 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/20-22 – NYLT Weekend 2
- 5/20-22 – OA Conclave
- 5/21 – Radnor Races - (Save This Date!)**
- 5/22 – Radnor Races Cleanup - 8AM

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

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The April Troop committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 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.



SAVE THE DATE – POTOMAC CANOE TRIP: MAY 13 – 15

In June 2009, we were scheduled to canoe along the upper Potomac River but had to cancel the trip because of flooding and dangerously high waters. But next month, we will head back to the Potomac for a weekend of great canoeing and camping. Join us for this trip, scheduled for May 13 – 15. A handout on the trip will be available at an upcoming Troop meeting.

If you haven't canoed with us on the Potomac, now is the time to join us! We will camp at a beautiful Paw Paw Tunnel National Park Service campground right along the River, near the historic Paw Paw Tunnel. The tunnel takes its name from the many paw paw trees in the area. The river is scenic. Bald eagles nest along its banks, and the water is clear and steady. The C&O Canal towpath is right nearby. The trip is fantastic – great for the experienced canoeist and novice alike.

If you are thinking about joining us in Canada for our signature canoe trip “north of the border,” the Potomac trip is a great warm-up. Save the dates and plan to join us. See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELI BRAVO

At the annual banquet for Octoraro Lodge 22, WWW, held on March 12th, Eli Bravo was awarded the Chesimus

Wulihan Award (Young Brother Who Does Good For Others). This award “is presented by the lodge officers to recognize a new youth member who has served for fewer than two years, but who has, during that time, demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the principles and mission of both the Order of the Arrow and Octoraro Lodge.”

Eli has been active in leading and working with the OA trail crew. Below is a photo of Eli accepting the award from Lodge Chief, Matt Steinburger.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT D'ANTONIO

Scout of Troop 464 Rainbow Council, Illinois, and Troop 78, Chester County Council, PA, Bobby completed his Eagle award on December 30th, and was awarded his Eagle medal at a Court of Honor held in Minooka, Illinois, on March 19th. Among those participating in his Eagle award ceremony were four D'Antonio Eagles from Troop 78. His cousin Brett (Eagle Scout, 2003) asked Bobby to repeat the Eagle Promise, after which his cousin Greg (Eagle Scout, 2000) read him the Eagle Challenge. Bobby's Uncle Steve (Eagle Scout,

1971) had the honor of giving the Eagle Charge. Mike D'Antonio (Eagle Scout, 1979), Bobby's father, presented the Eagle medal and issued a moving final tribute to his son's accomplishments based on the Camp Horseshoe tradition of saluting (without a return salute) those who have dedicated themselves to Scouting. Bobby's Grand-pop, "Big Al" D'Antonio, an Old Loon Award recipient of Troop 78, was also present, along with Uncles Rob and Rick. Rob was a Life Scout in Troop 78.

Bobby attended summer camp at Camp Horseshoe with Troop 78 in 2006, 2009 and 2010. He recently turned 18 and intends to remain active in his Troops and in his Order of the Arrow Lodge and will be attending the KISC trip with Troop 78 in the summer of 2012. Members of Troop 78 sent Bobby a "video congratulations card" for which he was quite surprised and grateful. Bobby and Mike both wish to thank the Scouts and leaders of Troop 78 who helped Bobby along the Eagle trail.



Volunteer Activity

In need of service hours and aren't going to Florida? We have a fun and rewarding event for you. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is holding their annual Love Your Park event Saturday, April 16, from 9am-1pm. They are in need of hard-working volunteers to spruce up city parks for spring. Please join us as Troop 78 helps clean, green, and make a major difference in a deserving community in Philadelphia. Find your gardening gloves, work boots, Troop 78 gear and get ready for some clean and green fun! The specific park will be assigned to us soon. We will arrange a car pool from

the cabin departing at 8 AM. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Lemheney at slemheney@pennhort.org.



CALLING ALL HOAGIE MAKERS!

As of this writing the hoagie orders are still coming in; so a final tally has yet to be determined. But rest assured the Scouts have done another fine job of selling our great hoagies!

Parents and friends, it's now our turn to step up and deliver! If at all possible, please plan on attending one or both of the quick, 2-hour sessions to help build these hoagies. Both sessions are at the cabin. They are -

- Hoagie set-ups – Friday, April 8th, during Troop meeting from 7 – 9 PM
- Hoagie making – Saturday, April 9th, from 7 – 9 AM! Scouts pick-up their orders from 9 – 10 AM
- Also, the meat slicing crew will start at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 7th!

This is a very labor-intensive but profitable project for the Troop. The more help we can get the faster and easier the task gets completed. If there is any chance you can help, please do so.

Scott Vercoe,
Hoagie Sale Coordinator

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT KANDERSTEG TRIP

It's spring and you know what that means! No, not April showers bring Mayflowers or the long-awaited start of the baseball season. It means that it's time for the Friends of Troop 78 Yard Sale.

This year's yard sale will be held on May 7 from 8 AM to Noon at the Scout cabin. The yard sale is one of the main fund raising events for the 2012

Kandersteg trip. As such the entire Troop is needed to participate. We need you to provide items for the sale and to encourage your family, friends and neighbors to dig through their closets, attics and garages for treasures to sell. We also need the Troop to help out with the event itself and in the work leading up to it. Most importantly are the drop-off and pricing dates: April 14th, April 21st, April 28th, May 5th and May 6th (all from 7 PM to 9 PM).

Of course no yard sale would be complete without a concession stand! We will be selling various food items, such as hot dogs, sodas, bottled water, soft pretzels...and baked goods! To that end, we are asking each family to donate a baked good. These can be cakes, pies, bread-type cakes (banana or pumpkin bread), cupcakes, cookies, etc. We will need whole cakes and pies as well as cookies/cupcakes to be sold individually. Think about this: 20 cakes x \$5.00/cake = \$100! Don't be shy; use this opportunity to let your inner chef shine! Please contact Stephanie Robinson with questions about the bake sale.

New this year will be an electronic games sale. Scouts are encouraged to sell their old DS, Game Boy, Wii, Xbox and PlayStation games. The drop-off for these items is April 1st at the cabin. The Troop will get first crack at purchasing these games on April 8th before the Troop meeting. If the game does not sell at the pre-sale, it will then be offered on EBay and then at the yard sale. A Scout who decides to sell his games will receive 50% of the proceeds for his Scout account, if the game sells at the pre-sale or on EBay. If it sells at the yard sale, 100% of the proceeds will go towards the Kandersteg trip.

So get ready to help out and have some fun at the big Friends of Troop 78 Yard Sale on May 7th! If you have not already signed up to volunteer (everyone going on the Kandersteg trip must participate), please contact Steve Brown at 610-692- or



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Attached to this newsletter mailing, you will find an order form to be used to take orders for the hanging baskets. The cost will be \$20 each or **two** for \$35. Our grower is the same one that supplies the poinsettias, so the quality should not be questioned.

Comparable baskets sell at local stands for 40% - 60% higher than our charge. Again, please keep family and friends in mind when planning this sale. The timing is perfect for a Mother's Day gift that will help decorate the home through fall. Mark your calendar for the pickup of these flowers on **May7**, the day of the yard sale, inside the cabin. The Mother's Day flower sale will benefit both the 2012 trip fundraiser and each Scout who sells flowers. Scouts get a portion of the gross sales price donated into their Scout accounts. That money can be used for summer camp, Florida trip, Canada, ski trip, and of course, Kandersteg 2012



RADNOR RACES

Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22

Radnor Race weekend is one of **the most important weekends** on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need **adults!** We will be out from around 7 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, May 21. Please concentrate on helping us between 11:00 to 3:00. These are the most critical times, although any help is appreciated and extended hours are

always needed. Cleanup is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon.

Remember working at the Radnor Races helps -

- Troop 78 earn funds;
- support our community, as Troop 78 helps the Brandywine Conservancy protect open space in our area;
- earn money in your Scout account

Your sign-up sheet will arrive in the mail soon. *Please fill it out & send it back as soon as you get it.* That will minimize unnecessary calls and e-mails both for your sake and ours. **Please be prompt!**

THE WALSH FAMILY SCRIP SUCCESS STORY

By John Walsh

If you saw money on the floor, whether it were a \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20, would you bend down and pick it up? We know our Scouts look on the ground when leaving a campsite to make sure they leave no trace. As parents, I think we would bend down and pick up money on the floor if we knew it were there. Scrip cards are like picking money off the floor. It's little effort and easy pay back. We are not filthy rich, so, yes we'd pick up the money. Plus, my son Tommy knows that we generate some money for his great trips, and I think this lets him have some understanding and "skin in the game."

All of us have to spend money to survive. (People who know me know I try to avoid spending money.) We need to buy gas for our cars, food for our tables at home, and other items to live and survive. Our family always tries to buy car gas at Wawa, as we keep Wawa scrip cards in our cars. We buy our groceries at ShopRite. So, 4% of our normal ShopRite groceries comes out to 2% for Troop 78 and 2% for my boy's account. I now have my Mom and Dad in NJ buying a few ShopRite scrip cards. They like knowing they are helping their grandson Tommy in Boy Scouts, and it's no extra money from them and little effort. We just write a check, fill out a form, and get the scrip cards. It's that easy.

One other story: We were going to buy a sofa and love seat from La-Z-Boy furniture. I always want our family's purchases to get us scrip rewards, but La-Z-Boy wasn't on scrips. What can I do? I found out that Boscov's also carries Lay-Z-Boy furniture and Boscov's gives 8%! Again, with very little effort, we got good money for Troop 78 and for my son Tommy's account.

We like knowing that our son's costs for summer camp or other trips are picked up easily. My advice: look at the scrip list of companies that you are already be spending money on, and buy scrip cards for them. Your Scout will benefit as will your own family's bank account. We're not filthy rich so we pick up this money. It's as easy as picking money off the ground. For the past two years we picked up enough money on the ground to pay for almost an entire week of summer camp each year. It really is that easy.



A quick note on scrip this month: The next order will be placed on April 3rd, and the cards will be in for the Troop meeting on April 8th. This is important for anyone going on the Disney trip and would like cards for the trip. Disney gives back 2% for every dollar that you purchase.

The cards that are in stock are ACME, Giant, and WAWA. All of these can be purchased at any Scout event.

If there is anyone interested in learning more about scrip and how it works, feel free to ask me. All money that is received is split 50/50. Half will go into your son's Scout account and the other half goes to the Troop.

Thanks,
Jim Hogan

TRAINING

ADULT TRAINING CORNER

Information for required and supplemental training is available on the Troop website. If you are unsure what trainings you have completed or are what we have documented for you, there are summaries on the training page of the Troop website: <http://willistown78.org/beascout/training.html>

Leave No Trace (LNT) Trainer

Classes will be conducted in the field throughout the day on Saturday and during an overnight backpacking trek to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation wilderness area. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will be registered as a certified LNT Trainer with the National Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics in Boulder, Colorado. LNT Trainers are authorized to teach the official Leave No Trace Awareness program, LNT 101 and also qualify to serve as staff instructors in future Leave No Trace Trainer courses.

Upcoming Adult Training Dates

(Mark your calendars now so you don't forget.)

- NRA Certified Rifle – Horseshoe, April 15-18 weekend

- Wilderness First Aid – Thursdays, 6-10 PM - May 5, 12, 19, 26
- SM & ASM Specific Training, Malvern Area - May 14, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Leave No Trace Trainer – Horseshoe, May 13-15 weekend
- IOLST – Camp Jarvis, Oct 1-2 weekend

Please continue to submit copies of your training cards to the green folder in Mr. D's office entitled "Training – submissions" for inclusion in our training database.

SCOUT TRAINING CORNER

Scouts, don't feel left out, there are leadership and position trainings for you as well.

If you are a new den chief, **Den Chief Training** is recommended. Please plan on attending one of the trainings. Den Chief Training is intended to build enthusiasm for the job, develop high morals, and teach the skills the Den Chief will need to be successful.

If no trainings are being offered, you can also take training online. The link is under the training website at the bottom of the supplemental training <http://willistown78.org/beascout/training.html>

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home Troops and varsity teams. The leadership skills taught can be used in any other situation demanding leadership of "self" and "others." This process begins with a "vision" of what success will look like in the future.

Leave No Trace Trainer

The principles of Leave No Trace have been recently integrated into many areas of the Scouting program from Cub Scouting to Second and First Class Scout rank advancements, merit badges and many outdoor programs and activities. In addition, a new Boy Scout leadership position has been developed called "Leave No Trace Trainer." To help facilitate these changes, we will be offering the three-day Leave No Trace Trainer course for both youth and adults during selected times of the year.

Scout Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget.)

- NYLT – Camp Ware, May 6-8 and May 13-15 weekends
- Leave No Trace Trainer – Horseshoe, May 13-15 weekend



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