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- 1 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM, cabin
- Troop Committee 7:30PM, cabin
- 2 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 4 Friday Troop Meeting, cabin 7PM
- 7 Monday Friends of Troop 78, 7PM
- 11 Friday Troop Meeting, Troop First Meet, 7PM
- 12 Council First Aid Meet 7AM CCIU
- 13 Sunday Super Bowl Breakfast 9AM-11AM, cabin
- 18 Friday - 20 Sunday, Matje Farm
- 25 Friday Troop Meeting, 7PM cabin

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Klondike Derby!

Saturday January 22, 2022

By Ben Gunderson

On January 22, Troop 78 continued the annual tradition of attending the Klondike Derby at Camp Ware. This year over 500 scouts from troops all over Chester County were in attendance, and the theme of the Klondike Derby was Lego, with Lego themed games and a scavenger hunt. The troop played several fun games and events in the inter-troop competition, including but not limited to raising a huge Lego made of painted wood over a bar using 3 different knots to compete for record time (heaving bar), a camp wide scavenger hunt that had scouts looking for Lego mini-figures, clues to their locations were given to the scouts. The competition also included a set of first aid problems, a sled race without snow, a memory game, paintball targets, and a knot tying competition.

Before all the games, however, every patrol from every troop had to show off their Lego-themed sleds. Our own Panther patrol won third place in the competition, with cardboard boxes spray painted and taped to the sides of the sled to look like Legos.

For lunch, we had grilled cheese with a choice of chicken noodle or tomato soup. After more events, the end of the competition came and the awards were announced, with troop 78 receiving a few awards. Concluding the day of fun, the troop packed up the site and went back to the bus. Traditionally, the troop would've stayed overnight, but the second day was canceled due to a number of circumstances.



Klondike Derby

Saturday January 22, 2022

By: Caleb Fulmer

On the frigid morning of Saturday January 22nd, a group of Troop 78 scouts set out to Camp Ware to compete in the Klondike Derby. The Friday night before, we held a troop meeting for the patrols to get their sleds ready for the big day. We decorated them, and Stag and Flying Eagle patrols used real Legos on their sleds to match the theme of this year's Derby. The patrols that would be competing were Stag, Panther, and Flying Eagle. Moose and Rattlesnake combined with the other patrols.

After the meeting, we all went home to try and get some rest for the next day. Everyone got to the bus at 6:15 AM Saturday morning, and we headed off to Camp Ware. It was very cold, so when we got there everyone opened packs of hand warmers and put on their hats and gloves for the long day ahead.

The first competition was the judging of the sleds. Everyone put their sled in a line, and the judging began. Panther patrol did pretty well placing third in this competition. Another competition was Lego first aid. This station had a counselor give you 4 scenarios where you had to do first aid, and they wanted you to tell them how you did it. You got more points for saying the right way to treat the patient. Another station was shelter building. At this station, you had to make a shelter out of the materials around you like sticks and leaves, and you got more points for how many knots and lashings you tied, and how many people you could fit into the shelter. Stag did well in this competition placing third. The next station was Lego fire starting. At this station there was a raised grate and you had to melt a lego guy out of ice using fire. This competition was very fun. The other competitions were slingshot, sled race, memory game, Lego fort building, and tent setup. In between all of the competitions we had a lunch of grilled cheese and soup, with some hot chocolate. After a long and hard day we walked back to the bus and headed home exhausted.



Winter Weekend

Saturday January 8 - Sunday January 9, 2022

By Logan Duff



This winter the troop headed out for our annual winter camp weekend. Due to COVID, we planned to stay outdoors in tents and to only stay one night. We left the troop cabin bright and early Saturday morning for the drive to Camp Horseshoe to pitch our tents in the Campcraft area. Once we got there, we set up our campsite and began our morning program with an introduction to First Aid and Pioneering merit badges while some kids went sledding in the snow.

We ate lunch outside at Browning Lodge. Lunch was grilled cheese as usual with some warm soup and chips. The patrols handed in

scavenger hunt part one and received the second part before doing a patrol advancement period. Some of the younger scouts went sledding or did other snow activities around camp while the older scouts split wood in the Campcraft area.

Before dinner, the whole troop got together and played Capture the Flag in the Picnic Grove/ Health Lodge area. It was a great way to warm up. Then, we sat down for a warm dinner outside of Browning. We found out that there was supposed to be freezing rain Sunday morning that would make the drive home difficult, so we packed up the tents to leave Saturday night. Before we left, we had the Horseshoe High Score Competition with events like the Spider Web, Bolt Splitting, Saw Drill Drop, Kim's Game, Trivia, and Three-Man Ski.



The weekend was certainly different from our usual winter camp, but we made the most out

of it and everyone had a great time. Hopefully next year we can get back into the heated cabins for a full weekend.



Ernie's 75 Year Service Award

Everyone, here is a picture of Ernie's 75 year pin.

Impressive on so many levels!

Thank you Ernie, for a lifetime of service to the scouts and scouters of Chester County!



Eagle Plaque Updated

Thanks to Joe Cady for a huge update to the Eagle plaque in the cabin.

As a sign of the success of the troop and its scouts and leaders, the existing plaque is very nearly full.

Side panels have been added to the Eagle plaque.

Now with an additional 160 slots, the plaque is good for quite a few more years.

The troop leaders and scouts are committed to filling this plaque!



Upcoming Events

Council First Aid Meet

Saturday February 12, 2022

The troops in the Council will gather again on on a Saturday in February for the annual First Aid Meet.

We missed a year last year due to the pandemic, and hope to have the event this year.

Patrols will complete in first aid skill demonstrations, including realistic scenarios using stage makeup for realism. There will be two levels of competition, Band-Aid for those who want to learn (beginner) and Blood and Guts for those who want to challenge themselves (advanced).

[Click here for more information.](#)



Council First Aid Meet, BPE
(Before Pandemic Era)

Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 13, 2022

Please mark your calendars for our annual Super Bowl Breakfast. We missed a year due to the pandemic and are ready to restart this “super” tradition. Families are welcome to come to the cabin on Super Bowl Sunday to enjoy a wonderful home cooked breakfast of comfort food, company, and fellowship. So looking forward to seeing you all !

We will be asking everyone to sign up in advance for a specific time slot, so we can control the number of people in the cabin.

[Click here for the sign up and for more information.](#)



Super Bowl Breakfast, BPE

Matje Farm

Friday February 18 - Sunday February 20, 2022

We are planning again for the Winter Olympics at Matje Farm. The troop gathers at this wonderful 125 acre property of longtime troop alum Mr. Matje. At the farm, the scouts sleep in a large barn and the leaders sleep indoors in bunk rooms. We will cook meals as a troop and during the day will compete in various “Olympic” events.

It will be a great weekend of fun, food and fellowship!



Radnor Races

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2022

SAVE the DATE

Radnor Races - May 21 & 22, 2022

PLEASE, go over to your brand new 2022 calendar right now and block out the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at this year’s edition of the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

Expect a beautiful time in the Chester County countryside, as the Troop spends another weekend at the Races.

The Brandywine Conservancy will once again do all it can to insure that this year’s Event puts the safety and well-being of volunteers as its top priority.

On Saturday, May 21 & Sunday May 22 we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing.

Please plan on being there!

Fundraising

Gift Card Fundraiser: “Scrip”

[Click here for more information.](#)

You can purchase gift cards for family, friends, teachers and service providers through Troop 78 !! There are hundreds of stores from which to choose.

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). Please visit shopwithscrip.com/shop for a full listing of gift card retailers available.

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 (small transaction fee applied), or pay by credit card.

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.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Chester County Council News

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For more information contact Kipp Happ, Diamond Rock District OA Chair
Banquet and OA service weekend at PARC in March

- OA Banquet will be held at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square on March 6th from 4:00 pm to 8:00pm
 - Join us at the 2022 Octoraro Lodge Annual Banquet. The banquet is a great opportunity to celebrate our successes from 2021 including the Vigil Class, yearly award recipients, and unit awards of excellence. This event is open to non-OA members and is a great opportunity for fellowship.
 - \$25.00 for Youth and \$35.00 for adults
 - Registration Link <https://scoutingevent.com/539-53920>

- OA upcoming Service Day will be at PARC, Saturday March 26th from 9:00am to 1:00pm
 - This will be an outdoor service activity
 - More information will be available in the coming months as well as a sign up on the Octoraro Lodge website