



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

MAY 2014

5/2 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

5/3 - Annual Yard Sale at the cabin

5/2-4 - Youth Leadership Training

Weekend 1

5/5 - Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting

5/6 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop

Committee Mtg.

5/7 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

5/9 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

5/10 - Washington DC Day trip

5/9-10 - Youth Leadership Training

Weekend 2

5/16 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

5/16-18 - Philmont Shakedown for Philmont

Attendees

5/17 - Radnor Races (Save This Date!)

5/18 - Radnor Races Cleanup - 8AM

5/30- 6/1 - Order of the Arrow Ordeal &

Service Weekend @ HSR

JUNE 2014

6/2 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

6/3 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop

Committee Mtg.

6/5 (Thurs)- TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

Field Day Part One

6/6-8 - OA Conclave - Camp Horseshoe

6/8 - Field Day & Family Picnic (3:00 PM)

6/12 - Diamond Rock Roundtable Picnic

6/14 - TROOP MEETING - Camp

Preparations

6/15 - Canoe Trip and Picnic Lunch at

Brandywine River Museum

6/21 - PLC to Summer Camp (meet in Dan Beard at 2:00 PM)

6/22 to 6/29 - Horseshoe Summer Camp

WEEK ONE

6/29 to 7/6 - Horseshoe Summer Camp

WEEK TWO

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



Thanks to those of you who have donated items for the garage sale so far...! There is already some great stuff: furniture, sports equipment, instruments, knick-knacks and much more; so please tell your friends. There will be an additional drop-off on Wednesday, April 30th, from 7pm to 9pm, and the night before the sale, Friday, May 2nd, from 6pm to 9pm. We could really use more help the night before and especially May 3rd - the day of the sale - as early as 6 AM for set-up and until 1 PM or so for clean-up. If you can't work the exact shifts in the sign-up genius, please send a message to PTFenimore@aol.com (Paige Fenimore) with the hours that would work for you, and she can definitely use anyone for any hours you can work, especially later in the sale and for clean-up. Again, the link for sign-up genius is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4BA9AC238-garage/457455>

If you only have a little time open that day - please try to stop by and do some shopping.

Again, it would be great if we could have as much of the troop as possible help to make this sale a success.



RADNOR RACES

Saturday & Sunday, May 17-18

Radnor Races weekend is coming up. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out working from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 17th. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is appreciated. Clean up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon.

Remember working at the Radnor Races helps:

- Troop 78 earn funds
- Brandywine Conservancy protect open space in our area
- Earn money in your Scout account
- Troop 78's major public-service project

In the unlikely event that you have not yet responded, please do so now. If your schedule has changed and you now have a few more hours to spare, let us know. Please remember, we need every possible family member. Moms are welcomed & needed!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



TROOP 78 & RADNOR RACES

This year marks Troop 78's 25th year helping out at the Radnor Races. Twenty-five years is a long time to be involved with anything, but our troop and this event have a very special relationship. During this time, the troop has grown just as the Races have. We have managed to help each other. Troop 78 takes care of many of the chores that allow the Radnor Races to function smoothly. The Races have assisted our ambitious scouting program as well as being a crucial part of the fundraising for our wonderful cabin.

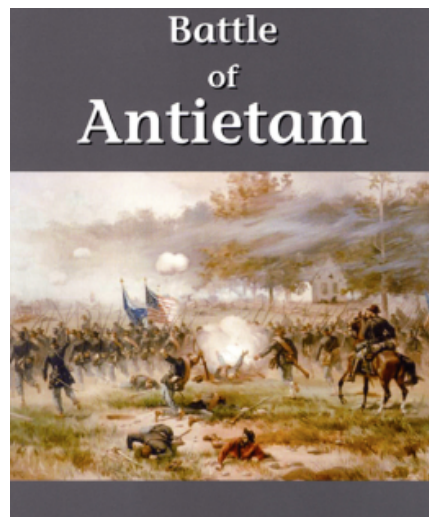
A boy's time with the troop is limited. Because of this, it is difficult to attain the continuity that results in a 25-year commitment. If you are wondering how we do it, the answer is very simple. Troop 78 has people who continue their relationship with scouting long after they or their sons have aged out. In fact Jim & Gladys Donnelly, Al D'Antonio, Ernie Heegard, Bob & Peggy Matje, Miles Stevens and Bill Trowill have all been working at the Radnor Races for the troop's entire 25-year tenure.

Back in 1997 (the oldest records available) we brought out 131 people who put in just over 875 hours of work. Those are some impressive numbers. Fast forward to 2013: 185 folks putting in 1,335 hours! Certainly, this is a testament to the troop's work ethic, but it is also a result of our fabulous scouting program as well as our unmatched facilities. These have allowed 78 to grow and attract more members. Much of that is a direct result of our partnership with the Radnor Hunt Races and the money

we earn, as well as the generosity that so many of those on the Race Committee have shown Troop 78.

In this, the 25th year of this partnership we need a maximum effort to take care of our responsibilities at the event. To show their gratitude, the Race Committee has a number of things planned. Among them, commemorative hats will be given out to all those who come out to help during Race weekend, Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18. Also planned is an afternoon picnic at the Brandywine Conservancy (the organization that puts on the Races) in Chadds Ford on Sunday, June 15th. Please make sure to come out and continue to make some history.

--Brian Rothberg



Christian Skodny, Moose Patrol

At the Antietam National Battlefield trip many exciting things happened. When we got there after a three-hour bus trip, it was dark. After a quick orientation by Mr. D, we set up camp. The site had a hill leading to the camp area. There was a small pavilion (used for cooking) and a large, covered pavilion (used for eating). There were quite a few Webelo Scouts on the trip, such as Cody Carnes and Cameron Skodny, my younger brother. They might have had the most fun of all because this was their first official trip. We all went to bed at 11 PM to

rest for our activities the following day.

When we woke up at approximately 7 AM, breakfast was already cooking. (French toast is a pretty common thing with the troop.) After that the Scouts packed their daypacks to go on a guided tour and a troop hike, which ended up being two different hikes.

After a 45-minute bus ride that felt like 15 minutes, we arrived at the Antietam National Battlefield Museum. We watched a video on the battle. Then the Scouts went to the observation deck, gift shop, and/or the museum. Then the Scouts went to the bus for a tour of the battleground. The guide told jokes and showed us important landmarks, such as a tower with 64 steps on it. Finally, it was time for the self-guided hike. We went on two separate hikes, and it started to rain. We found a monument to stay in and then we found our way back to the bus. (This was the second hike.)

When we got back, we found that there was quite a bit of a drainage issue with our campsite on the side of the hill. It was a good thing there was the large pavilion to stay in if a tent got wet, because the rain only increased. For dinner we ate Wang's magnificent fried rice. Moose patrol had half of the pot left over.

When we woke up Sunday morning the Scouts ate a cold breakfast of cereal and milk and a donut. All of the Scouts' gear was in the large pavilion. The troop started to take down tents as it was raining. I had a hard time getting up the hill because it was so muddy. Finally, we loaded onto the clean, dry, warm bus. The Scouts watched movies, played cards, and stopped for food on the PA turnpike. When we got to the cabin, there was a lot of cleaning to do because of the rain. We all had a wonderful time and a fun trip. One of the most important things we learned was how to properly use a ground tarp, that is, to make sure the edges are underneath the tent.

The Scouts learned how to camp in the rain and the mud.



Tommy Walsh, Panther Patrol

This spring break the troop took its annual trip down to Orlando, Florida! The Disney trip is a favorite to many and one of the most enjoyable trips that Troop 78 has to offer. The trip consisted of a luxurious bus ride down to Orlando and 5 days at the parks! This was my second trip and was absolutely amazing!

The bus left the cabin in the afternoon on Friday, April 11th. After a fun 21-hour bus ride of watching movies, playing cards, and sleeping, we arrived at Fort Wilderness Campgrounds! Fort Wilderness is the nicest campground ever seen, stone showers, full bathrooms, and electricity, everything needed to make the most out of Disney World! After setting up our campsite, we proceeded to explore the resort, checking out the pools, visiting the trading post, exploring the monorails, along with pitiful attempts at befriend girls at Downtown Disney.

Sunday marked the beginning of my 2014 Disney adventure. Our parkhopper tickets were passed out, and we began on our way after a spectacular breakfast. My experience started at Magic Kingdom, exactly as amazing as it was just a year before. My group of five hardened Disney veterans wasted no time in lines and executed our week perfectly. Because of our passes, we were allowed to skip around from park to

park with great ease and to maximize our time in the happiest place on earth.

While it may sound like a walk in the park (more like 4 parks), not everything was nice and perfect. We encountered some rough rain on Tuesday but lucky, most of us were well prepared and stayed dry and happy. Other hardships faced were Ravioli night, Mr. Hogan's "clever" jokes, broken rides, resulting in free fast passes, and construction work, also resulting in free fast passes. Besides those few bumps in the road, everything was smooth!

Some of the most memorable moments of my scouting career we had on this trip. Some of my favorite moments were; my 1,017 self portraits taken during the week, Luke Brogan's nonexistent sand causing malfunctions, running a half mile back to camp at 1:55 AM to beat the 2 AM curfew, Franimal Kingdom, and the rumored "Disney Seals." Many great friendships were created and strengthened throughout the week. On the tetherball octagon, Troop 78 displayed its superiority over a neighboring Bible "Biker Gang" (a youth group that biked from all around Florida). Not so successful was the troop's Ultimate Frisbee game, but nonetheless we met several wonderful kids who we later met up with at the parks.

On Friday, the sad realization that our tickets were expired hit us. But Mr. Hogan would have none of that, and after our tents were packed up on the bus, we got the great gift of going mini golfing and to Blizzard Beach for our second time! After a few hours there, we packed up and began the odyssey back to Malvern, PA.

The bus ride home was rather uneventful. We stopped at a Georgian Cracker Barrel, generously provided for by the troop. Except for tons of sleeping and games of President, nothing noteworthy occurred. We arrived on Saturday afternoon, and my favorite trip of this year came to an end.

I would like to thank all the adults and Scouts who helped make this possible, to our wonderful drivers, and to my wonderful parents for allowing me to continue on this annual vacation!

HOAGIE SALE HEROES!

As many of you know the 2014 Hoagie Sale Fundraiser has just completed another very successful year. This project has been going on in Troop 78 for many decades. During that time only a few people have dared to volunteer in taking on this fundraiser as it takes months of planning and preparation. then the perfect coming together of many moving parts on the big weekend.

Special thanks need to be extended to Kathi & Jake Schallack for volunteering to take over this important project. Their new leadership and attention to detail made for another successful hoagie sale. Thank-you also to all the Scouts who sold and all the parents and friends who helped Kathi & Jake this year! You are all truly hoagie heroes!

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The May Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:30 PM, at the cabin. The committee meets to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.