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Chester County First Aid Meet 2018!

Please print out this Newsletter and post a copy for everyone to see.

Panther Patrol: 1st Place

Patrol Leader (with the ribbon): Arek Connors

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CCC First Aid Meet

Saturday February 3, 2018

By Arek Connors



The Council First Aid meet was February 3rd, however, for Troop 78, it began long before that. November 17th to be exact. Every Troop meeting we would listen to 40 - 50 minutes of first aid lessons. Then we would do two or three first aid problems. Each week we would learn the sad truth: there was no way we could know everything. So every week, we would study, read the First Aid Manual, and remember the problems that, well, let's just say we didn't do too well on. Each week we did better and sometimes worse. In a patrol's rush to complete the problem, they would forget a part or not have enough time. So each week we learned new methods of teamwork and time management for emergency use.

One issue was: meetings. This year there were not that many Fridays that we could hold meetings. There was either a trip or a holiday break that denied us valuable time. I would like to thank the patrol members of every patrol, as well as the patrol leaders, for working so hard to be successful at this year's first aid meet.

Speaking of success. This year Troop 78 had 4 patrols rank. Rattlesnake came in 5th, Flying Eagle 3rd, Stag 2nd, and Panther 1st. Each patrol treated for medical emergencies like back injury, stroke, heart attack, severe bleeding, and compound fracture. Most of the time, simply using common sense provided a definite point bonus, an example being: getting medical professionals to transport when the lifeguard stand is only 200 ft away.

As some of you may already know, I am the patrol leader of Panther. However, I am not the most valuable part of my patrol. Sure, if I were not there, they would not know the bizarre trivia I did, or have the overall knowledge that provided a safeguard in the absence of a patrol member. However, they would have everything else: the hurry cases, fractures, slings, transports, and basic first aid skills.

I would like to thank everyone in my patrol and I invite the other patrol leaders to thank their members as well. I would also like to thank the parents of these scouts, who provided transportation to and from troop meetings, as well as the judges that volunteered for the Council meet. Thanks everybody for another successful First Aid Meet for Troop 78! May we never need to use these skills.

[Please click here for more pictures and videos from the First Aid Meet.](#)



Court of Honor

Sunday February 25, 2018

By Nathan Motel



As 3:00 on Sunday February 25 rolled around, the scouts and their families began to pour into the cabin. On this occasion, seeing as they were not arriving for a campout, the scouts were fully dressed in their class-A uniform, hair combed, shirt pressed, and boots tightly laced. This year, thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers who came to the cabin on Saturday, the cabin was cleaned and set up well before the arrival of the first visitors and scouts on Sunday.

One of Troop 78's two award ceremonies during the year, this Court of Honor was similar to many of our past Courts of Honor. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and Law. Immediately after the opening, the scouts presenting speeches on recent trips began, one by one, to present their personal accounts of the various trips the Troop has taken so far this year including those on the backpacking trip to West Virginia, West Point, winter camp at Horseshoe, the Klondike Derby, and the First Aid Meet. After the past trip speeches, a video of highlight pictures from the past few trips was played. This video served a double purpose. The guests got to see how great the trips were and the Troop Order of Arrow tap out team got more time to prepare for the Order of The Arrow tap out ceremony. Then with a flick of the light switch and the bang of the drum, the Troop 78 tap out team entered the main room of the cabin and stole the attention of every member of the audience. After they had completed their tap out of troop 78's newest candidates for the Order of the Arrow, they began their slow precession out of the room, leaving a solemn tone with the captivated audience.

We then began the awards portion of this ceremony. Mr. D presented each scout with their latest earned advancement, merit badges, and ranks. Specific to this Court of Honor, Mr. D also presented the [Recruit of the Year Award](#) to Noah G. and the [Achgekatum Award](#) for youth leadership to Jay M and the Bellgrau Award for adult service to Mark Siegle.

Finally, we ended with two scouts receiving their Eagle Scout rank. Both Andrew Brown and Ricky Martinez, who received their Eagle ranks, have been contributing to the Troop for many years. Distinguished in their willingness to help and contribute at any moment no matter the challenge, these scouts worked hard and truly earned Scouting's highest rank Eagle Scout.

To end the ceremony, Mr. D lead everyone in the Scoutmaster's Benediction.

Then we had cake with red, white, and blue icing!

[Click here for the full list of Troop 78 Eagles.](#)

[Click here for more pictures and videos from the Court of Honor.](#)



Super Bowl Breakfast - 2nd Annual !

Sunday February 4

By Christian Skodny

We gathered again for the Super Bowl breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday, all just for good food and fellowship. The breakfast had a bunch of menu options including pancakes, French toast, bacon, eggs made-to-order, and home fries. People were invited to drop in anytime from 8 until 11 am. The waiters were Christian (me), Jay, Jake, Andrew, and Nate. Waiting tables was a pretty easy job, we worked all morning and got to take breaks to eat with our families. My favorite part was eating with my mom. I had home fries, pancakes, and sausage.

It was an amazing breakfast, a great new tradition.

Hope to see you all next year on Super Bowl Sunday !!!

[Click here for more pictures from the Super Bowl Breakfast.](#)



Sign up for Troop 78 Text Notices

Troop 78 now has a Text Notification System!

The system is: www.remind.com This is the same system Camp Horseshoe uses.

It is easy to join our text group.

To sign up simply text @willistown to 81010

The text group will be used to notify you of upcoming events, last minute changes due to weather or other unforeseen events.

Order of the Arrow 2018 Dues Due!

Are you a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA) ?

If so, your annual dues are now due.

If you already paid your dues: Great!

If not, please use this link to pay your dues.

[Click here to pay your 2018 OA dues.](#)

[If you are not sure whether your dues are up to date, please click here.](#)

Notice of Upcoming Events

Vermont Ski Trip

Friday March 9 – Sunday March 11, 2018

By Jim Bennett

The Troop heads for the mountains of Vermont as we trek to Mount Snow for a weekend of skiing and fun, Friday March 9th through Sunday March 11th.

Mount Snow is located in southern Vermont and has a summit elevation of 3,600 feet and a vertical drop of 1,700 feet. The mountain gets about 160 inches of natural snowfall each year and has some of the best snowmaking capability in the Northeastern United States. Check out Mount Snow on the Internet at: <https://www.mountsnow.com>

Our accommodations will be luxurious by Troop 78 standards. Thanks to a generous partnership that the Troop has formed with the Buck Ridge Ski Club of Delaware County, we will be staying at the Buck Ridge Ski Lodge, a mere 2.5 miles from the base of Mount Snow. The Lodge has 28 bunks and four couches, as well as ample “floor space”; propane heat with a propane fireplace; two dining areas; two kitchens; and multiple bathrooms. There are indoor cubbies for ski boots; a large vestibule for stowing skis and snowboards; and many board games in the spacious living area for apres-ski relaxation.

See you on the slopes!

[Click here for more information on the upcoming Ski Trip.](#)

Hoagie Sale

By Kathi Schallack

Important Dates:

Orders due Friday March 9 Please note the sale has been extended ! This is a date change.

Hoagie build Friday March 16 and Saturday March 17

This long running fundraiser allows Scouts to sell a delicious, handmade Italian hoagie. The funds raised are used to help support the Troop's needs for equipment, trips, and programs while also adding to the seller's own personal Scout account. Personal Scout account funds earned can be used to pay for summer camp and high adventure trips.

All money and orders will be collected at the meeting on Friday March 9, 2018.

The cost of our awesome hoagies will be the same as recent years, \$7 per hoagie.

Because the fundraiser benefits all of Troop 78, it is requested that each scout sell a minimum of 10 hoagies.

This task should be very easy for each scout: just buy some for your family and a few friends.

So you don't eat hoagies? We now have a partnership with the Safe Harbor homeless shelter in West Chester. You can order hoagies for the shelter and we will deliver them. The shelter is counting on us !

The building of hundreds of fresh hoagies is a vast undertaking, so we ask for help from scouts and parents alike. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one or both sessions listed below to help make this task easier. A large adult turnout is CRUCIAL to the success of the sale and means quick, easy work for ALL!! With everyone's effort we will be making hoagies on the following 2 dates: Friday March 16, 7PM - 9PM and Saturday March 17, 7AM - 9AM.

[Click here to access the Troop Store to order hoagies.](#)

Pasta Night!

Save the date: Tuesday March 13th at 7PM at the cabin.

Menu:

A selection of cheeses, cured meats, and sliced vegetables

Homemade family heirloom lasagna

Sweet sausage and hot sausage sautéed according to an old family recipe

Italian green beans with roasted almonds

A mix of spring garden greens, salad vegetables and dressing

Fresh-baked rolls and butter

Iced Tea / Lemonade / Home brewed coffee

Assorted desserts, cookies, brownies, pies, and cakes

Pasta Dinner is for anyone 18 years of age or over.

All proceeds go to the **High Adventure Trip Scholarship Fund**.

Donations to this fund help scouts attend high adventure trips including Philmont, Sea Base, Algonquin, and Kandersteg.

Come out and support the scouts.

Have fun with friends and make new friends.

Cost is only a \$20 donation per person.

Please [email Joe Cady](#) if you are going to come so he can get a handle on head count and food quantity.

Hope to see you there!

Main Line Animal Rescue (MLAR) Parking Event

Saturday April 7, 2018

Please mark your calendar for a few hours of service to MLAR. Troop 78 has a tradition of helping this worthy organization with its fundraising events. We put our car parking skills to good use and direct the parking for the Annual MLAR Run / Walk. The time commitment is only 7AM to 9AM and we need approximately 8 volunteers. If you can help, please contact [Steve Brown](#). Thanks!

Summer Camp is Right Around the Corner!

Deposits due by Friday March 16.

By **Tim Hornickle**

Summer camp registration is underway!

Winter has ended and it's time to think about summer camp!

Looking forward to summer camp since we left last July? Me too.

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks:

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 24th and ends on July 1st
- Week Two begins on Sunday, July 1st and ends on July 8th

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, hundreds of merit badges, and display their teamwork, skills, and Scout spirit in the many games and contests at camp. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year.

Your troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the troop in camp this summer. We are encouraging 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$405.00 per week if paid in full by April 20th, (\$465 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by March 16th (please indicate which week you are registering for on the deposit payment form found on the troop website).

Again this year, there is a Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50 for each additional scout.

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by April 20th and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by May 31st. The health form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. Please make sure the completed medical form includes parts A, B & C with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

[Click here for more information about Summer Camp.](#)

Radnor Races - Save the Date: Saturday May 19, 2018

Please [email Brian Rothberg](#) for more information.



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