

WILLISTOWN TROOP 78

Historic Trip

Gettysburg Battlefield

November 21 – 23, 2025

When: Friday, Nov 21st to Sunday Nov 23rd

Where: Gettysburg National Battlefield

Who: All Scouts, Troop Registered Adults, Guests

- VISITING WEBELOS WITH A SCOUTING AMERICA REGISTERED FATHER ARE WELCOME! -

Cost: Scouts & Guests are free; Troop Registered Adults are \$45

Arrive: 5:45 PM Friday night arrive at Cabin, in hiking boots, with food or dinner consumed,
DON'T BE LATE!!!

Return: 2:00 PM to Cabin (approximate – boys will call when 30 minutes from cabin)

Transportation: Bus for Scouts and accompanying fathers

Trip Notes: All attendees that come **MUST** wear hiking boots, not sneakers. Saturday will be spent seeing historic exhibits and presentations at and around the Gettysburg Battlefield along with a guided tour, on our bus, of the battlefield. Most of the cooking will be done by Patrols. Some pocket money for souvenirs and a possible meal on Sunday are encouraged. There will be some modest day hiking over the weekend. We will be tent camping in a Scouting America camp about 35 minutes from the Battlefield; the current government shutdown will not impact our plans or itinerary.

Notify your Patrol Leader and fill in this slip by no later than **Friday, November 14th at 7:30 PM** if you will be attending. Let your PL know if your father is attending as well. If you need a Troop loaner winter sleeping bag make sure to tell your PL and you still must bring a sleeping bag of your own to go inside the loaner bag.

DADS WELCOME -- AND NEEDED!

Have your son notify his Patrol Leader (see instructions above) if you will be attending, AND e-mail Jack Bilson jackbilson@gmail.com or drop off your completed slip at the cabin and let him know.
(\$45 meal charge for registered adults; no charge for Scouts)

QUESTIONS? Call your Patrol Leader.

WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 HISTORIC TRIP -- WHAT TO BRING

WHAT TO BRING:

Daypack including:

- One water bottle (bring it filled) -- Nalgene or other unbreakable water bottles with at least 1 QT capacity
- Small bottle hand sanitizer
- Pocket knife
- Small container of sunscreen; Chapstick
- Brimmed hat
- Warm hat and gloves (IMPORTANT for November!)
- Warm Jacket
- Rain gear (jacket AND pants)
- Warm jacket or fleece (not just a sweatshirt)
- Layers (light fleece that can be removed during hike)

In your overnight duffle:

- Sleeping bag (rated for 30°F or lower - November nights are cold!) (Troop has a **limited number available** for loan -- see flyer for details. **Let your PL know by November 14th if you need to borrow** one from the Troop)
- Sleeping pad
- Small flashlight or headlamp, with good batteries
- Plastic drinking cup for hot and/or cold
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hiking boots (to be worn)
- 2nd pair of shoes for in camp
- Wool or synthetic socks -- wear a pair, bring two spares
- Change of clothes

Dress in layers. The weather could turn quickly. Please **Be Prepared** for both cool and warm temperatures (30-55°F), and wet or dry weather. November and its winds can be COLD!

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Please complete and return this page, all sections, including the permission slip below, with payment by check, to Mr. Bilson per terms of handout.

Scout Name: _____ Patrol: _____

Adult attendee name: _____

Emergency contact email & phone number: _____

Allergies – please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions (for religious, medical or social reasons) or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings, etc.):

Troop 78 – Nov Gettysburg Trip (the “Trip”) Permission Form

If I am signing for a Scout: I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout/guest named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the Trip. By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that the person for whom I am signing this permission slip has also read, understands and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my son, his other parent/guardian, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If my child cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that my son will call both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 8 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$75, notwithstanding the reason. I authorize such funds to be deducted from my son’s Troop account and I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that my son may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

If I am an adult attendee: By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that I understand and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my representative/delegates/agents, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If I cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that I will call Mr Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 8 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$75, notwithstanding the reason. I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that I may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee if submitted by attending adult)

Date of signature: _____