



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

December

Tuesday 1 Board of Review
7PM

Wednesday 2 Patrol Leaders
Council 7PM

Thursday 3 Poinsettia order
pick up at the cabin, 2 to 6PM

Friday 4 Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 11 Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 18 Troop Meeting and
Holiday Party 7PM

January

Tuesday 5 Board of Review
7PM

Troop Committee 7:30 PM

Wednesday 6 Patrol Leaders
Council 7PM

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 Winter
Camp Weekend at Camp
Horseshoe. Fathers and scout
-age boys invited.

Friday 15 Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 22 Troop Meeting 7PM

Sunday 24 Ski Trip, family
friends and Webelos invited

Friday 29 Troop Meeting 7PM

[Click Here: Full Troop Calendar](#)

Appalachian Trail Trial

By Luke Brogan

We left the cabin at 6:00 AM Saturday morning November 14th. As it turned bright we reached the Appalachian Trail in the Delaware River Water Gap in New Jersey. We camped in one of the Mohican Center camp sites which was relevant as that is one of the scenes in my book due the following week for school. The long hikers set out around 9 AM. This year, all the youth long hikers hiked together due to no variation in speed and ability groups. We hiked the day away, and after a long lunch break which ended in running away from the adults whilst screaming at the top of our lungs we reached the beautiful views along the ridges. There was a lot of activity up there with many different people bird-watching. We saw plenty of lakes and luscious grass fields. The long hikers finally arrived at the camp site and beat the short hikers. We found good ground for the tents and set them up. Then we made dinner around 4 PM and were asleep by 6:30 PM. We woke up around 6 AM and made hot water for our oatmeal and then packed up our tents and hiked out. We were supposed to split the short hike in half so Tommy and I would have enough time to make it back to our cross country banquet in time but the keys were misplaced and adventurous Mr. Bravo and Mr. Bennett headed out to retrieve Mr. D's truck and the bus. Tommy and I raced away in Mr. D's truck to make the banquet in time and I arrived with tons of blisters from the arduous weekend on the Appalachian Trail.

[Appalachian Trail Video](#)

[More Appalachian Trail Hike Pictures](#)



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First Responder Event Huge Success!

By Luke Brogan

On Tuesday November 17th, Troop 78 hosted many Webelo scouts for their First Responder requirements. Each of the troop's 5 patrols were assigned a portion of the First Responder requirements. I, the patrol leader of Moose patrol, taught them how to treat for both choking and shock, as they are both very fundamental in basic first aid.

The other stations were: the hurry cases, minor injuries, how to make a first aid kit, discuss an emergency drill for your home, and visit with a first responder. Our very own first responder Mr. Schallack ran this last station.

We had 41 visiting Webelos and as many parents. A huge turn out and a great event for the Webelos and everyone involved.

All of the Webelos received a certificate verifying their attendance and completion of the requirements.

The event was overall a tremendous success as we accomplished all the First Responder requirements and gave these upcoming Boy Scouts a taste of our troop.

[Click here for more](#)



Mark Your Calendars for the Next Troop Campout

The traditional Troop 78 Winter weekend at Camp Horseshoe January 8, 9, 10.

It will be here before you know it!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and guests who are potential new scouts to introduce them to troop 78.

Pasta Dinner

Once again Joe Cady and his loyal cook crew out did themselves. On Tuesday November 10th, over 100 people joined Joe at the cabin and enjoyed a fabulous dinner of meatballs, chicken Marsala and various delicious side dishes. The highlight of the evening was the celebration of Bob Matje's birthday and as an added bonus and unplanned birthday gift, Bob won the door prize! Happy Birthday Bob!

We all look forward to the next Pasta Night in the Spring!

All proceeds benefit the bus fund.

Scrip Program

Hi Troop 78 Families.

Its that time of year again, only four weeks until Christmas. So of course, Troop 78 has all of the answers to your shopping needs.....the Scrip Program! For all of those hard to buy for people on your list: teachers, the bus driver, the coaches, scout leaders, and others, Scrip is the answer. Through this program you can buy gift cards and a percentage of the face value of the card is donated by the retailer back to the troop.

Ordering gift cards through the Scrip Program is easy.

Use the [order form on the troop website](#) or you can look up card options on the Scrip Program website: www.glscrip.com.

Please make out checks to: Friends of Troop 78 and give the check and the order form to Ted or Diane Dinsmore. The orders will be distributed at the troop meeting on Friday, December 18th. If anyone needs their order before December 18th, please let us know and we will make arrangements to get the order to you when you need it.

Please contact Ted or Diane with any questions.

dinsmore5@verizon.net

Annual Fall Registration Due

Click below to open the registration article and the registration forms. These forms also contain the link to the information necessary to complete the new mandated background checks.

[Annual Registration Information and Form](#)

Important KISC Trip Updates

Final payment is due Monday, February 1. The amount is \$750 for adults and \$625 for scouts.

We are now only seven months away from our great adventure in the Swiss Alps at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) next summer!

The due date for the neckerchief patch design contest is December 4, 2015. Patch designs will be collected that evening at the Troop meeting.

Or you can submit them to me via email at stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com. The prize for the winning design will be a Troop jacket, which will be needed for the trip. The Planning Committee has decided to require that everyone have a Troop jacket for the trip. Not only will you need a warmer jacket in Switzerland, wearing the same jacket (and hats) makes it easier to keep track of everyone and keeps the Troop looking sharp. Troop clothing is now on sale. [For the Kandersteg website click here](#)



Heading to Walt Disney World with Troop 78?

Reserve your spot for Spring Break 2016

March 18th to March 26th

With a five-day Park Hopper ticket, you can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and you can use your ticket for up to five visits to DisneyQuest, miniature golf (Fantasia Gardens and Fairways or Winter Summerland Minature Golf Courses), or the water parks (Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach), or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time. One morning or afternoon we will attend a Disney "YES" Program. (Youth Education Series). Yes, it is educational and more importantly fun. Last year part of the program made the boys ride on Test Track and Soaring with no wait. Hmmm educational.....

[Click here for more information](#)

