



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Upcoming Events

### April

Tuesday 5  
Board of Review 7PM  
Troop Committee 7:30PM

Wednesday 6  
Patrol Leaders' Council  
7:30PM

Friday 8 – Sunday 10  
[Gettysburg Historical Tour and Campout](#)

Friday 15  
Troop Meeting 7PM  
[Start summer uniform](#)  
Parents [Build Hoagies](#)

Saturday 16  
[Build and deliver hoagies](#)

Friday 22  
Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 29 – Sunday May 1  
[Order of the Arrow induction weekend](#)  
(Members and candidates only)

### May

Monday 2  
Friends of Troop 78 7PM

Tuesday 3  
Board of Review 7PM  
Troop Committee 7:30PM

Friday 6  
Troop Meeting 7PM  
[Spring Flower Sale](#) pick up

Friday 13  
Troop Meeting 7PM

[Click here for the full Troop calendar](#)

## Walt Disney World 2016 by Jim Hogan

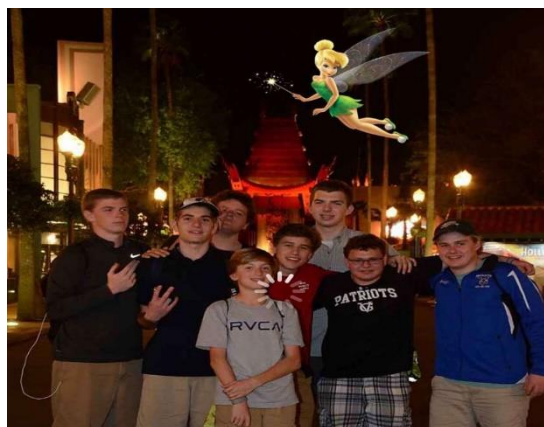


This year 12 scouts had another great trip which they can write about in their scout logs. As always, we met the Sunday before the trip to clean the bus and gear. We checked the bus and the gear before the big trip.

We headed to Disney on Friday March 18 and arrived bright and early on Saturday to some perfect weather. The boys unloaded all the gear and set up camp in our usual "Red" camp site. When all was finished we had some perfectly made sandwiches and started our week in Disney. The boys and adults headed out to different adventures, or a nap on Saturday afternoon.

We all visited different parks throughout the week, but on Monday all of the boys and Mr. Dinsmore and I headed to the Magic Kingdom at 6:55 AM on the troop bus to participate in the YES (Youth Education Series) Program. We learned a lot about the motion of energy, did a few experiments and had the opportunity to get on 3 of the best rides in the Magic Kingdom (Splash Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad and Pirates of the Caribbean). It was a "tough" day of learning. (Continued on the next page)

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*Friends in Disney*

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# Disney 2016 (continued)



We continued the week with running to parks and riding rides. Some laughed on rides and others were scared. There were a few that were actually relaxed, too.

We finished up at Disney on Friday by playing a round of mini golf, which is starting to become a tradition.

It was another successful Disney Trip for Troop 78, and I would not have been able to successfully manage the tight budget if it was not for a few generous people and companies. I want to thank Matt DeStefano of Bimbo Bakeries, an alumnus and Eagle Scout of the troop that again provided all of our breads, rolls, deserts, donuts and pastries for this trip. Every meal contained some product from Bimbo's. THANKS MATT!! Thanks to Joe Rubino for getting the steak meat for our cheesesteaks on Saturday night. THANKS JOE!! The last thanks goes to Windles Water Works. Inc. of West Chester which provided the ice for 4 coolers of food for the trip down. THANKS WINDLES WATER WORKS. Also thanks Jake Schallack for introducing us to Windles.

To my 4 friends that were a big part of making this trip a success by driving the bus and doing all the extra things that needed to be done to make the trip a success: thank you Steve, Miles, Kevin and Ted! Thanks for another great trip and I'm look forward to next year's trip! This year we had 2 additional adults that had the opportunity to pitch in by staying up with the drivers. Thank you both for your assistance: Billy Mackrides and Chris Carnes.

As they say, all good things must come to end, but the good news is the campsite for Fort Wilderness is already booked for next year!

I will be leaving at 1:00 PM April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. Will you be on the bus?



## **March Ski Trip** by Jack Dinsmore

On the first Sunday in March Troop 78 hopped on the bus and headed to Blue Mountain for a good day of skiing and snowboarding. We set off from the cabin quietly as always at 6 AM with our gear packed. After a good bus ride of card playing we arrived at the mountain, got our rental skis, and got out on the slopes by no later than 10:00 AM. I got to ski with many of my friends from the troop and we had a great time.

The mountain was a great choice with many fun jumps to take as well as all types of trails for different skill levels. The weather on the trip was perfect, warm enough that you weren't cold all day and cold enough that the snow wasn't slushy. Some of our favorite slopes were Switchback and Widow-maker. At noon we had our midday check-in which is also when we had our lunch. After lunch we went back out to the slopes to finish out the fun day of skiing.

At the end of the day we all loaded back on the bus and picked up on our card games. The trip was well organized and very enjoyable for all who attended.

# **Upcoming and Ongoing Events**

## **Gettysburg Historic Park Tour & Campout**

Scouts and dads: please join us for a trip to [Gettysburg National Park](#) Friday April 8 to Sunday April 10. We will venture out on Friday night, take the historic hike around the park Saturday and a guided tour Sunday.

## **Flower and Plant Sale**

Need flowers and garden plants in time for Mother's Day Sunday May 8?

Last year's sale was a great success and the scouts earned lots of money for their scout accounts. This flower sale takes the place of the Spring garage sale, which we are not doing this year. If you are planning to go to Home Depot and drop \$\$ on plants: DON'T. Buy your plants from Troop 78. [Click here for more details or see the troop website for the online store.](#)

## Pasta Night Through the Ages by Joe Cady

Back in 2003, the Troop needed to replace the bus, but we had not put away enough to cover the replacement cost. So began "Pasta Night" - a combination social gathering and fundraiser. In short order, the current bus was paid for. We kept the Pasta Night going over the years and have used the funds to equip and repair the bus, and we have set aside funds in a savings account for the next bus, when that becomes necessary.

Just this past March, 77 scouters and friends gathered at the cabin for an evening of good food and fellowship. The crowd enjoyed a delicious meal of Swiss steak, pasta with sausage, salad and desserts. And one lucky winner came away with a \$100 gift card. We hold these events about 4 times a year.

The next one is set for [Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm](#) and will feature a great menu including chicken parmesan and all the trimmings, all for a donation of \$20. Come join us!

## Join Us for the Annual Hoagie Build

The annual troop hoagie sale delivery date is Saturday, April 16.

Please plan to help us build the hoagies Friday April 15, 7 to 9 PM and / or Saturday April 16 at 7 AM. [Click here for more information](#)

## Our recruiting efforts

Thanks to Jim Fox for heading up this year's phenomenal recruiting effort!  
So far this year we have had TEN new scouts join the troop.

We really appreciate all the help we have gotten from the scouts and leaders in our efforts to recruit new members, particularly from: Ethan Bilson, Luke Brogan, Jack Dinsmore, Seth Fox, Zachary Fox, Chip Lemheney, Jay Madarasz, Nathan Motel, Michael Orlow, Andrew Brown, George Meltzer, Mark Norbury, Alex Hornickle, Matt Urban. **Pass on the Troop 78 tradition of excellence to a new generation of scouts. Do you know any scout-aged boys?** [Contact Jim Fox](#)

## OA Service Weekend

OA members and candidates: please join us at Camp Horseshoe for a weekend of service to the camp and fellowship with your friends Friday April 29 to Sunday May 1. We will be working on the cabin for the camp Program Director, among other projects. [Click here for more info](#)

## Registration for Summer Camp is Underway

### **Winter has ended and it's time to think about Summer camp!**

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at [Camp Horseshoe](#) for two weeks.

Week One starts on Sunday, June 26th and ends on July 3rd.

Week Two begins on Sunday, July 3rd and ends on July 10th.

Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, dozens 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 \$390.00 per week if paid in full by May 6th, (\$440 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by April 15th. You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by May 6th, and turn in your completed medical form to the troop by June 2nd (Thursday troop meeting). 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. [More information will be coming your way shortly via email and the troop website.](#)

A reminder to those going on the KISC trip, that attending summer camp or working on the camp staff in 2016 is a prerequisite. You must attend camp with the troop or work at camp to go to KISC.

## Important KISC Trip Updates

We are now only 4 months away from our great adventure in the Swiss Alps at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC).

If you need a passport, apply for it NOW. If you have a passport, it must be valid for 6 months AFTER our return date.

Click here for the [Activity Schedule Grid](#).

Click here for the [Activity Descriptions](#).

Click here for the [Kandersteg Information Page](#) on the Troop web site.

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Questions: email [Steve Brown](#).

## **Radnor Races: Save the Dates May 21 & 22, 2016**



**If you can only give one weekend a year to Troop 78, please make it this weekend in May.**

Grab your calendar and reserve the third weekend in May to help Troop 78 at the **Radnor Hunt Races**.

This is an important time for Troop 78. This event is a huge fundraiser for the troop and, as important, it is a great way to showcase scouting and Troop 78. Over 10,000 people attended the event last year and saw Troop 78 scouts and leaders in uniform, serving the community.

If you could not make it last year, we look forward to seeing you in May.

[Contact Brian Rothberg](#)

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Sea Base 2017**

Troop 78 wins the lottery! The Sea Base crew lottery that is. The Troop has been awarded a reservation for a crew of 8 to participate in the SCUBA Adventure at the Florida Sea Base from July 16 to July 23, 2017. If interested we need a \$100 deposit by March 25<sup>th</sup>, with half the total fee paid by mid-September and the rest next year. The total cost will be determined by the air fare.

If interested or for more information please contact [Eric Meltzer](#).

## **Friends of Scouting (FOS)**

The annual fundraising drive to support Chester County Council, BSA is underway. These funds support the activities of our local scout council, including the Camporee, First Aid Meet, and Camp Horseshoe. Please consider a donation to [Chester County Council](#). If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Jim Bennett](#).

