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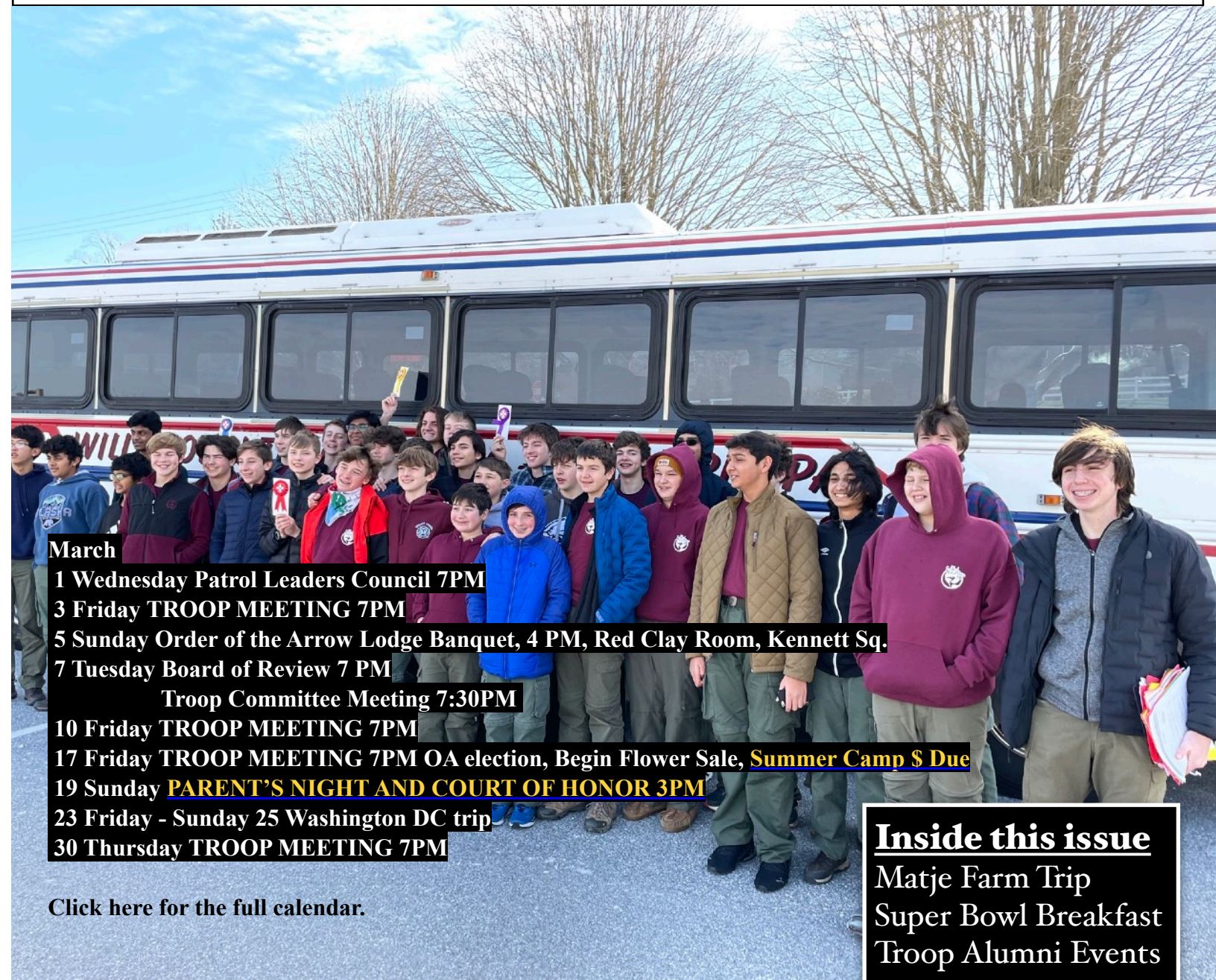
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Council First Aid Meet Troop 78 Champions!



March

- 1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders Council 7PM
- 3 Friday TROOP MEETING 7PM
- 5 Sunday Order of the Arrow Lodge Banquet, 4 PM, Red Clay Room, Kennett Sq.
- 7 Tuesday Board of Review 7 PM
Troop Committee Meeting 7:30PM
- 10 Friday TROOP MEETING 7PM
- 17 Friday TROOP MEETING 7PM OA election, Begin Flower Sale, [Summer Camp \\$ Due](#)
- 19 Sunday [PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR 3PM](#)
- 23 Friday - Sunday 25 Washington DC trip
- 30 Thursday TROOP MEETING 7PM

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Council First Aid Meet

Saturday February 4, 2023

By Caleb Fulmer

All 6 Troop 78 patrols set out for our annual trip to the Council First Aid Meet. After weeks of preparation, all patrols had their sights set on the winner's platform. We drove 30 minutes to the Technical College High School Brandywine Campus (TCHS). When we arrived, the patrols registered and moved to set up their floor space. While we set up our floor space we filled out the registration problem. This is a multiple choice test about first aid. This test included questions like: What do you not do when cleaning poison ivy? When would you apply a tourniquet? Then we found ways to entertain ourselves while waiting for the main event to start.

Once the adults briefed the judges, the event started and we were handed our first



problem. Each patrol had 3 minutes to read the problem, 10 minutes to treat the injuries, 5 minutes to go over the problem, and 5 minutes to clean up. The problems were out of 130, 140, and 100 point values. There were four problems for each patrol. After every problem was done, we received a score from the judge and we all discussed with the other patrols how we did.

After we completed all four problems, we all congregated for the results. In 6th place was Panther patrol, 5th place was Stag patrol, with 4th and 3rd going to patrols from other troops. In 2nd place was Moose patrol, and the overall winner in first was Cougar patrol. We all packed up our gear and left the school in high spirits. Then we all received patches from the event and took a group photo in front of the bus, we boarded the bus and headed home.

Congratulations everyone!

A lot of hard work went into the great success we shared at this competition!



Troop First Aid Meet

Friday February 3, 2023

By Jack Barsotti

We ended our first aid training this year with the Troop First Aid Meet, a culmination of all the work the scouts put in learning and mastering the principles of first aid. The scouts faced many different and difficult situations through their training and did very well solving the complex cases they were presented.



For the Troop First Aid Meet there were 4 problems which presented scenarios requiring a deep knowledge of first aid. In one, they had to rescue injured persons from a water fight gone wrong, expertly demonstrating transport and CPR on two subjects. In the next, the patrol leader suffered electrical burns and severe bleeding, which the rest of the patrol had to address together, without the aid of the patrol leader. Next there was a fisherman who had the worst day ever, suffering 5 different injuries that the scouts had to treat without the use of a first aid kit. Then another subject who had a bad allergic reaction which the scouts had to first identify and not mistake for choking and then treat.

Cougar Patrol pulled out the win in a close contest, besting the next patrol by only one point. All the patrols felt ready for the Council First Aid Meet!



Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 12, 2023

On a beautiful Sunday morning in February, the Troop hosted our annual Super Bowl Breakfast. We welcomed over 80 friends and family to the Cabin for a full home-cooked breakfast of eggs any style, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, home fries, and juice, coffee, and tea. All together we downed 15 lbs of bacon, 8 lbs of sausage, 13 dozen eggs.

The day was made possible by a sizable volunteer work force. The cook crew: Joe Cady, Dave Dondero, Scott Vercoe, Dave Bravo. Youth volunteers: Varun Kartick, Logan Wyher, Daniel Christaldi, Justin and Ethan Sansone, Joshua Simms, Shreyas Sao, Ryan and John Wark. Adult volunteers: Steve Wark, Sherri Wark, Rothberg, Hogan, James Connors, Steve D'Antonio. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success!



Matje Farm Campout

Friday February 17 - Sunday February 19, 2023

By Caleb Fulmer

On a cold Friday evening, the boys of Troop 78 headed out to Mr. Matje's farm for a fun and unforgettable weekend of camping and winter games. The bus ride took 4 hours with a stop for gas, and a bathroom break. When we arrived, Mr. Matje got on the bus and told us the rules of the property. Then we unloaded the bus of our personal gear and troop gear, and went down to the old barn where we would be sleeping. Logan Duff, who was SPL for this trip, briefed us on what the weekend was going to be like. After this we went up to the house to have a snack of hotdogs before bed. Then everyone went back to the barn for a short and cold night of sleep.

Saturday morning Floose patrol (Moose and Flying Eagle patrols combined for this trip) got up to cook breakfast which was French toast, sausage, bacon, and cereal; all of which were very tasty. After breakfast we had an hour to chill out and relax before our morning competitions during which Snake patrol cleaned up breakfast. Some scouts found an old can and decided to make a professional kick-the-can league at Matje farms.





The morning competitions consisted of a chariot race, saw drill drop, log chopping, knot relay, and water boiling. It was convenient to have water boiling as our last morning event as we cooked hobo packs for lunch. Hobo packs are made of meat, cheese, potatoes, and assorted veggies wrapped up in tin foil and cooked over an open fire. Stag patrol prepared the food that would be in the hobo packs. When everyone had cooked and eaten their pack (or packs) we all fell in and Logan briefed us on the afternoon events. Siesta started and everyone was trying to get some rest, but the kick-the-can game outside was getting pretty wild so no one got much sleep.



When siesta ended, we all gathered around Logan for the announcement of the afternoon games. These were three-man ski, bolt splitting, and tug-of-war. After these were all done we fell in again to find out the winners. In 4th place was Snake, in 3rd place was Stag, in 2nd was Cougar, and 1st was Floose. The 1st and 2nd place patrols got bags of candy.

The whole troop went on a hike around the entire property. In the late afternoon everyone enjoyed various activities like kick-the-can, shotgun shooting, or just chilling out in the barn. Cougar patrol cooked dinner consisting of meatball subs with pasta. Then Stag patrol cleaned up dinner and all the patrols gathered around the fire.



Each patrol led a song around the campfire. Our campfire ended with all of us cheering into the woods to see how loud we could make the echo. Then everyone had a snack and chilled out till lights out, and went to bed.

The next morning we got up and ate a cold breakfast of mini muffins, mini bagels, and cereal. We packed up our personal gear and stacked firewood for Mr Matje. Then we walked a police line around the property for any trash. We boarded the bus after a fun and exciting weekend and took the 4 hour bus ride home with a stop off for some Whoppers.





Upcoming Events

Court of Honor

Sunday March 19, 2023, at the cabin

Please join us for our annual spring Award Ceremony and Eagle Court of Honor. This event is open to all scouts and families. At this ceremony we will announce the Recruit of the Year, we will award Eagle, Scouting's highest rank, and we will also call out new scouts to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor service organization.

Come out to help us recognize the achievements of our scouts! [Click here for more information.](#)

Washington D.C campout

Friday March 23 - Sunday March 25, 2023

Recent changes in the Council Calendar have opened up a weekend in March for the troop to schedule a new adventure!

We plan a trip on March 23, 24, 25 to Washington DC. This is a trip the Troop has not done in several years due to the pandemic, which has also kept many schools and families from visiting DC.

We will be visiting the National Mall in central Washington DC and its many outstanding free monuments and museums.

We will be tenting both nights at a Scout Camp about an hour outside of DC. Our troop bus will drop us off and pick us up at the National Mall. Appropriate-aged scouts may break into small groups and tour independently, with ScoutMaster approval and scheduled check-ins.

A formal info sheet and permission slip will be coming shortly. If you have other questions in the meantime email [Mr. Bilson](#) or call/text 610-547-7934.

Summer Camp!

Week one: Sunday June 25 - Saturday July 1

Week two: Sunday July 2 - Saturday July 8

Summer camp at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation is right around the corner!

Deposits have been collected and the balance is coming due.

To get the early-bird discount, which saves \$80 per week, the payment must be in by March 17.

[For more information, click here.](#)

Alumni Corner

78 Alumni Gathering at La Cabra Brewing

Wednesday March 8, 2023

Troop alumni, friends, and significant others are invited to join us for a “21 and over only” gathering at La Cabra Brewery in Berwyn, PA on Wednesday, March 8 for a “Brews and Bites” get-together. The event will run from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

We’ll have a space upstairs at La Cabra’s unique brew house where we’ll enjoy one another’s company, your choice of the Brewery’s own beers, ciders, or a glass of wine, or a soft drink; and an assortment of tasty treats, including wings and empanadas.

Check out La Cabra at <https://www.lacabrabrewing.com/>

To attend, Please email [Sam Lemheney](#).

Don’t delay – sign up today!

Fundraiser for the Cabin Endowment

Reproduction prints of the watercolor by Win Reber are now available.

A very limited number of the prints remain.

This painting was created 20 years ago when the cabin was completed.

Win was longtime member of the Troop committee, as well as an original member of the Friends of Troop 78 board. He designed the Troop loon logo and the patch used on the Troop neckerchief.

Full scale reproduction of the painting measures 22" x 15", half-scale is 15" x 11".

Full scale prints offered at \$195.00 each.

Half-scale prints at \$95.00 each.

Proceeds go to the cabin endowment fund.

[For more information contact Dave Dondero.](#)



Chester County Council News

Silver Beaver and Eagle Recognition Dinner

The Eagle Recognition and Silver Beaver Awards will be held together at one event.

The Silver Beaver Award recognizes registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service to the Council. This year Chester County Council will award the Silver Beaver to four recipients, one of which is Troop 78's very own Jim Bennett.

We will also recognize all Eagle Scouts awarded in 2022.

This will be an evening to remember!

All members of the Scouting family are welcome to attend.

[Click here for more information.](#)



National Territory #13 Annual Training

Saturday March 25, 2030

PARC

Chester County Council is part of National BSA Territory 13, which includes all of the Councils in the Eastern half of Pennsylvania and all of New Jersey.

The PARC center in Exton, Chester County Council's main campus, is at the geographic center of the Territory. This makes PARC the ideal location for Territory meetings.

This year the Territory will hold its annual training at PARC.

All good for Chester County Council!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Eagle Scout Video Story Project

The Eagle Scout Recognition Committee of Chester County Council would like to spotlight your efforts as an Eagle Scout. This project is part of an ongoing effort to spotlight the accomplishments and successes of our Scouts and Scouters.

We want to hear your story!

We would like to collect videos about your Trail to Eagle so we can spotlight it on social media.

Trail to Eagle Video: This video should be no more than 45 seconds - 1 min. This can include a funny story, or a story about the biggest challenge, or one of the valuable lessons you learned on your trail to Eagle. [Click here for more information.](#)

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