



Willistown Troop 78

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Disney, Land of Wonder

May

- 1 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 2 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 4 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 5 Saturday - 6 Sunday [Lackawanna Coal Mine](#)
- 7 Monday Friends of Troop 78 7PM
- 10 Thursday, [Spring Flower Sale order pick up](#) 6PM
- 11 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 12 Saturday [Spring Flower Sale, Flower Delivery](#)
- 18 Friday Troop Meeting
- 19 Saturday Radnor Races
- 20 Sunday Radnor Races Clean-up
- 31 Friday Troop Meeting Field Day Part I 7PM

June

- 1 Friday - 3 Sunday OA Conclave, members only
- 3 Sunday Field Day and Picnic 3PM cabin
- 5 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 8 Friday - 10 Sunday OA Service Weekend,
members and candidates only

[Click here for full calendar](#)



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

Troop 78 in Disney

March 23 - March 31, 2018

By Logan Duff

The 2018 Disney World trip was phenomenal! It started with everyone arriving at the Troop Cabin at 1pm on Friday March 23. Then the long bus ride, which was tiring, but thanks to our many drivers, we were able to get through to Florida on schedule. We arrived at the Fort Wilderness Campground in Disney early in the morning on Saturday March 24. We all worked together to set up our tents and then the rest of the day was free.

Sunday most people went to explore the parks, but some had other events planned, like swim at the pool in the campground or explore Disney's Boardwalk. On Monday, we had another day to roam the parks, and most took that opportunity. On Tuesday, we sadly did not have access to the parks, so we all hung out at Fort Wilderness where we were staying. Against some of the adult's suggestions, no one went to any of the water parks or mini golf, which we could have done. Wednesday and Thursday were both days to roam the parks and ride the rides including the rollercoasters.

The next thing we knew it was Friday, our trip was at its end faster than we wanted and we had to leave. We packed up and on our way out, we split up and some when to the water park nearby, while others went to play mini golf. The long trip home was fueled by food from Denny's and various rest stops.

Overall, the trip ended too soon, but was such an amazing experience it will be long remembered.

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Radnor Races!

Saturday May 19 & Sunday May 20, 2018

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 19th & 20th. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out working from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 19th. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is valuable. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon.

Remember working at the Radnor Races helps:

- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PROTECT OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT
- TROOP 78's MAJOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT

You and those you bring to help can stay after your shift and take-in a fabulous event.

In the unlikely event that you have not yet responded, please do so now.

If your schedule has changed and you now have a few more hours to spare, let us know. Please remember, we need every possible family member. Moms are welcome & needed!

[Click here for more information and a printable sign up form.](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Diamond Rock Breakfast Guest of Honor Sam Lemheney

Wednesday April 25, 2108

By Alex Lemheney

Sam Lemheney of Willistown Troop 78 spoke at Diamond Rock District Friends of Scouting Breakfast.

Last Wednesday, April 25th I attended a Diamond Rock District Friends of Scouting Fundraiser Breakfast hosted by Mr. Bennett. When I arrived, there was coffee and muffins out for everyone. After everyone arrived, Mr. Bennett welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Then, there was an opening ceremony that I had the honor to participate in, and I got to lead everyone in the Scout Oath.

After a brief Invocation everyone got up and got their breakfast, which was eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes. Once everyone was served, the Keynote Speaker was introduced, and this time it was my dad, Sam Lemheney who is the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) Chief of Shows and Events which means he is in charge of the Philadelphia Flower Show. He talked about how he came from a horticultural background because his grandpa had a landscape nursery that he worked at and his dad owned his own flower shop. He also said that after his years at the University of Delaware, he worked at Disney in Florida and worked with flowers there.

Finally, he got the call that he was up for an interview for the Chief of Shows and Events for PHS, and he got the job! So, my family moved from Florida to Pennsylvania and have been here ever since. After my dad spoke, there was a scout from Troop 181 who spoke and talked about his life in Scouting and all the fun things he does in Scouts.

Last, there was someone named Charlie Rogers who closed us out and talked about an organization called Friends of Scouting which makes sure anyone who wants to be a scout gets to be a scout no matter how much money they have. That's what happened at the Friends of Scouting Diamond Rock District Breakfast last Wednesday.



Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday April 27 - Sunday April 29, 2018

Order of the Arrow: Ordeal

By Tom Pizzuto

When my son, Thomas, and I were ‘tapped out’, I was honored to be nominated to the Order of the Arrow. While aware of the need to undertake my Ordeal, exactly what I would encounter was a bit of a mystery. I later learned that mystery plays an important part of the Ordeal.

My Ordeal began with a cold, wet Friday evening outdoors, where about half-way through the night, it felt better to sleep standing up. It ended with a heart filled with gratitude and appreciation for the shared experience that I had with my son and 30 other candidates that only cheerful service can provide.

The Ordeal is a combination of physical exertion, self-deprivation, and acts of good that creates a strong bond. It’s called brotherhood. When that happens, much can be accomplished because it brings about cooperation, empathy, and a sense of purpose.

In my case, my Ordeal had me persevere through an uncomfortable night only to greet morning’s first light, through a narrow slit in my blanket at a fog-shrouded landscape, while listening to wild turkeys calling out in the distance.

The fire I needed for breakfast got an assist when a fellow candidate, a brother, handed me some dry twigs that breathed new life into dying flames.

My work assignment took me to Chapel, where I joined my son and others to replace the posts and rails that encircle this special place. It was hard work digging those post holes. It’s all rock, but the view is amazing. Add to that a warm breeze and the occasional eagle riding a thermal just overheard, made it perfect, working shoulder to shoulder with my brothers.

Not wanting to reveal too much about Saturday evening’s ceremony, I can only say that it was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience that I shared with my son and will cherish forever.

Never did I expect to have such an experience, yet, I did, and therein lies, the mystery of the Ordeal.



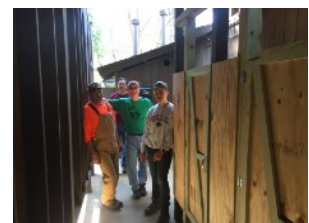
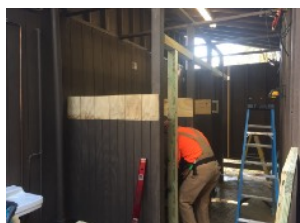
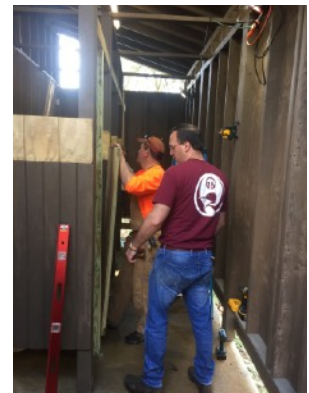
Troop 78 Work Crew Project

By Pete Motel

The last weekend in April is always the OA Service Weekend and this year was no exception. We again found ourselves at our favorite place on Earth: Camp Horseshoe !

We reported to the Camp Horseshoe shower house for a project to improve privacy in the toilet room. You may remember that our project last April converted the adult male only toilet room to use by males of any age. The original partitions on the stalls were quite low, so when you walked through the toilet room, there was no privacy.

The project raised the height of the partitions and the doors on the stalls. We descended on the toilet room with power tools, lumber, and a Troop 78 work crew. By the end of the day Saturday, the toilet room was done and ready for the upcoming summer.



Update Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Everyone Needs to Update Youth Protection Training

The BSA has recently introduced newly updated youth protection training that is **required for all registered adults and volunteers by September 30th, 2018**. Anyone who took the old training prior to the February 2018 rollout is required to be re-certified again.

The updated training includes three modules and a test that takes a little over an hour to complete. Once completed, this training will cover Chester County Council volunteers through the end of 2019.

To get started, go to <http://my.scouting.org> and sign in using your Username and Password. Click on the 'Begins with Youth Protection' symbol or click on 'Menu' in upper left corner and select 'My Dashboard'. I recommend you read the 'How to Guide for Taking Youth Protection Training' PDF for detailed instructions. There seems to be a delay between 'Add Plan' and the 'Launch Course' button appearing. Based on my experience with the new training you should plan on at least 90 minutes to complete the training.

Don't delay, take it today!

Notice of Upcoming Events

Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and Hike

Saturday May 5 - Sunday May 6

On Saturday May 5 Troop 78 will head North to the Lackawanna Coal Mine, now closed to mining and open to visitors who wish to learn about the coal mining industry in Pennsylvania and experience the underground tunnels of an abandoned mine. The scouts and leaders will be immersed in the wonders of engineering and exploration which allowed the extraction of high grade coal to fuel Pennsylvania's steel industry.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Troop 78 to Build New Tent Platforms for Dan Beard Campsite

Upcoming Project for Camp Horseshoe

Troop 78 will soon begin the process of building new tent platforms for the entire Dan Beard Campsite at Camp Horseshoe. We all have fond memories of Dan Beard.

Several years ago all of the tents were replaced through the generosity of numerous Troop 78ers. Now it's time to replace the platforms. Please consider joining us for this project. Ernie will be running work crews at the cabin where the platforms will be constructed. Then we will transport them to camp in time for the start of Summer camp in June.

Summer Camp is Right Around the Corner!

Sunday June 24 - Sunday July 8, 2018

By Tim Hornickle

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

There are only 11 weeks and 5 days left until Troop 78 will arrive at 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

Final payment is due by April 20th (cost this year is \$405.00 per week if paid in full by April 20th, \$465 per week after April 20th).

Please include final payment slip with payment (slip is available on the Troop website).

Do not forget about the 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.

Medical forms are due 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.

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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hornickle at thornickle@msn.com or call at (610) 742-1560.

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



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