



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2014

12/2 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.

12/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30 PM)

12/4 – Poinsettia Regular Order pickup at Cabin

12/5 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Final Pickup of remaining Poinsettias

12/11 – *Diamond Rock District Holiday Roundtable*

12/12 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

12/19 – TROOP MEETING and Holiday Party (7 to 9 PM)

JANUARY 2015

1/2 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/6 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.

1/7 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30 PM)

1/8 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*

1/9-11 - **Winter Camp at Horseshoe – Fathers invited!**

1/16 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/23-25 – **Matje Farm Weekend**

1/30 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

NOTE: Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold. TROOP MEETINGS underlined in CAPITALS. *Adult only meetings in Italics.*

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The December Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7:30 PM at the cabin. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend these meetings to get involved in troop activities.

ANNUAL WINTER CAMP AND FATHER/SON WEEKEND AT HORSESHOE SCOUT (Father's attendance is not required for scouts to attend)

Dates: January 9 to 11, 2015

Location: Camp Horseshoe, Rising Sun, MD, Browning and Schramm Lodges (heated by woodstoves)

What do I bring?

Sleeping Bag
Flashlight
Warm clothes
Rain or Snow gear
Sturdy shoes or boots
Toilet Articles
Gloves and work gloves (two pairs)

Drinking cup (troop mugs will be on sale for \$5)

Scout Handbook
Sled?
PACK IN a DUFFEL BAG (no suitcases please)

Getting there: The Troop 78 bus or your dad's car. The bus (or carpools) will be leaving the cabin at 6:00 PM on Friday. Expected return is 10:30 AM on Sunday.

Activities include: Scout skill sessions, advancement, camp tour, woodcutting, scavenger hunt, games, movie, snacks, Fun!

How do I reserve a spot? Tell your Patrol Leader by Sunday, January 4th. Food cost is \$20 for adults (collected at camp) and free for scouts and visiting Webelos.

Dads, we encourage you to join us and see what Troop 78 is all about. Please tell your son's patrol leader you will be joining us.

Scouts, this is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or a Webelos in your neighborhood to visit and learn about scouting and Troop 78!

What if I have more questions?

Call your patrol leader or senior patrol leader.



I AM HEADING TO DISNEY WORLD WITH TROOP 78 IN APPROXIMATELY 117 DAYS, ARE YOU?

When are we going? March 27th – April 4th, 2015

What are we going to do? Spend five days park-hopping. We can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot), and we can use our ticket for up to five visits to Disney Quest, 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.

Who can go?

- 1) Scouts and leaders who are registered and active in the troop,
- 2) Scouts must have attended (or worked) at summer camp at least one week in 2014, and

- 3) Scouts who are *or will be* First Class rank by March 27th and who are responsible enough to visit the theme parks *on their own* with a small group of other scouts as determined by their parents and the scoutmaster.

The cost to go on the trip to Disney? \$525 plus spending money

What do I get for the \$525 cost?

Round trip bus transportation on the luxurious troop bus, food and meals, camping fees, a Five-day Park-Hopper Disney pass, adventures of conquering all of the mountains in Disney, visit Mickey and Minnie, and create some magical memories.

How do I sign up for this awesome annual trip?

Handouts will be given out during a troop meeting in December and they will also be posted on the troop web site.

Once you reserve a spot you will receive further instructions regarding departure times, what to pack, spending money, bus preparation etc.

Dates to remember for mandatory meetings and payments are:

1. Friday January 16th - \$225.00
Deposit and permission slip are due
2. Friday, February 6th - Final payment is due

3. Friday, February 27th, 9:00 PM – Scout and Parent Meeting
4. Sunday, March 22nd – Bus and equipment meeting, 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM

We must have at least 20 scouts and adults to camp at Disney.

**KANDERSTEG 2016 TRIP
SPACE AVAILABLE!**

Does trekking in the Swiss Alps sound fun to you? How about traversing a glacier or spending the night in an alpine hut? Or if that isn't your cup of tea, maybe some tasty Swiss chocolate and cheese would be more to your liking, or gazing at the famous bears of Bern in the Swiss capital, or possibly taking a cog railroad to the highest train station in Europe, the Jungfrauoch, would excite you? And, oh by the way, maybe you'd like to meet scouts from all over the world and make them your friends.

If any or all of that sounds like a wonderful experience to you (and it is), you're in luck. Why? Because, there is still space available to join the troop on this great adventure in the summer of 2016. And if that isn't enough, you can still help to plan your exploits! A committee of scouts is being formed and led by Matt Urban (a 2012 trip veteran) that will be finalizing the activities for 2016. He needs the help of all the intrepid scouts he can get.

But space is limited and we will be quickly approaching deadlines in the new year. Contact Mr. D or Mr. Brown, stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com for more information about this trip of a lifetime soon. Don't miss out on the adventures!

**BACKPACKING TRIP,
NOVEMBER 2014**

Andrew Brown, Stag Patrol

This trip started out by waking up early in the morning and getting to the cabin. We got on the bus and took a two-hour drive up to Hawk Mountain on the Appalachian Trail. The troop split up into two groups: the long hike (eight miles) and the short hike (four miles). Our destination was the Allentown shelter. When we got there, we set up our tents and a group trekked out to get some water. At first we couldn't find the water hole, because it had dried up. After we found another water source we spent an hour pumping water. Then we started dinner. The dinner was freeze-dried beef stroganoff and apple crisp or chocolate mousse. After dinner we all sat around a campfire in the campsite. It was getting dark so we all went to bed. After a very chilly night, 25° F to be exact, we ate breakfast and hiked back to the bus. The hike was a short 4 miles but we all still had a fun time. Finally, we all packed our gear onto the bus and drove back to our warm, cozy houses.

