



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

MARCH 2013

- 3/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
3/3 - **Annual Parent's Night and Court of Honor (3pm) – Scout Cabin**
3/5 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
3/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
3/8 - TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7 to 9 PM)
3/9 – **Council First Aid Meet**
3/9 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (5:30 PM)
3/14 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
3/15 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Hoagie\$ Due
3/16 – Citta Scout Reservation Cleanup
3/22-30 – **Florida Disney Trip**

APRIL 2013

- 4/2 - Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
4/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
4/5 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Parents build hoagies
4/6 – Parents Build Hoagies 7 to 9 AM; Pick-up at 9 AM
4/11 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
4/12 -14 - **Historic Trip – NYC**
4/19 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
4/20-21 – Scuba Training Class - Open Water Dives
4/26-28 - Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend

COMING UP

- 5/10-12 – **Caving and Climbing Trip**
5/18 – **Radnor Races**

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

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 PM, at the cabin. The committee meets to guide and discuss the operation of the troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend.

WATCH “ARE YOU TOUGHER THAN A BOY SCOUT?”

Premieres March 4 at 8 p.m.

That's right! Six episodes of the reality TV show “Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?” will air on the National Geographic Channel starting Monday, March 4, at 8 p.m.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL FIRST AID MEET

Saturday, March 9, 2013, 7:00 AM
Location: Episcopal Academy

This is the one we've been practicing for since November. Don't miss it! Your patrol needs you! Your troop needs you!

- Meet at the cabin at 7:00 AM in complete scout uniform (with sneakers) for the bus ride to Episcopal Academy.
- Wear rubber soled shoes or sneakers.
- Expected pick up time at the cabin, 12:30 PM.
- Each participant will receive a first aid meet patch.

Please let your Patrol Leader know that you are coming!

Remember to study the First Aid in your Scout Handbook the night before!

TROOP HOAGIE SALE IN FULL SWING!

The annual troop hoagie sale has begun! Sales forms have been handed out and the scouts are collecting orders. If you need forms, they are available on the website. Our great hoagies are still only \$6. Scouts will earn \$1.75 per hoagie sold to go towards their personal accounts. We ask that each scout try their best to sell a minimum of 12 hoagies as **every** scout benefits from the funds that are raised.

The sale will end and all orders and money will be collected at the start of the troop meeting on **Friday, March 15th. There will be no exceptions to this deadline!** Make arrangements with someone to drop off your order should you be unable to make the meeting.

The troop will sell well over 1,000 hoagies! Parents, as most of you know, we are responsible for making all these hoagies, so please make note of the following very important dates! They are also noted on the troop calendar for easy reference.

- Thursday April 4th: Meat & Cheese Slice Night @ cabin 6:30 PM
- Friday April 5th: 7-9 PM Hoagie Set-ups during troop meeting
- Saturday April 6th: 7- 9 **AM!** Hoagie Assembly. Scouts pick up orders 9-10 AM.

There is a parent sign-up sheet included with the order forms. Please fill out when you can help and return with your scout's order on March 15th. This is a very large, labor-intensive project that can be done with minimal effort if everyone helps out!

Please contact me with any questions
Thank-you and good selling!

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PACK 108 BRIDGING CEREMONY

Ethan Bilson, Stag patrol

On February 8, 2013, six qualifying Webelos II Cub Scouts - Zachary Fox, Daniel Pimley, John Pimley, Kyle Puchalla, Jonathan Stafford, and Ryan Stafford - crossed over from Pack 108 to Troop 78. We are happy to have these great new scouts to add to the current ranks of the troop. They have been capable Cub Scouts, and the leaders of Troop 78 look forward to seeing them hike the trail of scouting. They have shown themselves very knowledgeable the past few meetings since their crossover, and they will be great examples to all other new scouts who may join later in the year. They are also very enthusiastic, as all of them have signed up for the first camping trip since their crossover. Thanks to all the parents and leaders of Pack 108 and the members of the troop that held the ceremony, it turned out great. We are delighted to have these new members of the troop and excited to prepare them for the great world of Boy Scouts.

RADNOR RACES May 18 & 19, 2013

Yes, it certainly is winter. But here is just a little something to warm you up.

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

On Saturday, May 18, & Sunday, May 19, we need your help as Troop 78 does its annual Radnor thing.

The predictions are for terrific weather. Please plan on being there.



It is hard to believe, but summer camp is just around the corner! Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks starting Sunday, June 23rd, and ending Sunday, July 7th. Summer Camp deposits of \$50 per week are due on Friday, March 22nd. You can mail to me, bring to a troop meeting, or drop off at my house.

Camp Checklist:

- ___ Camp deposit due March 22nd (\$50/week)
- ___ Final payment due April 26th (\$335-\$50=\$285/week)
- ___ Health Form (Parts A, B, & C) due May 17th

Dads don't be left behind, come and join the troop for this camping experience.

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TROOP 78 PITCHES IN WITH HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

A scout is helpful. Do a good turn daily. You've heard those words, but have you practiced them? Well, Troop 78 is going to give you the opportunity to do so. Specifically, the troop has initiated two Hurricane Sandy recovery projects where you can turn those important scout values into action.

While, the storm Hurricane Sandy has receded from the headlines and from our thoughts, the damage it caused was massive and long-term. Many communities are still struggling and

working to recover from aftermath of the "superstorm."

This is where Troop 78 comes in. The troop has initiated two projects to assist scouts in New Jersey during their ongoing recovery from Sandy. These projects are described below.

Citta Scout Reservation Clean-Up, March 16, 2013

Troop 78 will assist in the cleanup of the Citta Scout Reservation near Long Beach Island, New Jersey, on March 16. This clean-up event will be very similar to the work we perform at Camp Horseshoe during the Father - Son weekend in January. We will be helping to cut up downed trees and tree limbs and remove the debris from the camp. We are looking for as many volunteers as we can get to pitch-in. Scouts, scouters and scouters-with-chain-saw certifications will be needed. While the final details of the day need to be determined, we hope to get enough volunteers to take the troop bus. We plan to make a day of it as they will start work at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided for us. Please consider being a part of this effort to help our fellow scouts on the Jersey Shore!

Troop 21 Seaside Heights Direct Assistance: Camping Equipment Replacement

The second project is direct assistance to Troop 21 in Seaside Heights, NJ. Troop 21 lost all of its camping equipment during the storm. They've managed to replace some of it, but they are a small troop of 18 boys and they are busy helping their own families and community to recover. (The troop hands out donated cleaning supplies every weekend at the local firehouse).

Approximately \$2,300 is needed to purchase the items on the list of equipment provided to us by Troop 21. The following is the list of items they need with approximate costs:

- 6 three-person tents - \$1,200
- 20 plastic cups, plates, bowls, forks, spoons & knives - \$60
- 2 five-gallon jug - \$20
- 2 three-gallon jugs - \$15
- 1 canopy foldable with weights- \$300

2 BSA stainless steel cooking pot sets - \$150
 1 six-foot folding table - \$50
 16 Boy Scout books - \$160
 Troop flag / American flag - \$200
 1 metal camp-cooking table - \$80
 Merit badge books - \$3 each

Troop 78 families are being asked to make a monetary donation to assist this troop in need. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Troop 78." Once we receive the donations, we will purchase the items and deliver the equipment to Troop 21.

If you have questions please contact Steve Brown at stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com or 610 692-2001.

Thank you in advance for being willing to help our fellow and neighboring scouts, as they continue to rebuild scouting in their communities along the Jersey Shore!



**DO YOU LIKE
 HIGH ADVENTURE HIKING
 WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEWS?**

Do you know that there is a crew from Troop 78 doing the Philmont trip summer 2014? Lucky for you, there are still 3 more openings for scouts. The trip will be Saturday, July 19, to Saturday, August 2, 2014, conveniently planned after Horseshoe summer camp. There may not be enough room for everyone in this crew, so decide now before you miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime.

There was a rush to register in January with little time to consider all the details. On this trip we will get to experience many wonderful

adventures that are not included in one typical scouting trip. For instance, Pre-Trek Touring on the first two days will help you get acquainted to the elevation. It includes a tour of the Air Force Academy, white water rafting through the Royal Gorge on the Arkansas River, Indian dancing, two overnight stays at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and a train ride to Pikes Peak. Then, the trek, which will include a week of backpacking, climbing slopes, and views to make the Swiss jealous.

Additional information was in the January 2013 Newsletter. The nine Troop 78 registered attendees for 2014 Philmont include Peter and Tom Zuraw, Robert Varney, Tommy and John Walsh, Jack and Ted Dinsmore and Dan and Steve Brown. Feel free to ask previous attendees like the Bennetts, Duncans, Bravos or Mr. Dinsmore how their adventure was. The last 3 openings are on a first come, first serve basis. The trip will have many days of strenuous and awesome hiking, so be prepared and warned. We will have planned hikes and camping trips as we prepare. Estimated cost is \$1950 per person.

Why don't you join us? Any questions, contact Tommy Walsh.

**TROOP 78 SCUBA TRAINING
 MAKES A BIG SPLASH**

Over a dozen members of Troops 78 are immersed in scuba training in preparation for the big event – our week of scuba diving at Florida Sea Base, the BSA's National High Adventure camp devoted to aquatic adventure.

Two groups of scouts and dads have completed the studying and the pool work in order to become certified divers. All of the Troop 78 participants passed the written exam with flying colors. Pool work is fun and exciting – but it also is serious work! Scuba students are trained on underwater skills that are critical to know in a trouble situation.

Our scouts have learned not only how to safely operate and care for their scuba gear, but also they know how to change a mask underwater and how

to recover the air hose if it pops out of the mouth. Students also have learned how to take the air tank off while at the bottom of the pool and then put it back on (not as easy as it sounds). The favorite, of course, is rescue training – where two divers have to make it safely to the surface using just one air hose. It's practically like being in your own James Bond movie!

The most important lesson is: Stay Calm! Scuba training is like learning First Aid: if you have practiced enough, you automatically know what to do in a tough spot – but hopefully you never have to put it to the test! Being prepared is the best way to make sure we learn to Stay Calm.

Next Up: The Big Open Water Dive

Open Water diving is the last step on the road to being certified scuba divers. We will be doing our Open Water diving at the Bainbridge Quarry on both Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5. Both days are required to become certified.

As for Sea Base, it may be cold outside now, but Sea Base is just around the corner. Plane reservations have been booked and, before you know it, it's going to be time to go!

RADNOR RACES 2012

The following letter was sent to those who were able to help us at the spring Radnor event.

June, 2012

On behalf of the Troop Committee, Don Tyson, Bob Matje and I want to thank you for your efforts at this spring's Radnor event. The Radnor Races depend on Troop 78 to handle most of the supporting functions that make this great event possible. The troop depends on you, its extended family, to enable us to do this.

Race day delivered perfect weather, which brought out a record number of attendees. We had our usual great bunch of people (over 150 on Saturday alone) out to help us. The cars and people came in torrents but we were able to handle the rush and make sure things ran smoothly. On

Sunday we had a great crew of people for cleanup and left the grounds in great condition. **Thanks so much for your fabulous efforts.**

Your participation helped the troop in our major fund-raising activity. Further, you helped raise money for the Brandywine Conservancy in their ongoing and crucial efforts to preserve open space in our area. We also were able to show the public the kind of great work that Boy Scouts & Troop 78 do in our Community. I hope you were able to enjoy yourself too!

As the troop grows, it is gratifying to see new faces join our veteran members and our legendary corps of "Old-Timers." Together, we once again put forth the kind of effort that most groups could not even imagine - just another day at the races for Troop 78.

Very sincerely,
Brian Rothberg

We appreciate and need all the many folks that come out and help. If you think you are working hard, check this out: I went out to Sunday cleanup early, so that I could work on some paperwork in the parking lot as I waited for the morning's volunteers. I got to Providence Road around 7:00 AM! and noticed a vehicle on the side of the road. None other than our own Jim Donnelly taking down signs by himself. That is effort, Troop 78 style,

Don Tyson's "main" job is coordinating our entire security effort. It is a huge job that Don handles in an organized and super-competent fashion. In addition, Don takes on more responsibility every year in the overall coordination of Troop 78's Radnor efforts.

Cannot discuss Radnor Races and Troop 78 without special mention of Bob Matje, Sr. Anybody out helping that weekend knows that he seems to be everywhere at once. But sometimes I think that is the easy part. For months prior to and after the event, Bob is a busy coordinating things, not just the troop's involvement but also the entire races themselves. Bob's dedication to Troop 78 as well

as the Radnor Races is a wonderful thing.

These are the families who came out and worked with the troop. If you could not make it this time, we look forward to seeing you next May.

<p>Barnes Belleville Bene Bilson Bravo Brogan Brown Cady* Cecco* Chan Chow Compton* D'Antonio* D'Antonio* Davison* DeStefano DeVirgilio* Dinsmore Dondero* Donnelly* Dore Dudt Duncan Eberhart* Evans Finkleston Flipse* Fox Heegard* Hemphill Herbst Heilman Hogan Lang Lasure Lee Lemheney LePard Lessley Longenecker* Lotz Lotz*</p>	<p>Mackrides Madarasz Matje* Matje* Maurer McCarthy McDonald Medaglia Meltzer Miller* Neskovic Neves O'Hara Orlow Palmer Poidomani Range Riley Ritchie Rothberg* Schallack Schertz* Shay* Sheridan Siegle* Small Smith Steel Stevens* Terrell* Tredinnick TROOP 585* Trowill * Tyson* Tyson* Urban Varney Vercoe* Walsh Wang Zuraw</p>
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The names followed by an asterisk (*) are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 in spite of the fact that they no longer have (and in some cases never had) a boy active in the troop. Thank you! You are a wonderful example of the spirit of our troop and its extended family!



ORDER YOUR SCRIP NOW

Hello 78er's! Spring break is right around the corner and who couldn't use a few gift cards to use as gifts or to take with you on vacation. So take advantage by placing your orders by March 8th and all cards will be in for pickup on March 15th. You can get your order forms either at the cabin or email us and we will send it to you via email.

You can also check out Great Lakes Scrip Center, the site where we place our orders, for all the Gift Cards available to order. We streamlined the order form so that you don't have to look through the 1000 or more vendors but if you are looking for something off the beaten track, check the website and if you find it, we will be more than happy to order it for you.

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