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The Naval Academy: Tour and Fun !



December

- 4 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
- Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 5 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 7 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 14 Friday Troop Meeting [Holiday Party](#) 7PM

If you wish to participate in the scout gift exchange, bring a gift of approximately \$5 in value. NO Gag Gifts!

January 2019

- 4 Friday - 6 Sunday [Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe](#)

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Annapolis

Friday November 16 - Sunday November 18, 2018

By Nathan Motel

Welcome to Annapolis! The Troop headed south to the United States Naval Academy with a full bus and several follow cars for a tour of the Academy and a football game. We continued our tradition of inviting Webelos IIs and their dads, so it was a pretty big group. We stayed at the nearby Camp Wright, a church camp which was, much to our surprise, really nice. We stayed in rustic cabins, there was a huge fire ring and firewood. (When we got back from the game Saturday night, it was already dark and the camp's caretaker had started a fire in the fire ring for us!)

At the Academy we met up with two cadets, one first year and one fourth year. They toured us through the Academy and told us about how it was to be a Navy Cadet and what life was like at the Academy. It was a super tour.

After the tour we had a lunch of hot dogs and chips under a couple of pop-ups in the stadium parking lot. Troop 78 tailgating!

Then it was time to go into the stadium for the game. It was Navy against Tulsa. The two teams fought a back and forth game, with Navy prevailing 37 - 29. After the game we headed back to Camp Wright for dinner and a campfire.

Sunday, after a get-away breakfast, we rode the bus back to cabin. We were all grateful that there were no tents to hang because we stayed in cabins!



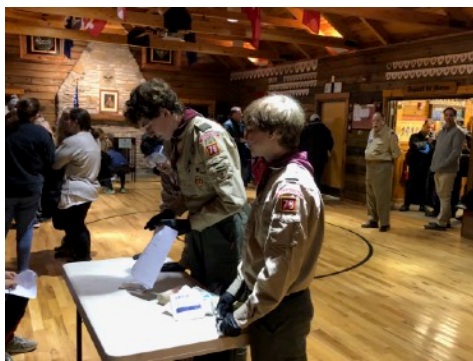
First Responder: Webelos Event

Wednesday November 14, 2018

By David Lane

The First Responder activity was a chance for Webelos to hone their first aid skills and get the First Responder activity pin, necessary for the Arrow of Light. Due to quite a bit of advance planning, about 45 Webelos from 6 different packs joined together on Wednesday November 14th for an evening of first aid and safety training and skills testing. The scouts were broken into groups and rotated between 9 stations at which different skills were demonstrated and tested. Scouts were instructed in: how to make a first aid kit, practicing a home evacuation drill, meeting with a first responder, learning first aid for the hurry cases, broken bones, burns, minor injuries, and many others. The scouts also had fun making a chariot and having a race, and walking a monkey bridge.

With this meeting came a lot of chaos, but the meeting mostly went without a hitch and had many happy Webelos. Much was accompanied and we had a game beforehand and some food during and after, all of this we hope created a great impression with the many Webelos, parents and packs that evening.



Scrip

Friday December 14, 2018

Do you need gift cards to round out your Holiday gift list?

Please consider buying your gift cards through the Troop. The program is called scrip. There are innumerable national and local retail stores who offer their gift cards through the scrip program. For each card purchased, the Troop gets a donation. The amount varies depending on the store. For instance: for each Barnes and Noble card, the Troop earns 8% of the value. If you buy a \$100 B&N card, the troop earns \$8, the value of the card remains \$100. Please see the scrip website for the full list of stores, www.shopwithscrip.com. If you wish to buy your cards through this program, please get your requests to Ted Dinsmore by Friday Dec 7 for delivery of the cards Friday December 14.

December 2018

Holiday Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Delivery Date Saturday December 1, 2018

Another Holiday sale in the books!

Troop scouts and leaders should be proud of their efforts to make another Holiday sale a success.

The statistics are as such:

159 orders for over 900 plants

\$14,000 in sales

Kudos go out to all the scouts who sold plants and wreaths in this sale. The scout salesman benefits by earning money toward scout-related trips: Disney, Camp Horseshoe, Kandersteg, Algonquin. And all the scouts benefit because the troop and the scout salesmen split the profit. All the scouts have their weekend trips including food paid for with the proceeds of this and other fundraisers. The more participation, the better the trips!

Kudos also go out to Mr. Fox who organized the troop online store, including lots of hours programming functionality and loading product information. Also thanks to Mr. Siegle who worked with the grower, organized the order and the delivery of the plants and wreaths. And lastly thanks to everyone who helped organize the individual orders.



Chainsaw Certification

Saturday December 1, 2018

Camp Ware hosted a chainsaw safety training course required by National BSA to operate a chainsaw on camp property. Troop 78 was strongly represented in the class that day, we need people certified to use a chainsaw when the Winter Weekend rolls around in early January. Classroom training, a video and then outside to drop and cut up two dead trees. Newly certified (and in some cases re-certified) in chainsaw safety and now ready to cut wood on the Winter Weekend: Mr. D, Mr. Bravo, Mr. Duff, Dr. M and Nate Motel. See you at Horseshoe January 4 - 6 for a weekend of cutting firewood!



Notice of Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

Friday December 14, 2018

The annual Troop Holiday Party is set for Friday December 14th. That evening we will have a fun Troop meeting including a Holiday themed first aid problem (prepping for the upcoming First Aid Meet), outdoor scout skill event, Holiday gift exchange and snack. Scouts: if you wish to participate in the Holiday gift exchange, this is how it works. Bring a small, in most cases scout or outdoor activity related gift of approximately \$5 in value. If you bring a gift, you may take a gift someone else brought. NO gag gifts! [Click here for more information.](#)

Horseshoe Winter Weekend

Friday January 4 - Sunday January 6, 2019

Please join us for the annual Father / son weekend at Camp Horseshoe. We will be staying indoors in cabins heated by wood stoves, sleeping on bunks with mattresses, eating a delicious menu of home cooked food, and generally living large.

The Troop will collect and split firewood for the camp, then work on individual scout advancement, play games, compete in a round robin of scout skill events and all around have fun.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ski Trip

Sunday January 20, 2019

Skiing!!! The Troop will be in the Poconos for a day of skiing, guaranteed to be a day of fun on the slopes. This trip is open to the entire Troop 78 family, scouts, parents and siblings. The Troop will subsidize the cost of the scouts. Parents and siblings will be asked to pay their own way, but we will all benefit from scout and group discounts. More information to be announced. Stay tuned.

Disney 2019

Friday April 12, 2019 - Saturday April 20, 2019

I am Heading to Walt Disney World with Troop 78 in just over 150 days. Are You?

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 Miniature 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?

Scouts and leaders who are registered and active in the troop,

Scouts must have attended (or worked) at summer camp at least one week in 2018, and

Scouts who are *or will be* First Class rank by March 17th, 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? \$600 plus spending money

What do I get for the \$600 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. Sunday January 7th (Winter Camp) - \$300.00 Deposit and permission slip are due
2. Sunday, February 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast)- \$300 Final Payment due
3. Friday March 8th, 9:00 PM (after Troop meeting) – Scout and Parent Meeting (Parent must attend with scout)
4. Sunday April 7th – Bus and equipment cleaning meeting 1:00PM to 4:00PM
5. Thursday April 11th – 6:30 PM Load your gear on the bus
6. Friday April 12th – 1PM Leave for DISNEY

We must have at least 20 Scouts and Adults to Camp at Disney.

[Please click here for more information.](#)



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