



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 9/7 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
9/8 - Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30 PM)
9/9 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable (Steak-o-ree)*
9/10 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)- Begin Popcorn Sale
9/11 – Junior Leader Training at Cabin (9 AM – 2 PM)
9/17-19 – Troop Trip (Beach)
9/24-26 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Fellowship Weekend at Camp Horseshoe
9/25 – Service project: Main Line Animal Health Benefit
9/27 – *Friend's of Troop 78 Board Meeting*

OCTOBER 2010

- 10/1– TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
10/2 – Fall Clean-up Day at Cabin
10/3- **ANNUAL COURT OF HONOR: 2PM**
10/5– Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
10/6- (Wed.) – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30PM)
10/7 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
10/8 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
10/15-17 - **Council Camporee, Hibernia Park**
10/22 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Popcorn \$ Due, Poinsettia sale begins
10/30-31 – **Scouts age 14 and up trip**

NOTE:

Camping Trips/Major Events shown in **Bold**
TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS
Adult Only Meetings: *in Italics*

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The September Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 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.



SEPTEMBER CAMPING TRIP IS "SHORE" TO PLEASE

September means a trip to the beach for Willistown Troop 78. On Friday, September 17, we'll bus our way to and camp for the weekend at Belleplain State Forest in the Pinelands of New Jersey. The next day, we head to the beach for a day of sun and fun. That evening, we will ride the amusements, eat cotton candy and stroll by the ocean on the Boardwalk. (Rumor has it that Mr. Bravo played skee-ball professionally – think you can beat him?)

We will leave from the cabin on September 17th at 6:00 PM, and will return to the cabin on Sunday by about 1:00 PM. Scouts must stay and help unpack the bus and stow the equipment **before** they are free to go home!

The September Beach Trip is always a welcome reprieve from the "back to school" blues. Bring your bucket, bring your shovel, bring your best beach football game – but plan to be on this trip! Please let your patrol leader know by Friday, September 10th at 7:00 PM if you're planning to come. Dads are welcome on a "space-available" basis. Scouts – please let your patrol Leader know if your father is planning to attend. Dads will be charged \$20 each for food. Of course, there is no charge for scouts to attend.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Jersey Devil repellent (optional)
- Flashlight
- Bathing suit and goggles
- Towel
- Day pack (to take to beach)
- Nalgene/water bottle
- Beach shoes
- Troop T-shirt
- Change of clothes; hat with visor
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Sweatshirt or fleece
- Jacket
- Raingear
- Sturdy hiking shoes or boots
- Wool or synthetic hiking socks
- Toilet articles
- Spending money for the Boardwalk (recommend \$10 - \$15)
- DRINKING CUP (Attendees without a cup will be able to buy a Troop 78 mug for \$5)**

The Pine Barrens can be cool at night:
BE PREPARED!



JUNE BIKING TRIP

Sunday June 13, 2010

By Harry Tredinnick

Today we went on a 25-mile bike trip along the Lehigh River. It was along a gravel path through the woods. Before we started on the trail, everyone got bikes and helmets if they needed them. We also got a bottle of water, and we were on our way.

When we started to ride, it wasn't too hot. From the path there was a nice view of all the people rafting and kayaking down the river. The path was flat so it was an easy ride. About half way through the day, it became very cloudy and started to pour. It was raining so hard that you couldn't even see 15 feet in front of you. At one point, the rain was so heavy that it stung my back. The gravel was sticking to the wet tires and was being flung up behind me.

Near the end of the ride we rode across a bridge that was about 150 feet above the river. There was a great view from up there. When pulled up to the end of the path, everyone was wet, dirty, tired and some a little scraped up. During the ride, Alex Nawn was swerving along the path. Sean Tredinnick came speeding along and couldn't stop in time. He crashed into Alex and flew forward. Alex was crushed between the 2 bikes. In the end they were both all right.

The bike trip was a lot of fun and I hope we do it again next year.



SUMMER CAMP WRAP UP 2010

Steve D'Antonio, SM

The troop enjoyed another fantastic two weeks of summer camp at Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The first week we had a record 61 scouts in Dan Beard with *twenty* first year campers most of whom participated in the exciting Trailblazer program. The camp and dining hall were as full as Dan Beard, so much so, that each troop took a turn dining at the OA building for one day! For week two, the camp was back to normal and Troop 78 had 35 scouts in Dan Beard campsite, thirty of whom were staying for their second week. Each of the 30 were awarded a special star segment to place next to their year segment around their Horseshoe patch. (For

those of you in the Stag patrol who didn't get yours, we have re-supplied and you may pick one up at the first troop meeting). Altogether, the troop had sixty-six 78ers stay one week or more at camp. Two patrols received the 100% patrol award while each of the other five had just one scout unable to attend.

Troop 78 did well at winning their share of the contests over the two-week period, coming home with a stack of the award ribbons given out. But first, let's talk about the all-important marching trophy. With Alex Frees calling the marching on week one, the troop took the trophy 3 out of 7 times. Week two was a little more successful, winning 4 out of 7 times with a smaller group and Dan Dufoe calling the cadence.

The most important contest was conducted on Saturday of week one, and the biggest prize of all, the blue ribbon for Paul Bunyan Field Day still resides with Troop 78. Once again our "Ernie trained" Giant Clove Hitch team of four young scouts "smoked" the competition this time with a winning time of just 10 seconds! First place in flint and steel went to Chris Wang, but try as he might, he couldn't down those pancakes in the eating event. Bradley Bene took the ropes over this year and continued the tradition of winning first place in the nine-knot event. After a few problems with his timber hitch, Keegan Weiler still bested the field with the fastest time on the Heaving Bar. Dean Lang and Ron Cummings took first for combined distance in the log throw award. Grant LePard and Mr. (Dave) Bravo scored a second in the two-man saw. For want of a working pencil, our signaling team won second place when they could have easily taken first after earning the merit badge earlier in the week. Not only did the troop dominate the skill events, but we also had the biggest *and loudest* cheering section. Week two, they held a Water Carnival on Saturday afternoon and the troop had a lot of fun and placed Third.

Ribbons were numerous for the camp-wide competitions and games including, 1st place troop in the

Battleship and Toy Story games, 1st and 3rd place Patrols in the Future Merit Badge game by the Flying Eagle and Stag Patrols respectively, second in the Rifle Shoot week one, and second in the Archery Shoot week two. Our scouts were also squeaky clean week two, earning the 2nd place ribbon for the Cleanest Camp.

Advancement is an important part of camp. Over 200 merit badges were earned by our scouts during the two week period and many also advanced to Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. Thanks to Al Terrell and all the Dads who came in for the weekend to help with the Boards of Review. If you are one of the few who did not take a Board while at camp, Mr. Shay, our Advancement Chairman, will be posting your name on the bulletin board at the cabin by our first meeting on September 10th. There will also be a list of those with partial merit badge completions to finish.

All seven of our patrols earned the Standard Patrol Award for active patrol participation and service to the camp, allowing the troop to earn the Standard Troop Award for the 56th straight year. Patrol service projects for the camp included: repairing the tops of the totem poles and making repairs to a stone wall at the Ahgekatum campfire circle, building eight new picnic tables for Dan Beard and the Health Lodge, and trail repair work. In addition, the Carpentry merit badge class constructed five benches milled from pine logs cut at camp, and donated them to back to the camp. Word is that the Campcraft staff snatched 'em up for their hut.

Thanks to Alex Frees who led the troop week one, finishing out an active and successful year as Senior Patrol Leader. Dan Dufoe took over the honors for week two and took us through some of the hottest camp weather in recent memory. Both did an excellent job of leading the troop. Our Silver Buckle recipients for Honor Camper of the week (as elected by the scouts) were Dan Sheridan week one and Dan Dufoe week two. My grateful thanks to all of our youth leaders for their leadership in making

this year's camp experience a great one for the entire troop.

The troop wishes to thank all of the awesome Horseshoe staff members, and of course those from Troop 78 who served on the Horseshoe staff this season. Josh Mateyk and Sean Miller served as Campcraft counselors, Dan Dufoe on Trailblazer staff, and Connor Ritchie in the Health Lodge. Also, after camping with the troop, DJ. Robinson, Sean Tredinick, Duncan O'Hara and Joe Smith all returned as Staff members. Serving on Camp Staff is a fun, educational, and unique experience, which all troop members should consider. It can be a life changing experience. The camp needs older scouts from quality troops to instruct scout skills.

And lastly, my thanks and the thanks of the Troop Committee, go out to the many Dads and Adult Leaders who camped with the troop and helped things run smoothly. There were eight full-time leaders week one and three week two. Many thanks to Ernie for spending the two weeks with "his troop." This was his 63rd consecutive year at Camp Horseshoe! Imagine, a man who has traveled everywhere imaginable, including around the world at least twice and even Antarctica, not missing a summer at Camp Horseshoe since he joined Scouting at age 12! Thanks also to Ron Cummings for putting in two weeks and doing much of the "heavy lifting." My thanks to all of the 25+ Dads who came down to spend a night or two or three. A big Thank you to Mike Tredinick for taking care of all the camp money matters and collecting the medical forms.

Summer Camp begins our troop year with regard to the Inter-patrol contest and the individual points for Scout of the Year. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) and Jim Bennett have planned some great trips and activities for the coming year! You won't want to miss a thing!

ADULT TRAINING CORNER

In addition to the online trainings that we hope you all are finding time to complete, there are some other opportunities.

Adult Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget)

October 1 – 3 Leave No Trace Trainer
October 2 – This Is Scouting (also online)
October 9 – 10 – IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills)
October 30 – University of Scouting (Boy Scout **Leader** Training and Den Chief Training)
November 6 – This Is Scouting (also online)
November 6 – 7 – IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills)
Please continue to submit copies of your training cards to Sam Lemheney for inclusion in our training database.

SCOUT TRAINING CORNER

Scouts, don't feel left out, there are leadership and position trainings for you as well in the fall.

If you are a new den chief, **Den Chief training** is recommended. Please plan on attending one of the three trainings. Den Chief Training is intended to build enthusiasm for the job, develop high morals, and teach the skills the Den Chief will need to be successful.

Patrol Leader Development Course (PLDC)

As you know, training junior leaders is one of the most important requirements for a strong troop. This one-day conference has been specifically designed to support this goal by training Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders and Troop Guides in Scout goals and the duties of these positions.

Scout Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget):

October 9 – Den Chief
October 23 – PLDC (Patrol Leader Development Conference)
October 30 – University of Scouting (Den Chief Training)
November 6 – Den Chief

Training class descriptions can be found on the troop website under the training link.

WEBSITE UPDATE WILLISTOWN78.ORG

Don't forget to check the homepage of the Troop website for any important announcements or information about upcoming trips and events.

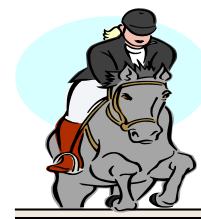
As soon as the calendar for the next scout year is finalized it will be on the troop website, both as a download, as well as in calendar format.

There are also several other helpful resources on the troop website. There is a resources section, which contains lots of downloadable files, such as the new medical forms, songbooks, packing guide, the Troop handbook and a plethora of others.

The photo gallery is also looking great with a lot of new photos from past trips, including Summer Camp. If you have pictures, please put them on a CD and give it to Mr. D.

Adults, there is a training page that lists upcoming training events, as well as a guide to get set up for the online training.

Most importantly there is a newsletter section where you can download past editions of the newsletter for your scout log.



RADNOR RACES A SUCCESS

Another great year for our Troop at the Radnor Hunt Races! Comments from the Race Director and Chairperson indicate that it was the most successful event. Attendance was up, weather was great and the racing competition excellent.

The Race Committee extends its thanks and congratulations to all who participated in this year's event. Troop 78 is involved in almost every aspect of the races; before, during and after.

A special thanks to those who showed up on Sunday for a very difficult clean up. Also, thanks to the set-up crew who worked the Wednesday prior to the races (Mark Siegel, Stan Conover, Ernie Hegard, Dave Bravo, Al D'Antonio and Jim Donnelly).

Let's keep the ball rolling in 2011.

Bob Matje
Radnor Hunt Race Committee
Troop 78 Co-coordinator

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

June 2010

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.

I guess you could ask for better weather, but I am not sure that is possible. We had our usual super bunch of people (184 on Saturday alone) out to help us. There were large crowds at the Races, no doubt owing to the wonderful conditions. This created some brief problems in the various parking lots. We were able to effectively react on the fly and put the cars where they needed to be. We had over 60 people for Sunday cleanup and left the grounds cleaner than when we arrived early Saturday morning. **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. I hope you were able to enjoy yourself too!

As the troop grows it is gratifying to see our many 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 only dream about; just another day at the Races for Troop 78.

THANKS AGAIN!

Brian Rothberg

-Mike Dufoe has continued in his role as person in charge of making

recruiting phone calls. We could not take care of this event without his help.

-During our very thorough Sunday morning cleanup, we broke our previous record; this year we had an age difference of over EIGHTY-FOUR and 1/2 years in our crew. Jay Tyson is 2-1/2, and Jim Donnelly celebrated his 87th birthday that morning

-Don Tyson, besides working closely with Bob Matje coordinates our entire security effort. New positions to cover seem to pop up every year. Don somehow manages to keep things organized and keep the folks who attend the Races where they belong. Don's level of dedication, coordination and effort is just amazing.

-A long-time national-level race official who has also been involved with the Radnor Races at the highest level called this year's version "THE BEST EVER." Troop 78 should take great pride in the integral part we play in the event.

-Finally, no Radnor Races thank-you would be complete without a special tribute to Bob Matje, Sr. Bob is assisted on the official Race Committee by me and Don Tyson, but in his position on the Executive Committee, almost everything that happens at the entire Radnor Races goes directly through him. Bob's dedication to Troop 78 as well as the Radnor Races is an amazing thing to witness.

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.

BARNES	LONGENECKER*
BENNETT	MACKRIDES
BRAVO	MASHETT
BROGAN	MATEYK
BROWN	MATJE*
CADY*	MATJE*
CHAN	McCARTHY
CHOW	McDONALD
COMPTON	McTEAR
CONOVER	MELTZER
CUMMINGS	MEDAGLIA
D'ABRUZZO	MILLER
D'ANTONIO*	NAWN

D'ANTONIO*	NEFF
DESTEFANO	NEVES
DeVIRGILIO*	NGUYEN
DINSMORE	O'HARA
DONDERO*	ORLOW
DONDERO	ORTYN
DONNELLY*	PALMER
DUDT	POIDOMANI
DUFOE	RILEY
DUNCAN	RITCHIE
EVANS	ROBINSON
FINKLESTON	ROTHBERG*
FLIPSE*	RUBINO*
FREES	SCHALLACK
GALLAGHER	SCHENCK
GIANDONATO	SCHERTZ
GORMAN	SEIGLE*
HAZBOUN	SHAY*
HEEGARD*	SHERIDAN
HEILMAN	SHERIDAN
HEMPHILL	SMITH
HERBST	STEVENS*
HERRIN	TERREL*
HOGAN	TOMLINSON
KRAUSE	TREDDINICK
LANG	TROOP 585 CREW*
LASURE	TYSON*
LEE	TYSON*
LEMHENY	TYSON*
LePARD	URBAN
LESSLEY	VARNEY
LEWIS*	VERCOE*
LEWIS*	WAGNER*
LONG	WEILER

The names followed by * 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) an active boy in the troop. **Thank you!** You are a wonderful example of the spirit of our troop and its extended family!



Scrip is starting back up with the same great returns as last year. Half of the profits on what you buy will go directly into your son's scout account. The other half will towards the KISC trip. This way you can save for Summer Camp, Canada, or KISC.

We will stock ACME, Giant, Shop Rite, and WAWA gift cards. Please use the forms when buying these in stock cards. They can be found on the troop website as well as a list of retailers that you can order from. This will help us keep an accurate account of the credit that will go into your son's scout account.

For those unfamiliar with Scrip, it is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, scrip is a gift certificate from national and local retailers. It's the same gift certificate that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Giant, ACME, Wawa, Starbucks, iTunes, Home Depot, Outback, CVS, Walgreens, and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. Scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our troop keeps the difference as revenue. You get half and the other half goes to the "KISC Trip." Everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful revenue alternative that involves no selling...

- Your son gets money in his scout account.
- The "KISC Trip" fund grows.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for your son's scout account without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, and even dining out.

The Troop 78 scrip program promises to be a simple and effective revenue-generating program, that will be very beneficial to you, your scout, and their fellow scouts. This was proven when we made almost \$3,000 in 8 months for the Europe trip. Don't be left out of making money for yourself.

The first order for the new scout year will be placed on Sunday, September 12th, and will delivered on Friday, September 17th. Orders can be handed in at the first meeting of the year, which is Friday, September 10th.

Thanks for your support,
Jim and Claire Hogan
Troop 78 Scrip Coordinators
610-644- [REDACTED]

OCTORARO LODGE 22

As the summer winds down and school begins, we as a lodge, begin another busy year. Coming up in the next month is a Lodge Committee meeting on September 12th. Then we roll right into the much-anticipated September Fellowship Weekend. This weekend, September 24-27, features an afternoon filled of fellowship centered events. More details to follow. The Lodge had another successful year at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation, inducting over 100 candidates. I would like to thank Clayton Wilson for all his work as the Camp Chief this summer. We continue to work on the trails throughout the Horseshoe Scout Reservation and at Goat Hill. If you're interested sign up to work Trail Crew for the September Weekend.

As we continue through the end of the first 100 years of Scouting, please remember to "**Get Involved.**" As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Jake Segal

NOTE: OA dues are due.



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