



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

January

Tuesday 3 Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30 PM

Wednesday 4 Patrol Leaders'
Council 7:30PM

Friday 6 to Sunday 8
Winter Camp at Horseshoe
Fathers and scout-aged guests
invited

Friday 13 Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 20 Troop Meeting 7PM

Friday 27 Troop Meeting 7PM

Sunday 29 Ski Trip
Friends, Family and Webelos
invited

February

1 Wednesday Patrol Leaders'
Council 7:30PM

3 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
Annual Troop First Meet

4 Saturday Council First Aid
Meet (Downtown CAT)

6 Monday Friends of Troop 78
7PM

7 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

Friday 10 - Sunday 12
Matje Farm Trip
Friends and Webelos Invited

[Click here for full calendar](#)

Holiday Party

The final Troop Meeting of 2016!

By John Pimley

On Friday December 16th, the troop gathered for its yearly Winter Holiday Party in the cabin adorned with festive lights and a decorated Christmas tree. Scouts brought in a \$5-\$10 gift for the gift exchange and some tasty snacks and mouth-watering holiday cookies for the buffet later.



[Click here for more pictures](#)



As the meeting began, we went to our patrol areas and were given a demonstration on how to tie a splint that we would use in our winter-inspired first aid problem. After the demonstration we got out our supplies and participated in not one, but two first aid problems. Luckily everyone was well prepared and did well on both of them. Then it was time for the highly anticipated gift-exchange to begin.

Everybody picked a number from a hat. The number determined the order for picking the gifts. As usual, there were a few promising looking gifts that were picked early and the scouts with higher numbers watched as their choices diminished. Following the gift exchange there was yet another exchange between scouts. Everyone went around trying to trade for a different gift with another willing person. Many scouts left the meeting with a gift that was different than the one they had originally chosen, but most importantly, everyone had fun and left happy.

Finally, the adults and older scouts brought out the food. There were many options to choose from such as cookies, soda, chips, and ice cream. After stuffing ourselves full of junk food the meeting was ended as usual with the circle and the Scoutmaster's Benediction. After the PLC was over, all of the scouts that were left helped put away the lights/decorations. Just like every year, the Winter Holiday Party was a success and helped promote the Holiday Spirit.



Annual Holiday Poinsettia and Decoration Sale

Another one in the books!

By Tom Pizzuto II

My Experience Selling Poinsettias

My experiences selling poinsettias have been very enjoyable because I enjoy selling. I like it most when I visit a customer that I sold to last season and they are glad to see me again. It gives me a nice feeling to know that they were pleased with the plants I sold them in the past and I know I will do my best to please them this year with the quality of the plants.

When Mom and I go out to take orders, she drives and I go inside to ask customers if they would like to buy poinsettias. When customers see me in my Class A uniform, they seem to like to buy from scouts. Several customers told me they were scouts when they were kids.

When talking with customers, I show them the different kinds of poinsettias they can buy. I answer questions like how large are the plants and how to water them. I know how to care for plants because my dad taught me. My dad learned how to raise plants from his dad who had a greenhouse in Massachusetts.

Some of my customers are car dealers. I have met with their sales managers. Sometimes when they place an order, they compliment me on how well I presented myself without being too pushy. Several managers promised me a job when I get older.

Taking orders is easy compared to the difficulties of delivering all of them. Mom, Dad and my little sister, Ella, help me with that part. I like having my sister's help, but it's difficult when we have to pick her up from school and have to do our homework in a bumpy van. We rent a van so we can pick-up and deliver all of the plants in one run.

Selling and delivering poinsettias is hard work, but customers love it when I walk in with their order. It is for this reason that I really enjoy selling poinsettias and why I will continue selling poinsettias.

2016 Poinsettia Sale Results

By Mark Siegle

This year's Poinsettia sale was huge success and is marked by many firsts! It was the first time we offered online sales. The first time we offered Christmas decorations in the form of real live wreaths and swags. And the first time we made over \$19,000 in total sales! In fact, we had total sales of \$19,745!!! of which \$8,404 went to the Troop and \$3,008 into the pockets of the scouts' accounts! Great job gentlemen!!!

And who sold the most?

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In fourth place with sales of \$1,049.00 was Young Martin Williams!

In third place with sales of \$1,424.00 was Journeyman Thomas Pizzuto!!

In second place with a phenomenal sales tally of \$2,629.00 was Master Michael Orlow!!!

And in first place with and extraordinary sales total of \$2,728.00 was Grandmaster Nathan Motel!!!!

The patrol that had the most combined sales was the Flying Eagle Patrol, who have earned the right to be first in line for meals at Horseshoe Winter Camp and enjoy a pizza party at a patrol meeting on the Troop.

Congratulations gentlemen and enjoy the booty of your hard earned conquests!

Radnor Races: Thank You for 2016 and Save the Date for 2017!

By Brian Rothberg

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

Race Day was certainly soggier than we would have preferred, but not nearly as bad as expected. In spite of the challenges of the weather, we had our usual great bunch of people (nearly 140 on Saturday alone!) out to help us. In our 27th year at the Races we were able to handle some new challenges and make sure things were taken care of properly. On Sunday we had a hard-working crew for clean-up. In a little over three hours we left the Radnor Hunt Club in wonderful 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 its 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!

This year we had a large crop of newcomers to join with 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.

THANKS AGAIN!

Very sincerely,
Brian Rothberg

[Click here for more information and pictures from Radnor 2016.](#)

Save the date: Radnor Races 2017 - May 20, 2017

World Conservation Award Requirements have changed

The requirements for the World Conservation Award have been updated.

Scouts, you should take a look at the requirements. You may find you are already qualified.

[Click here for the requirements.](#)

Notice of Upcoming Events

Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Troop 78 Winter weekend at Camp Horseshoe is coming on fast! We will be back at our favorite stomping ground: Camp Horseshoe - Friday January 6th through Sunday January 8th.

All scouts, dads, Webelos and scout-aged friends are welcome. Please mark your calendars.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Pasta Night

Keep your ear to the rail for the date of the next Pasta Night: To Be Announced.

We are likely going to have it sometime in March.

It is a great evening for good food and conversation and its open to all adults.

If you've never been, please join us! If you've been before, we hope to see you again!

Disney Trip 2017

I am heading to Walt Disney World with Troop 78 in just over 100 days! Are you?

We are going to roll to Florida in our new Troop bus!



When are we going? April 7th – April 15th 2017

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 2016, and
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? \$600 plus spending money. You can use your Scout account \$.

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. **Friday February 3rd - \$300 Deposit and permission slip are due**
2. **Friday, March 3rd - \$300 Final Payment is due**
3. **Friday March 10th, 9:00 PM (after Troop meeting) – Scout and Parent Meeting (Parent must attend with Scout)**
4. **Sunday April 2nd – Bus and equipment cleaning meeting 1:00 PM to about 4:00 PM**

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

[Click here for more information on the upcoming 2017 Disney Trip](#)

Save the Date: Radnor 2017, Saturday May 20th!

[Click here for pictures and information from Radnor Races 2016.](#)

Count Down to Summer Camp at Horseshoe

Been looking forward to summer camp since we left last July?

Save these dates: Sunday June 25 to Sunday July 9, 2017

We will be back in Horseshoe for another delightful stay at summer camp.

[Click here for a countdown to Horseshoe 2017.](#)

[Click here for link to pictures and videos from the troop's stay at camp last year.](#)