



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

October

Friday 2 – Sunday 4

Campout at Hickory Run State Park, friends and Webelos welcome

Tuesday 6

Board of Review 7 PM

Committee meeting 7:30 PM

Friday 9

Troop Meeting / Open House 7 PM, Friends and Webelos welcome

Saturday 10

Radnor Horse Trials. Volunteers needed.

Sunday 11

Annual Troop Family Dinner and Court of Honor Award Ceremony. 3 PM

Tuesday 13

Pasta Dinner, All adult leaders, parents and friends, please join us. Good food for a small donation to the troop. 7 PM

Friday 16 – Sunday 18

Campout at Worlds End State Park to see the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, friends and Webelos welcome

November

Friday 6

Troop meeting and Poinsettia sale kick-off 7PM

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15

Backpacking trip

[Click Here for Full Troop Calendar](#)

Open House Success!

What a night! The troop had its annual Open House Friday September 25th at the cabin. We had a dozen visitors who met with the scouts and enjoyed the activities the scouts planned. All week, the scouts spent time at the cabin setting up a monkey bridge, typical tent campsite, fire building, cooking (with s'mores for everybody), wilderness survival shelters, wood chopping and splitting, chariot races, Native American artifact display, and a Scout memorabilia display.

The scouts and visitors spent the evening visiting each of the stations. Everyone had a chance to walk across the monkey bridge if they wanted to. Also there was a snack station open throughout the meeting with hot dogs and all the fixins'.

The visiting parents and scouts had a tour of the troop cabin and barn, with tours of the bus. The cabin is an amazing facility, a jewel for the scouts to enjoy as they travel their years long path to Eagle Scout.



Visiting scouts at the Open House



Monkey Bridge

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Hickory Run State Park Campout

The troop will travel to Hickory Run State Park in the Poconos on Friday October 2nd for a weekend of camping and hiking. Hickory Run is a 16,000 acre park spread across the Pocono Mountains in Carbon County. There are over 40 miles of hiking trails, miles of trout streams and other natural areas, including a gigantic boulder field, which is a National Natural Landmark, the glacial moraine left behind by the retreating ice sheet from the last ice age.

The hiking trails lead to beautiful vistas, waterfalls, wetlands, through dark, old growth forests, and chances to see wildlife. Some trails are scenic or leisurely, while others are self-guiding educational, or rigorous exercise. Diverse habitats and forest types, extensive wild areas and unique geological formations make Hickory Run an excellent outdoor classroom. This is especially true in October at the height of the fall foliage season.

For more information see:

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/hickoryrun/sp-hickoryrun-hiking/index.htm>



Boulder Field in Hickory Run State Park



Hawk Falls



Observation Tower

Phenomenal Phirst Troop Meeting

By Nathan Motel

Every year in early September, Troop 78 gathers back at the cabin for our first troop meeting. The first troop meeting is meant to be more like a welcome back party than a troop meeting. This year we decided to have a very fun and very large water balloon fight.

Before the meeting, the Patrol Leaders gathered at the cabin to fill up 100s of water balloons so the meeting would run a little more smoothly. Around 7:00 the meeting started. We had a quick advancement period after Ethan, our new SPL, opened the meeting. After the advancement period we all changed out of class A and went outside. In this fight each patrol built a fort out of poles, lashings, and tarps. We were given 15 minutes to lash

everything together and prepare for the fight. Once the forts were complete, then the fight began. Once they yelled: go, everyone sprinted to grab water balloons out of the bin in the center. The whole fight lasted about 10 minutes, everyone was soaked and very pleased with the way it went. After the fight we took down our forts and went inside to change back into our class A. Because it was 9/11, we decided we should do something to commemorate the day. So we had a U.S. flag retirement ceremony to respect those lost on September 11, 2001. During the ceremony we retired each of the colors in the respectable order. After the ceremony we went inside to change back out of our class A uniform for an end of the meeting stick game. After the game we fell in for closing statements. Everyone enjoyed the first meeting and can't wait for the next troop event.



Forts Ready For Action



Scouts build their forts



U.S. Flag retirement ceremony



Forts Under Construction

Click below for video of the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=24&v=z0KCWbcMUXo>

Troop Parks Cars for the Main Line Animal Rescue

Main Line Animal Rescue held its Fall fundraiser Saturday September 26th and Troop 78 was there to help. For many years the troop has helped this worthy cause with our signature work: parking cars. We were joined by 5 scouts and four scouters and in several hours parked hundreds of cars.



Order of the Arrow Order Weekend

September 25, 26, 27 saw three new inductees into the OA: Luke Phayre, Luke Lasure, Jake Fennimore. Four members attended and received Brotherhood: A.J. Stacey, Jay Madarasz, Andrew Brown, Mr. Bob Urban. The weekend was also attended by Nate Motel, Ethan Bilson, Steve D and Pete Motel. The crew worked on the final touches to the Program Director's cabin. See you all in April!



Notices of Upcoming Events

Radnor Horse Trials

Helpers needed for the Radnor Horse Trials which are on Saturday October 10th. Scouts, if you need service hours, we need you on the 10th. We need scout and adult volunteers. We need some volunteers to report at 6 AM to help set up and park horse trailers. We need more volunteers report at 10 AM. Please stay until 4 or 5, if you can. Everybody will report to the Radnor Hunt Club, 826 Providence Rd, Malvern. If you can join us please contact Steve Brown at stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com to let him know.

Fall Registration Due

Click below to open the registration article and the registration forms. These forms also contain the link to the information necessary to complete the new mandated background checks.

[Annual Registration Information and Form](#)

Worlds End State Park Campout and Bike Hike

Troop 78 will be taking an extravaganza to the Grand Canyon of PA. We will be leaving the troop cabin at 6:00 PM in our troop bus. This is a two-night tent camping trip with events and fun for all. Scout should pack according to the weather and what's on the packing list. Patrol equipment like stoves and tents will be provided. We will be taking a biking and hiking trip to the overlook over the Grand Canyon of PA. To all that wish to bike bring your own fully functional bike. On Sunday morning we will hike from the Leonard State Park overlook to the river before our departure home. Scouts

should expect to arrive home on Sunday around noon. See the hand out for additional details.



Grand Canyon of PA, Pine Creek Gorge

Open House in October

The first open house in September was such a rousing success we are going to host another open house at the first troop meeting in October, on Friday the 9th. That evening will include an open house for friends and visitors to come to the cabin for an evening of fellowship and visiting.

Attention!: All scouts: bring your friends to see what Troop 78 style is all about.

Join us for the Annual Court of Honor and Family Picnic

Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 PM we will all gather at the troop cabin for food, fellowship and awards. Please plan to join us to cheer the scouts in their achievements, the numerous merit badges and ranks earned at camp will be presented. We will also recognize and congratulate the Scout-of-the-Year. Please put this important event in your calendar.

Poinsettia Sale Kick-Off

The annual troop Poinsettia sale, one of the troop's biggest fundraisers, will begin Friday October 9th. The early delivery date preferred by companies/corporations is set for Friday, November 20th. The second pick up date is Thursday, December 3rd.



Jingle Bell