



# Willistown Troop 78

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## Holiday Party!

Scouting Continues During the Pandemic



### January 2021

5 Tuesday Virtual Troop Committee 7PM

6 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM

8 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

15 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

22 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

29 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

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# Holiday Party

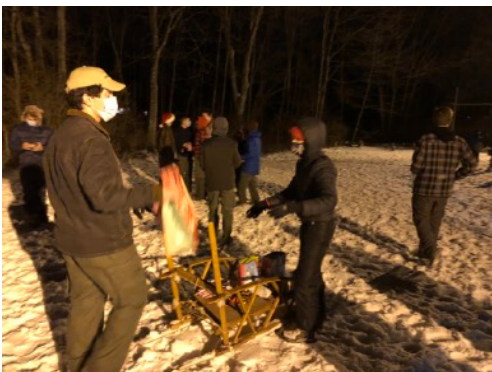
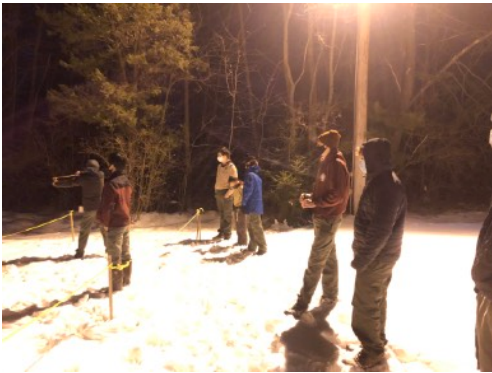
Friday December 18, 2020

By Ethan Winkleman

Despite the cold weather and snow of December, this year we managed to have our Holiday party and gift exchange, all outside. One by one scouts came and placed their presents onto a sleigh until it was full.

Thereafter, scouts split into their respective patrols for various Scout skill stations in the snow. Some of these included sleigh pushing races, workshop reviews and even slingshot shooting. Scouts delighted at attempting to get the best times in the sleigh races and improving their accuracy at slingshot shooting.

Afterwards, the event that everyone was waiting for commenced: the gift exchange! Scouts drew lots out of a hat to determine the order to get presents. The scouts received many great gifts such as consumables like candy and hot chocolate and tools like binoculars and folding utensils. Afterwards food and drink was dispersed generously and Scouts talked and reminisced (from a safe distance). This was a lively and eventful Holiday party indeed to close out the year and commence the holiday season.



# First Responder!

Thursday November 12, 2020

By Arek Conners

On Thursday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, Troop 78 had the honor of welcoming Webelos Scouts from multiple packs for a First Responders training event. Each patrol engaged our guests with first aid knowledge and an activity. Scouts made first aid kits, learned and practiced basic first aid for cuts, abrasions, bites, and stings, and practiced lifesaving procedures like CPR and abdominal thrusts.

The Webelos were also shown how to treat victims for shock, what to do in the event of an emergency, and how to treat victims of internal poisoning, serious bleeding, and burns. Lastly, every Webelos had the opportunity to make an emergency response plan for their home.

After the stations were finished, scouts enjoyed hot chocolate, cider, and snacks. Having learned knowledge above and beyond the requirements, each Webelos Scout was presented with a certificate for their efforts. Thank you to all those who attended and the scouts that ran the stations, making the First Responders event a success.



## Poinsettia and Wreath Holiday Sale Wrap Up

The sale is complete and it was a grand success!

The sale had participation from 32 scouts who sold over 876 holiday poinsettias, wreaths, and swags.

Prizes were awarded at a cold outdoor winter ceremony to the top sellers:

- **First place, \$100 gift card: Shreyas Sao**
- **Second place, \$50 gift card: John Wark**
- **Third place: \$25 gift card: Alex Lemheney**





Orders came flowing into the Troop's online store which allows our customers to place orders from the comfort of their own homes or phones with no face-to-face transactions required. Our team of retired troop members and adult leaders stepped up in a full team effort to unload and sort all the poinsettias and wreaths into individual orders. We really appreciate our volunteers!

When delivery day came, our scouts and leaders picked up the orders and delivered them directly to the customers making sure the tropical poinsettias did not experience too much of the Pennsylvania winter air. We are exceedingly grateful to the flower sale committee Mark Siegel (vendor relations), Pete Motel and Jim Fox (website and online store), Steve D'Antonio (oversight), Sorters: Steve Wark, Brian Rothberg, Kipp Happ, Rob Duff, Jim Hogan, Miles Stevens, Ernie, Scott Vercoe (Finance), Joe Cady (camping accounts).

The feedback we received from our customers has been wonderful. Everyone loves the beautiful flowers and greens, brightening their homes and offices for the holidays.



## Scout Meetings and Activities Continue!

### Every Friday Night at the Cabin

We have been getting 35+ scouts and even more to meetings through this whole thing, even now that winter has come and we are outside. We had a meeting in the pouring rain, all outside. The kids keep coming.

It is completely due to the program, and Mr. D and Arek (the current SPL) and Cody Carnes (the SPL last spring) get all the credit.

They have been making it work through all the ups and downs.

Mr. D and Arek and all the scout youth leaders are taking the covid restrictions very seriously and the parents are impressed with that and with the program and they feel safe sending their kids.

We are in re-charter across the Council, 25% of our units have not re-chartered yet. Three Scouts BSA units have officially announced they are not rechartering.

The scout program is being delivered here, in Troop 78, and the kids are coming. Thanks to everyone who has helped us keep it going!



# Adult Training

## Chainsaw training!

The next round of chainsaw training is set for:

January 14: Online

January 16: in-person at Camp Ware

[Click here for more information.](#)

# Covid Restrictions Continue

We continue to follow recommended protocols for Troop activities due to the pandemic.

[Please click here for our covid protocols.](#)

# Scout Camping Accounts

[Please click here for updated information on individual scout camping accounts.](#)

# “Remind”: Text reminder system

Stay informed! If you have not done so already, please join the Troop 78 Remind system.

This text system is used by Troop leadership to keep you informed about troop activities, updates, and last minute schedule changes. We only send out about one text a week, so you do not need to worry about too many texts!

Join by texting @willistown to 81010.

# Upcoming Events

## Matje Farm Cancelled

February 22, 23, 24, 2021

Cancelled due to covid restrictions

## Klondike Derby Postponed

**NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

**Saturday March 13 - Sunday March 14, 2021**

Willistown Troop 78 will be attending the Chester County Council Klondike Derby. This is a countywide camporee, a weekend of fun and scout skill competitions with all the other troops in the Council.

We will convene at Camp Ware Saturday, camp in tents (one person to a tent) and enjoy a day of fun and wilderness survival skill competitions. The scouts have been prepping for this trip now for several weeks. See you at Camp Ware!

# Walt Disney World Spring Break 2021

**CANCELLED**

Troop 78 has been going to Florida every Spring Break since before Disney opened, and the troop made its first trip to Walt Disney World in 1973. The troop trip to Disney has become a valued tradition as we have ventured down to Disney every year since.

We regret to announce that due to the pandemic, the trip must be cancelled again this year.

We are hoping for a better situation in the Spring of 2022. See you all in Disney April 9 - April 16, 2022!



## Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) Trip

**Saturday July 23 - Saturday August 6, 2022**

As most of you know, we had to reschedule our 2020 Kandersteg Adventure due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We have rescheduled this trip to the summer of 2022. Many of our participants have signed up again

We are taking this opportunity to open up this trip to the entire troop for those who might want to join us on this adventure. The new dates of the trip will be July 23 - August 6, 2022.

Questions?: Please email Sam Lemheney at [sam@creativeeventsolutions.com](mailto:sam@creativeeventsolutions.com)



Scout and Scouters Requirements for the Kandersteg Trip

- Must be a minimum of 13 yrs. old as of the start date of the trip
- Registered in the Troop as of September, 2020
- Scout must be First Class before trip departure
- Actively participate in all Troop 78 fundraisers
- Scout must attend summer camp in 2021 and 2022
- Be an active Troop participant (Scoutmaster discretion)
- Agree to abide by Troop Code of Conduct

**Please print out this Newsletter for everyone in your house to see.**

**Thanks!**