



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2010

- 10/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/2 – Junior Leader Training at Cabin (8:30 AM – 2 PM)
- 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 - 8:30 PM)
- 10/7 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 10/8 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/9 – Radnor Horse Trials (7:30 AM to Noon)
- 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**

NOVEMBER 2010

- 11/1 - *Friend's of Troop 78 Board Meeting*
- 11/2 – Board of Review (7:00 PM), Troop Committee Mtg. & Youth Protection Training
- 11/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30 PM)
- 11/5 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Poinsettia \$ due for early or corporate orders to be delivered 11/23
- 11/9 – *Chester Co. Council Roundtable*
- 11/12-14 – **Annapolis Trip**
- 11/18 - Readyman for 4th Grade Webelos (help needed)
- 11/19 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
(Readyman, 5th grade)
- 11/22 – Poinsettia Early or Corp. Order pick-up at Cabin

NOTE:

Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold
11/12-14: underlined in CAPITALS
Adult Only Meetings: in Italics

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The October committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 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.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL CAMPOREE

Past, Present, Future
 OCTOBER 15-17
 HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK

Meet at the cabin at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 15. The bus will leave promptly at 6:00 pm. Bus arrives back on Sunday morning about 11:00 am

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Uniform (complete Class A, short pants)
- Extra clothes
- Rain gear
- Scout Handbook (if under First Class)
- Water bottle or canteen, **drinking cup**
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, small towel
- Flashlight
- Extra shoes and socks
- Sweatshirt or coat (weather dependent)

Pack in a soft duffle bag (no suitcases or wheels). Arrive in uniform. We will be walking only a short distance from the parking lot to our campsite.

PREPARATION:

SCOUTS must tell your Patrol leader whether you are going by **Friday Night October 8th**. If your plans change you should call him as soon as possible. **After Wednesday, cancellations will be subject to a \$15 fee for purchased food.**

PATROL LEADERS should get their patrol count to the SPL by Friday night. You or your assistant will meet at the front of the Paoli Acme on **Thursday, October 14th**, at 7:00 PM, to shop for patrol food. Bring your approved, typewritten menu with ingredients and quantities with you.

PATROL QUARTERMASTERS will meet at the cabin on **Wednesday, October 13th**, at 7:00 P.M., to sort out needed patrol and troop equipment and load the truck and bus.

ASPL's and Junior Leaders should let Dan Dufoe know if you are going and for which meals you intend to be there.

ADULT LEADERS and Dads needed to attend. Please let Steve D'A. (610-296-) or know if you can go and which meals you'll be eating with us. We will ask for \$20 for food from all adult leaders. (No charge for scouts).



GET ON BOARD FOR NOVEMBER'S NAVAL ACADEMY HISTORIC TRIP

It might seem like it's "aweeigh" off, but for the 2010-11 scouting year, we've moved our annual historic trip to November. This year, Troop 78 will be visiting the United States Naval Academy. USNA is the undergraduate university that is

sponsored by the United States Navy. We have a great program lined up for our November 12 – 14 trip, which combines camping, history and football.

On Friday evening, we will join a contingent of over 2,000 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from the mid-Atlantic region at the Elks Club of Maryland's 2010 Scouting Camporee at Camp Barrett, just outside of Annapolis, Maryland. On Saturday, we will make the short drive to the Naval Academy for a tour of this prestigious institution. Since 1845, USNA has been educating some of the US Navy's finest officers. Among the graduates of USNA are former US President Jimmy Carter and members of Congress, including US Senator John McCain. The Naval Academy is the *alma mater* of over 50 astronauts. America's first man in space, Alan Shepard, is an USNA graduate. Many world-class athletes, including NFL Hall of Famer Roger Staubach and "The Admiral," basketball great David Robinson, attended the Naval Academy. Only 1 out of every 10 applicants from a pool of highly qualified candidates, each of whom must meet rigorous physical and academic standards, is admitted to USNA. About 13% of all male midshipmen earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Enrolled students take a challenging curriculum that focuses on engineering and science courses.

Following our tour, we will head to Navy/Marine Corps Stadium on the grounds of the academy to see Navy take on Central Michigan University in a Division I football match-up. One of the highlights of a Navy football game is the Parade of Midshipmen. The Brigade of "Middies," attired in dress uniform, will march onto the field in formation. A spectacular site, the parade is an event not to be missed. After Navy chalks up a "W," we'll go back to Camp Barrett for an evening of camaraderie and song with our fellow scouts.

An important note: Attire for the Naval Academy tour and the Navy football game will be full Class A uniform. Get your patches sewn on now! For fathers hoping to attend: Have you

earned your troop neckerchief yet? There are training and activity requirements that are easy to fulfill, but necessary, in order for you to adorn your scout uniform with the official Troop 78 neckerchief. Check out the troop website for details.

Our historic trip is always well attended, and this year will be no exception. We expect a record number of Troop 78 scouts to be on hand for this trip. We will have limited room for fathers to attend as well. Preference will be given to uniformed leaders, troop bus drivers and uniformed fathers who are willing to drive for this trip. Additional details and a handout on the Naval Academy trip are forthcoming. In the meantime, check out the Naval Academy's website at www.usna.edu – and plan on joining in the fun!

LOOKING FOR CAMPING EQUIPMENT?

Eastern Mountain Sports is having its "Fall Club Days" event on October 1st and 2nd. EMS Exton offers every member of a club (just show your BSA membership card) a **25%** off discount of nearly EVERYTHING EMS HAS IN THE STORE on those days!!! Other good choices for gear are Cabelas, cabelas.com, and Campmor.com.



BEACH TRIP A HUGE SUCCESS

Mother Nature cooperated with Troop 78's annual Beach Trip, as a contingent of 50 scouts and 10 leaders and dads spent a weekend at Belleplain State Forest in New Jersey.

After a long trek out of Pennsylvania that was the result of heavy shore-bound traffic and fans eager to get to the Phillies game, the Troop arrived at Belleplain and was greeted by Scoutmaster Emeritus Ernie Heegard. Ern made the trip up from his home in Cape May Point to spend the night with the troop on Friday.

On Saturday, Troop 78 headed to Sea Isle City and spent a beautiful late-summer day on the beach. The troop employed scouting's Safe Swim Defense, as scouts took turns serving as lifeguards in the rough surf. The "buddy board," which was etched in the sand, utilized swimmers' footwear in place of buddy tags. High tides threatened to wipe out the buddy board in the late afternoon, but by that time the troop was ready to return to camp.

Once back at Belleplain, the patrols organized their dinner of spaghetti and meatballs. Each patrol also made a dessert, and these post-meal treats were "tested" by SPL Dan Dufoe and his cadre of ASPLs. After the pasta dinner cleanup, the troop went to Ocean City and enjoyed an evening on the Boardwalk. Some scouts and leaders competed in miniature golf, while other troop members sampled custard, macaroons and pizza. After returning to camp on Saturday night, the troop hit the rack. On Sunday morning, camp was broken, the troop made the return trip to the cabin, and everyone got home in time to watch the Phils and Eagles pull out victories!

Troop 78 would like to thank Rev. Joseph Perreault of St. Joseph's Church in Sea Isle City and Rev. Michael Rush of St. Augustine's Church in Ocean City, for their hospitality. Fr. Perreault and Fr. Rush are the pastors of these two fine parishes, and were kind enough to allow the troop to park its bus on church property so that our boys could enjoy the beach and Boardwalk.



PASTA DINNER

Tuesday October 19th
Cabin @ 7 PM

Braised Steak with carrots and mushrooms
Pasta with Sausage
Salad
Iced Tea/Coffee
Desserts

TROOP 78 BSA REGISTRATION

Troop 78 registration fees will soon be due. Willistown Troop 78 needs to register all scouts and adults each year with the Boy Scouts of America. Registration fees covering 2011 are the same rate as 2010. Fees have remained the same for scouts and adults for the last 7 years.

The annual registration fee covers some of the cost of going on trips, including fuel for the bus, the food on trips, a subscription to Boys' Life (one per household), and troop specific uniform pieces (patches, neckerchief).

2011 Troop 78 Registration Fees

- First Scout \$65
- Each additional scout in a family \$50
- Venture Crew \$35
- Adults \$50
- 1st Year Dads \$35
- Seniors (age 65+) \$35

Dads, please show your support for your son and the Boy Scout program by registering as an adult. Registration also helps the troop by making you eligible for attending any scout camping trip and for serving as a merit badge counselor where you can share your experiences and knowledge with the boys in the troop.

Registration form and check is due by October 31, 2010.

New this year: All new and existing registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training.

For a form or questions, please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687- [REDACTED] or e-mail me at [Registrar@willis\[REDACTED\]78.org](mailto:Registrar@willis[REDACTED]78.org)

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ALL REGISTERED ADULTS

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies.

The following policy became effective June 2010.

- Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before submitting an application for registration.
- Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

All troop 78 registered adults must complete the Youth Protection Training by November 2, 2010.

A Youth Protection training session will be held at the cabin following the November 2nd Troop Committee meeting. All registered or to be registered adults are urged to attend.

Youth protection training can also be completed online and takes about 30 minutes to complete. These are the steps:

- Go to <http://myscouting.scouting.org>
- Click on "Create an Account" if you do not already have one.
- Login to your account
- Select "E-Learning" from left side
- Select "Take Course" under Youth Protection Training
- Complete the online training
- Print your certificate
- Cut out certificate and mail in with your dues or drop off at cabin office.

ADULT TRAINING CORNER

In addition to the online trainings that I 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 2 – Youth Protection Training at 78 Cabin
- 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.

The most recent calendar and phone list are published, along with their last modified date, be sure you have the most recent edition.

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, song books, 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 the cd to Mr. D.

Adults, there is a training page that lists upcoming training events, as well as a guide to get setup 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 HUNT HORSE TRIALS

What is this event: The Radnor Hunt Horse Trials continues a 38-year tradition of this autumn event in the Radnor Hunt countryside. It's the same sport as the old Radnor Hunt International Three Day Event, but the jumps are smaller, the dressage tests are easier, and it all takes place in a single day.

Troop involvement: Troop 78 has assisted the Radnor Hunt Horse Trials for the past 3 years to do coach parking, Q & A, move the jumps and pick up trash.

When is this event? This is a one-day event, October 9, 2010.

What is needed? 4 - 6 Scouts in the morning. 4 - 6 Scouts in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to help too.

Who to contact: John Mateyk at 610-993- [redacted] or [jmateyk@\[redacted\]](mailto:jmateyk@[redacted])

Looking forward to another fine day and event for troop participation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OCT. 10

Five to ten Boy Scout helpers are needed on Sat., Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., to be road marshals for the CF (Cystic Fibrosis) Cycle for Life

(<http://delawarevalley.cff.org>. This event starts at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, loops through Kimberton, then French Creek State Park and then back to Great Valley. Lunch for volunteers will be provided after the event. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Matt Harrington at [redacted]

[redacted] Matt is a friend of the Poidomani family.



A FISHY STORY

By Michael Bennett

On July 28th, 2010, four scouts and one scout leader arose very early to go on the troop's annual fishing trip. As we motored toward Avalon, we talked of past fishing trips and wondered how things would turn out. However, after the peerless Captain Matje had steered out into the bay and the casting began, it quickly became clear that this was no typical trip.

Michael Bennett started off hot by nailing five flounder in half an hour, two of which were caught with two hooks simultaneously! Sadly, his luck then cracked, as his next two catches were a crab and a clam. After a shift in position, the whole group caught on fire. Michael Giandonato caught two flounder, Tim Schallack nabbed a sea robin, and Stephen Lessley took three flounder before the troupe stopped for lunch. After a hearty meal, the boys resumed their fishing; however, apart from two flounder by Tim Schallack and a sea robin – sea bass duo by Mike Bennett, pickings were slim.

The day's final tally astonished all. According to trip supervisor/organizer Mr. Vercoe, "Never in the history of the hoagie fishing trip has there been such a plethora of landed marine life." In addition to the unusual count of

seventeen flounder, four sea robins, a sea bass, and two crabs, catches included a rock by Tim Schallack, a bungee cord by Stephen Lessley, and a sinker by Mr. Matje. Despite not having hauled in any flounder they could keep, all were satisfied as they headed home.

To go on this wonderful trip, a scout must be among the top three hoagie sellers in the troop. However, this is a small price to pay for such a wonderful experience. This year's attendees would like to thank Mr. Vercoe and Mr. Matje for their generous service to scouting.



SCOUTING PARADISE

By Michael Bennett

Normally, as a Boy Scout in Troop 78, my summer is predictable. I head to Camp Horseshoe for two weeks, have a spectacular time, and then lay dormant from a scouting perspective until the school year, barring Eagle project help, the fishing trip, or the Algonquin Park trip. However, this summer, I decided to buck tradition. After a week at Horseshoe, I mysteriously vanished, leading some to speculate that I was on vacation. Instead, while others were at camp cheering the troop on at the Water Carnival, I was heading out to ... **PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH.**

My trip to Philmont first took us through Colorado Springs, where we acclimated for two days. Meanwhile, we did spectacular things such as visiting the Garden of the Gods, summiting Pike's Peak by cog railway, and rafting through the Royal Gorge, all the while enjoying buffet meals and accommodations at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs' dorms. On the third day, a bus took us to Cimarron, home to Philmont Scout Ranch. After taking care of

administrative business that day, we hit the trail the next.

The next week and a half was filled with indescribable beauty and excitement such as I have never seen before. We saw majestic Ponderosa pines, breathtaking valleys, and abundant wildlife. We climbed treacherous peaks such as Baldy, Big Red, Black Mountain, and the Tooth of Time. We covered twenty gorgeous miles in a single day, dazzled by infinite canyons, climbs, palisades, and streams. Best of all, we got to discover ourselves in the midst of a tranquil, pristine wilderness with too many wonders to count. As I finished my time on the trail, I realized that the person who hiked into Base Camp over Tooth Ridge was a stronger, more self-confident, and more independent man than the boy who shipped out of Base Camp ten days earlier.

Philmont is a terrific experience that I recommend for every scout. Boys must be at least 14 to go on this journey of a lifetime. Sign up now while seats on CCC's Philmont 2011 treks are still available.



Hey Scouters,

We had many first timers try out scrips last month. Thanks to all who tried it out and found out how simple it is to do. If you still have not tried scrips, it

is not too late to give it a try. The next order will be placed on Sunday October 3rd, which happens to be the same day as the troop Court of Honor. If you need ACME, Giant, or WaWa any time, I have them in stock to buy at a meeting. You can find a list of retailers and order forms on line at <http://www.willistown78.org/scrips-mainmenu-57.html>. It is a great page that explains scrips, too. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Remember the holidays are coming quickly (less then 3 months away) and only 3 more orders will be placed between then and now. Remember to be a good scouter and be prepared!

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