



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 2011

- 5/2 – Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting
5/3 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
5/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
5/6 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
5/7 – Troop Yard Sale, Flower Sale & Bake Sale (8AM to Noon)
5/10 – Council-wide Roundtable
5/10 – Pasta Night (7 PM)
5/13 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
5/13-15 – NYLT Weekend 1
5/13-15 – Canoe Trip
5/20 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
5/20-22 – NYLT Weekend 2
5/20-22 – OA Conclave
5/21 – Radnor Races - (Save This Date!)
5/22 – Radnor Races Cleanup – 8 AM

JUNE 2011

- 6/1 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
6/2 – TROOP MEETING (Thurs) - Field Day Part One
6/3-5- Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend @ HSR
6/5 – Field Day & Family Picnic (3:00 PM)
6/6 – Camp Info Meeting for First Yr. Scouts (Mon., 7:00 PM)
6/7 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
6/10-12 – Rafting Trip
6/17 – TROOP MEETING - Camp Preparations
6/25 – PLC to Summer Camp (meet in Dan Beard at 2:00 PM)
6/26-7/3 – Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK ONE

NOTE: Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold. TROOP MEETINGs underlined in CAPITALS. Adult only meetings in Italics.

PLEASE PRINT THIS NEWSLETTER

Then you can share it with other members of your family and refer to it throughout the month.



CANOEING TRIP UPPER POTOMAC RIVER

For the weekend of May 13 – 15, Willistown Troop 78 is heading down to Paw Paw Maryland for some camping and canoeing. We'll be traveling down a 25-mile stretch of the upper Potomac River. This year's trip will explore a section of the river that we haven't seen before. We were originally scheduled to tackle this trip in June 2009 but flooding on the Potomac made the trip unsafe, and we weren't able to take it on – until now.

The Troop leadership views the annual canoeing trip as a "tune-up" for those going on the Canadian wilderness adventure this summer or for those considering making the trip next summer. Given the length of the paddling excursion and the limited number of people we can take (we are absolutely capped at 39 attendees), the Troop's older, active Scouts (defined by the Troop Committee as those Scouts who attend at least 50% of Troop meetings and activities) with advanced rank (First Class and above) will be permitted to fill the allotted slots first. Next, we will augment the Troop's adult leadership by permitted enough experienced canoe "dads" to attend so that we

have appropriate adult supervision on the trip. Dads with a CDL license will have preference over those without a CDL license. Finally, if there are slots remaining, newer Scouts will be permitted to attend. **It is unlikely that any first year Scouts (those who crossed over to the Troop in 2011) will be permitted to attend.** Scouts or adults who cannot meet the "Swimmer" qualifications at summer camp will not be permitted to attend. If you have questions about those qualifications, please call Mr. Bennett.

The trip "handout" is included with this copy of the newsletter. A limited number of extra copies will be available in the gray "mail slot" at the cabin. We will also post the handout on the Troop website. You must let your patrol leader know by Tuesday, May 3rd, if you and/or your dad would like to go on the trip. Patrol leaders – get your list of attendees to SPL Dan Dufoe by Friday, May 6. By Tuesday, May 10, your patrol leader will know which members of his patrol and which dads are going on the trip. If you have questions, call your patrol leader. Patrol leaders should call Dan Dufoe, and Dan will call Mr. D. or Mr. Bennett with questions.

The Potomac is an awesome river for canoeing. It's a great place to see bald eagles, and the scenery is fantastic. Hope you can join us. Remember – sign up early!

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The April Troop committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 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.

YARD SALE

MAY 7 YARD SALE

Spring is a wonderful and busy time of year for Troop 78 and its families. In between all your activities - and the raindrops - please make room for the big yard sale on May 7th (8 AM to noon) to benefit the 2012 Kandersteg trip. The yard sale is one of the main fundraisers for the trip, and we need the entire Troop to participate. Specifically, we need the Troop to donate items and to encourage your neighbors and friends to do the same. The remaining drop-off dates are April 28th, May 5th and May 6th. Please drop off your items at the Scout cabin from between 7 PM to 9 PM on those dates.

Also, no yard sale would be complete without food! The bake sale is in need of one item from every family in the Troop - and especially the families of the boys going to Switzerland! Please contact bake sale coordinator Stephanie Robinson [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] immediately - and certainly no later than Wednesday, May 4th - to confirm what you will donate to the bake sale!

Finally, help is still needed from those going on the trip and the Troop as a whole. Please contact Steve Brown at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if you have not yet volunteered (it is a requirement for those going on the Kandersteg trip) or if you have volunteered but are able to provide extra help.

So, come one, come all to the May 7th yard sale (8 AM to noon). In addition to "traditional" items, the yard sale will also include a bake sale, plant sale and electronic game sale. There will be something for everyone, including a little bit of fun.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Scouts and adult earned their Troop 78 neckerchief:

Luke Brogan
Dan Brown
Zach Chan
Colin Evans
Mr. Barry Evans
Harry Tredinnick
Matt Urban

MANY THANKS

The following Scouts and adults came out for our cabin workday on April 2nd. Thanks for helping keep our cabin and grounds in good condition.

Eli and Dave Bravo
David Dondero
Michael and Rich Orlow
Grant and Keith LePard
Jay Maderanz
DJ Robinson
Joe Smith
Marc and Aaron Steel
Miles Stevens
Chris Wang



PASTA NIGHT

Tuesday, May 10th - 7:00 PM

Tilapia with garlic butter
Pasta with tomato sauce and sausage
Broccoli rabe
Salad
Desserts

HOAGIES AT LIGHTENING SPEED!

Once again the parents, siblings, friends and Scouts of Troop 78 came through with a tremendous group effort in this year's hoagie sale fundraiser. All the prep work, building, wrapping and packing of 1,240 hoagies was performed effortlessly and at record speed due to the willingness of all the volunteers who showed up in record numbers this

year. As the coordinator of such a large project, I want to personally thank each and everyone that helped. It definitely makes a job of this size more manageable.

Special thanks to Jim Donnelly and Rick DeVirgilio for getting the meat and cheese, Stan Conover for the vegetables, Donna DiMonte for picking up 1,240 hoagie rolls, the veteran meat slicing and pepper crew, Jim Hogan and Donovan Robinson for shredding 18 cases of lettuce and tomatoes plus 60 lbs. of onions and Dave Bravo for running hundreds of pounds of meat, cheese and veggies back and forth to the freezer.

The following Scouts will be catching big fish on the Good Ship Matje this June in Stone Harbor, NJ, for their sales efforts:

Third place with 77 hoagies sold - Stephen Lessley

Second place with 83 hoagies sold - D J Robinson

Our **first place** hoagie sale winner for 2011 with 114 hoagies sold was Michael Giandonato!

Congratulations to all the Scouts in helping support the Troop and adding funds to their personal Scout accounts. I look forward to working with you all again next year!

Scott Vercoe
Hoagie Sale Coordinator

TRAINING

- Wilderness First Aid - West Chester, Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 6-10 PM
- National Youth Leadership Training - Horseshoe, May 6-8 & 13-15 weekends
- Leave No Trace Trainer - Horseshoe, May 13-15 weekend
- SM & ASM Specific Training - Great Valley Presbyterian Church, May 14, 8 AM - 5 PM

TROOP WEBSITE

The website is doing great with over 300 monthly visits; hopefully some of those are yours. Some noteworthy features include the rules for field day. Work with your patrol leader and get involved in an event that you find interesting. Know which events are patrol events, so you can begin to practice. The Troop also has a presence on Facebook. You can link to our page from the Troop home page: <http://www.willistown78>.

OA WEEKEND

The OA weekend is June 3 – 5. The registration deadline is May 20. Registration on or before May 20 will give you a \$25.00 weekend fee at checkout (a \$15.00 discount from the full fee.) You can also sign up for a part of the weekend, and the fee is prorated for that also.



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