



Willistown Troop 78

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Appomattox Virginia

Friday March 29 - Sunday March 31, 2019

By Ethan Winkelman

This past month we took a dive into the rich history of Appomattox and the Marine Corps Museum down in Virginia. Much like many others, we began the trip on the bus taking a four hour drive to Scout Camp William B. Snyder. And much like many others, we fell asleep immediately. The next day after a quick breakfast we took the long drive to Appomattox Court House, the location where Lee surrendered in the Civil War. We split up into patrols and set off in our own directions, lunch in hand. All the patrols, each in a different order, toured the tavern, general store, courthouse, slave quarters, and the house itself where the surrender was signed. When we finished up the tour we drove back to the camp where we engaged in idle games and camp activities before and after dinner, then promptly went to bed.

When we woke up the next day we packed up camp and headed over to the Museum of the Marine Corps. Once again, we split into small sections this time being groups of three. The museum consisted of one big gallery that went through the entire history of the Marine Corps from start to finish. The troop flitted among these galleries and some had lunch in the museum cafe. After touring the museum and taking a group picture we took the long drive home and ended, as these trips usually do, with some clean up at the cabin.



Radnor Races: Sign up now!

Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19

Radnor Races weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 18th & 19th. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out working from around 7 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 18th. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is valuable. Clean up Sunday is from 8AM to noon.

Remember working at the Radnor Races helps:

- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PROTECT OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT
- TROOP 78's MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

You, and those you bring to help, can stay after your shift & take-in a fabulous event.

In the unlikely event that you have not yet responded, please do so now.

If your schedule has changed and you now have a few more hours to spare, let us know.

Please remember, we need every possible family member. Moms are welcomed & needed!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SATURDAY MAY 18 & SUNDAY MAY 19



Canoe Trip on the Schuylkill

Saturday May 4, 2019

It's spring, so it's time to take out the Troop canoes and practice our skills on the Schuylkill River and the canal. We hope to have a great turn out and great weather for this fun day trip. It will start out with easy paddling on the canal in Phoenixville and then even easier paddling on the river as we float with the current to the take out in Valley Forge Park.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Annual Spring Cabin Clean up

Saturday April 6, 2019

The troop rallied for the annual clean up at the troop cabin and grounds. We had a large work crew this year doing chores inside and outside. The bus got its annual scrub down (it gets washed once a year whether it needs it or not!). The bus barn got cleaned out, including the back storage room, all the camping equipment got checked and sorted. The parking lot and the areas surrounding the parking lot were raked and cleaned and the parking lot was edged. The flower beds got cleaned and mulched. The bare areas on the lawn (front, back, and side) got top soil and seed. Inside the cabin the bathrooms and kitchen got a thorough cleaning. The floors in the entire cabin got vacuumed and wet mopped, and the light fixtures got cleaned. It was a very productive day!



PLC Goes Rock Climbing

Saturday April 6, 2019

After the cabin clean up, the PLC met at the Panera's in Radnor for lunch and then went to the Gravity Vault in Radnor for an afternoon of indoor rock climbing. First, we got a brief lesson in how to put on the harness and how the climbing and belaying would work, then the scouts worked their way through walls of various difficulties. Some were relatively easy and some were completely impossible to climb. All things considered, it was a lot more challenging and a lot more fun than most thought it would be.



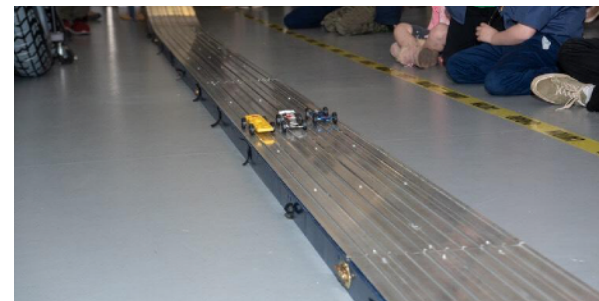
Diamond Rock District Pinewood Derby

Saturday April 6, 2019

By Joshua Simms

Saturday morning around nine o'clock, the best of the best Diamond Rock Pinewood derby racers began to file into the Youth Center building of Covenant Presbyterian church in Malvern. I went to the race for two reasons, service hours as a Troop 78 Boy Scout, and to participate as a racer representing my old Cub Scout Pack 21.

I was responsible for transferring the cars to and from the track, setup, and cleanup. My car placed 14th out of 30. There was some stiff competition! The top three racers qualified for the National race in New York! My old Pack took 1st and 2nd Place. I am very proud of that.



Main Line Animal Rescue Parking Event

Saturday April 13, 2019

Troop 78 continued its long tradition of community service with a morning devoted to helping MLAR with their spring fundraiser Saturday April 13. The troop broke out its orange vests and flags and parked cars until the field was overflowing. It was a great day for Troop 78 and for MLAR. Thanks to Steve Brown for organizing the work crew and to everybody who helped.

The crew:

- Charles Lane
- Brian Rothberg
- Beth Cirigliano
- Nicolas Cirigliano
- Sheila Krusen
- Bennett Krusen
- Steve Wark
- John Wark
- Ryan Wark
- Steve Brown

Chester County Day of Service

Sunday April 14, 2019

After parking cars on Saturday for MLAR, the Troop participated in Chester County's Day of Service on Sunday. At over 50 places around the county, volunteers worked various outdoor projects. Troop 78 worked clearing brush and planting trees at the Okehocking Preserve in Willistown Township. Thanks to Steve Brown for organizing the work crew and to everybody who helped.

The work crew:

- Prabeen Dash
- Tanay Dash
- Tristan Burghart
- Charles Lane
- Danny Mauro
- Tony Mauro
- Shreyas Sao
- Ernie Heegard
- Sean Mergenthaler
- Wesley Elliot
- Steve Brown



Disney

Friday April 12 - Saturday April 20, 2019

By Logan Duff

This spring break, the troop took an exciting, thrilling trip to Walt Disney World for an exceptional experience. Friday in the afternoon the small band of scouts departed from the cabin to take on the 20 hour drive down to Florida. Although the drive was long and tedious, most of the drive the kids and adults (except the drivers) were asleep. On arrival Saturday, the troop unpacked the bus and set up camp. After camp was set up, the kids headed into Disney Springs to check out the stores. After dinner, the boys began their tradition of going to the pool once a day after dinner. Sunday everyone headed into Disney for their first day in the parks, while the Duffs visited family for the day. Monday was another day in the parks with the hot sun and fun rides. Tuesday the troop participated in Disney's Youth Educational Series (the YES program). During the program, our tour guide took us on Hollywood's Tower of Terror and The Rockin' Rollercoaster, both thrilling rides. Did you know that on the first test of Tower of Terror, the back wall of the ride blew out because they did not put vents in to compensate for the compression of air underneath the dropping elevator? Wednesday and Thursday were more days in the parks exploring Disney World and riding fun rollercoasters. On Thursday, all the boys stayed together and went from Disney Springs to Epcot for the highest G-force ride in Disney World (Mission Space - orange team). After a burger dinner back at camp, the boys went to the Animal Kingdom to ride Pandora's Banshee simulator ride, the number one most popular ride in all of Disney World! On Friday, before departure, the troop left on a high note with a game of mini-golf for both the boys and adults. After mini-golf, the troop headed home. The Troop stopped at IHOP for dinner Friday night and Denny's for breakfast on Saturday. Overall, a very fun, exciting, and thrilling trip. Can't wait to go back in 2020!



Normandy Jamboree

Thursday April 11 - Sunday April 14, 2019

Troop 78 was represented at the Transatlantic Council, BSA Jamboree in Normandy France. The Transatlantic Council represents members of the BSA abroad in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Every 5 years they have a Jamboree in Normandy to commemorate the D-Day landing. This year was special because 2019 is the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landing. Approximately 2500 scouts and scouters attended the Jambo. Highlights of the trip included a dinner and campfire on Omaha Beach and a flower laying ceremony at the American Cemetery.

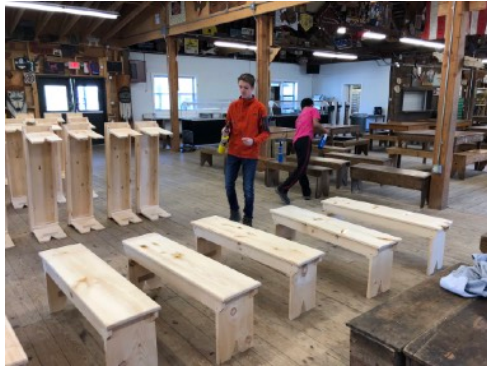


Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

Friday April 26 - Sunday April 28, 2019

We found ourselves at our favorite place on Earth (Camp Horseshoe) again for the April OA service weekend to benefit the camps and the scouts of Chester County. We had several scouts and leaders take the Ordeal, and numerous scouts and leaders came for the weekend to help with projects throughout the camp.

We worked on completing new benches for the Horseshoe Dining Hall and repairing old ones.



Summer Camp is Right Around the Corner!

Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks:

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 23rd and ends on June 30th
- Week Two begins on Sunday, June 30th and ends on July 7th

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Key Dates – Summer Camp 2019	
Camp Deposit Due	3/15/2019
Full Payment Due	4/25/2019
<i>(After this date, rate is \$465/week)</i>	
Health Forms Due	5/30/2019
<i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card; also Special Dietary Needs and Medication forms if applicable)</i>	



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