



# Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2014

- 10/1 (Wed.) – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30 PM)  
10/3 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) - Begin Poinsettia sale  
10/5- **Annual Troop Dinner & COURT OF HONOR (3PM)**  
10/7 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.  
10/9 – Diamond Rock District Roundtable  
10/10 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
10/11 – Radnor Horse Trials (7:30 AM to 4 PM) – Help needed  
10/11 – Den Chief Training (9AM to Noon)  
10/11-12 – Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills (Adult training)  
10/11 – Troop 78 Jr. Leader Training – APLs, PLs, ASPLs, SPL  
10/14 - Friends of 78 Pasta Nite 7 PM @ cabin  
10/17-19 – **Ranger's Challenge @ Camp Horseshoe**  
10/24 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
10/24-26 – Youth Leadership Training Weekend 1  
10/31 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
10/31-11/2 – Youth Leadership Training Weekend 2

### NOVEMBER 2014

- 11/3 - Friends of Troop 78 Board Meeting  
11/4 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.  
11/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30 PM)  
11/7 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
Poinsettia \$ Due for Early or Corporate Orders to be delivered 11/20  
11/11 – Friends of 78 Pasta Nite 7 PM @ cabin  
11/13 – Council-wide Roundtable  
11/15-16 – **Backpacking Trip**  
11/19 - Readyman for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Weblelos (help needed)  
11/21 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

11/20 - Poinsettia Early or Corp. Order pick-up at Cabin

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

### FAMILY DINNER AND COURT OF HONOR Sunday, October 5

It's time to recognize our scouts for their hard work and advancement earned during Summer Camp 2014. All of our scout families and guests are invited to an outdoor dinner prior to our program.

**TIME:** 3:00 PM (Scouts arrive at 2:45, Patrol Leaders at 2:00 PM)

**PLACE:** TROOP 78 CABIN, 15 MILL ROAD (When our parking lot is filled, please park at the baseball fields next door)

**Each family is asked to bring a vegetable dish or salad.**

The troop will provide meat and vegetarian lasagna, rolls, butter and beverages.

Scouts please inform your patrol leader of your attendance so that we may have an accurate headcount.

**Each patrol is being asked to have at least one family assist with set-up at 2:00 PM Sunday and one family help with clean up after the event.**

### OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Outdoor dinner at 3:00 pm
- Introduction of new junior leaders

- Highlights of the past scout year
- Upcoming events & fundraisers
- Canada and Philmont trips in pictures
- Scout of the Year & Patrol of the Year awards
- Presentation of merit badges and advancement
- Eagle Court of Honor for Andrew Duddt & Holden Barnes

**Scouts and adult leaders, please wear your complete Class "A" uniform.**



### TROOP 78 TO COMPETE IN HSR RANGER'S CHALLENGE October 17-19

On Friday night the troop will travel to our second home, the Dan Beard campsite at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation, to compete in the second annual Ranger's Challenge. Having missed all competitive council events last season, because of weather and scheduling issues, we look forward to our patrols to show their stuff in various scout and outdoor-skilled event competitions against each other and many other council troops. The event, which is also open to Cub Scouts, is also an opportunity to help show our strong brand of traditional Boy Scouting and outdoor skills. Many of the program events are

unknown to the troops until the last minute. Last year's Challenge was considered one of best events council has organized in the last few years. We anticipate the need for kite flyers, shelter architects, strong archers, rifle and shotgun shooters, runners, and strongmen; so if that sounds like you, make sure you sign up with your patrol leader and help your patrol prove that you are all tougher than a Ranger. After a day full of events on Saturday, we anticipate return to the cabin about Noon on Sunday.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RADNOR HORSE TRIALS ON OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

It's fall and our thoughts turn to the new scout season, the backpacking trip and maybe even the Eagles. Events like the Radnor Races and Summer Camp are a memory. But now you can add Radnor to your list of autumnal thoughts. Our friends at Radnor need your assistance for the 40th Annual Horse Trials on October 11. We are called on to help with parking, set up events like dressage and show jumping and to keep the grounds clean. Volunteers are needed from 6 AM to 5 PM in 2-3-hour time slots.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Brown at [stevencharles\\_brown@yahoo.com](mailto:stevencharles_brown@yahoo.com) or call at 610- 476-4903. Now you can say to your friends, "See you at Radnor!" in the fall as well!

### **BEACH TRIP**

#### **Nathan Motel, Flying Eagle Patrol**

About seven o'clock on Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, the troop set out from the cabin. Our final destination was Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation where we were to camp. We were about an hour away from our final destination when the troop bus pulled over with a smoking wheel. All of the scouts waited patiently for Mr. Schallack to fix the wheel. About two hours later the bus was on its way and made it safely to the final destination. We all set up our tents and called it a night about midnight.

The next morning we woke up to the smell of pancakes and sausage. After breakfast we all got ready for the beach and grabbed our stuff that we would need for the day. When we got to the beach about half an hour later, we got off the bus and walked onto the beach. That day, because of the storm, the surf was really rough, but the lifeguards still let us swim. However, most of us did other things like playing in

the sand, throwing a Frisbee, or in my case catching fish with a net. Everybody had fun down at the beach no matter what he did. Around lunchtime we all changed clothes and gathered back at the bus for a tasty meal of hotdogs with chili. After lunch we all dispersed and walked up and down the boardwalk to participate in some fun activities like roller coasters or playing in an arcade. About three o'clock we all jumped in the bus and took the half-hour drive back to the campsite. Once back at the campsite most people just hung around and waited for dinner. My friends and I were feeling ambitious so we hiked some trails and saw some awesome views. Dinner was delicious: hamburgers with chips on the side. After dinner we all helped clean up and sat around for a little while before bed.

The next morning we ate a delicious cereal meal and packed up our tents. Everyone got in a line and we searched the campsite for trash. After we policed the campsite, we all walked down to the lake and looked at the view for a while. Then we said goodbye and left. Once back at the troop cabin we packed up the gear and hung the tents to dry. Finally we all said goodbye and went home.