



Newsletter

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CALENDAR

JUNE 2015

- 6/2 – Board of Review (7:00 PM) & Troop Committee Mtg.
6/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 to 8:30 PM)
6/4 (Thurs) - TROOP MEETING – Field Day Part I
6/5-6/7 - Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend @ HSR
6/7 - **Field Day (Part II) & Family Picnic (3 - 5 PM)**
6/11– *Diamond Rock District Roundtable Picnic*
6/12 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Summer Camp Preparations
6/20 – PLC to Summer Camp (meet in Dan Beard at 2:00 PM)
6/21 to 6/28 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK ONE**
6/28 to 7/5 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK TWO**

JULY-AUGUST 2015

- 7/11 – HSR Alumni Reunion at Horseshoe
7/29 to 8/5 – Florida Sea Base Trip
8/1 to 8/8 - Algonquin Park, Ontario, Canoe trip
8/3-8/8 – National Order of the Arrow Conf. – Mich. State U.

NOTE: **Camping Trips/major events shown in Bold, TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS.** Adult Only Meetings in Italics

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The June Troop Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 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.



65th ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC Sunday, June 7, 3:00 PM

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE
INVITED TO THIS ANNUAL
EVENT!**

FIELD DAY - 3:00 PM to about 4:30 PM at the Scout Cabin

Come see your scout's patrol compete in various skill events in an attempt to win the coveted Field Day trophy. For 65 years, Troop 78 has been holding this Inter-patrol competition to determine the top patrol in scout skills. Events include Patrol Wood Chopping, Patrol Water Boiling, Flint and Steel Fire Starting, Nine Knot Sequence, Patrol Knot relay, Patrol Chariot races and Two-man String Burning. Bring your cameras!

FAMILY PICNIC - 4:30 PM (or immediately following Field Day Events)

Following Field Day, stay around for food and conversation. Meet the other parents and adults involved with Troop 78. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. **Please bring a Salad if your last name begins A through L or a Dessert if your last name begins M through Z.**

Parents: If you are able to help set-up for the picnic, help is needed Sunday at 2:30 PM, and clean-up

help is needed after the picnic. Many hands make light work!

ALSO BRING: Lawn chairs, and any medical forms or monies not yet turned in for summer camp.

SCOUTS: PLEASE WEAR YOUR COMPLETE SUMMER UNIFORM TO FIELD DAY.

CANOE TRIP By Nathan Motel

Early in the morning on Saturday, April 18, the troop left from the cabin to embark on its trip down the Schuylkill River. There were two trips that the scouts could take. The short trip was about 7 miles long and the long trip was about 15 miles long. Although these trips might seem long, the time passed by quickly while we were on the water.

The people going on the longer trip got off the bus first and unloaded the number of canoes that would be needed for the number of people that were taking this trip. The short trip left in the bus to go to where they would be launching. The longer crew put on the life vests and launched the boats. We launched quickly and were moving quickly down the river in no time. For the first two hours or so everything went smoothly. Then we came to the first dam. My canoeing partner and I found the trail that took us around the dam and right back on the water. But one of the other dads decided we should take the path along the canal. This route took at least three times longer and made most of us tired of carrying canoes by the time we made it back into the

water. Once back on the water there was only one more obstacle to face, the second dam. The second dam was much smaller and we ended up just going over it with not much trouble. Then we stopped in a flat area of land to eat our lunches and take a break. After that the water was very calm and slow moving, so to keep up with the group we had to paddle more instead of just float. By the last hour or so we were all very tired and were ready for us to reach the take-out point. But to make things more interesting we got in a fight with another boat and even though we weren't supposed to splash, we ended up pushing and splashing until everyone was soaked. When we finally reached land everyone was super tired. Finally we put the boats on the boat racks and drove back to the cabin.

ALGONQUIN PARK TRIP

The answer to the question that's on a lot of your minds is, "Yes!" And the question is, "Is there a Canada trip?"

This year we are planning a trip like no other ever taken to the Province of Ontario, Canada, and the lakes and woods of the Algonquin wilderness. This trip will cover a wide range of camping and canoeing experiences spanning

from peaceful cliff-lined lakes, hiking trails deep into the seldom explored woods of interior backcountry of the park, culminating in the famous climatic finish known as "Running of the Rapids," as we leave our beloved Natch site and depart the park. Unlike previous years, on this trip we will be traveling swift and light. That's not to say there won't be time for rest, relaxation and good food, not to mention a surprise or two along the way.

So if you are looking for something really cool to do this August that is guaranteed to be the highlight of your summer activities, set aside the **FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST** on your calendar. If you are interested please sign up on the sign-up sheet that will be on the table at the cabin. For more information you can call (610-608-9075) or e-mail (msiegle@att.net) Mr. Siegle.

P.S. The first one to sign up and correctly answer these trivia questions gets a \$25.00 discount toward the trip!

1. What is the name of the movie and year released that made famous the line "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"?
2. Who is "Virginia," what did she do and when did she do it?

YARD SALE UPDATE

Maureen Cislo

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to work the sale and set up for the sale. Thanks to all the people who donated their items. The troop made \$1,313 in just one day! A special thanks to Paige Fenimore and Steven Brown; without their past knowledge of how to run the sale, this year's would not have been successful.

RADNOR RACES 2015

Brian Rothberg

The 2015 edition of the Radnor Hunt Races is in the books. Once again Troop 78 was up to a monumental task. We made sure that well over 20,000 people, descending on a relatively small piece of countryside with very little in the way of real infrastructure, enjoyed the event.

With our usual contingent of 150 taking care of things on Saturday as well as nearly 50 more out on Sunday to clean the place up, Troop 78 can be very proud of our efforts at our signature community service undertaking.

Most sincere thanks to all who contributed to our incredible effort.