



Willistown Troop 78

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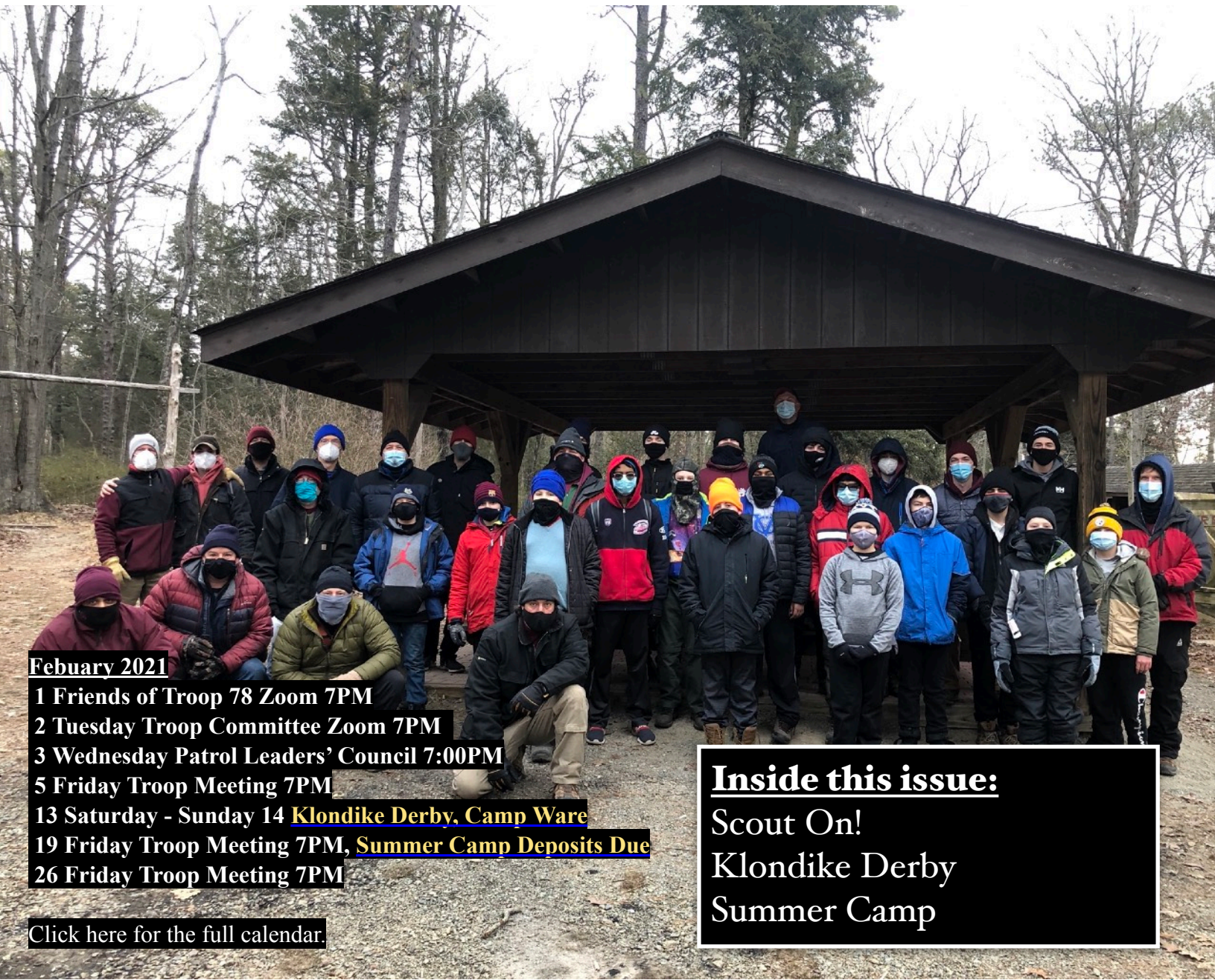
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Winter Camp!

Scouting Continues During the Pandemic



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- 1 Friends of Troop 78 Zoom 7PM
- 2 Tuesday Troop Committee Zoom 7PM
- 3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:00PM
- 5 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 13 Saturday - Sunday 14 **Klondike Derby, Camp Ware**
- 19 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM, **Summer Camp Deposits Due**
- 26 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

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Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Saturday January 30 - Sunday January 31, 2021

Despite the forecast for wind and cold, the scouts and leaders of Troop 78 flocked to Camp Horseshoe for a weekend of outdoor fun, camping, and scout skill competitions. We will take every and any opportunity to get back to camp! When it was all said and done, 25 scouts and 16 leaders turned out, a phenomenal showing considering the conditions.

We arrived Saturday morning, set up camp in the Dan Beard campsite (where else?!) and then set off to the Pole Barn for a morning of woodcutting and splitting. The camp is desperate for firewood. There is no indoor building use permitted, so the troops are staying outdoors, and need more wood than usual to keep the fires going. We cut, chopped, and split and delivered firewood throughout the camp.

Lunch was a delicious offering of grilled cheese and two soup choices: chicken noodle and tomato. For the afternoon, the scouts worked on individual advancement and then Ernie led the group on his world-renowned tour and historical review of camp.

Dinner was even more spectacular than lunch. The staff and patrols cooked dutch oven beef stew over a bed of charcoal. The stew, complete with potatoes, carrots and other seasonings was welcome on the chilly winter evening.

After dinner, the scouts competed in a series of scout skill events: two-man saw, hatchet match strike, bolt splitting and much more. The busy day was capped off with a game of Capture-the-Flag between the Parade Field and the Picnic Grove.

Scout Skill Competition: 3rd place, Rattlesnake/Moose, 2nd Stag, 1st Flying Eagle

Scavenger Hunt: 3rd Panther, 2nd Stag, 1st Flying Eagle

We all went to bed tired and many actually slept, even with the chill in the air. When morning arrived, there was no mention of the cold night, most (if not all) came prepared for the cold and had a decent night.

We had a quick breakfast, packed up and got away before the snow. Hope to be back soon.





Scout On!

Every Friday Night at the Cabin

By Ethan Winkleman

Despite the disruptive virus making its rounds, Troop 78 continues to host meetings every Friday night at the cabin. The most recent meeting in particular was very important because we had some visitors for an open house. Despite much adversity, many troop members participated and there were also a lot of Webelos and younger boys who were looking to join.

Right off the bat, many stations were set up to excite and educate the visitors. High ranking scouts from each patrol ran many stations, including a first aid station where scouts learned about cold weather ailments and prevention. In the bus barn, scouts attempted to start a fire with a bow and drill. When the stations were completed, the main event of the night commenced.

Each patrol competed to burn two strings with a fire that they made. The spectator scouts watching were able to encourage their team by cheering. Finally to end the night in good spirits, hot chocolate with marshmallows was served. Our young visitors departed with some experiences and warm bellies from our troop.



Chainsaw Training at Camp Ware

Saturday January 16, 2021

Maybe two times a year, the Council offers Chain Saw Training. Little known fact: National BSA requires anyone who operates a chainsaw on a scout function, (at camp and elsewhere) to have a certification in chainsaw safety. That's right. The good news is, the old certs were only good for two years (thus the reason we all had to take the training again). The new certs (which this year's training class received) are good indefinitely!



We went to Camp Ware for a Saturday of classroom work and then practical work. The class spent the morning in the classroom then went outside and took down two trees which were dying and needed to be removed.

The chainsaw safety certifications were necessary, as we needed them for our camp service project of firewood cutting, which we did on the Winter Weekend.



PARC!

Construction Continues

[PARC: Program Activity Resource Campus](#)

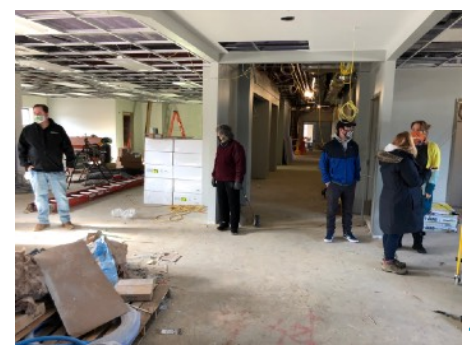
Chester County Council is adding a new program area to our inventory of camps. This property is located in Exton on business Rt 30. It is 28 acres and will include indoor and outdoor activity centers.



Construction of the building which will house the Council offices, Scout Store, STEM Center, and meeting spaces is nearing completion. This facility will be up and running by late spring or early summer of this year.

In time, the outdoor spaces will be added.

Please consider an [Entryway Paver](#) to commemorate you, your scout, or your family.



Picnic Tables for PARC

Chester County Council leadership asked if Troop Troop 78 could put their picnic table building team together again to make 10 new tables for the PARC property in Exton. We will dust off the templates, the radial arm saw, and the screw guns.

Ernie estimates, at current lumber prices, each table will cost approximately \$300. The picnic table crew is accepting donations toward this excellent winter project.

Please contact [Ernie](#) if you can help with the cost or construction or both.

CPR Training and Recertification

Tuesday March 2, 2021 and Thursday March 4, 2021

All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend CPR training if they have not been certified within the past 2 years. CPR training and recertification will occur in two parts. Part 1, CPR lecture, will be on Tuesday March 2nd, 2021 immediately after the regular troop committee meeting via Zoom. Part 2, CPR hands-on, will be Thursday March 4th at the cabin starting at 7PM.

Each student will be assigned a 15 min. time slot ahead of time for when they need to be at the cabin. Please wear your mask. Completion of Part 1 and 2 are required for CPR certification. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. We are requesting a \$10 donation from each registered adult who is certified. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz (610-812-6961) or Pete Motel for the Zoom link.

More Training

Wood Badge

April 30-May 2 AND May 22-23

[Click here for more information.](#)

Scripts Gift Card Program

Did you know that you can purchase gift cards through the Scripts gift card program throughout the year? Think beyond holiday gifts and consider purchasing gift cards for monthly expenses such as groceries, gas, household supplies, clothing and restaurants. Every gift card purchased through Scripts sends a rebate back to Troop 78. Half is deposited into your son's "Camping Account" and half is used by the troop for operating expenses. Rebates range from 1%-12% with occasional bonus percentages.

You can fill out a paper order form and return to Steve or Sherri Wark or you can input your order electronically and pay by check or through PayPal or Venmo (ask Sherri for details). For some stores, e-cards are available. Please visit shopwithscrip.com for a full listing of gift card retailers available.

If you would like to order your gift cards online, please contact Sherri Wark at sherriwark@yahoo.com. She will send you a link to our Troop account through Scripts. It is an easy process. Paper order forms should be returned by Friday February 19th for delivery/distribution on February 26th.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Events

Klondike Derby

Saturday February 13 - Sunday February 14, 2021

Willistown Troop 78 will be attending the Chester County Council Klondike Derby. This is a countywide camporee, a weekend of fun and scout skill competitions with all the other troops in the Council.

We will convene at Camp Ware Saturday, camp in tents (one person to a tent) and enjoy a day of fun and wilderness survival skill competitions. The scouts have been prepping for this trip now for several weeks. See you at Camp Ware!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Summer Camp Registration Is Now Underway!

Sunday June 27 - Sunday July 4, 2021

Sunday July 4 - Sunday July 11, 2021

Are you tired of winter; the cold and the snow? Are you looking forward to warm sunny days and camping under the stars? Did you miss not going to Summer Camp last year? Me too. And even though some restrictions may still be in place, Camp Horseshoe is planning to hold Summer Camp just as they would for any other summer. The camp staff has a great system in place and is dedicated to keeping us all safe. Summer Camp registration and planning is now underway. As you begin your planning, please note the due dates have changed and are earlier than usually.

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

- Week One starts on Sunday, June 27th and ends on July 4th
- Week Two begins on Sunday, July 4th and ends on July 11th

At summer camp, Troop 78 Scouts learn many skills for rank advancement, earn hundreds of merit badges (including Eagle Scout and other rank requirements), and display their teamwork, skills, and Scout spirit in the many activities, programs, games, and contests at camp. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week experience is always the highlight of our Scouting year. Your troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the troop in camp this summer. We are encouraging 2nd year and up campers to stay for two weeks.

The cost this year is \$420.00 per week if paid in full by March 26th, (\$470 per week after that). A \$50 deposit per week is due by February 19th (please indicate which week you are registering for on the deposit payment form found on the troop website).

Again this year, there is a Multi-Scout Family Discount. Families with more than one scout attending camp with the troop pays the entire fee for Scout one; the entire fee less \$50 for each additional scout each week.

You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you pay in full by March 26th and turn in your completed health/medical form to the troop by May 14th.

The health/medical form is on the troop website, and must be less than one calendar year old for the entire time you are at camp. The BSA has updated the Health/Medical Form this year, so make sure to download the most recent form from the Troop 78 website or from the Camp Horseshoe website. Please make sure the completed health/medical form includes parts A, B & C (part C is a pre-participation physical and requires a physician’s signature) with a front and back copy of your medical insurance card.

If your scout has special dietary needs or needs to take medication while at camp, a Special Dietary Form and Medication Form are also required and submitted along with the health/medical form by May 14th (forms are available on the Troop website and Camp Horseshoe website).

If you wish to use scout camping account funds to pay for summer camp, please contact Joe Cady at jcadyjr@gmail.com. Joe can provide the current scout account balance and you can instruct him on the amount you would like to use for summer camp.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Key Dates – Summer Camp 2021	
Camp Deposit Due	2/19/2021
Full Payment Due	3/26/2021
<i>(After this date, rate is \$470/week)</i>	
Health/Medical Forms Due	5/14/2021
<i>(Parts A,B,C with Copy of Insurance Card; also Special Dietary Needs and Medication forms if applicable)</i>	
Camp Horseshoe Weeks	Week One: 6/27/2021 – 7/04/2021 Week Two: 7/04/2021 – 7/11/2021

Reminder: All KISC attendees under 18 must attend at least one-week of summer camp.

More information and links to all forms are included on the Troop 78 website. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hornickle at thornickle@msn.com or call at (610) 742-1560.

Please print out this Newsletter for everyone in your house to see.

Thanks!