



# Willistown Troop 78

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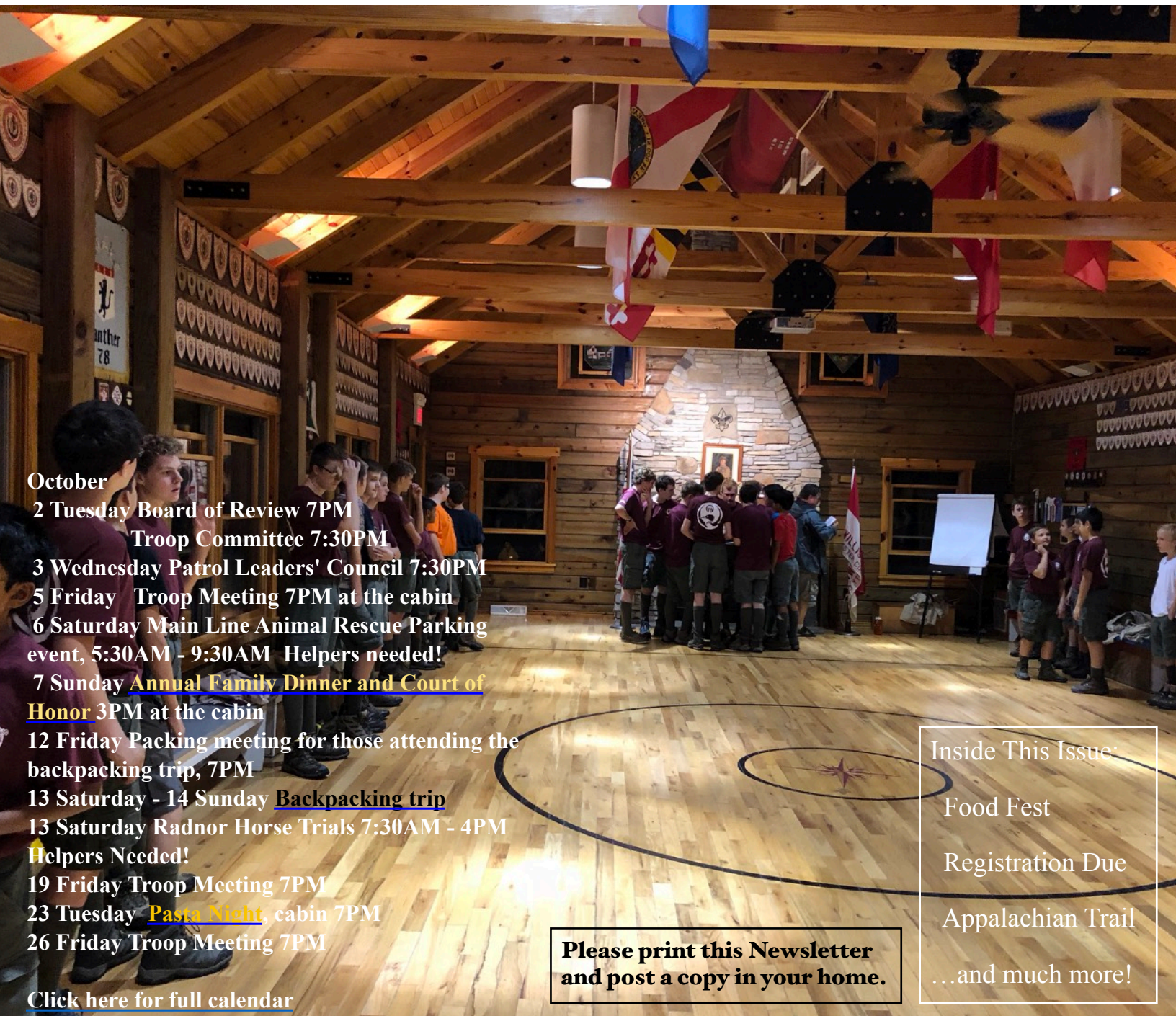
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## The Scout Year Begins!



- October
- 2 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
- 3 Tuesday Troop Committee 7:30PM
- 3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM
- 5 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM at the cabin
- 6 Saturday Main Line Animal Rescue Parking event, 5:30AM - 9:30AM Helpers needed!
- 7 Sunday [Annual Family Dinner and Court of Honor](#) 3PM at the cabin
- 12 Friday Packing meeting for those attending the backpacking trip, 7PM
- 13 Saturday - 14 Sunday [Backpacking trip](#)
- 13 Saturday Radnor Horse Trials 7:30AM - 4PM
- Helpers Needed!
- 19 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM
- 23 Tuesday [Pasta Night](#), cabin 7PM
- 26 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

[Click here for full calendar](#)

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# First Troop Meeting of the Year

Friday September 7, 2018

By PJ Cronauer

The new scout year was off to a good start with our first troop meeting. In addition to the regular crew, there were a few new scouts who came to the cabin for the first time, hoping to join one of the finest scout troops.

The main goal of the meeting was to build a tower with lashings. Some patrols went crazy with their ideas. Flying Eagle built a tripod supported by other tripods. Panther tried to build the tallest pole possible, but ran out of twine. Other patrols built pretty cool structures as well, but most notably was Rattlesnake's tower. It was a giant, tall pole with what looked like a cross at the top. The scouts claimed it was a lightning rod for the incoming storms, but when it started to rain, the building competition quickly ended.

For the rest of the meeting, we played the stick game and steal the bacon as it poured outside. After all the time spent playing games, the meeting had come to a close. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and hoped for a great rest of the year!



[Please click here for the full calendar for the 2018 - 2019 scout year.](#)

# Knoebels and Ricketts Glen

Sept 15, 2018 - Sept 16, 2018

By Chris St. Clair

On Saturday Morning, many scouts and adults headed for the classic amusement park Knoebels and then for the ever-popular Ricketts Glen. Around 11:00, we arrived at the park and set up in one of the pavilions. After we were done setting up, we were told where to meet and were dismissed for a day of fun! My group went on many rides like Twister, Phoenix, and the newest coaster Impulse, while other scouts went on rides that spin, move, and swing. Some of the scouts also spent a lot of time in two of the arcades gathering their tickets to turn in for "cool" prizes like 1000 tickets worth of tootsie rolls or 950 tickets worth of tiny bouncy balls. A personal highlight of the trip was when my group rode the Roller Coaster Twister a total of nine times, as well as buying tootsie rolls worth four tickets with nearly 1200 tickets!

At the end of the day, we headed to Ricketts Glen to set up camp. Everyone was tired, but we knew we had a great day, and it would be an even better day tomorrow. The next morning, everyone was up early for breakfast burritos and watered down coffee. Before leaving the site, we went on a hike to visit some of the most beautiful waterfalls near the camp. Some waterfalls only dropped a few feet while others dropped 90+ feet. If you are afraid of heights like I am, you could imagine the fear of being 90 some feet above a vertical drop of rushing water. Nevertheless, it was still an extraordinary trip and I hope that this trip will happen again in future years. Thank you to Mr. Bilson, Mr. D, and all the other adults that helped arrange this trip!



## **First International Food Festival**

**Friday September 21, 2018**

On Friday September 21 the troop held its first International Food Festival. Scouts were asked to bring a food choice significant to their family's ancestral culture. Over 20 scouts responded with a wide variety of foods for every taste, including chicken paprikash, spatzle, pizzelles, chicken and rice rolls, pierogies, kielbasa, Swedish meatballs, and much much more.

Gathering on the field at the troop cabin, we filled over ten tables with food and washed it all down with lemonade and iced tea. Along with their dish, scouts brought a copy of the recipe, ingredient list and a photo showing their family at a family gathering.

We will make this a new Troop 78 tradition. Hope to see you all next year!



[Click here for more pictures of the International Food Festival.](#)

# Order of the Arrow Service Weekend

**September 28 - 30, 2018**

At the Order of the Arrow service weekend, Troop 78 reported to Dan Beard Campsite at Camp Horseshoe for a work project to repair broken tent platforms brought there from all over the camp. As you may remember from past issues of the Newsletter, Troop 78 built all new tent platforms for Dan Beard last year, and they were used for the first time this past summer. Now, the Troop is helping the camp repair older platforms for use by other units in the other campsites. We replaced broken boards and cut the larger platforms down to size to fit the new camp tents. In the end, we repaired over 20 platforms. We'll be back in the spring for the April OA weekend!



## Update Your Youth Protection Training (YPT)

**All Adult Leaders Need to Update Their Youth Protection Training**

**Don't delay, take it today!**

**Dave Schertz**

The BSA recently introduced newly-updated youth protection training that is **required for all registered adults and volunteers**. Anyone who took the old training prior to the February 2018 rollout is required to be certified again. The updated training includes three modules and a test that takes a little over an hour to complete. Once completed, this training will cover Chester County Council volunteers through the end of 2019.

To get started, it is highly recommended you use the **Google Chrome web browser**. Go to <http://my.scouting.org> and sign in using your Username and Password. Click on the 'Begins with Youth Protection' symbol or click on 'Menu' in upper left corner and select 'My Dashboard'. I recommend you read the 'How to Guide for Taking Youth Protection Training' PDF for detailed instructions. There seems to be a delay between 'Add Plan' and the 'Launch Course' button appearing. Based on my experience with the new training, you should plan on at least 90 minutes to complete the training.

## Annual Registration Due Now!

**Annual Registration is due September 30, 2018**

All Scouts and Scouters must re-register annually.

This year the registration paperwork and payment are due on September 30.

If you haven't sent your registration in yet, it's not too late. Send it now.

[Please click here for more information and the necessary forms.](#)

# Notice of Upcoming Events

## **Main Line Animal Rescue (MLAR)**

**Saturday October 6, 2018**

### **Volunteer opportunity!**

Do you need service hours? Please join us to help MLAR at their Fall fundraiser, the Gran Fondo Cycling Event. Troop 78 has agreed to park cars for this event. It is an early morning start - we need volunteers from 5:30AM to about 9:30AM, so it's a very early wake up, but we will be done early and you will still have the whole day ahead of you! Please contact [Pete Motel](#) if you can help.

## **Court of Honor and Family Dinner**

**Sunday October 7, 2018**

Please join us for the Annual Fall Court of Honor and Family Dinner Sunday October 7th at the cabin at 3PM. We will be awarding the merit badges and ranks earned at summer camp. We will also award the Scout of the Year and Patrol of the Year. After the awards, we will enjoy our traditional lasagna dinner with all the trimmings. It will be a spectacular afternoon! [Click here for more information.](#)

## **Radnor Horse Trials**

**Saturday October 13, 2018**

### **Volunteer opportunity!**

Not going to make it on the Troop backpacking trip the weekend of October 13th? That's too bad, but the Troop can still help you put your time to good use by volunteering at the Radnor Horse Trials!

Volunteers are needed all day long, but mostly between the hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You'll help set-up the various events, tear down after the events, and provide other assistance including cleanup. Adult help is needed from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. to help park horse trailers and vehicles. This is a low-key, fun event where you can see the horses and their riders do dressage, go over jumps and run cross country. Family and friends are welcome to help as well so it can be fun for the whole family! If you can help, please contact Steve Brown at [stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:stevencharlesbrown@yahoo.com) or 610 476-4903, or sign-up at the cabin. So if you don't go backpacking (and we hope you go!), please provide some of your time to help our friends at Radnor Hunt.

## **Backpacking Trip: Appalachian Trail**

**October 13 - 14, 2018**

The Troop will take its annual backpacking trip the second weekend in October. We plan to visit a section of the Appalachian Trail with spectacular overlooks of the ridges and valleys at the Delaware Water Gap. We are looking forward to seeing the expansive vistas in full Autumn color!

[Please click here for more information and the sign-up forms.](#)

## **Pasta Night**

**Tuesday October 23, 2018**

Please join us for an evening of good food, conversation, and fellowship. All adult members of the Troop 78 family are welcome. Proceeds will benefit the Troop's High Adventure Fund, which supports scouts who wish to attend high adventure trips including Algonquin, Philmont, Kandersteg, and others.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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