



Willistown Troop 78

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Holiday Party !



January 2020

3 Friday - 5 Sunday **Winter Weekend Camp Horseshoe**
Disney Deposits Due

7 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM
CPR Training

8 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council 7:30PM

10 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

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February

1 Saturday **Chester County Council First Aid Meet**

2 Sunday **Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast 8 - 11AM Cabin**

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Holiday Party

Friday December 20, 2019

By David Lane

The Holiday meeting was a lovely celebration of the Holiday spirit in the Troop 78 cabin. The whole cabin was brightly decorated with lights, garlands, and our very own Christmas tree. The meeting started with scouts bringing in gifts for the gift exchange and putting them on the gift sled for the gift exchange later.

We then continued our first aid training with a wonderful Holiday-themed first aid problem with the victims as two wonderful scouts named Logan and Nathan, who were injured in a fight. This problem was met with some very successful skills as patrols got scores that showed improvement from the last meeting. Then we played some games like the stick game and steal the bacon, until finally the gift exchange happened.

This was an event in which people who brought gifts drew numbers to see who would draw in what order from the gifts. Some of the highlights that I noticed were a pink Lego set, a mini multi-tool, and socks. In the middle of the chaos after this exchange, the tables of food were brought out with things like too many chips, too much dip, a good amount of cookies, a cake, some ice cream, pretzels, and a wonderful display of soda. These festivities continued until around 9 when we said the Scoutmaster's blessing and dismissed.

Overall this party was a great success and a great joy to all who participated in this lead up to a wonderful Holiday season.



Poinsettia Sale Results

Another poinsettia sale is in the books!

We sold over one thousand plants, wreaths and swags. With the final tally still pending, it looks like the sale will come in a little better than last year. We had 43 scouts participate, with 207 orders and 1191 plants and greens sold.

This means that thousands of dollars will flow to troop to be used for the programs that we all enjoy and to the scout accounts of those scouts who participated. Thanks to all of the scouts who sold plants and greens!

We couldn't have done it without the help of Mark Siegle who worked with the grower, found a new supplier for the greens, and did the ordering. We also relied on the expertise of Jim Fox who put together the online store and all of the order reporting which resulted in an extremely user friendly online shopping experience and accuracy in the order totals by product and by scout. We would also like to thank everyone who helped sort the orders including Mark, Jim, Ernie, Miles, Jon Duncan, Dave Dondero, Camilla Conners, and Steve Wark.

Top sellers were Cody Carnes and Danny Mauro tied for third place, John Wark second place, and Thomas Pizzuto first place. Congratulations all!

This flower sale and the Spring flower sale have been so successful that we decided to take a year off from the Hoagie Sale this year. There will be no hoagie sale this year.

See you all in the Spring for the Mother's Day Flower / Plant sale!



A Night to Remember!

Distinguished Citizen of the Year: Ernie Heegard

November 21, 2019

We had a fabulous evening November 21st. We gathered for a night to honor Ernie and it was a great night for Troop 78, a great night for Chester County Council, and a great night for Scouting.

We did accidentally forget to include one ad in the program AND it happened to be an ad from some of our old-time Scouters! Sorry about that.

So here the ad is now:

A Salute from the Old Boys of Troop 78:

JERRY BROWN

GEORGE GRUSS

JOHN SOUDER

MILES STEVENS

RON WALTER

Upcoming Events

Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Friday January 3 - Sunday January 5, 2020

Please join us for the annual Father / Son Weekend at Camp Horseshoe. We will be staying indoors in cabins heated by wood stoves, sleeping on bunks with mattresses, eating a delicious menu of home cooked food, and generally living large.

The Troop will do a service project for the camp: collecting and splitting firewood for the camp, then we will work on individual scout advancement, play games, compete in a round robin of scout skill events and all around have fun. [Click here for more information.](#)

CPR Training and Recertification

Tuesday January 7, 2020

CPR training and recertification will occur on January 7th, 2020 immediately after the regular troop committee meeting. CPR certification is valid for 2 years. All registered adults who are active with the troop are urged to attend if they have not been certified within the past 2 years.

Junior leaders, SPL Staff, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders are welcome as well. Please plan to arrive at 8PM.

We are requesting a \$10 donation from each adult.

No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz at 610-812-6961 for more information.

First Aid Meet

Saturday February 1, 2020

Scouts from Chester County will gather again February 1st at the Chester County Intermediate Unit in Downingtown for the annual countywide First Aid Meet.

There are typically 40 - 50 patrols from troops all over Chester County attending to demonstrate their First Aid skills in a competition which will include multiple choice and fill in the blank paper tests. Then the patrols will move on to demonstrate their skills in practical first aid scenarios.

Scouts will be given a situation in which injuries resulted and then they must demonstrate how to care for the injured. All patrols will be scored on their performance in four such scenarios. The winners will then be announced.

Troop 78 patrols have been practicing their first aid skills for the past several meetings and will continue to practice throughout January. In past years our patrols have done fairly well and we look forward to another year of friendly competition with the other troops in the county. [More info here.](#)



Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast

Sunday February 2, 2020

Please join us for a delightful morning of good food and conversation on Super Bowl Sunday! Later in the day you will likely be cooking and prepping for the Super Bowl, so make it easy on yourself and allow us to cook you a full made-to-order breakfast.

Please bring the whole family, settle in around the fireplace at the cabin, and order from the menu (see below). This event is just for fun and fellowship, not a fundraiser.

When: February 2 - 8:00AM until 11:00AM - come when you can - open seating

Where: Achgekatum Lodge (The Troop 78 cabin)

Menu: Eggs to order, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Milk, Coffee
A Donation of \$5 is suggested.

Please email if you are coming: Joe Cady: jcadyjr@gmail.com

[Click here for more info.](#)



Disney 2020 !!!

I am heading to Walt Disney World with Troop 78 in just over 100 days. Are You?

- When are we going? April 4th to April 11th
- What are we going to do? Spend four days Park-Hopping. We can visit any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot).

Deposit and permission slip are due by the end of the Winter Weekend, Sunday January 5.

[Click here for the sign up info and forms.](#)



Please print out this Newsletter and post a copy at home for everyone to see.



Schramm Lodge at Camp Horseshoe gets an upgrade to its entrance just in time for our Winter Weekend!