



Willistown Troop 78

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Upcoming Events

Winter Weekend 2018 is Coming!

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

January 2018

2 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

3 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council
7:30PM

5 Friday - 7 Sunday [Winter Weekend at Camp Horseshoe](#)

12 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

19 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

20 Saturday - 21 Sunday [Klondike Derby at Camp Horseshoe](#)

26 Friday Troop Meeting 7PM

Please note: There is no Troop Meeting January 5.

February

2 Friday Troop Meeting, Troop First Aid Meet 7PM

3 Saturday Council First Aid Meet
Chester County IU

4 Sunday [Pancake Breakfast 8AM-11AM Cabin](#)

6 Tuesday Board of Review 7PM
Troop Committee 7:30PM

7 Wednesday Patrol Leaders' Council
7:30PM

[Click here for full calendar](#)

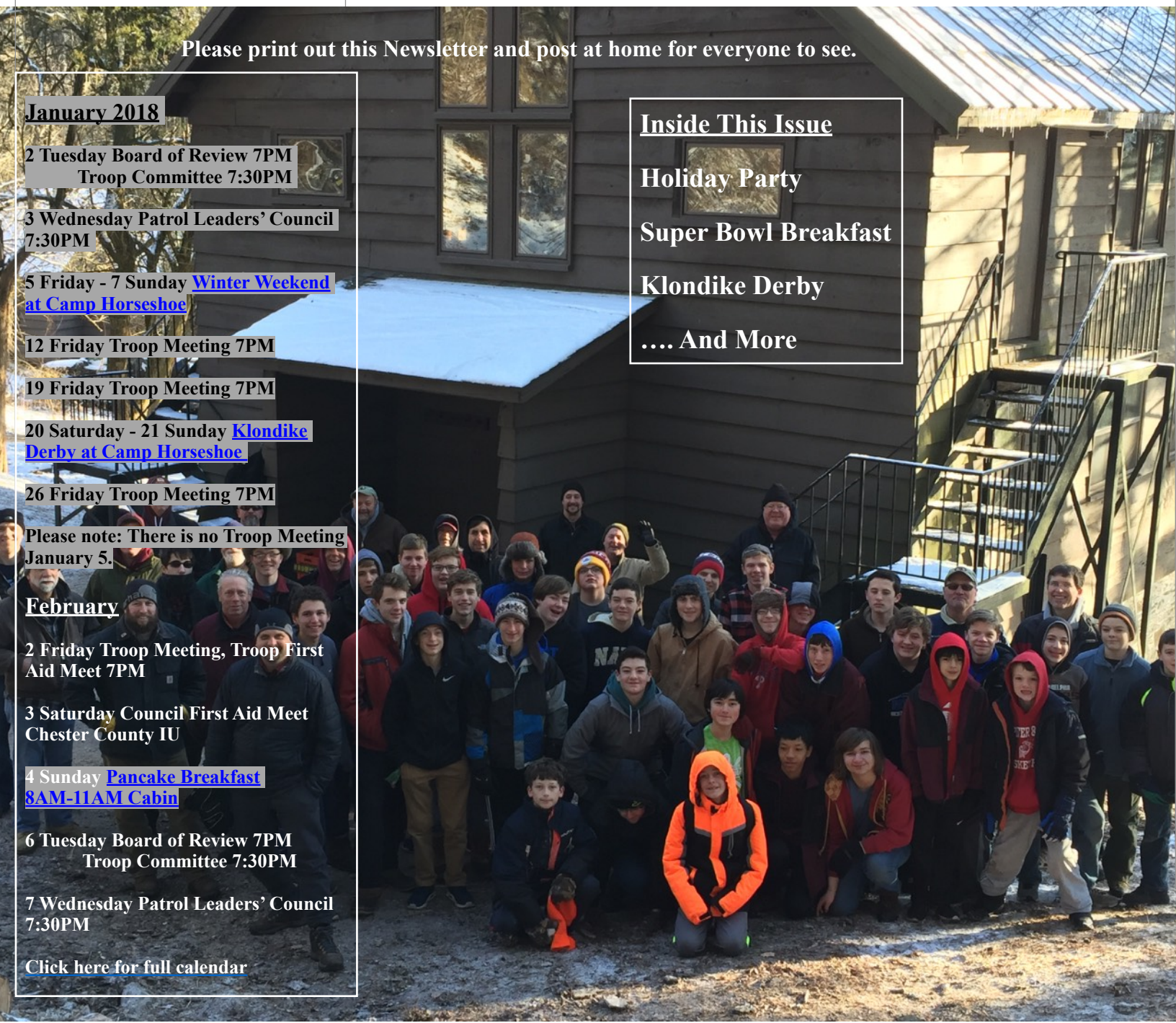
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Troop 78 to Visit Camp Horseshoe for the Annual Winter Weekend

Friday January 5 - Sunday January 7, 2018

By Jack Dinsmore

It is the holiday season for Troop 78, and that means that Winter Camp is right around the corner. Troop 78 will be doing its annual weekend at Camp Horseshoe during the winter season. A tradition that has not changed much over the years and is always filled with warm memories and cold work. I hope everyone that is reading this article can join us down on the Maryland border for a good Father - Son weekend.

The troop never strays much from the original schedule, so I will tell you how the weekend will go, generally. The weekend starts Friday afternoon, a few of our leaders will be there nice and early making sure the cabins are set for the incoming scouts. Beds will be moved and cabins will be warmed. Upon the arrival of the scouts, everyone will have just enough time before being kicked into the cold to play some games. If we are all lucky there will be plenty of snow on the ground and no one will return to the cabin without being covered in it. After returning, everyone will enjoy some hot chocolate and chili before heading to bed.

Saturday will be a bright and early morning and a very late night. To say the least it will be a jammed packed, hard working, and fun-filled day. The day will start by dropping, cutting, shipping, splitting, and stacking many cords of wood. It will be a whole troop process and very impressive in the end, it will also be a very fun part of the day. The hard work is filled with cutting jokes from the adults, funny moments, log lifting competitions, and it is the best way to earn the rest of the day. The rest of the day will be filled with camp program. There will be merit badges to catch up on, games at night, and if you somehow find yourself without something to do, a scavenger hunt runs all day. There will also be Ernie's tour of camp for the younger scouts and all others interested, which will most likely include me. The camp tour will start in front of Browning Lodge and if you would like to impress Ernie you can tell him the cabin was built in 1927 and is named after Edward Browning, just for "brownie" points.

The exciting weekend comes to an end early Sunday morning and everyone heads back home. It's always a memorable weekend with many different stories from every generation of 78. A great time to see all the college students as well as those who have been out of college for a while. The weekend is a great, long-lasting tradition and a good weekend to enjoy being a part of Troop 78.

[Click here for more information on the Winter Weekend.](#)



Sign up for Troop 78 Text Notices

Troop 78 now has a Text Notification System!

The system is: www.remind.com

It is easy to join the text group. (And easy to un-join, if you later so choose).

This text group will be used to notify you of upcoming events, last minute changes due to weather and other unforeseen events.

To sign up simply text: @willistown to 81010

Holiday Party 2017

Wednesday December 20, 2017

By Chris St. Clair



Happy Holidays from Troop 78! On Wednesday night, December 20, the troop came together to celebrate the holidays with gifts, games, food, and everybody's favorite: First Aid problems! The merry meeting began warm and swell with the jolly first aid problems. When all first aid was said and done, we moved onto the best parts.

The gift exchange and of course the delicious food. For the gift exchange, we all unwrapped the gifts first and as we were dismissed to get food, we could trade with each other, hence the name gift "exchange".

We finished the festivities with a few games of Steal the Candy Cane. (Steal the Bacon, but festive!!!) To finish, we circled and recited the Scoutmaster's Benediction and we broke up to celebrate the Holidays.

Willistown 78 would like to wish a safe and Happy Holiday season to you and your family.



[Click here for more information on the Holiday Party.](#)

Notice of Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Troop 78 Super Bowl Breakfast

Sunday February 4, 2018

By Joe Cady

When: February 4th - 8:00am to 11:00am - Open Seating, come when you can

Where: Cabin

Menu: Eggs cooked to Order, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Home Fries, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee

A donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

A forewarning of your intent to join us would be appreciated, so we can get an estimate of the head count.

Please notify me at jcadyjr@gmail.com

Editor's Note:

Last year's breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday was just terrific, featuring the great cooking of Troop 78's renown chef: Joe Cady and his crew of able kitchen mates.

After all: Who wants to cook breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday? You have enough cooking to do later in the day!

Come out and join us for an open house, drop-in any time between 8 and 11, bring your whole family and your friends and you will be treated to a delicious made-to-order full breakfast. Then you can enjoy the day with a full belly.

Hope to see you there!



CPR Training and Recertification

Tuesday February 6, 2018

CPR training and recertification will occur on February 6th, 2018 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. 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 for more information: [email](mailto:dave.schertz@troop78.org) him or call him: 610-812-6961.

Disney World

March 23 - March 31, 2018

Reserve your seat for the Disney trip!

Deposit and permission slip due at Winter Camp or mail it to Jim Hogan.

Information and permission slip is on the Troop website.

[Click here for more information on the Disney trip.](#)

By Arek Conners

The trip that our troop makes to Disney every year is absolutely fantastic. Not only do you get to go to Disney for an astonishing low price, but you also get to enjoy it with some of your best friends in scouting. I went in 2017 on the maiden voyage of the new bus. Although it is a twenty hour bus ride, it has its advantages like the fact that those that are going on the trip have the opportunity to bond with one another. We also have time to plan our visit to Disney.

Each one of the scouts on the trip gets a park-hopper pass for the whole trip. Scouts get the freedom to do whatever they want within the parks. The only time you don't have complete freedom is the curfew, dinner and one day that is dedicated to an educational program. This day is still a lot of fun and is probably the most important day. Mostly, because it is the day that we all used as our reason for missing school as it was for "educational" purposes.

At Disney we cook our own meals, but we are allowed and recommended to eat lunch in the parks (mostly because no one is at camp). If you want, you can even go out for dinner instead of eating with the troop (except you have to pay for your dinner then).

Disney requires very little from the scouts before the trip and by that I mean that there aren't any shakedowns like Philmont has. Scouts will help to pack the bus with all their gear and the troop's gear before the trip and then everyone will hop on the bus and start the exciting journey.

The Disney trip is definitely a trip that everyone should think about going on. Going with the troop is truly a different experience than going with your family.

Klondike Derby

Saturday January 20 - Sunday January 21, 2018

Troop 78 will once again participate in a Klondike Derby (for us old-timers, this is a Polar Bear Campout). Chester County Council will host a gathering of troops from around Chester County. The troops will complete throughout the weekend on a series of scout skill events.

Below is the event flyer Chester County Council posted in advance of the weekend:

In honor of the newest Star Wars movie that made its debut in December, the theme of this year's Klondike Derby is focused around the Star Wars franchise. Patrols will put their scout skills to the test in our Star Wars-themed cold-weather event challenges.

The Event Challenges:

1. Now This is Pod Racing!: Patrols will have to pull their sled through the snowy track as fast as possible.
2. Blaster Testing (Boy Scouts only): Send your best sharpshooter to the rifle range to test empirical blasters. Are you better than a storm trooper?
3. Power of the Force: Do you think you're stronger than Chewbacca? Can you throw a log like Vader threw Palpatine? Compete in the Log Heave and find out!
4. Star Wars Trivia: Search your feelings, do you know it to be true? Test your knowledge of the classic space movies with our Jeopardy-style trivia game.
5. Ewok Real Estate: Endor has gone cold! Use your skills with lashings to build a cozy shelter for the Ewoks.
6. Repairing Anakin: Put your broad knowledge of first aid to the test with our first aid scenarios.
7. Hoth Survival Training: Patrols will compete to see who can build a fire to boil water the fastest and survive the harsh cold of the ice planet Hoth.
8. It's a Trap!: Use your knot tying skills to help the Ewoks defend their planet by completing the Intermediate knot relay.
9. Escape the Trash Compactor: Can you get out before the trash compactor crushes your patrol into a pancake? Complete the Human Knot challenge in the shortest time to survive!
10. Wookies Take Aim: Is your aim as good as Chewbacca and his Bowcaster? Grab a bow and find out!
11. Jedi Mind Tricks: Can you use the force to sense the presence of all 30 objects on our table? Find out with Han's (Kim's) game!
12. Lightsaber Throwing: See if you can throw a lightsaber better than Darth Vader with the tomahawk competition!

Along with these main stations, the patrols will have a Scavenger Hunt to work on throughout the day as they move from station to station. For the Scoutmasters, there will be a Star Wars look-alike competition. For all adults we have an Intergalactic Geocaching course. All units should provide their own lunch. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available in the afternoon and the Ware Dining Hall will be available for seating during lunch only.

Patrol needs: Klondike style sled, patrol first aid kit, 3 six foot poles, rope for lashing, blanket, natural fire making materials, Patrol flag.

Radnor Races - Save the Date: Saturday May 19, 2018

Please [email Brian Rothberg](mailto:brian.roteberg@scout24.org) for more information.



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