

WILLISTOWN 78 CANOE TRIP – MARSH CREEK PARK
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 2025

We will spend most of the day at Marsh Creek State Park, canoeing and doing instructional demonstrations on how to canoe. Canoeing novices are welcome and encouraged to come, as are veteran scouts who wish to canoe and explore the 535 acre lake. Scouts (and their dads) must be able to pass the Red, White, and Blue Scout Swim test in order to attend this trip. The Troop reserves the right to engineer boat crews for participant safety. We are hoping for great weather, but this trip could be canceled for bad weather, if we cancel you will be notified via email and text the night before. A hot lunch will be provided along the waterfront for all.

Cost: Free for all

Departure: Arrive at the cabin no later than 8:30 AM, with breakfast in your stomach

Return: 3PM to Cabin (approximate – boys will call when 30 minutes from cabin)

Transport: Bus for Scouts and leaders/accompanying fathers. Other alternative transportation MUST be approved in advance by Mr. Bilson by April 28th without exception.

How to sign up for the Canoe trip:

1. Either bring your completed form to the May 2nd meeting or MAIL your completed form and payment to Jack Bilson (see address below).
2. Patrol Leaders – Send Mr. Bilson a list of your attendees by e-mail, by no later than, May 1. Please e-mail Mr. Bilson at JackBilson@gmail.com. Mr. Bilson's address is 250 2nd Ave Phoenixville, PA 19460.

QUESTIONS? CALL YOUR PATROL LEADER or Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934)

What to Bring:

In a knapsack, please pack the following in Ziploc bags or other soft waterproof container (these items will go in the canoe with you).

- Nalgene bottles (at least 2 liters of water)
- Dry pants (synthetic, quick-dry material – NOT cotton or jeans)
- Dry shirt (again, synthetic quick-dry)
- Wear lightweight sneakers, you must have close-toed shoes (Crocs do not count)!
- Sunglasses with strap & visored hat
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- Tasty Snack for energy

It should go without saying – check the weather and dress appropriately! (check weather prior to departure). Quick dry clothing is highly suggested for this trip wearing and packed. You will get wet. **The page headed RETURN THIS PAGE must be completed and returned to go on the trip.**

RETURN THIS PAGE! CANOE TRIP

Please complete and return this page, all sections, including the permission slip below, with payment by check, to Mr. Bilson per terms of handout.

Scout Name: _____ Patrol: _____

Adult attendee name: _____

Emergency contact email & phone number: _____

Allergies – please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions (for religious, medical or social reasons) or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings, etc.):

Troop 78 – May 2025 Canoe Trip (the “Trip”) Permission Form

If I am signing for a Scout: I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout/guest named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the Trip. This permission slip also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to execute any additional forms, releases or permission slips that the ski area in question may require to be signed by a parent or guardian to allow my child to ski or board at this event. By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that the person for whom I am signing this permission slip has also read, understands and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my son, his other parent/guardian, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If my child cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that my son will call both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$35, notwithstanding the reason. I authorize such funds to be deducted from my son’s Troop account and I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that my son may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

If I am an adult attendee: By signing this form, I represent that I have read the Troop 78 COVID-19 guidelines found [at this link](#), and commit that I understand and will abide by those guidelines. My signature below also: (a) authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted; and (b) serves as my agreement, on behalf of myself, my representative/delegates/agents, and our respective legal successors and assigns, to hold Friends of Troop 78, Inc., Willistown Troop 78, and the directors, officers, leaders and their respective successors and assigns harmless of and from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action whatsoever, occurring on and/or in connection with the Trip. If I cannot attend the trip for *any reason*, I promise that I will call Mr Bilson (610 547 7934) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled departure time. “No shows” will be charged the greater of: (a) fees for participation and (b) \$35, notwithstanding the reason. I promise to pay any unpaid portion of such fee ASAP, with the understanding that I may be precluded from attending other Troop trips unless such amount is paid in full.

_____ Date of signature: _____

(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee if submitted by attending adult)