



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2009

4/3-11 – Florida Trip
4/9 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable - Charcuterie*
4/13 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
4/17 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Hoagie Set-ups
4/18 – Build and Deliver Hoagies (7 to 9 AM)
4/24-26 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend

MAY 2009

5/1-3 – Caving Trip to Laurel Caverns
5/5 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)
5/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
5/8 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
5/12 – Council Roundtable
5/15 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
5/16 – Radnor Races (Save This Date!)
5/17 – Radnor Races Cleanup (8AM to Noon)
5/29 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

NOTE:

Camping Trips/Major Events shown in: **Bold**

TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS

Adult Leader Only Meetings: *in Italics*

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The April Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st (due to the Florida trip), at 7 PM at the cabin. The Committee normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month to guide and discuss the operation of the Troop. New dads are especially encouraged to attend these meetings to get involved in Troop activities.

ADVANCEMENTS

The following Scouts received advancements and the Parent's Night and Court of Honor in February.

Tenderfoot – Kyle Sheridan, Dwight Lasure

2nd Class – Kyle Sheridan, Ian Riley

1st Class – Ian Riley, Mark Matsinger, Grant LePard

Star – Luke Conover, Trevor Conover, Stephen Lessley

Life – Jimmy Hogan

Eagle – Zach Davis

CALLING ALL HOAGIE BUILDERS!!



The Scouts of Troop 78 have once again done an outstanding job of selling 1000+ hoagies. Now we ask all available Scout parents and Committee members to attend one or both dates below to help build these hoagies. With enough volunteers, each session will only require 2 hours of your time.

Session 1: Hoagie Set-ups during Troop meeting Friday, April 17th from 7-9 PM. **Session 2:** Hoagie Build Saturday, April 18th from 7-9 AM.

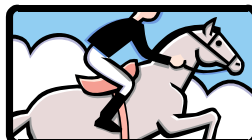
Scouts, be sure to pick-up your hoagie orders on the back porch of the cabin on Saturday, April 18th from 9-9:30 AM.

Hope to see you there!

RADNOR RACES

Radnor Race weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 16th & 17th. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar!

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out from around 7 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, May 16. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is appreciated. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon. Remember you can bring kids or adult friends and relatives. We can definitely use the help.



Remember, working at the Radnor Races helps:

- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PROTECT OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT

Your sign-up sheet will be in the mail soon. Nobody likes unnecessary calls and e-mails; **PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY!!!**

SATURDAY, MAY 16th & SUNDAY, MAY 17th

WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 SUMMER CAMP 2009

June 28 to July 12

It is not too late to register

It is hard to believe, but summer camp is just around the corner! Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks starting Sunday, June 28th and ending Sunday, July 12th. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year.

The cost this year is \$295.00 per week. In order to receive the discounted price, your balance must be paid by May 1st. The late fee is an additional \$35 / week.

New this year, any Scout requiring a physical for 2009 must use the new medical form (Annual Health and Medical Record form). This would include new Scouts and any Scout who has not had a physical for 3 or more years as of the start of summer camp. All other Scouts are highly recommended to have a physical with new medical form for 2009 summer camp. You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you complete your medical form by May 15th.

If you have not received a camp packet with all the information, or if you have any questions, please contact Dave Schertz.

Dads don't be left behind, come and join the Troop for this camping experience. The cost to you is *free*. The value of your being there is *priceless*.



PASTA NIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST 7PM

MENU

SALAD, BEVERAGE
SHRIMP SCAMPI/LINGUINI
SWISS STEAK/VEGETABLES
ROLLS/BUTTER
COFFEE/DESSERTS

\$15 Adults only

If you missed the last Pasta dinner, this dinner you don't want to miss. Our junior chef has perfected this recipe and refuses to share his masterpiece. Reservations are requested as seating is limited to the first 100 adults. We almost had a full house last month. Please call Joe Rubino or Joe Cady before **before** April 18th.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Each Spring, the Chester County Council has a fund raising campaign called "Friends of Scouting". Every Pack and Troop in the Council asks its families and friends to contribute to this campaign which provides over 15% of the Council's annual revenue. This helps ensure that the Council's facilities and programs can be maintained and improved in order continue providing top-notch services to Chester County youth. But it takes each and every family to contribute in order to make the campaign a success. Thanks to those of you who have already generously donated funds. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider helping by making a check payable to "Chester County Council, BSA" and mailing it to Bruce Balmat, 24 Harvey Lane, Malvern. Troop 78 has a fine tradition of supporting the Council in this effort.

JOIN THE "HOLE" GANG FOR THE MAY 2009 CAVING TRIP

Do you think that "spelunking" has something to do with Russian space travel? Or that "stalactites" are a kind of long underwear? Or maybe that "stalagmites" are a form of bed bugs? Well, you'd better study up on your caving lingo, Mister, because we'll be using those terms during our May camping trip.

Troop 78's going underground as we head to Laurel Caverns in Western Pennsylvania, south of Pittsburgh, on the weekend of May 1 – 3, 2009. Laurel Caverns is a 435 acre geological park featuring Pennsylvania's largest cave. We'll camp in an area that is reserved for Scout troops, and on Saturday, we'll divide our group into two. Scouts under 12 will explore the upper cave, and Scouts 12 and over can elect to explore the lower cave. Both tours will be led by guides. All cavers must have a signed release to attend. The release form will be provided under separate cover.

Details and a handout on the trip are forthcoming. In the meantime, check out Laurel Cavern's website at www.laurelcaverns.com – and plan on joining in the fun!

2009 CANADA TRIP INFORMATION

Yes, it is back for 2009 – the Troop 78 Algonquin Provincial Park canoe trip. The trip is a high adventure trip and will include beautiful scenery, lake front camping, canoe portage and an unforgettable outdoor experience. The trip is scheduled for **Saturday, August 1st thru Saturday, August 8th**.

Here's what you should be aware of when considering whether to register for this "High Adventure" Troop 78 outing, and what you can be looking for in the next few weeks and months:

- The trip leader, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, will make any decisions with respect to an individual's ability to meet the requirements for the trip.
- To **register** for this trip, you must provide a **\$50.00 deposit** to John

Mateyk by May, 2009. The trip will be limited to 18 people.

- The cost of the trip is targeted to be \$400 per person with full payment due in June 2009. This includes exclusive round trip bus service from Malvern to Ontario, all the great food you can eat, a contribution to the youth of Whitney, Ontario, plenty of beautiful sights, and more than enough rigorous exercise.
- Any funds not used will be returned to participants. You can withdraw funds from your Scout Account for this trip. Scouts making the trip for the first time will receive a new canoe paddle for their use while they are in Troop 78!
- A schedule for planning, food shopping, equipment checks, packing meetings, etc. will be distributed in May. **All trip participants are required to attend a trip meeting to be scheduled in early June.** Trip participants are also expected to **attend at least 3 out of the 5 planned shopping/packing meetings.** We will need to prepare well over 200 meals for the trip.
- All participants must:
 - have a current passport (this is important as a passport is now required for travel to Canada)
 - be registered with Troop 78 or another Scout Troop
 - provide the appropriate current medical form

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Philip Chow needs help for his Eagle Project: marking storm water drains in East Whiteland Township. If you are interested, please call him at (610)408-8807 for more information.

FIRST PLACE WITH FIRST AID!

By Alex Perry

The First Aid Meet was a lot of fun. I found out that there are a lot more Boy Scouts in this area than I thought. I recognized a few guys from Paoli 1 from school and from playing soccer. The meet was a great place to show off what we have been working on for months and it was awesome to be a

part of the winning Troop, too. All that hard work paid off in the end!

First Aid knowledge is one thing that you want to have, but never want to have to use! The Boy Scout Promise, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code all have some part that can relate to knowing First Aid. As Boy Scouts, we are supposed to help people, be prepared, do good, and always do our best in every situation. That includes First Aid, too. Knowing how to help someone in an emergency can actually save a life.

Coming in First Place at the meet was very cool – but it will be much more important to know what to do in an emergency when it really counts!

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST,....TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES,..

How many of us think about the importance of *helping other people* in our everyday lives, or about the possibility of dedicating an entire year of our lives just to helping others? Our Troop Committee Chairman, David Dondero, asked me to share this Eagle Scout's story, not for any kind of recognition, but as an example to other Scouts.

The Eagle Scout highlighted in this article is well known to me, he has "grown a lot" in the past year or so due to the many experiences he has encountered *helping other people* in various parts of the country. I am talking about a 23 year old Eagle Scout from Troop 78 named Brett D'Antonio.

Before graduating from Penn State in 2007, Brett was accepted to work with Americorps NCCC, (National Civilian Community Corps). He had spoken with several Camp Staff members who worked for the Peace Corps and for Teach America, both of which are a two year commitment and then he found out about Americorps NCCC, which asks for only ten months of service. Brett worked at Camp Horseshoe for the summer, graduated in August 2007, and then waited for his Americorps "Basic Training" to begin in Sacramento that October. After six weeks of Basic Training,

which consisted of learning "stuff he already knew from Scouts" like First Aid, team building and personal fitness (yes, there were morning runs just like in the Army), he went off on his first assignment with his Americorps NCCC team of nine girls and two guys all aged 18-24. They spent five days in a van and pickup truck driving from Sacramento, California to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Once they arrived in Mississippi, the Team began their task of helping the local Habitat for Humanity chapter construct new homes for those who had lost theirs over two years earlier due to the winds and flooding caused by a direct hit from hurricane Katrina. While the basic cleanup from the hurricane was accomplished long before they arrived, Habitat has continued to build homes for those who were housed in temporary trailers or modular homes. Brett and his Team spent eight weeks assisting Habitat, and for him at least, it was probably the best of the four different eight week long work assignments spent with Americorps NCCC.

After completing his Americorps work in early August of 2008, come that October, Brett went back to the Bay St. Louis area for another year, this time as an Assistant Construction Supervisor for Habitat. While vacationing a couple weeks ago, his Mom and I got to visit a few of the many houses he has worked on. Seeing first hand what he and others have been doing to *help other people* was heart warming. In talking to Brett over dinner one night, I realized that his Scout training has served him quite well in this endeavor. Especially useful is the ability to work with others to accomplish a common goal. Brett gets to help build houses with a hammer and nails, but he also does it by leading visiting volunteers. Almost every week a new group of volunteers arrives, wanting to do their part to *help other people* and make a difference in the lives of those in need. They get to experience the thrill of raising walls, putting on a roof and siding, and usually finishing an entire house in just one week (referred to as a "Blitz"). But, I found out that a good part of Brett's job is also making sure that the

volunteers get to do meaningful work and come away with that good feeling of having helped someone less fortunate. In fact, Brett and the other Habitat employees go to work each morning well before the volunteers show up at 8 am in order to prepare materials in advance (Be Prepared) and even fix any mistakes from the previous day. While the house is actually constructed with a well choreographed mix of hard working volunteers and professionals from the building trades (electricians, plumbers, roofers, and sheet rockers) the end result is a new home for a deserving family, and for the volunteers an unbelievably good feeling of what it is like to help your fellow man.

I will sum this article up with a short story Brett told me, that I have already told to several people. Upon completion of a Habitat "Blitz" house built with the help of a group of volunteers visiting from SEI Investments in nearby Oaks, PA whom Brett got to know pretty well, one of the exhausted members of the group, after finding out Brett had a Finance Degree from Penn State, asked him why he was there and not putting his degree to use. Brett, also exhausted from the day's work, asked him, "Did you have a good day today", and the volunteer, feeling good about what was accomplished, replied "Yes, of course", and to that Brett said, "I get to do this every day I'm here". So, you see Scouts, helping other people has its own rewards.

If you know of other Troop 78 Eagle Scouts whose experiences we should highlight in this newsletter, please let me know, or better yet, send us an article.

Mr. D





EAGLE SCOUT SHOULDER PATCH CONTEST

The Council Advancement Committee has put out a challenge. Can you design an Eagle Scout Council Shoulder Patch? This contest is open to ALL registered Scouts, cubs, Venture Scouts and their leaders. If you are in Scouting in any capacity and registered, you can submit a design. And if your design is selected as the winner, you will get a \$50 gift certificate to the Council Trading Post, and the bragging rights for having designed the winning patch.

To participate in this contest, print off the submission form. Design your patch, color it in, sign the form and send it in. It's that simple.

The Basic Rules:

- ❖ Color the patch, but with no more than 9 colors.
- ❖ Include the phrase "Eagle Scout" and "Chester County Council" as part of the patch design.
- ❖ Include "BSA" or the Boy Scout Fleur-de-lis as part of your design.
- ❖ No Copyrighted or Trademarked designs can be part of the patch.

The deadline for submission is Friday April 10, 2009. Mail or drop off your designs at the Council Office.

CCC Advancement Committee
Eagle Scout Shoulder Patch Contest
504 South Concord Rd
West Chester, PA 19382

Download a copy of the submission form and get started today!

<http://www.cccbsa.org/images/stories/pdf/csp%20submission%20form.pdf>



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