



Newsletter

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Coming Events

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- 12 THU ROUND TABLE, SIEMEN'S 7:30
- 20-22 Matje Farm/Elk Mt Ski Trip
- 22 Sun Parents Night
- 23 MON FRIENDS OF 78 7:00 PM
- 27 FRI COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER

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Troop First Aid Meet
- 13 Sat Council First Aid Meet
O/A Banquet
- 19-21 Caving Trip
- 24 WED SLICE HOAGIE MEAT & CHEESE
7:00-9:00 PM VFW
- 26 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
HOAGIE SETUP NIGHT
- 26-28 OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
(HORSESHOE)
- 27 SAT BUILD HOAGIES 6:30 AM CABIN



Looking Ahead

- Apr 2-10 Florida Trip
- May 15 Sat Radnor Races
- Jun 27-Jul 10 Summer Camp
- Jul 31-Aug 7 Canada Canoe Trip
- Note: Adult events shown in **SMALL CAPS**.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 "Bud" board
- 4 Mike Belleville
- 6 Matt Lewis
Chris Reardon
- 8 Max Dean
- 10 Josh Hughes
- 13 Miles Stevens
- 16 Jeff Balmat

Ed. Note: *Did we miss your birthday?*
Want to be included? We don't have your birthday yet. March birthdays - do we have yours? Make sure! Send name and date to Mr. Spritzer (109 Spruce Lane, Paoli, PA 19301) or call 610-644-3565, or send email to newsletter78@comcast.net



Troop Committee

Next Meeting

Tuesday

February 3
7:00 pm

At the cabin



Scouts: There is only one Board of Review before Parents' Night for merit badges and ranks up to First Class..

For Star rank call Mr. Craig (610-647-0698) to set up a board.

For Life rank call Mr. Shay (610-296-5858) to set up a board.

Reminder: The annual Council Dinner will be held on Friday Feb 27th at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern.

The O/A Banquet will be held on Sat March 13th at the Kimberton Fire Company.

Dads: Your input is needed. Plan to attend the next Troop Committee meeting on Tuesday February 3rd 7:00 pm at the cabin The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month. Exact dates and times are announced each month in the *Newsletter*. We especially would like to see the new dads.

ADULTS ONLY!

The Troop needs you to register as a merit badge counselor today!

We now have less than ten registered merit badge counselors. If you haven't registered yet in 2004 - **you are not registered!**

Please print the registration forms from the troop website. You will need to complete both the Registration Form and the Merit Badge Counselor Form and send them to: Donald Tyson, 12 Line Road, Malvern, PA 19355 or drop them off at the cabin for Don.

Call Don at 610-993-9620 if you have any questions about Merit Badge or registration.

Thanks!

Don't buy that new uniform ... yet! First



**WILLISTOWN TROOP 78
MATJE FARM / ELK MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP**

February 20-22, 2004 (Re-scheduled)

ACTIVITY: SKIING AT ELK MOUNTAIN OR
HIKING, SKATING OR SLEDDING AT MATJE FARM!

WHAT TO BRING:

A warm Sleeping Bag or a sleeping bag with a blanket
Foam sleeping pad

(PACK IN A DUFFEL BAG)

- Flashlight
- Warm clothes, Gloves, Hat
- Rain and/or Snow gear
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Toilet Articles
- DRINKING CUP
- Skis (or you can rent them)
- Money for ski slope (snacks, etc.)

HOW TO GET THERE:

THE TROOP BUS IS LEAVING THE CABIN AT 6:30 PM ON
FRIDAY , AND WILL RETURN AT ABOUT 12:00 noon ON
SUNDAY. OR: YOUR DAD'S CAR (MAPS AVAILABLE)

HOW DO I MAKE RESERVATIONS?

- 1.Contact your Patrol Leader
- 2.Make ski reservations by February 16th. (hand in to Jay Nagy)
Lift Ticket: \$36 (\$31 if age 12 or under), Ski Rental: \$20.,
snowboard rental \$ 26. Or Beginner Package \$30: includes
Beginner Lift ticket, Ski Rental and a lesson.
(Minimum of 20 Skiers needed for group rates)

DADS Needed (especially Skiers)! PLEASE CALL STEVE D'ANTONIO AT
484-883-1277 or YOUR SON'S PATROL LEADER TO LET US KNOW YOU
WILL BE JOINING US.

**IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS CALL YOUR PATROL LEADER OR
ASPL Jay Nagy AT 610-296-0213**



**WILLISTOWN TROOP 78
PARENT'S NIGHT AND
COURT OF HONOR**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2004

TIME: 2:30 PM (SCOUTS ARRIVE BY
2:15)

PLACE: TROOP 78's NEW CABIN
15 MILL ROAD (If our lot
is filled, please park at
the baseball fields next
door)

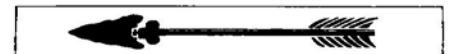


OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- * HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR
- * PRESENTATION OF MERIT
BADGES AND RANK ADVANCEMENT
- * RECRUIT OF THE YEAR AWARD
- * ORDER OF THE ARROW TAP OUT
CEREMONY
- * EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

CAKE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE EAGLE FAMILIES

**SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS PLEASE
WEAR YOUR COMPLETE UNIFORM
WITH O/A SASH**



E-SCRIP

Friends of Troop 78 is now a member of eScrip. This means that by reregistering your Genuardi's shopping card, a percentage of your bill will be donated to the troop. Once you re register at the site there is nothing more to do. It is all done automatically! To register your card, go to www.escrip.com and follow the directions on the screens. Our group number is 151278872. Thanks for your support.

If you have any questions, call Renee Miller (610-644-6444).

Used Uniform Exchange

check with Mrs Jeanne Eberhart (Jacob and Noah's mother), our used uniform exchange manager. To see what's available. Call her at 610-725-9320 (email: jweberhart@earthlink.net)

If you have any old uniform parts which no longer fit, or which you don't need any more, bring them to the cabin. They will be taken to the Eberhart's for the

exchange.

A uniform exchange will be set up at the Family Dinner and Parent's Night. Adults too!



Thank You!!

The following letter was sent to those who were able to help us at the Fall Radnor 3-Day event:

October 29, 2003

Thank you so much for your efforts at the Radnor Three-Day Event.

Troop 78 spent the first weekend setting up the racecourse and putting up the posts and ropes used at the various venues. On the event weekend itself, we parked cars, directed traffic, sold popcorn, and took down the racecourse markers.

This year the two days of the event were beautiful. Contrary to popular myth, it does NOT always rain on Radnor weekends. As a matter of fact, the rain our small crew experienced on "set-up Saturday" actually helped the digging process. This year the 3-Day introduced a major change; calling for admissions fees to be collected at the General Admission Lots as each car entered. This was a tremendous logistical challenge for us, but under Jeff Longenecker's outstanding leadership we were able to handle it.

Preliminary reports indicated that our work was a major success. It is that ability to tackle tough jobs that allows the Troop to help our community while at the same time raising funds for our scouting programs.

Thank you again for helping. I hope we can count on your continued support in May 2004, at the Radnor Races.

Sincerely,

Brian Rothberg

These are the families who came out and worked with the Troop. If you could not make it this time, we look forward to seeing you in May at the Radnor Races:

BALMAT*	LONGENECKER*
BARTLETT	MARRYAT*
BELLEVILLE	MATEYK
BOND	MATJE*
BRADLEY	MCCARTHY
CECCO	McFADDEN
CHRISTENSEN*	MCKELVEY
D'ANTONIO*	MESSEMER
D'ANTONIO*	MILLER
DAVIDSON	NAGY
DAVIS	ODELL
DAVISON*	PARKER*
DEAN	RAVEN
DESTEFANO	REBER*
DIANTONIO*	ROTHBERG*
DONDERO	RUBINO*
DONNELLY*	SCHERTZ
EBERHART	SHAY
FREES	SPRITZER*
GILBERT	STEVENS*
GORMAN	TERRELL*
HAGAN	TROWILL*
HEEGARD*	URBAN
HUNTER	VERCOE
KIMMEL*	WAGNER
LANG	WANG
LAUNI	WATKINS
LENKER*	WILLIAMSON
LEWIS*	YOUNG*

The names followed by * are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 in spite of the fact that they no longer have (and in some cases never had) an active boy in the troop. Thank you: you are a wonderful example of the spirit of our Troop and its extended family!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

It is difficult to think about Spring in the midst of snow storms and arctic-like temperatures, but within the Race Committee and the Troop itself, planning is already underway for this year's **RADNOR RACES**.

Your job now, is to go over to your Organizer, Calendar or Appointment Book, and block out



Saturday, May 15.

That is the day Troop 78 needs as many people as you can bring, working as many hours as they can manage, at this year's **RADNOR RACES**. Remember, we especially need adults!

In the words of Bob Matje Sr., **"IF YOU HAVE ONE DAY TO GIVE TO TROOP 78, THIS IS IT."**

Details and begging will follow, but it all starts with **YOU** being there.

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 to 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.

You will be receiving a letter in the near future with more information about this program and how you can contribute to it. It is Troop 78's goal that every family makes a contribution.

Bruce Balmat

Troop 78 Hoagie Sale

The New Year signals the start of our annual Troop 78 Hoagie Sale. This is a very important fund raiser that not only helps to cover the cost of Troop equipment but also allows each scout to add money to his own scout account. Please take note of the important dates below:

Friday Feb. 6 - Hoagie forms handed out at Troop Meeting - Sale Starts

Friday Mar. 5 - Hoagie money due at Troop Meeting - Sale Ends

Wednesday Mar. 24 - Meat and Cheese Slicing at VFW - 7-9 PM

Friday Mar. 26 - Hoagie setup night at cabin - 7-9 PM

Sat. Mar 27 - Hoagie Making and Pickup - 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM

The Hoagie Sale is a total Troop effort. Each scout will be required to sell a minimum of 12 hoagies. Parents will be needed for all the prep work and assembly. Last year the Troop sold and made over 1,000 hoagies. Let's pass that goal this year. For all the new parents - we need your help. This is a fun time and a great way to meet the other scout parents and help the troop. If you have any questions please call Scott Vercoe at 610-644-7861. Thank you!



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Digital Projector Needed

Corporations often donate used items to non-profit groups when they update their equipment with newer models. With this in mind, we are looking for the donation of a digital projector with certain specifications, now that Kodak has discontinued making our old slide projectors. (We received our current multi-projector/dissolve unit system as a corporate cast-off some 15 years ago, so it is probably 25 years old at this point...and on its last legs.)

Many photographers have converted to digital and love it. However, until now, digital photo density did not come close to the vibrant colors available through slides. This is not a concern when you are looking at a standard photograph made from a digital image, or even when viewing digital photos on a computer monitor. But, until now, when a digital photo was projected in an auditorium, it looked all washed out - because the density of the pixels was not great enough. There have been professional digital cameras available which capture the proper density, but until now they were priced beyond consideration. Just recently, Canon changed all of that by announcing a 6.3 megapixel single-lens reflex camera (EOS Digital Rebel) that is priced for the consumer market, and yet has the proper density and features of a professional model. Now that the picture quality and price have

become within acceptable limits, we are exploring the possibility to move into digital slide shows

However, we're not looking for just any digital projector. Many 1,000 lumen models proliferate, and are quite good for doing a Powerpoint presentation in a small meeting room. But, they can't handle projecting across an auditorium, especially under ambient daylight conditions.

Therefore, we are asking Troop members to see if they can find a source for a donated 2,000+ lumen digital projector. These are often used in corporate board rooms.

Moving up to digital technology enables a whole new range of marketing and fundraising possibilities for our Troop. In addition to scouts being able to use digital images to illustrate their presentations during Troop gatherings, a recruiting slideshow could be easily presented at cub scout pack meetings. We could also create copies of any slideshow and sell them as a fundraiser to Troop members, so that families could capture memories which they would treasure for a lifetime. And, a digital presentation could be used to enhance the recruiting of corporate sponsors for both Radnor Hunt events.

Please feel free to call John Parker (610/971-0227) with any thoughts on the subject.