



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2010

2/2 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Bd. of Review (7:00 PM)

2/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

2/5 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

2/6 – **Diamond Rock Klondike Derby**

2/9 – Council Roundtable-Downingtown

2/20 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

2/25 (Thurs) – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
Hoagie sale begins

MARCH 2010

3/2 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)

3/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

3/5 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

3/7 – **ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR: (3 PM) – Scout Cabin**

3/11 – Diamond Rock Roundtable

3/12 – TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7 to 9 PM)

3/13 – **Council First Aid Meet (plan to attend!) 8 AM**

3/13 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (5:30 PM)

3/19 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Hoagie money due

3/26- 4/3 – Florida Trip-Disney World

NOTE:

Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold
TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS

Adult Only Meetings: in Italics

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The January Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:30 PM at the cabin. The Committee 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.

NOTE MEETING CHANGE

The Troop Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 26th, has been moved to Thursday, February 25th.

**KLONDIKE DERBY:
"YUKON GOLD RUSH"
HOSTED BY HORSESHOE TRAIL
AND DIAMOND ROCK DISTRICTS
February 6th
Marsh Creek State Park**



INFORMATION FOR SCOUTS OF TROOP 78

Meet at the Scout cabin at

7:30 AM, Events begin promptly at 8:30 AM.

Events will end at 1:30 PM. We expect to return to the cabin by 2:15 PM.

FIRST PHASE –SKILL EVENTS

Mine Collapse, Grizzly Attack, Blizzard, Lost Miner's Gold, Catch a Moose

SECOND PHASE –FUN EVENTS

Panning For Gold, Ice Fishing, Lumberjacking, Axe Throwing, Ring Toss, Marshmallow Madness, Tug of Fun

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING:

All scouts must dress for cold weather. Wear layers of warm clothing. You must have gloves and hats to compete. You must wear boots – positively no sneakers.

Rain gear (if needed). Water bottle or canteen and drinking cup.

Lunch will be provided

PREPARATION:

Patrols will be making final preparations at the troop meeting on Friday night.

PATROL LEADERS should get their headcount to the SPL by **Tuesday (2nd)**

Patrol leaders are responsible for bringing patrol supplies (per the list provided) and making sure your "dog" sled is in good repair.

ASPL'S AND JUNIOR LEADERS should let Joe P. know if you are going. We need older Scouts to assist with running the events.

ADULT LEADERS AND DADS needed to attend. Please contact Steve D'A if you can attend. There will be no charge for lunch.

ANNUAL PARENTS' NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR



Troop 78's Annual Parents' Night and Court of Honor is coming up next month.

This event is traditionally held in February to coincide with the celebration of the founding of Scouting in the United States. However, we moved Parents' Night this year so that Troop 78 alumna and Boston University freshman Noah Eberhart could be with us to formally receive the rank of Eagle Scout. Noah will be joined by several other newly-minted Eagles. Who are they? You'll have to come to Parents' Night to find out! The Troop will also honor all other Scouts for advancement at this Court of Honor.

If you have been to summer camp, you know that on Saturday evening, Scouts that have been elected to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's service organization that recognizes honored campers, are tapped out in an ornate ceremony. Troop 78 is fortunate enough to have its own tap-out team, and the Troop's Ordeal Class of 2010

will be tapped out at Parents Night. Senior Scouts, wearing authentic Native American regalia, conduct the ceremony. Youth members are elected by Scouts that have already been inducted into the OA, and those who have not yet been elected. OA members are reminded to wear their OA sashes to Parents' Night.

We will also be making a presentation regarding the Troop's 2011 high adventure trip at Parents' Night, and begin accepting applications for the trip that evening. The Parents' Night Court of Honor is an event not to be missed.

RECENT ADVANCEMENT

Ranks

C. Evans	Second Class
C. Duncan	Life
E. Herrin	Tenderfoot
Z. Chan	Scout

Merit Badges

S. Lessley	Lifesaving, Pulp & Paper, Pioneering
I. Riley	Personal Fitness, Wilderness Survival, Mammal Study
D. Dudt	Citizenship in the Community
D. Lasure	Sports
S. Miller	Personal Management
J. Poidomani	Citizenship in Community

A FEW WORDS ON ADVANCEMENT

A few Scouts have been showing up at Boards of Review unprepared. The Troop Handbook explains the procedure for the Scoutmaster Conference and the Board of Review:

To complete a rank (Tenderfoot to Eagle), you must first have a Scoutmaster's conference and then a Board of Review by Adult troop members. For a Scoutmaster's conference and Board of Review for Tenderfoot through 1st Class just go early (in uniform) to the Monthly Troop Committee/Board of Review meetings (normally the first Tuesday of each month except July and August). If you are prepared (look over the

requirements and know your knots), you can pass the Scoutmasters Conference and get a Board of Review directly after. Prior to the Scoutmaster's conference, all requirements except for "Active in your troop" and the "Scoutmaster's conference" must be signed by your patrol leader.

For Star, Life, and Eagle Conferences **call the Scoutmaster** and set up an appointment to meet (normally before or after a troop meeting). For a Star Board of Review, call Mr. Seigle, for Life, Mr. Shay, and for Eagle, Mr. Balmat. Their phone numbers are on the Troop phone list.

You must be in **complete uniform** for all Boards of Review (except when done at Summer Camp), with your Scout handbook, and for Star, Life and Eagle with your up-to-date Scout Log.

Boards of Review are also needed for merit badges. For these, just come to the monthly Troop Committee meeting (in uniform). It doesn't hurt to review the requirements ahead of time.

The following requirements have been added to various ranks as of 1/1/10. You must complete these additional requirements for your *next* rank.



Tenderfoot:

*A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide and enable).

*He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.



Second Class:

*A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.

*He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States.

*He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

*He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.



First Class:

*An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the

principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.

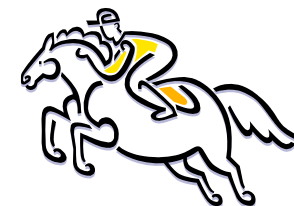
*He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.



Life:

*A Scout must use the edge model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

RADNOR RACES, MAY 15 & 16



Forget the winter weather outside your home for just one minute.

Go over to that beautiful 2010 calendar you received as a holiday gift. Flip right to May and block off the 3rd weekend of the month for Troop 78.

On Saturday, May 15 & Sunday, May 16, help the Troop as we mark the 80th anniversary of the Radnor Races. The long-range forecast is for fabulous weather!

WANTED: ARTICLES WRITTEN BY SCOUTS!

Attention Scouts who have not earned their Troop neckerchief with embroidered Willistown 78 logo: The Newsletter wants you! One of the requirements that new Scouts can use toward earning the Troop 78 official neckerchief is to write an article for the Newsletter. The article could be about your impressions of a recent Troop event; a story about another Scout or Scouter whom you admire; or events to which you are looking forward. Formal studies conducted by

independent agencies commissioned by the Troop* show that 9 out of 10 readers want to see articles written by the Scouts. So, get involved! Fire up your computer and email that article off to [REDACTED]@willistown78.org. The deadline for publication is the 20th of the month preceding the monthly Newsletter. Articles for the March edition of the Newsletter are due to by February 20th.

Did you have a good time at Winter Camp? Are you going to the Klondike Derby? Did you enjoy skiing, or was it too cold for you? Let us know – send in your articles!

***Ed. Note: Troop 78 does not commission such formal studies. If we did, the results would show that 10 out of 10 readers want to see articles written by the Scouts.**



SCRIP FOR SALE

Just a quick note on Scrip's this month. The next order will be placed on February 7th, and the cards will be in for the Troop meeting on February 19th.

The cards that are in stock are ACME, Giant, and WAWA. All of these can be purchased at any scout event.

If there is anyone interest in learning more about Scrip's and how it works feel free to ask me. All proceeds that are received are split 50/50. Half will go into your sons scout account and the other half goes to the troop.

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