



Newsletter

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Coming Events

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- 1 Thu **Happy New Year**
- 2-4 Father/Son Winter Camp
- 5 Mon Patrol Leaders Council 7:30 pm
- 6 Tue Trp Comm, Bd of Rev 7:00 pm
- 8 **THU ROUND TABLE, SIEMEN'S 7:30**
- 9 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
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- 23-25 Matje Farm/Elk Mt Ski Trip
- 31 Sat Pack 76 Pinewood Derby

Feb 2004						
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- 20 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
- 21 Sat Klondike Derby
- 22 Sun Parents Night
- 23 **MON FRIENDS OF 78 7:00 PM**
- 27 **FRI COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER**



Looking Ahead

- Mar 5 Fri Hoagie Money Due
 - Mar 13 Sat Council First Aid Meet
O/A Banquet
 - Mar 19-21 Caving Trip
 - Apr 2-10 Florida Trip
 - May 21-23 Henlopen Trip
 - Jun 27-Jul 10 Rafting Trip
 - Jun 27-Jul 10 Summer Camp
 - Jul 31-Aug 7 Canada Canoe Trip
- Note: Adult events shown in **SMALL CAPS**.

Adult CPR Training

Once again the troop will be holding adult CPR training the evening of Monday January 5th. It will be held at Radnor High School starting at 7:00 pm and will be taught by the Radnor High School Nurse, Sue McFarland.

Meet at the cabin by 6:30 pm. We will car pool and arrive at the school before 7:00 pm. Cost for the book, reference card and wallet card is \$12.50.



If you have the new book from last year, bring it with you. (The old books are out of date.) Cost for the wallet card only is \$5.00.

If you took CPR training with us last year, your certification expires in February. The troop needs to have all registered adults trained who attend any overnight activity with the boys.

See you on January 5th.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
The staff and leaders of Troop 78 wish all our Scouts, Scouters, families and friends a very happy holiday season and a great new year.

Scouts: There are only two Boards 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.

Dads: Your input is needed. Plan to attend the next Troop Committee meeting on Tuesday January 6th 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.

Troop Committee

Next Meeting

Tuesday

January 6

7:00 pm

At the cabin

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mark Brown
- 10 Max Davidson
- 11 Mark Nessel
Jeremy Mateyk
- 18 Louis Raven

Ed. Note: Did we miss your birthday? Want to be included? We don't have your birthday yet. February 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



FLORIDA TRIP REMINDER

Deposits are due by January 15th for the Florida "Spring Break" trip. We have room on the bus for twenty Scouts so don't delay! Why so soon, when the trip isn't until April 2nd? That's because the troop must send all moneys to Disney World at least six weeks in advance to hold our campsite. Talk to your parents now about going. Total trip cost is \$ 400. That includes transportation, food, a Disney four-day "Park Hopper" ticket and a day at Universal Studios or Universal Islands of Adventure. You may use your Scout Camping Account for this trip by calling Mr. Cady at 610-647-4037. If you did not receive the handout with the details for this trip, pick one up at the cabin. Mail your deposit to, Miles Stevens, 1130 Paxson Hollow Rd.,

Media, PA 19063 or bring it to a troop activity. If you or your parents have questions call Steve D'Antonio at (610) 296-3233. Ask your parents to write the check and send a deposit now before you forget!

PINEWOOD DERBY TIME

Once again it's Troop 78's turn to help with the Pinewood Derby for Pack 76. If you are a Den Chief for Pack 76 you are expected to be there. Additional volunteers are needed to keep score, retrieve the cars, and help judge. Please contact Jason Cecco. The date is January 31st beginning at 8:00 AM at Great Valley High School. This activity meets the requirement for service hours towards advancement, or as a check off item for your troop neckerchief.

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!



WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 ANNUAL FATHER/ SON WINTER CAMP AT HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION

(Father's attendance is not required for Scouts to attend)

WHEN: JANUARY 2 to 4, 2004

WHERE: CAMP HORSESHOE, RISING SUN, MD. BROWNING, and SCHRAMM LODGES (both heated by woodstoves)

WHAT TO BRING:
 Sleeping Bag Foam pad Flashlight
 Warm clothes Rain/Snow gear Sturdy shoes or boots
 Toilet Articles Gloves (2 pairs) Drinking cup
 Scout Handbook Sled?

WHAT TO PACK IN : A DUFFEL BAG

HOW TO GET THERE: THE TROOP 78 BUS OR YOUR DAD'S CAR. THE BUS IS LEAVING THE CABIN AT 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY JANUARY 2nd, AND WILL RETURN AT about 11:30AM ON SUNDAY.

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE? Scout skill sessions, Camp tour, scavenger hunt, games, movie, snacks etc

Note: Food cost is \$15 for adults (collected at camp) and free for Scouts.

Adult Leader Training

By Bret Reber

As you know from Steve's note in the last newsletter I received my "Trained" patch, which means that I have become certified by the Boy Scouts of America to assist with the troop and all the activities we do with the boys. The troop is also required to have Trained leadership in order to fulfill the requirements for a Quality Unit. The reason I took these 3 easy

courses was because I wanted to make sure that I could provide all the necessary skills to the boys plus work

on my own leadership skills. I have been with Troop 78 for years both as a boy and now as an adult and I have always appreciated the leadership this Troop has provided. I feel that the kids deserve a trained leader just as I had when I was young so I urge you to look into becoming trained as well.

Adult Leader training is broken into 3 parts, one being a weekend at Horseshoe learning Scout skills. During your weekend at Horseshoe you are placed in a Patrol just like the boys and you work together learning all the skills we teach the boys on weekend trips and Troop meetings. The other two training sessions go over the history of scouting and what is expected of an adult leader and some great resources that you can use to actively help a troop and its members. There are several

sessions coming up in the next year. I would urge you to go to the Council's website

(www.cccbsa.org/training/course.htm) and sign up for the courses. The next "Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills" will be March 26th – 28th at Camp Horseshoe. The other two courses you need to be "trained" are "New Leader Essential" (2 hours) and

"Scoutmaster Specific Training" (8 hours) and when I took both these

classes the material was covered quick enough that they let out early. Courses can be taken in any order and they were very informative as well as FUN! They also offer "Troop Committee Specific Training" so if you don't feel comfortable taking the Scoutmaster Specific course, you can still earn your "Trained" patch. By earning this patch you will be better prepared to help the boys by providing your knowledge, skills and time.

Please feel free to ask me questions about the training at any Troop Meeting or camping trip. There is also a list of training courses in the committee room at the cabin if you can't get to the Council's website and I will have a handout at Father Son Winter Camp in January. Just remember:

"Every Youth Deserves a Trained Leader!"



Who Are They?

The answer to last month's "Who are they" is Steve Farley. Space does not permit a new picture this month. Watch for it next month.

Adult Leader Training "Every Youth Deserves a Trained Leader"

To be considered "trained", Scoutmasters must complete both Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS

All new leaders, regardless of program, begin with this 90-minute course that forms the foundation upon which all future training is built. Once completed, this training need not be taken again.

This is the introductory training that highlights the values, aims, history, funding and methods of Scouting. It addresses how the aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Varsity Scouting Programs.

Tues Feb 10, 2004 Penns Grove MS
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Oxford, PA

Wed April 21, 2004 Council Service Center
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm West Chester, PA

*INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

This course is required for Scoutmasters, Assistants and Venturing leaders to complete training. It is also appropriate for Webelos Leaders and others looking to increase your outdoor skills.

The skills taught in this course are based upon the Scouting Skills taught in the Boy Scout Handbook. The course is a day and a half long but may be accelerated by demonstrating that the specific skills have been mastered

March 26th - 28th, 2004
Camp Horseshoe
Check-in: 6:00 pm, Friday March 26th

*SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING

New Scoutmasters and Assistants must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and New Leader Essentials to complete basic training.

Sat Apr 17, 2004 TBA
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat Apr 24, 2004 TBA
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

* These do not need to be completed in order!

Council's training website
<http://www.cccbsa.org/training/courses.htm>



Upcoming Events

Jan 3 Sat Father/Son Winter Camp
Practice in the morning
Performance in the evening
Bring your regalia!

Jan 11 Sun Practice/Work Session
At Doc's 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Jan 17 Sat Morning Star Pow Wow
Bel Air, MD

This will be an all day event. We will be participants.
Bring your regalia. There will be vendors; bring spending money. They will feed us dinner Call Mr Spritzer (610-644-3565) if you are interested in going. (Counts BIG toward Dancer of the Year award.)

Feb 20 Fri Performance for Pack 98
Blue & Gold Banquet
General Wayne Middle Sch.

This is a troop meeting night. Bring your uniform. You will be brought to the Troop Meeting after the performance.

Feb 21 Sat Performance for Pack 67
Blue & Gold Banquet
Troop Cabin

This is the same day as the Klondike Derby. Following the performance you will be brought to the Klondike Derby. Bring your cold weather/snow gear.

Feb 28 Sat Performance for Pack 56
Honeybrook, PA 9:30 AM

Apr 19 Mon Performance for Pack 97
Sarah Starkweather
Elementary School
West Chester, PA

Have a safe holiday!

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often?

When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this."

"Hello, Jack." No smile.

"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids."

"Yeah, I guess." Bob seemed uncertain. Good.

"I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit - just this once." Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement.

"Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?"

"I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct." Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics.

"What'd you clock me at?"

"Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?"

"Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

"Please, Jack, in the car."

Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?

Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

"Thanks." Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.

Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke?

Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

"Dear Jack,

Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters All three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left."
"Bob"

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived. Life is precious. Handle with care.

This is an important message; please pass it along to your friends. Drive safely and carefully. Remember, cars are not the only things recalled by their maker.

Funny how you can send a thousand jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the sanctity of life, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how when you go to forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it to them. Pass this on, you may save a life. Maybe not, but we'll never know if we don't try.

May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. "I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."



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