



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2008

- 1/2 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 -8:30PM)
1/4-6 – Winter Camp and Father/Son Weekend - Horseshoe
1/8 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7 PM)
1/10 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
1/10 – *Europe Trip Parents Meeting (8 PM)*
1/11– TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
1/18 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
1/26-27 – Matje Farm Ski Trip
1/26 – Assist at Pack 76 Pinewood Derby (Service Hours)

FEBRUARY 2008

- 2/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
2/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
2/5 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7 PM)
2/7 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
2/8 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
2/9 – Klondike Derby
2/21 – Pack 67 First Aid Round Robin (7 PM) (help needed)
2/22 -TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
2/24 - ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR (3PM)
2/25 – *Friends of Troop 78 Directors' Meeting (7 PM)*
2/29 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Hoagie Sale Begins

MARCH 2008

- 3/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
3/4 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7 PM)
3/7 – TROOP FIRST AID MEET
3/8 – Council First Aid Meet - plan to attend! (8AM)
3/8 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (5:30 PM)
3/11 – *Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Cabin*
3/13 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
3/14-22 – Florida Trip
3/28 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) Hoagie Orders Due

NOTE:

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

TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS

Adult Leader Only Meetings: in Italics

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3	Ben Richey
January 10	Max Davidson
January 17	Sean Miller
January 29	John Kacergis

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The January Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 7PM 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.

MERIT BADGE OFFERED

Any Scouts interested in learning how a car works and what is required to take care of them should sign up for the Auto Mechanic Merit Badge to be offered starting in February. Please contact Clay Davis (trionics@yahoo.com)

POINSETTIA SALE RESULTS

The 2007 Poinsettia Sale was a huge success! A total of 984 plants were sold by 38 Scouts. Here are the results:

- 1st Place – DJ Robinson
- 2nd Place – Luke Conover
- 3rd Place – Sean Miller
- 4th Place – Michael Bennett

First prize was a Philadelphia Soul football autographed by Jon Bon Jovi. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners received a Philadelphia Soul T-Shirt. The top three Patrols (Stag, Moose, and Panther) will receive points, and the Stag Patrol (1st place) will receive a Pizza Party at an upcoming Patrol meeting. Thanks to all who participated!

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

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

WHEN: JANUARY 4 to 6, 2008

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 or Snow gear, Sturdy shoes or boots, Toilet Articles, Gloves and work gloves (two pairs), Drinking cup, Scout Handbook, Sled?

PACK IN A DUFFEL BAG (no suitcases please)

HOW TO GET THERE: THE TROOP 78 BUS OR YOUR DAD'S CAR. THE BUS (or carpools) WILL BE LEAVING THE CABIN AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY JANUARY 4th. EXPECTED RETURN IS 11:30AM ON SUNDAY.

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE?

Scout skill sessions, Camp tour, wood cutting, scavenger hunt, games, movie, snacks, etc.

HOW DO I MAKE RESERVATIONS?

Tell your Patrol Leader. Food cost is \$15 for adults (collected at camp) and free for Scouts and visiting Webelos.

Dads, we encourage you to join us and see what Troop 78 is all about. Please tell your son's Patrol Leader you will be joining us.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call your Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader.

ATTENTION EUROPE ATTENDEES – MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008

On January 10, 2008, at 8PM there will be a mandatory meeting at the cabin for parents of Scouts attending the Europe trip. **At least one parent for each Scout going to Europe MUST attend this meeting.** The meeting will last about an hour. We will be reviewing our fundraising to date and announce our plans for our 2008 fundraisers. We are at a critical point in our efforts and accordingly it is essential that we have every Europe family represented by at least one parent at this meeting.

No Scouts should attend the meeting – parents only. If you have any questions, please call Jim Bennett at 610-733-1514.

SCRIP SALES

We hope everyone had a Happy Holiday, and a big Thank You to everyone for participating in the Holiday Shopping of Scrip's Gift cards. It was an incredible success and a great start to Scrip sales. We are continuing to sell these gift cards and look forward to your continued support.

As you know, we have been stocking Giant and Acme gift cards for you to buy at meetings. Many of you have asked about other retailers and we are happy to announce that we will start carrying WaWa, ShopRite, SuperFresh, and Walmart/Sam's Club at the beginning of 2008. If you have any other requests, feel free to let us know.

We will be placing our next order on Sunday January 6th for non-stocked cards. This also happens to be the same Sunday as Father/Son weekend. So you can bring or send any orders down to camp.

Thanks for your support and we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2008.

Sincerely,
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MATJE FARM SKI TRIP SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26 – 27, 2008

Once again, Mr. Matje is generously hosting Troop 78 at the annual Matje Farm Ski Trip. This year we will be going to Sno Mountain (formerly Montage) for a day of terrific skiing and boarding fun, followed by a night at Mr. Matje's farm. Snow, movies, hay, a barn – the Matje Farm trip is one of Troop 78's best traditions. Interested? Flyers will be handed out at a Troop meeting. Don't be left out in the cold – we want to see YOU "down on the Farm"!



WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 NIGHT AT THE PHILADELPHIA SOUL – SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

Think Philadelphia football's over just because the Eagles are done for the year? Think again! Troop 78 alum and Eagle Scout Josh Cady is extending to friends and family of Willistown 78 a Night at the Philadelphia Soul. Who are the Soul? The Philadelphia Soul is the local entry in the Arena Football League. Co-owned by rock star Jon Bon Jovi and former Eagle

Ron Jaworski, the Soul brings high-scoring professional football to the Wachovia Center.

Josh has reserved premium seating for us at the Soul's home opener. Troop 78 will present the colors to kick off the Soul's season. Your ticket includes refreshments and football fun – all at a significant discount! We are also inviting local Cub Scout Packs to join us, so that they can get to know the spirit and tradition of Willistown 78.

Join us for the Soul! Flyers will be given out at a troop meeting, or call Mr. Dudd with any questions.

WARM AND SUNNY WEATHER!

This is the time of year we all hang up the 2008 calendar we received during the holidays. Take one minute and go to **SATURDAY, MAY 17** and write in really large letters: RADNOR. Now you are all set to help out Troop 78 on what is probably the single most important date on the Troop calendar. See you in May!

*Please note: my new e-mail address is:
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