



Newsletter

Volume 25 Number 5 January 2009

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

- 1/6 – Troop Committee Mtg. and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
1/7 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30PM)
1/8 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
1/9-11 – Winter Camp at Horseshoe
1/16 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
1/23 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
1/24 – Ski Trip
1/30 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

FEBRUARY 2009

- 2/3 – Troop Committee Mtg. and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
2/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM) CPR
2/6-8 – Matje Farm Winter Event
2/12 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
2/13 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
2/20 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
2/22 – ANNUAL PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR (3PM)
2/27 – 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 January Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th at 7 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.

FATHER/SON EVENT AT HORSESHOE SET FOR JANUARY 9 – 11, 2009

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 9 to 11, 2009
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 LEAVE THE CABIN AT 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY JANUARY 9th. EXPECTED RETURN IS 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY.

WHAT WILL WE DO THERE?

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

HOW DO I MAKE RESERVATIONS?

Tell your Patrol Leader by Sunday January 4th. 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.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ?

Call your Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader.

WILLISTOWN 78 SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP SET FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

Join Willistown Troop 78 as we head to Jack



Frost Ski Resort in the Poconos for a day of skiing on Saturday, January 24, 2009. The bus will leave the Cabin at 6:30 AM sharp to make the drive up the Pennsylvania Turnpike for a day of fun on the slopes. If you haven't been to Jack Frost recently, you're in for a treat! Jack Frost has the best snow-making capability in the Poconos, and has trails for the expert and novice alike. If you've never skied or boarded, Jack Frost has one of the premier instructional programs on the East Coast. And if you're an experienced boarder or skier, you'll love Jack Frost's board park and the challenges of East Mountain! Check out the trail map, the lodge, and a live web cam showing the fabulous conditions at www.jfbb.com.

Families are welcome to join the Scouts, and family members can take advantage of our group rates. While we cannot accommodate families on the bus, you can drive up to Frost on your own, or you can follow the bus. Directions will be available. Driving time is about 1:45 from the Cabin.

Not a skier or boarder? How about snow-tubing? Jack Frost has a great snow-tubing run, and discount tickets are available for an all-day pass, or a three hour pass!

Note: All Scouts and family members that ski or board with us on this trip MUST wear helmets – no exceptions! Helmets are available for rental at Jack Frost for an additional charge.

Our group rates are set out below. Flyers will be available at the first Troop meeting after New Year's Day, and will also be available at the Father/Son event. Don't miss out on a great day of skiing and snowboarding with Troop 78!

Group Rates for Jack Frost Ski/Snowboard Trip

All area lift ticket: Youth (up to 18) -

\$28. Adult - \$35
Package (lift, rental of board or skis, and lesson) - \$60 (youth or adult)
Rental (boards or skis) - \$18
Tubing: All day pass, \$35; 3 hour pass, \$20



HEADING TO DISNEY WORLD WITH TROOP 78? *Reserve your spot for Spring Break 2009 – April 3 to 11*

What will we do there?

Enjoy any of the four theme parks (Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, Epcot) or just swim and hang out at the Fort Wilderness campground at any time during our six day visit. You can also use your pass for one day at DisneyQuest and one day at a water park.

Who can go?

The Troop Committee has restricted this trip to those Scouts:

- 1) who are registered and active in the Troop (50% minimum participation),
- 2) who attended summer camp at least one week in 2008, and
- 3) who are or will be First Class and are responsible enough to visit the theme parks on their own with a small group of other Scouts as determined by their parents and the Scoutmaster.

Fathers and other family members are invited, but space on the bus is limited to 25 including drivers and leaders. Families may camp with the Troop at Fort Wilderness at group prices, but will need to provide their own transportation to Florida.

Who are the Adult Leaders and drivers?

Steve D'Antonio, Joe Rubino, Miles Stevens, and Frank Cecco (all veterans of many trips).

How much does it cost?

The total cost including bus transportation, food, camping fees, and a Five day Park-Hopper Disney pass is expected to be only \$475.00. Money from your Scout Account may

be used for this trip. A \$200 deposit is due by January 16th. This is an absolute deadline because deposits must be sent to Disney! Note: Although all meals are provided at the campsite, most Scouts bring \$100 to \$150 spending money for food (lunch in the parks), souvenirs, etc.

How do I reserve my spot?

With a deposit of \$200. (sent by January 16th). You may use your Scout Account money by calling or e-mailing Joe Cady and/or send a check payable to Willistown Troop 78, B.S.A. with the slip below to: Miles Stevens, or bring it to a Troop Meeting. Once you reserve a spot, you will receive further instructions regarding departure times, what to pack, spending money, bus preparation, etc. We must have at least 20 Scouts and Adults to Camp at Disney. If we do not have 16 Scouts, we will have to cancel, so talk it up! [If we have too many qualified Scouts, rank and Troop attendance will determine eligibility.]

WARM THOUGHTS

As you huddle in front of the fire on a cold January day, here is a simple way to imagine a warm, sunny spring weekend. Go over to your brand new 2009 calendar, flip to May, and block out the weekend of May 17 & 18 to help Troop 78 as we once more take care of business at the Radnor Races. ***See you in May at the Radnor Hunt Club!***



PHOTO BOOK AVAILABLE FOR TROOP 78 FAMILIES OF KISC TRAVELERS

The Tredinnicks have compiled a 12" x 12" glossy digital photo book with highlights of the Scouts and their adventures last summer in England and Switzerland. Mr. D'Antonio has a copy on view at the cabin. If you would like to order a copy for yourself, orders will be taken throughout January. Please contact Meg Tredinnick at meg_t at Verizon dot net or Mike Tredinnick at



mtreds at Verizon dot net or call to place your order. The price of the book is \$60 (including tax and shipping). The price might be lower, depending on the number of copies ordered. Please make checks out to "Michael Tredinnick".



Newsletter

Willistown Troop 78
Chester County Council, B.S.A.
Steve D'Antonio Scoutmaster
Renee Miller Editor
Email: newsletter@willistown78.org
Cabin: 610.644.8702