



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2010

1/5 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)

1/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 -8:30PM)

1/7 - *Diamond Rock Roundtable*

1/8-10– Winter Camp at Horseshoe

1/15 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/22 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/24 – Ski Trip

1/29 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

1/30 – **Arctic Barbecue – (Venture Crew)**

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)

2/26 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

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, January 5th, 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.

PARENTS NIGHT/COURT OF HONOR MOVED TO SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Our 2010 Parents Night/Court of Honor will be moved from Sunday, February 21st to Sunday, March 7th, because of a scheduling conflict. Please make a note of the change. The time for the event remains unchanged and will begin at 3:00 PM.

WINTER CAMP: JANUARY 8 -10



Come and enjoy a weekend of fraternity and service as we get together for one Troop 78's best traditions.

For the 2010 event, Team Bravo (a/k/a Mr. Bravo and "ELI!") will be organizing our recycling efforts. Make sure that you bring your Troop 78 mug because we will not be providing disposable cups at camp. What's that – you don't *have* a Troop 78 mug? Well, great news – we'll have them for sale at camp for only \$5 each. The Troop mug is a great way to show your Troop spirit. And, by using the mug, you'll help protect the environment. Details on the trip appear below. We're looking forward to seeing you at Horseshoe this year for Winter Camp!

WHERE: CAMP HORSESHOE, RISING SUN, MARYLAND 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 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY JANUARY 8th. 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 and fun! Help visiting Webelos get to know Troop 78.

HOW DO I MAKE RESERVATIONS?

Tell your Patrol Leader by Sunday January 3rd. 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.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING AT WINTER CAMP

The training committee is holding Adult Youth Protection training at Winter Camp on Saturday, January, 9th at 1:30 PM. If you are an adult and have taken this training in the past it must be renewed every two years and is a requirement to attend troop trips. The last group training was three years ago at Winter Camp, time flies. If you have completed other training courses, please make copies of your training cards, or online printouts, bring them with you to camp and give to Sam Lemheney or Matt Lewis. Included on the troop website are two guides on how to create an account online, and how to take trainings online, if you do not know how.

**WILLISTOWN TROOP 78
SKI/BOARD TRIP MOVED TO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**



Troop 78 will hit the slopes of Jack Frost Ski Resort in the Pocono Mountains on Sunday, January 24, 2010. We

are moving our ski trip back a day from the Saturday, January 23rd date published in the Troop calendar to Sunday, January 24th, in order to take advantage of a terrific pricing opportunity! An "all-mountain" lift ticket will cost only \$33 for either youth or adult (children under 6 get a free lift ticket). And, as a special incentive, skiers and boarders will also receive a board or ski rental and a lesson for that low price. This package is part of Jack Frost's "Scouts Ski Sundays" program.

Since this deal is simply too good to pass up, we're opening this day trip up to Troop 78's Scouts and families. Scouts will be able to ride up with us on the Troop bus, and we will conduct a religious service on the bus as we are driving to the mountain. Family members must arrange their own transportation.

In keeping with our commitment to "safety first," all skiers and boarders that make the trip MUST wear a protective helmet on the slopes – NO EXCEPTIONS. Jack Frost rents helmets for an additional \$10. So, if you need skis, a lift ticket, a lesson and a helmet, your cost for this trip will be \$43.

Whether you are a first-timer or an experienced skier or boarder, Jack Frost is an ideal place to go. With its lodge at the top of the hill, the resort is easy to navigate. Frost has runs that will appeal to both novice and expert, from Snowflake to East Mountain. And Sunday is a great day to ski and board at Jack Frost, since the crowds are smaller than they are on Saturdays. Lift lines will be short and the ski runs will be fast. What are you waiting for?! Check out Jack Frost on-line at www.jfbb.com.

The trip handout/registration form is available at the Troop website, at Winter Camp, at the Cabin, or email [REDACTED]. Sign up today and join in on the fun!

**UPDATED NECKERCHIEF
REQUIREMENTS**

As promised, the requirements for the troop neckerchief (with patch) have been updated. They were handed out at the troop meeting on December 11th, and are also available on our website under "Resources".

**ADDITIONAL BSA RANK
REQUIREMENTS AS OF 1/1/10**

Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster's Conference after January 1st will need to have completed the following additional requirements to earn each 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.

Star, Life and Eagle: *Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions.

**CPR TRAINING AND
RECERTIFICATION**

CPR training and recertification will occur on January 5th immediately after the regular Troop Committee meeting. All registered adults who are active with the Troop are urged to attend. There is no cost if you are registered as an adult with the troop. No prior CPR training is required to attend.

Please contact Dave Schertz for more information at 610-687-[REDACTED] or e-mail at [REDACTED].

**SEVERAL SLOTS REMAIN FOR
CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
2010 PHILMONT TRIP**



Chester County Council still has several slots open for eligible Scouts (those who are 14 as of January 1, 2010, or those who are 13 but who will have completed 8th grade by June 2010) who would like to go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer. This high-adventure backpacking trip runs from July 10 to July 24, 2010, so attendees would still be able to go to summer camp with the Troop for our first week at HSR. In addition to meeting certain height and weight conditions, each person must be approved by the Troop Scoutmaster in order to be eligible to attend Philmont.

Ideally, the Council would like to add two Scouts (up to 20 years old) and one adult leader to the crew. Michael Bennett and Mr. Bennett are in the crew that has openings and would love to have members of Troop 78 along for this awesome high-adventure opportunity. For an overview of what to expect, visit the Council website at www.cccbsa.org and search on "Philmont" or Google "Philmont." Better yet - call Mr. Bennett at 610-993-[REDACTED] for the details. But hurry – these slots are sure to fill quickly.



SCRIPS SET SALES RECORD

Thank you to everyone for participating in the Holiday Shopping of Scrip's Gift cards. It was a new sales order record for us. We ordered a total of 293 cards from 38 different retailers, which came to over \$10,000 worth of cards. The troop and the boys that participated ended up with an average of a 6 % return. This is a very good return with the way the market is today. We are continuing to sell these gift cards and look forward to your continued support.

Stock cards that can be purchased at Troop meetings and functions are ACME, Giant and WAWA. If there are other retailers that several of you would use on a regular basis let us know and we can look at stocking those cards, too.

We will be placing our next order on Sunday January 10th for those 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 2010,
Jim and Claire Hogan
Troop 78 Scripp Coordinators
610-644-
[REDACTED]



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL POINSETTIA SALE!

We are pleased to announce that we have had another successful Poinsettia Sale! In all, more than 700 plants were sold! A special "thank you" goes out to the Conovers for selling 116 plants.

Patrols:

- 3rd Place – Panther
- 2nd Place – Moose
- 1st Place – Rattlesnake

Scouts:

- 3rd Place, with 41 plants sold, Kevin DeStefano
- 2nd Place, with 44 plants sold, Connor Ritchie
- 1st Place, with 119 plants sold, DJ Robinson

Thanks to everyone who sold plants...and a Happy Christma-Hanu-Kwanza-Ka to All!

2011 ADVENTURE TRIP – WHAT'S GOING ON?

By now, you may be wondering – When will the Troop membership know the destination for the 2011 adventure trip? We had hoped to include an announcement in this month's Newsletter, but given the nature of the trip, it is essential that we be in a position to answer all questions regarding cost, itinerary and travel plans. Rest assured that our work continues, and we will be announcing the destination later this month.

We will begin accepting trip applications at the 2010 Parents Night event, and we'll be scheduling our information session for an upcoming date. Watch the Newsletter and e-mail for more information over the next several weeks.

A SCOUT IS CLEAN ...

This point of the Scout Law is especially important to keep in mind as our Troop meetings shift from being primarily outdoors, to being primarily indoors. During the winter months, our Scouts work in close quarters on first-aid problems, and perspiration and body odor can become an issue. And, as anyone who has been in the Cabin during a rowdy game of "steal the bacon" knows, the outcome of active Scouting is a full-frontal assault on one's olfactory system!

In addition to making sure that his uniform is laundered and properly worn, his hands and face are washed, and his hair is combed, each Scout – regardless of age – should liberally apply deodorant before attending each Troop meeting. Doing so is a common courtesy and will be greatly appreciated by all. Parents, please make sure that your son takes this extra step. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



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