



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2010

- 6/1 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)
6/2 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
6/3 – TROOP MEETING (Thurs) - Field Day Part One
6/4-6- Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend @ HSR
6/6 – **Field Day & Family Picnic (1:00 PM)**
6/8 (Tues.) – Camp Info Meeting for First Yr. Scouts (7:00 PM)
6/11-13 – **Rafting/Biking Trip**
6/18 – TROOP MEETING - Camp Preparations
6/26 – PLC to Summer Camp (meet in Dan Beard at 3:00 PM)
6/27-7/4 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK ONE**

JULY & AUGUST 2010

- 7/4 -7/11 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK TWO**
7/10 – *Horseshoe Alumni Assoc. Reunion (at Horseshoe)*
8/1- 8/8 – **Algonquin Park Canada, Canoe Trip**

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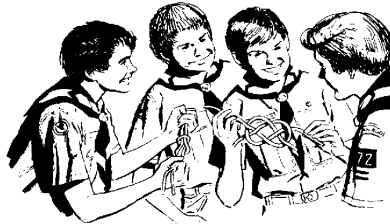
Camping Trips/Major Events shown in Bold
TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS
Adult Only Meetings: in Italics

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The June Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 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.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL

Please register any new email address on the online form located at <http://willistown78.org/newsletter/>. We are gathering emails for anyone interested in receiving the newsletter.



60th ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY - JUNE 6, 1:00 PM

PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED!

FIELD DAY - 1:00 PM to about 3:00 PM at the Scout Cabin Grounds

Come see your Scout's patrol compete in various skill events in an attempt to win the coveted Field Day trophy - a Troop tradition for 60 years! Bring your camera.

FAMILY PICNIC - 3:00 PM (or immediately following Field Day Events)

Meet the parents and other adults involved with Troop 78. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. **Please bring a Dessert if your last name begins A through M or a Salad if your last name begins N through Z.**

Parents: If you are able to help with the set-up for the picnic, help is needed Sunday at 2 PM, and clean-up help is needed after the picnic. Many hands make light work!

SCOUTS: PLEASE WEAR YOUR COMPLETE SUMMER UNIFORM TO FIELD DAY. YOU MAY BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR THE PICNIC.

ALSO BRING: Lawn Chairs and any medical forms or monies not yet turned in for summer camp.



WHITEWATER RAFTING/BIKE TREK CAMPING TRIP JUNE 11 – 13

After suffering the verbal slings and arrows of a number of disgruntled Scouts who insisted that a Scouting year without a rafting trip just isn't complete, the Troop Camping Committee has made exclusive arrangements to get us back on the river – and then, egged on by the Scoutmaster, set the bar just a little higher for the 2010 Lehigh River rafting trip.

This year, we are heading downstream for a wild ride as we hit the Lehigh on a dam release weekend. If you haven't been on the Lehigh on a dam release weekend, get ready for a "dam" good time! This trip starts on a different section of the river, where the scenery is magnificent. And with the increased volume of water introduced by the dam release, the rapids are significantly upgraded and are sure to test your paddling prowess!

After arriving at Tobyhanna State Park in the Pocono Mountains on Friday, June 11, we'll set up camp and get to bed early. On Saturday morning, we'll head to Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe, PA. From there, we'll head for the River and spend the filet o' the day riding the rapids.

After running the river, we'll head back to camp, where we'll prepare dinner,

spend a traditional Scouting evening of camaraderie around a campfire, and hit the rack to prepare for another day of adventure. On Sunday, we will go to White Haven, Pennsylvania, and enjoy a bike trek along the scenic Lehigh Gorge. Cyclist extraordinaire Mr. Brian Rothberg (of Radnor Races fame) will lead us as we cover about 25 miles. The ride is mostly downhill, the scenery spectacular, the pace will be leisurely and the experience will be memorable.

Handouts were provided at the May 21st Troop meeting. If you missed the meeting, you can download the handout and the packing list from the website www.willistown78.org. But hurry – you *must* turn in your form by the Troop meeting on Thursday, June 3rd. We only have space for 59 participants. Scouts will get first preference, along with uniformed leaders and CDL drivers. Dads are welcome on a space-available basis; however, given the high interest in this trip, we expect that the number of fathers that we can accommodate will be low.

The cost for the trip is \$35 for Scouts and \$65 for adults. Payment is due by June 3rd. Scouts can use Scout Account funds to pay for their trip. You must call Mr. Cady by June 2nd to confirm that you have sufficient funds in your account to pay for the trip. This trip is sure to be sold out – do not delay! Hand your completed form in to your Patrol Leader ASAP.

Get on the raft and get in the saddle, as we bike instead of hike and hit the river with a paddle! You'll be knee-high in the Lehigh when you're dumped in a Class III; and keep your eyes upon the roadway and stay clear of every tree!



Willistown Troop 78 recently went on a trip to the Blue Rocks Mountains. On this trip we visited the old glacier field where we climbed on top of boulders for over an hour. Then,

during the hike, we visited the pinnacle that really had a good view. You could see miles of farm fields. Then we hiked to the very top of the mountain. There we saw two copperhead snakes, which were so cool and then we hiked back down. On our way down the hill we stopped at a cave where the older scouts went down to explore and the younger ones watched them go down the giant hole. When we got back to our campsite, we ate dinner and went to bed in our tents. The next day we hopped on the bus and headed to Cabela's where we bought some interesting things and explored the store. Finally, after the fun drive home we were back at the cabin and got picked up by our parents and went home. The Blue Rocks hiking trip was a fun and a great Scouting experience.

--Jack Dinsmore

A few nights ago I went on the Blue Rocks Camping trip, and it was awesome! It was my second camping trip with Troop 78, and without a parent, too. When we got there, I had no tent buddy at first, but then I noticed Ethan didn't have one either, so he became my buddy. I woke up early this time, so I had a good breakfast. We had a 5-mile hike up and down the mountain. It was exhausting! I was so happy when it was over. Dinner was delicious. We had pasta, and after that hike it tasted so good. Sunday we went to Cabela's. Man every time I go there it seems to get larger. The trip was amazing!

--Luke Brogan

FIRST ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SALE

The flower sale was a success, the total number of plants sold were 207. This major trip fundraiser helped add \$1200 for the trip and Scout accounts received over \$500. The plants were beautiful and many positive comments were received. This should help with next year's sale and continue adding to the Trip Fund. The top sellers were: Michael Bennett, Michael Orlow, and Dan Brown. Special thanks to Scott and Geri Lessley, and Darcy Cummings for their help in running this event.

YARD SALE

A big Thank You to all the volunteers who made the Friends of Troop 78 Yard Sale a great success. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day, sales were strong all day long, and we found a home for most everything that was donated to sell. A great job was done by everyone and your efforts were truly appreciated.



POPCORN SEEDS ARE PLANTED

We have locked into a number of Show and Sell locations for September. The two weekends scheduled are Sept. 11th - 12th and Sept. 25th - 26th. These commitments are hard to come, and we are fortunate to have them. They have been successful for us in the past.

We need to have one family from each patrol be in charge of "PATROL DUTIES" for the sale. Duties include scheduling scouts and adults to cover Show and Sells, having popcorn for these events and help in providing support to the boys in the patrol. Anyone interested in this position please contact Stan Conover 610-864-XXXXXXXXXX

A SPECIAL NOTE: Chester County Council has used Troop 78 as an example concerning Scout Accounts. There are not many Troops or Packs that reward their Scouts by setting up a Scout Account. We are lucky to be in a troop that has adopted this way of thinking and can only hope that, through our example, other Scouts will soon benefit as well. Special thanks to Mr. Joe Cady for maintaining these accounts for our boys.

ADULT TRAINING CORNER

In addition to the online trainings that we hope you all are finding time to complete, there are some other opportunities. There is Wilderness

First Aid training for four nights at the council service center in West Chester, June 7&8 and 14&15 from 6:30 – 10. Registration deadline is June 5th if you are interested. You learn how to handle emergency medical problems with triage skills that can buy time for help to arrive and save lives. The course was originally designed by a chapter of the American Red Cross for organizations in the Appalachian Mountains. This terrific course is highly recommended for any unit and its leaders before getting involved in wilderness camping.

There will also be Assistant Scoutmaster Training offered at summer camp. The trainings are offered the same time each week, but you can not begin one week and finish the other.

10 – 11 AM Tuesday – This is Scouting

2 – 5 PM Tuesday – ASM part 1

10 – 12 AM Tuesday – ASM part 2

2 – 5 PM Tuesday – ASM part 3

Chainsaw training, which you need to operate a chainsaw at camp, might be useful during our yearly winter camp trip where we cut and split loads of wood. It is offered every Saturday morning, Sign up at headquarters ahead of time.

Please continue to submit copies of your training cards to Sam Lemheney or Matt Lewis for inclusion in our training database.

Adult Training Dates (Mark your calendars now so you don't forget)

October 1 – 3 Leave No Trace Trainer

October 2 – This is Scouting
October 9-10 – IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills)

October 30 – University of Scouting (Boy Scout leader Training and Den Chief Training)

November 6 – This is Scouting
November 6-7 – IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills)

SCOUT TRAINING CORNER

Scouts, don't feel left out, there are leadership and position trainings for you as well in the fall.

If you are a new den chief, **Den Chief training** is recommended. Please plan on attending one of the three trainings. Den Chief Training is intended to build enthusiasm for the job, develop high morals, and teach the skills the Den Chief will need to be successful.

Patrol Leader Development Course (PLDC) As you know, training junior leaders is one of the most important requirements for a strong troop. This one-day conference has been specifically designed to support this goal by training Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders and Troop Guides in Scout goals and the duties of these positions.

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October 9 – Den Chief

October 23 – PLDC (Patrol Leader Development Conference)

October 30 – University of Scouting (Den Chief Training)

November 6 – Den Chief

Training class descriptions can be found on the troop website under the training link.



GRADUATION AND FATHER'S DAY SCRIPS

The next order for Scrips will be placed on June 6th, which is also Field Day. All orders will be in on Friday the 11th, just in time for Father's Day and graduation presents. I heard that a few dads are hoping for a gift card to Cabela's and to take a trip to Cabela's on Father's Day (just a rumor or should I say a thought, boys.) I heard the graduates were looking for gift cards from Great Adventure / Six Flags. The tickets are only \$30 for a \$50 + ticket. Plus there is an 8% return on all purchases of tickets.

This will be the last order placed until we return in September. Think ahead of any birthday presents that you may need over the summer or projects that you will be doing over the summer. Home Depot and others are doing specials which will give you a better return on you purchase. Take a look at Great Lakes Web-site at <https://www.glscrip.com/whatsnew/index.aspx>.



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