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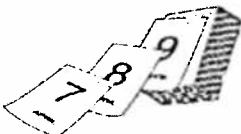
Coming Events

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- 1 TUE TROOP COMM, BD OF REV (7:00 PM - CABIN)
- 2 Wed TLC 7:30 pm cabin
- 4-5-6 O/A Weekend
- 6 Sun Field Day 12:00 N cabin
Family Picnic 3:30 pm
(Willistown Friends Meeting)
- 10 THU DISTRICT DINNER
KIMBERTON FIRE CO.
- 11 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00pm
- 19-20 White Water Rafting
- 20 Sun Camp medical forms due
- 27 Sun Arrive at Summer Camp
(Dan Beard - 1:45-2:30 pm)
- Jul 11 Summer Camp (Horseshoe)
- Tue Troop Auction (Dan Beard)

| July 99 | | | | | | |
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- 3 Sat Intertroop Competition 2:30 pm
Retreat 5:45 pm
Campfire/Indian Pageant 8:30 pm
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- 11 Sun Depart Summer Camp
- 30 Fri Depart for Canada
6:30 pm - Doc's



Looking Ahead

Jul 30-Aug 8 Canada Canoe Trip

Note: Adult events are shown in **SMALL CAPS**.

Changes, Changes!

Memorial Day:

The troop has been requested to assist in the VFW's Memorial Day Services. Scouts and leaders should arrive at the VFW in class A uniform by 2:00 pm on Sunday May 30th.

FieldDay/Family Picnic:

Due to scheduling conflicts the full Field Day events will be held on Sunday June 6th at NOON at the cabin (full class A uniform). The Family Picnic will begin at 3:30 pm at Willistown Friends Meeting. If your name begins with A through S bring dessert for 8; if T through Z bring salad. Beverages, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. To get to Friends Meeting, take Warren Ave south until it ends at Goshen Rd; Friends Meeting is just ahead.

Summer Camp Medical Forms:

Summer Camp medical forms (due to Steve D'Antonio on June 26) now must have an original parent's signature **in ink**. The medical exam is still good for three years but the signature must be original. You may sign a Xerox copy (again). Include the notation "Good for 1999."

**Troop
Committee**

next meeting

Tuesday

June 1

7:00 PM

at the cabin

For Your Information



✓Included with this mailing are directions to Camp Horseshoe and a list of suggestions for summer camp. As usual the troop will be using the Dan Beard site.

✓Dads: We need adults for both weeks of summer camp. If you can spare a week or even a few days [please contact Mike Spritzer (■■■■-■■■■-■■■■)]. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Troop committee meeting as well as at the family picnic.

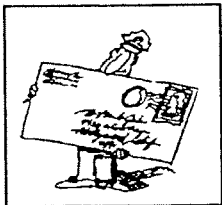
✓Scouts: If you have any merit badges partially finished, bring your materials to camp. You may be able to complete them and take your board of review at Horseshoe.

✓If you haven't yet paid your full summer camp fee **you're late!!** (Fees were due May 21st.) The fee is \$188 per week. Make checks payable to "Willistown Troop 78, B.S.A." You also lost out on the free troop T-shirt. But have no fear ... additional shirts will be available for a modest fee.

✓Camp medical forms are due on June 20th (to Steve D'Antonio). An original parent's signature is required.

✓Dads: Your input is needed. Attend the next Troop Committee meeting at 7:00 pm on Tues June 1st at the cabin. This is the last committee meeting of the season. We especially would like to see the dads of the new scouts.

Mail Bag



The following letter was sent to those who were able to help us at the Spring Radnor event:

May 24, 1999

The Radnor Races depend on Troop 78 to handle most of the supporting functions which make this great event possible. The Troop depends on you, its extended family, to enable us to do this. This year we outdid ourselves. We supplied a record number of people working very long hours. We had folks show up unannounced to help; we had many workers come out earlier and stay much later than they had promised. This kind of effort would be astonishing in the average organization. For Troop 78, it is just business as usual. Thank you to EVERYONE!

Your participation helped the Troop in our major fund-raising activity. Further, you helped raise money for the Brandywine Conservancy in their ongoing and crucial efforts to preserve open space in our area. I hope you were able to have some fun too!

This year the redesign of the race course stretched our resources to the limit. Your response to our late requests for help was fantastic. It is great to be able to count on the support of so many of 78's people when we need it most.

THANKS AGAIN!

Very sincerely,

Brian Rothberg

These are the families who came out and worked with the Troop. If you could not make it this time, we look forward to seeing you in October:

ARMSTRONG *
BALMAT *
BELVILLE
BOND
BRADLEY
BREZON
BUCK *
BURNS *
CADY
CALDERARO
CAPRIOLA
CARRINGTON
CECCO
CHILDERS
CHRISTENSEN *
COFFEY
COMISKEY *
CRAIG
D'ANTONIO
D'ANTONIO *
DARLINGTON *
DAVISON
DEESE
DeVIRGILIO *
DIANTONIO *
DILLOW
DODGE
DONDERO
DONNELLY *
FLIPSE *
FRY *
GARDNER
GLICK
GRAZULIS
HAGAN
HAMPTON
HART
HEEGARD *
HEGARTY
HUGHES

KELLY *
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NAGY
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PARKER
RAVEN
REARDON
REBER *
ROTHBERG
ROTHMAN
RUBINO *
SATTEFIELD
SHAY
SPRITZER *
STEVENS *
STITZER
TERRELL
TROWILL *
VASTARDIS
VERCOE
WAGNER
WILLIAMS
WILLIAMS *
WILLIAMSON
ZUPKO

The names followed by * are people and families that came out and helped Troop 78 in spite of the fact that they no longer have (and in some cases never had) an active boy in the troop. Thank you: you are a wonderful example of the spirit of our Troop and its extended family!

One final word is appropriate about this year's Radnor Races. I think it is important to single out three men who really made an extra effort to make this year's event a success. Jim Donnelly and Albert D'Antonio, both over 70, were at the Radnor Hunt Club all day Saturday (from before 7:00 A.M. to after 7:00 P.M.) and Sunday for clean-up with

the rest of the Troop personnel. They were also present both

Thursday and Friday evenings for the approximately four hours each night that a smaller Troop crew set-up the concession stand. But that was not all. Al and Jim spent Thursday and Friday (all day!) setting up the signs and stringing the ropes that are a necessity for the event. We salute them for their incredible efforts on behalf of Troop 78.

There is one more person who deserves special mention; Bob Matje, Sr. He attends meetings all year long to get ready for both Radnor events. He spends hours on the phone coordinating the infrastructure of the 3-Day as well as the Radnor Races. When Jim and Al were working on Thursday and Friday he was right there with them. The last Troop crew crawled out of the Club at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday night. They left Bob behind, still working. We all know how important the Radnor events are to Troop 78. Bob Matje, Sr.'s hard work and dedication makes it all possible.

THANK YOU!!!

New Scouts

The troop was recently joined by three new scouts:

Mike Belleville, Josh Fries, and Jacob Eberhart. Welcome aboard guys!



Summer Camp 1999

Summer camp is just around the corner. On Sunday June 27th, Troop 78 will begin its annual two-week encampment at Horseshoe Scout Reservation in Rising Sun, MD. Our troop camps in the Dan Beard site set up on wooden platforms. The campsite is divided into patrol areas with two scouts to a tent. Metal spring cots are provided, so you'll need to bring a pad or air mattress.



Family style meals are provided in the rustic dining hall (with a modern stainless-steel kitchen.) Dress is casual for most of the day but sleeveless shirts are not permitted in the dining hall. Uniforms are worn daily to retreat (5:45 pm) and for the evening meal.



Morning and afternoon times are set aside for merit badge classes. A wide variety of merit badges are offered, and summer camp provides an excellent opportunity to earn four, five, six, or more.

Training is offered for many merit badges which might be difficult or inconvenient to earn during the year, such as swimming, lifesaving, rowing, canoeing, archery, rifle or shotgun shooting, wilderness survival, camp crafts, etc. In addition, there are "fun" merit badges such as basketry, metalwork, leatherwork, Indian lore, and many others.



Evenings are set aside for campwide or troop activities. The troop usually manages to try the rappelling wall, go innertubing or cliff jumping. Other evenings the troop or the patrols will compete with other

troops in many interesting and fun competitions.

weekends are very important to the camping experience. The scouts are often completing those last few requirements for their merit badges and having their troop Boards of Review. It is therefore very important that the scouts remain until the end of the week!

Saturday afternoon and evening is a good time for families to visit the camp. Saturday afternoon there is usually a camp-wide competition: either Paul Bunyon field competition or Water Carnival. Come cheer for



your son and the troop. Watch the retreat ceremony (5:45 pm). Bring a picnic meal and have your scout join you for dinner. Stay for the impressive Indian pageant and campfire. It's a good opportunity to bring some clean clothes, towels, etc. and to take home the dirty ones.

Mail call is very important, especially to a first time camper. A letter early in the week is most welcome. Since it may take several days for a letter to reach the troop, it might be a good idea to send it off even before your scout leaves for camp. Also, make sure your scout takes paper, envelopes and stamps (but don't be too concerned if you don't hear from him for a while.)



Summer camp is a valuable, healthy, educational and fun experience. We'll see you there!!

Dads Needed at Camp

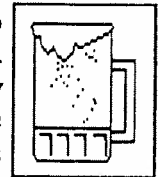
Dads — your help is needed at camp. Because of National requirements there must be at least two adults in camp with the troop at all times. This means we need at least three in camp so one is free to leave camp for errands and for emergencies. If we can't get enough dads to stay with the troop, we may have to curtail some of our activities especially those involving leaving camp: cliff



jumping, tubing, outpost, etc. If you can't spend a full week with us, even a couple of days will be helpful. Dads are also needed on the weekends to help with boards of review. We promise you won't be worked too hard. We guarantee that you'll have a good time and you certainly won't be bored! (Money back guarantee!!) And you can't beat the cost: ****No charge for dads**** Available? Interested? Call Mike Spritzer (703-444-1111). There will be a sign-up at Field Day and at the Family Picnic. Thanks!

Notice to All Campers A Note Especially for Adults

No alcoholic beverages are permitted at Horseshoe Scout reservation. Possession of any amount of alcoholic beverages is grounds for immediate eviction from camp. It is a policy of this troop as well that alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any scouting function. *Alcohol has no place in scouting.*



Dance Team Happenings



May was another big month for the Dance Team. On Sunday the 2nd they ventured to Camp Jarvis in Devon to perform for the Webelos of Pack 76. Attending were scouts Tom Childers, Brett DiAntonio, Josh Hughes, Kevin Hughes, Steve Shay, and Dan Wagner and leaders Doc Lenker, Mike Spritzer and Steve D'Antonio. Their performance began with a torch fight and fire lighting (Brett, Dan). First dance was *Sneak Up* (Brett - drum, Tom, Josh, Kevin, Steve, Dan). Next they performed the *Hopi Hoop Dance* (Brett - drum, Josh, Tom). Next they did the *Eagle Dance* (Brett - drum, Josh, Steve). Finally, they assisted with Webelos crossover. Brett and Steve D'Antonio presented neckerchiefs and slides to the new 78ers.

On Wednesday, May 5th, an abbreviated Dance Team consisting of scouts Jeff Hart, Josh Hughes, Eric Kimmel, Dan Wagner and leaders Doc Lenker and Chris Wagner journeyed out to St. Joseph's School in Downingtown. There they performed for Cub Pack 2 as well as assisting with the Webelos crossover ceremony. First, they performed the *Sneak Up Dance* (Dan-drum, Eric Jeff, Josh). Next, performed the *Eagle Dance* (Dan-drum, Jeff-flute, Eric, Josh) and finally, Josh did a solo *Hopi Hoop Dance* with Doc on drum and Jeff on flute.

On Wednesday May 12th the Team had another marathon work session at Doc Lenker's. Ernie Heegard journeyed up from Cape May to work with the boys on regalia and two new dances - the *Yaqui Deer Dance* and the *Spirit Dance*. The team was also visited by Mr. Bruce Dewey who travelled up from Virginia to spend time with the team. He gave them some pointers on the proper care of roaches as well as donating an old but very well made fancy roach to the Team. The session was also joined by Mike Spritzer and Doc Lenker.

Earn Your Troop Neckerchief

Have you earned your very own official Troop 78 neckerchief? The one with the distinctive colorful patch? If you don't have one yet, it's easy to earn. All you have to do is accomplish ten of the 27 items listed below. Have them checked off by an adult leader and approved by the scoutmaster. Do it today!

1. Advance one rank since September.
2. Sell 50 hoagies in one sale.
3. Participate in a District or Council *First Aid Meet*.
4. Participate in a patrol that places first in a *Troop Field Day* or *Troop First Aid Meet*.
5. Attend ten troop activities in a row.
6. Attend Father/Son Winter Camp with dad or other adult male.
7. Serve as a Patrol Quartermaster for six months.
8. Participate in 1 backpacking and 1 canoe activity.
9. Participate in a patrol that places in the top 3 in a District event.
10. Participate in a patrol that places in the top 5 in a Council event.
11. Receive the *Recruit of the Year* award.
12. Qualify for advancement (ranks or merit badges) at 3 boards of review in a row.
13. Camp with the troop for at least one week at summer camp.
14. Serve on the staff of *Cub Scout Day Camp*.
15. Participate in a major troop trip (one week or longer, but not counting summer camp).
16. Participate in 4 out of 6 troop campouts in a row.
17. Pay troop dues on time.
18. Perform 6 hours of troop service.
19. Participate in 4 patrol meetings.
20. Serve as *Den Chief* for six months.
21. Serve on the staff of a *Webelos Woods* or attend with a webelos den.
22. Participate in 2 troop swims.
23. Write 1 article for the troop *Newsletter*.
24. Advance from *Tenderfoot* to *First Class* in one year.
25. Perform 8 hours of work at the *Radnor Hunt* 1-day and/or 3-day events.
26. Participate in VFW Memorial Weekend Flag Ceremony
27. Volunteer to work at the *Wildflower Ball*

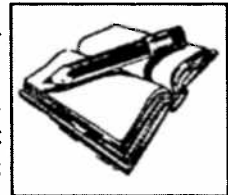


The Scout Log

Willistown Troop 78 requires all Scouts to maintain a "log" or "diary" of their participation in all scouting activities. This log should begin with the Scout's entry into the Troop and be kept current and updated as long as he is active in the Troop.

The purpose of the log is to record each individual Scout's growth and progress in the Troop.

The log must be presented for evaluation at the Star, Life and Eagle rank Boards. It must



be approved by the Board in order for the Scout to pass the respective Board of Review.

The log should contain brief notations and dates of all accomplishments and participation in Troop, patrol and Scouting-related activities. Examples of entries include, but are not limited to:

- Rank Achievement
- Merit Badge awards
- Troop and patrol meetings
- Troop, District, Council and National Camporees
- Troop, District and Council activities and contests
- Summer Camp
- Troop weekend trips
- Canada, Florida, Virgin Island and Europe trips
- Order of the Arrow achievements and activities
- Special Projects

In short, anything and everything that the Scout does or accomplishes related to the Scouting program should be noted. Expressions of the Scout's individual opinion—good, bad or indifferent—are strongly encouraged wherever appropriate. This includes personal observations and photographs as well as facts about times, dates and activities.

Questions about the Scout Log may be answered by:

- Steve D'Antonio, Scoutmaster
- Doc Lenker, Asst Scoutmaster

A Letter From Summer Camp

Dear Mom and Dad,

We are having a great time here at Lake Typhoid. Scoutmaster Webb is making us all write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and worried. We are okay. Only 1 of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Chad when it happened.

Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the Search and Rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning. Scoutmaster Webb got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas can will blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair grows back..

We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Webb gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked OKAY when we left. Scoutmaster Webb said that a car that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if its hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrolman stopped and talked to us.

Scoutmaster Webb is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive. But he only lets him drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up there are logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Scoutmaster Webb wouldn't let me because I can't swim and Chad was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take

the canoe across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood. Scoutmaster Webb isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets.

He has to spend a lot of time working on the car so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges. When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also Wade and I threw up.

Scoutmaster Webb said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. I have to go now. We are going into town to mail our letters and buy bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love,
Johnny

P.S. How long has it been since I had a tetanus shot?



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