



Newsletter

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March 2006

Coming Events

March 2006

- 3 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
Hoagie Sale Begins
- 5 Sun Parents Night/Court of Honor
3:00 pm
- 6 Mon Patrol Leaders Council 7:30 pm
- 7 Tues Trp Com., Bd. of Rev. 7:00pm
- 9 THUR **DISTRICT ROUND TABLE**
- 10 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
Troop First Aid Meet
- 11 Sat Council First Aid Meet 8:00 am
(G.V. Middle School)
O/A Banquet 5:30 pm
(Kimberton Fire Hall)
- 17 Fri Summer Camp Deposit Due
- 17-19 Antietam Battlefield Trip
- 21 TUES **ADULT PASTA DINNER**
- 24 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
- 31 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
Hoagie Money Due

April 2006

- 1-2 Webelos Woods
-Kimberton Fire Co
- 3 Mon Patrol Leaders Council 7:30 pm
- 4 Tues Trp Com., Bd. of Rev. 7:00pm
- 7-15 Florida Trip to Disney World
- 19 WED **CUT MEAT FOR HOAGIES**
- 21 Fri Troop Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm
Hoagie setups 7:00-9:00 pm
- 22 Sat Make Hoagies 7:00-9:00 am
scouts pick up hoagies
- 24 TUES **FRIENDS OF TROOP 78 MEETING**
- 28-30 O/A Weekend

Looking Ahead



- May 12-14 Canoe Trip
- May 20-24 Radnor Races
- May 28 VFW 2:00 pm
Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jun 11 Sun Field Day & Family Picnic
- Jun 17-18 Rafting Trip
- Jun 25-Jul 9 Summer Camp – Horseshoe
- Aug 5-12 Canada Canoe Trip

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

A Little Different

Do we look a little different? Your editor had a major computer disaster. As a result, we had our hard drive wiped and reformatted. Everything was gone!! All the templates, formats, etc. to set up the old familiar Newsletter – **gone!** This issue was prepared by erasing old Newsletters and adding the new material. Once things settle down and the computer can be re-established, the Newsletter will be back to normal. Or maybe we'll work up a new format. Wait 'till next month and see what happens....

Meanwhile, we'd like to hear from you. We're now far enough away here in New Holland that we need you to keep us informed on what's happening. Scouts, adults let us know what's going on: upcoming activities, recent events, troop people, scouts, or anything else you care to share. Scouts – submit something and you may get credit toward your full troop neckerchief.

Send stuff to mspritzer@frontiernet.net
Or to 249 Orchid Court
New Holland, PA 17557

Thanks!!
Your Editor,

Mike Spritzer

Troop Committee Next Meeting

Tuesday

March 7 7:00 pm

At the Cabin

Troop Parents Night will be held on

For Your Information

Sunday March 5th.

Mark your calendars: The annual Council First Aid Meet will take place Saturday March 11th. Adult help will be needed.

New Star Board Chairman: We have a new chairman of the Star Board – Mr. Mark Siegle (610-469-1724). Call him if you need to schedule a Star board.

Dads: Your input is needed. Plan to attend the next Troop Committee meeting on Tuesday March 7th at 7:00 pm. The Committee normally meets the first Tuesday of the month. We especially would like to see the new dads.

March is Hoagie Month

March will begin our annual Troop Hoagie Sale! Forms will be handed out to the scouts during the troop meeting on Friday 3/3. All forms and money will be due at the troop meeting on Friday 3/31. We ask that all scouts participate in this important fund raiser as \$1.00 of every hoagie they sell goes to their personal account.

Scouts: a minimum of 12 hoagies sold per scout is our goal with a total troop goal of 1000 hoagies. Parents please note the following dates as it takes a lot of help to make 1000 hoagies! Hoagie set-up night will be during the troop meeting on Friday 4/21 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Hoagie making and pick-up will be Saturday 4/22 from 7:00-9:00 am. I look forward to working with all of you again on another successful sale. If anyone has any questions about the Hoagie Sale feel free to contact me at 610-644-7861.

Scott Vercoe

Willistown Troop 78

Parent's Night and Court of Honor

Sunday March 5, 2006

Time: 3:00 pm
(scouts arrive by 2:45 pm)

Place: Troop 78 Cabin

The program will include:

- *Highlights of the year
- *Merit badges and rank advancement
- *Recruit of the year award
- *Order of the Arrow callout
- *Eagle Court of Honor

Cake and refreshments will be provided by the Eagle families.

Scouts and Scouters please wear your complete uniform

**Chester County Council
First Aid Meet
Saturday March 11, 2006
Great Valley Middle School**

- #Meet at the school at 8:00 am
- #Find your patrol leader; when all patrol members are present you may then register
- #Each patrol must have an adult judge
- #Wear rubber soled shoes or sneakers
- #Expected pickup time 11:30 am
- #Each participant will receive a First Aid Meet patch



March Birthdays

March 1	Joseph Smith Jimmy McKelvey
March 8	Dan Dufoe
March 11	Josh McFadden
March 19	Miles Lang
March 23	Keegan Weiler Jason Cecco
March 24	Joe Poidomani

New scouts and adults: If we don't have your birth date, send it to Mr. Spritzer at mspritzer@frontiernet.net or call 717-355-6533.

Summer Camp 2006

Have you reserved your spot? It's hard to believe but summer camp is just around the corner! By now you should have received the mailing outlining everything you need to know about summer camp. Once again we have reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Horseshoe for the two weeks Jun 25-Sun July 9. Camping is the basis for our scouting program and summer camp is always the highlight. Your troop Committee and leadership would like to have 100% attendance at camp this year.

Cost this year is \$290 per week. **A \$25 deposit is due by March 17th.** New this year is a 25% discount per week for paying your balance and completing your medical form by May 12th.

If you have not yet sent in your deposit it is not too late. But please hurry! If you have not received a camp packet or if you have any questions, please contact Dave Schertz at 610-687-0366.

Dads don't be left behind; come and join the Troop for this camping experience. Camp is free for you but the experience is priceless!

Antietam Battlefield Trip March 17-19, 2006

Antietam National Battlefield

Tour the battlefield on foot earning the Antietam Trail patch.
10 mile hike/tour of the battlefield on Saturday

What to bring:

- Sleeping bag
 - Foam pad or air mattress
 - Flashlight
 - Extra clothes
 - Rain gear
 - Water bottle
 - Extra shoes
 - Toilet articles
 - Drinking cup
 - Small backpack to carry lunch
- Please pack in a duffel bag.*

The troop bus is leaving the cabin at 6:00pm on Friday. We will return at about noon on Sunday. The troop will be camping at Rohrbach Campground in the National Battlefield Park.

How Do I Make Reservations?

Call your patrol leader by March 13th and let him know you want to go along. We are limited by the campground size to only 30 people.

Dads Needed!

Dads, you can let your son's Patrol Leader know you will be coming, or you can call Steve D'Antonio or Bret Reber for more information. Dad's fee for admission is \$15.

Adult Pasta Dinner

Tuesday

March 21, 2006

7:00 pm Scout Cabin

\$15.00

Menu: Shrimp DeVirgil
and usual pasta entrée

Reservations:

Rick DeVirgilio 610-644-5660
Joe Cady 610-647-4037

Puzzle Corner

Names & Numbers

1. Path of Discovery: _ _ _ _ _
2. Driver's one-eighty: _ _ _ _ _
3. Third degree: _ _ _ _
4. Man with a mission: P _ _ _ _
5. He gave us a lift: O _ _ _ _
6. Youngman offering: O _ _ I _ _ r
7. A foot has five: _ _ _ _ _
8. Friday and Preston: S _ _ s
9. Eve, originally: r _ _
10. Stratego and Risk, for two:
w _ _ g _ _ _ _
11. He hides in kids' books:
W _ _ _ _
12. A quarter of eight: _ _ _

Answers next month

Used Uniform Exchange

Don't buy that new uniform yet! First check with Mrs. Jeanne Eberhart (Jacob and Noah's mother), our used uniform exchange manager to see what's available. Call her at 610-725-9320 (email: jweberhart@earthlink.net).

If you have any old uniform parts which no longer fit, or which you don't need any more, bring them to the cabin. They will be taken to the Eberharts' for the exchange.

Save This Date

Tuesday March 21, 2006

Adult Pasta Dinner

7:00 pm

\$15.00

Scout Cabin

Great food
Great desserts
Great fun

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 the Scout's growth and progress the Troop. The log must be presented 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 & patrol meetings
- Troop, District, Council & 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 directed to:

Steve D'Antonio, Scoutmaster
Bret Reber, Asst. Scoutmaster

PARENT'S NIGHT AND COURT OF HONOR UPDATE

Sunday, March 5, was a beautiful day, most unlike a normal March day, when the troop held its annual Parents' Day at the Scout Cabin. The gathering was well attended by both scouts, their families and friends. David Dondero, Chairman, Troop Committee, and Steve D'Antonio, Scoutmaster, welcomed the group.

Mr. Dondero brought the visitors up to date regarding the happenings of the troop. The Township has issued the permit to start construction of the new storage building, which has been long planned, and that in the spring a handicap ramp will be constructed on the rear of the cabin, as required by law. The hood and fire protection system have been installed over the range, paid for by contributions from supporters of the troop at no cost to the troop.

Mr. Dondero presented a new award, "The Old Loon Award" to one of the longest serving members of the Troop Committee, Jim Donnelly. Jim has been active with the troop since 1956 and has been Secretary to the Troop Committee since 1962. He also serves as Secretary to the Troop's supporting arm, Friends of Troop 78, Inc. The Old Loon "gang" was formed to have the old men, who served the troop so diligently for so many years, step aside to make way for the young fathers so that they may experience the same father-son relationships that they garnered from scouting over the years. Well earned, Jim.



We were privileged to have with us on that day Mr. Richard Thompson, Chairman, Radnor Hunt International 3-Day Event. This 3-Day Event is held annually, and the troop has supplied scouts, their families and friends for almost twenty years to perform whatever duties are necessary to help make this event a success. The purpose of his visit was to thank the troop for its support throughout the years, and to let us know how valuable our assistance is and how much it is appreciated. His main purpose was to present a check to the troop for its involvement last October, which was a real "washout". In spite of this unfortunate occasion, he wanted to be sure the scouts were compensated for their efforts. The check was accepted by David Dondero, John Maytek, and Scoutmaster Steve D'Antonio. Incidentally, each scout that works that day has money put into his personal account that can be used for Summer Camp, Canadian Trip, etc. Our entire troop is continually grateful that we are able to perform this community project since the funds acquired during the 3-Day Event (as well as during the Spring Races) are a big part of our budget to operate the troop.

Following were presentations by several scouts relating to some of their trips; i.e., Winter Camp, West Point trip, District Camporee and Klondike Derby. Other presentations were made by fathers Scott Vercoe (Hoagie Sale), David Schertz (Summer Camp), and Bruce Balmat (Friends of Scouting and the Canadian Canoe Trip).

The Scoutmaster presented Advancement Badges to the scouts who performed the necessary requirements for the badges.

Then—the Court of Honor. Troop 78 bestowed the prestigious honor of Eagle on three well-deserving scouts – Jacob Eberhardt, Jason Cecco and Louis Raven. Each scout had earned the necessary badges for Eagle, as well as completed the community project that is required. That is No. 111, 112, and 113 for Troop 78. Congratulations!

At the end of the Court of Honor the Scoutmaster related just how important it is for each youth to uphold the honor of Eagle. In his words, "you are a marked man", and having attained the rank of Eagle puts each recipient in a position whereby he will be judged and expected to uphold the honor of the award in his future conduct as it relates to himself and to his country.

Upon completion of the program, guests were treated to a large decorated cake and beverages, supplied by the Eagle Scout families.



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