



# Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH 2009

3/3 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)

3/4 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

3/6 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

Hoagie Sale Begins

3/10 – Pasta Dinner at Cabin – adults, parents & friends

3/12 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*

3/13 – TROOP FIRST AID MEET (7 to 9 PM)

3/14 – Council First Aid Meet (plan to attend!) **8AM**

3/14 – Order of the Arrow Banquet (5:30 PM)

3/20-22 – Historic Trip to Quantico and Fredericksburg Virginia

3/27 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

Hoagie Money Due

3/31 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)

### APRIL 2009

4/3-11 – Florida Trip

4/4 – Webelos Woods

4/9 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable - Charcuterie*

4/13 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)

4/17 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

Hoagie Set-ups

4/18 – Build and Deliver Hoagies

4/24-26 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend

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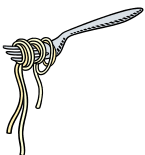
Camping Trips/Major Events shown in: **Bold**

TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS

*Adult Leader Only Meetings*: *in Italics*

## NEW DADS NEEDED!

The March Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## PASTA NIGHT TUESDAY

**MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

We're back! The culinary trio returns from their latest tour. Presenting an Epicurean delight from a legendary recipe of Americus Vespucci.

### Menu Includes:

Fresh Garden Salad

Beverage

Sausage/Pasta Milanese

Baked Rosemary

Chicken/Vegetables

Award Winning Desserts

Coffee



Reservations are requested as the seating is limited to the first 100 adults.

Price: \$15 per person

Proceeds help the Troop.

Join in for a social evening with Friends of 78.

Thank you!

Please call Joe Cady with your count.

Thank you!

Bon Appetite!

## CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL FIRST AID MEET

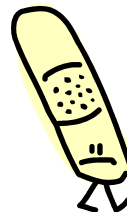
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

THE PHELPS SCHOOL

583 Sugartown Road,

Malvern, PA

This is the one we've been practicing for since November. Don't miss it! Your Patrol needs you!



- Meet at the school at 8 AM (in complete uniform)
- Find your Patrol Leader. When all Patrol members are present, you may then register
- Each Patrol must have an adult judge
- Wear rubber soled sneakers or shoes
- Expected pick up time: Noon
- Each participant will receive a First Aid Meet patch

Due to the tight space, there will be **no room for spectators.**

Any questions, contact your Patrol Leader.

## MARCH/APRIL = HOAGIES!

That's right Scouts, March kicks off our annual Hoagie Sale. Hoagie sale forms will be handed out at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting, so make sure you're there.



Like last year, hoagies will again cost just \$6 with a full \$1.50 or 25% going into your personal Scout Account. Sell a bunch and the cost of summer camp or your favorite scout trip just got a whole lot cheaper. The rest of the funds go to the Troop to help buy all the best gear and equipment that helps make those trips so enjoyable. All money and orders are due (**No Extensions, No Exceptions!**) at the Troop meeting on Friday, March 27!!

Parents, we need your help! These hoagies are fresh and delicious. Why? Because we make them! Please plan on coming to one or both "Hoagie Assemblies" at the Cabin during the Troop meeting on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> or the next morning, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM. Consult your Newsletter calendar or Troop activities calendar for date reminders. The top 3 sellers get to go flounder fishing at the Jersey shore on the Good Ship Matje.

If you have any questions, please contact the Hoagie Sale coordinator Scott Vercoe.

*Good luck and good selling!*

## CENTENNIAL UNIFORMS - WHAT DO I HAVE TO BUY?

*by Steve D'Antonio*

By now you've heard and maybe seen that the Boy Scouts of America has updated the Scout uniform to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in 2010. Before you panic at the prospect of paying a lot of money for a

new shirt and pants, (and even worse, having to sew all your patches on to a new shirt), let me allay your fears. Scouts and Scouters can continue to wear the current uniform. That being said, since you will not be able to purchase the old uniform much longer, there will come a time when those who are wearing the old one may need to purchase parts of the new one. Here's what the Troop is thinking for the transition period:

### **Scout Shirts (long sleeve)**

Since the new shirt and the old are the same color, we will continue to wear the old one for the foreseeable future (as long as yours fits you). If you've outgrown yours, have checked the uniform exchange and still have to buy a new one, make sure it is long sleeve, cotton rich poplin (not supplex nylon). We will continue our practice of wearing the long sleeve shirt year-round with the sleeves rolled up when wearing the summer pants. The red shoulder loops on the Scout shirt will also not be available much longer, and at some point in the future (probably before summer camp in 2010), we may ask everyone to purchase the new green ones. We should be able to scare up enough red ones to get us through until then. While we are on the subject of shirts, we have seen some in the Troop with the Horseshoe patch sewn below the shirt pocket. Please do not do that. The round Camp Horseshoe patch must be sewn on the pocket. It can be sewn at the very bottom and still allow a ring or two of year and trail segments to be sewn around the outside. The new Scout shirts will be more of a challenge when sewing on the Horseshoe patch, since they have three dimensional "cargo" pockets. We are suggesting that you sew the cargo pocket flat first and then apply the Horseshoe patch and segments. Do not begin your Horseshoe patch below the pocket, but at the bottom. You may want to sew the Left pocket flat as well for uniformity.

### **Pants**

The new long pants have zip-off legs to convert from long pants to shorts. That will save you from buying separate summer and winter pants. They are available in nylon switchbacks and canvas convertibles.

The canvas convertible pants are more suited for year round use in this region, and our Troop will change over to them over time. You do not have to purchase these pants right away, but if you have outgrown yours and cannot find an "experienced" pair in the uniform exchange, canvas convertibles are the ones to buy. They are a slightly different color green than the current pants.

### **Scout Belt**

The Scout belt has changed with the new uniform and now has a black buckle rather than brass. We will continue to wear the old one, but any new Scouts joining will have no choice but to purchase the revised version. A Camp Horseshoe belt or the Philmont belt is also acceptable as the official uniform.

### **Socks**

Socks have also changed with the Centennial uniform. The long (knee) socks are being discontinued. We are purchasing what we think will be enough to outfit any new Scouts this spring and summer in order to avoid having the entire Troop buy new socks for summer camp in 2009. (At this writing, they are still available on the BSA Uniform website). It is important for the entire Troop to wear the same socks at camp for the retreat ceremony. We anticipate that by Spring 2010 we will all have to change to the new crew socks due to a lack of availability of the knee socks. There are a few color and length choices offered for the new socks, and Troop 78 has chosen the darker green crew sock, which will be worn year round, unless a new summer knee sock is issued between now and then (something a lot of Scout Troops have requested).

### **Insignia**

If you go to the Scout shop to buy a uniform shirt, they will try to sell you a Chester County Council strip and the new green troop numerals for your left shoulder. Don't buy them! The Troop will continue to provide the red and white "Willistown" community strip and the red and white "78" for the left sleeve of your shirt. In a like manner, we will continue to provide the old style black and red patrol patches for your right sleeve.

### **Hat**

Our official hat for summer camp will continue to be the Troop issued Campaign style hat. The only other "Troop hat" is the optional maroon baseball style cap with the Troop's loon logo. The Troop has some available for purchase.

Please contact the Scoutmaster if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the proper uniform.

### **TEN-HUT!**

## **QUANTICO/FREDERICKSBURG CAMPING TRIP: MARCH 20 – 22, 2009**



Come and experience four centuries of US military history, as

Willistown Troop 78 heads down Interstate 95 for an exciting camping event from Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, 2009.

On Friday evening, we will arrive at MCB Quantico, training site of the United States Marine Corps, as we camp at Lunga Park. The Park is owned and maintained by the USMC. On Saturday, we will head to the US Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. This world-class facility is brand-new, and showcases Marine Corps history from the Corps' founding during the early days of the American Revolution, through two World Wars, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and right up to current operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Scouts will have the opportunity to view the incredible displays of weaponry, uniforms and artifacts of the Corps, and try their hands at the simulated rifle range (could you qualify as a USMC marksman?) and experience a flight simulator. Please visit the Museum's website at [www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com) for information on the displays and activities that will be available to us during our visit.

We will also eat one of our meals in a Marine Corps chow hall, right alongside the Marines. Everyone attending will receive an entry pass to shop at the Base PX, where you can purchase Marine memorabilia and

souvenirs. Our visit to Quantico will no doubt be exciting and memorable! During our visit to Quantico, all Scouts and registered leaders must wear full and complete Class A uniforms. Adults – been thinking about getting a uniform? This is a great time to make the purchase! We also encourage Scouts and Scouters who have them to wear their Willistown Troop 78 fleece jackets or adult leader jackets. Any uniformed Scout or Scouter who chooses to wear a hat may do so, provided that it is an official Troop 78 hat.

On Sunday, we will travel back in time and tour Civil War battlefields at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields National Military Park. Civil War buffs and neophytes alike will be in awe as we walk the hallowed grounds where bloodshed helped to preserve the Union. The Park highlights Lee's easiest and greatest victories; as well as the Battle of Wilderness, the bloodiest battle of the War, and the Battle of Spotsylvania, which opened the road to Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. This visit will round out the Troop's tours of nearby Civil War sites, as we haven't made this trek before.

We expect attendance for this camping trip to be very high. Priority will be given to active Scouts (as determined by the Scoutmaster, in his discretion), active adult leaders, active father participants, and CDL drivers. We need to provide Quantico with a complete list of attendees well in advance of the trip. Each Scout must call his Patrol Leader by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> to let the PL know if the Scout (and his dad, if interested) is planning to attend. Adults, who do not have a son in the Troop, or who are volunteering to drive (see below), please call or e-mail Jim Bennett by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. We need to have a complete Troop roster of attendees compiled by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS made for late registrants.

Quantico also requires the Troop to have a signed waiver form for EACH ATTENDEE. There are separate

forms for adults and children. Mr. Bennett has the waiver forms and they will be distributed to registered attendees, under separate cover, with return instructions.

There is no charge for Scouts to attend this trip. Adults will be charged a \$25 fee, which will be collected at camp. Also – we likely will need adults to drive. The fee for adult drivers who take a full carload of passengers (meaning, not just you and your son, but a full complement of passengers) will be waived. We want to limit the number of vehicles going on the trip to the absolute minimum, so drivers with vans and large SUVs are highly desired. Please let Jim Bennett know when you register if you can drive.

Scouts were provided with a handout on the trip at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and more handouts will be available at the Cabin, if you need information on packing and departure/arrival times. We expect this trip to be a highlight on the Willistown Troop 78 calendar. Don't delay – register today! Don't be left "off-base"!

**Willistown Troop 78  
Summer Camp 2009  
June 28th to July 12th**

***Have You Reserved Your Spot?***

It is 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, Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at

Camp Horseshoe for two weeks starting Sunday, June 28th and ending Sunday, July 12th. The basis for our Scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our Scouting year. Your Troop committee and leadership would like to have 100% of the Troop in camp this summer.

The cost this year is \$295.00 per week. A \$35 deposit per week is due by March 13<sup>th</sup>. In order to receive the discounted price, your balance must

be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The late fee is an additional \$35 per week. In addition, you will receive a free Troop T-shirt if you complete your medical form by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not received a camp packet with all the information, or if you have any questions, please contact Dave Schertz .

Dads, don't be left behind. Come and join the Troop for this camping experience. The cost to you is free; the value of your being there is priceless.

**WELCOME NEW SCOUTS**

Troop 78 would like to welcome the Webelos that just Bridged over.

From Pack 21 joining Flying Eagle Patrol:  
*Billy Mackrides  
Robert Varney  
Ethan Herrin*

From Pack 71 joining Cougar Patrol  
*Lee Neves  
Tommy Walsh*

From Pack 76 joining Panther Patrol  
*Brendan Laumer  
Andy Chow*

From Pack 98 joining Moose Patrol  
*Drew Schenck  
Andrew Dudt*

From Pack 122 joining Stag Patrol  
*Chip Lemheney  
Zachariah Chan  
Kyle Cummings*

Welcome to the Troop family. We look forward to getting to know each of you and your families.

**SCRIP  
UPDATE**

Just a quick note on Scrip's this month.

The next order will be placed on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and the cards will be in for the Troop meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is important for anyone going on the Disney trip who would like cards for the trip. Disney gives back 2% for every dollar that you purchase.



The cards that are in stock are ACME, Giant, WAWA, and Starbuck's. All of these can be purchased at any Scout event.

If there is anyone interest in learning more about Scrip's and how it works, feel free to ask me. All money that is received is split 50/50: half goes into your son's Scout Account, and the other half goes to the Troop.

Thanks,  
Jim Hogan

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Watch the next Troop Newsletter for detailed information about fundraising activities for the Troop.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Zach Davis on earning the Eagle Rank and Eli Bravo for receiving Recruit of the Year.

Dancers of the Year for this year were: Philip Chow, Dan Dufoe, and DJ Robinson.

### OLD LOON AWARD

The Old Loon Award was awarded for the third time at the February Parents' Night and Court of Honor. For the benefit of newer Scout families, the "Old Loons" -- the loon being the symbol of Troop 78 -- was formed to make room for the younger generation of fathers and let them get more involved with the Troop Committee. The Old Loon award was established to recognize life-long commitment to the Troop.

The recipient of this year's award was Win Reber. Jim Donnelly, the first recipient, made the presentation. Following are Jim's remarks.

Hi, I'm Jim Donnelly and I have been Secretary to Troop 78 since 1956 — yep, one-half a century. Now that is job security. This gentleman who we are honoring today came into the Troop more than 25 years ago, when his first son, Brett, joined the Troop. He has been a real asset ever since. Sit back, these accolades will take a while.

Here are a few of his involvements in Troop 78:

- Facilitated the Registration of Scouts and Adults
- Registered Scouts for Summer Camp
- Went on many trips to both Florida and Canada
- He was a dependable bus driver, while at the same time recruiting other drivers
- Also a Counselor, helping Scouts with Merit Badges as well as advancements
- He has been the chief scorer at many, many District and Council First Aid Meets while supporting our Troop's sponsorship at these events.
- He has left his mark on a lot of areas that identify Troop 78. Win designed the Troop neckerchief, badges, stationary, as well as fund raising materials for our new cabin. The Loon logo that signifies Troop 78 is his design.

- He is a well-known artist in his own right. In fact, he painted the watercolor of the old cabin, and prints were sold as a fund-raiser during the building of this new, beautiful cabin. Also, his paintings of Troop scouting scenes have brought much pleasure to many of our Scouters.

While he is not as active as he was when he lived in the area, the Troop calls on him for his many talents.

He will be the first person to receive this award this is not in his 80's. Win Reber, it is time for you to receive the third Loon Award.

*Old Loon Award recipients Al D'Antonio, Win Reber, and Jim Donnelly.*



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