



# Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY 2009

- 5/1-3 – **Caving Trip**
- 5/5 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 5/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 5/8 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/9 – Cabin Clean-up Day (8-12)
- 5/12 – *Council Roundtable*
- 5/15 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/16 – **Radnor Races (Save This Date!)**
- 5/17 – **Radnor Races Cleanup (8AM)**
- 5/29 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

### JUNE 2009

- 6/2 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 6/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 6/4 (Thurs.) – TROOP MEETING: Field Day Part One (7 to 9 PM)
- 6/5-7 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Service Weekend at Camp Horseshoe
- 6/7 – **Field Day & Family Picnic (1:00 PM)**
- 6/11 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable (Picnic)*
- 6/12-14 – Order of the Arrow Conclave at Camp Horseshoe
- 6/19 – TROOP MEETING – Camp Preparations (7 to 9 PM)
- 6/20-21 – **Canoe Trip**
- 6/27 – PLC to Summer Camp (3:00 PM)
- 6/28-7/5 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK ONE**

### JULY and AUGUST 2009

- 7/5-12 – **Horseshoe Summer Camp WEEK TWO**
- 7/18 – *Horseshoe Alumni Assoc. Reunion (at Horseshoe)*
- 8/1-8 – **Algonquin Park Canada, Canoe Trip**

#### NOTE:

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

TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS

*Adult Leader Only Meetings: in Italics*



### **CABIN CLEAN-UP DAY!**

Save the date of Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for Clean-up day at the cabin from 8 AM to noon. Bring tools and gloves. Contact Mr. D. for more information.

## NEW DADS NEEDED!

The May Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</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.

## SCRIP UPDATE

Just a quick note on Scrip's this month. The next order will be placed on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the cards will be in for the Troop meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

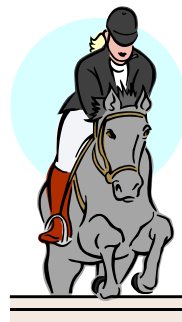


The cards that are in stock are ACME, Giant, WAWA, and Starbucks. All of these can be purchased at any scout event.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Scrip's and how it works, feel free to ask me. All proceeds are split 50/50: half into your son's Scout Account, and half to the Troop.

Thanks,  
Jim Hogan

## RADNOR RACES SATURDAY, MAY 16 and SUNDAY MAY 17, 2008



Radnor Race weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. This is one of THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEKENDS on the Troop 78 calendar.

We need as many people coming out to work as many hours as they possibly can. We especially need ADULTS! We will be out from around 7 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, May 16. The hours from 11:00 to 3:00 are the most crucial, but any time is appreciated. Clean-up is Sunday morning from 8 AM to Noon.

Remember: working at the Radnor Races helps:

- TROOP 78 EARN FUNDS
- BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY PROTECT EVEN MORE OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT

You should already have your sign-up sheet. Please fill it out and send it, to minimize unnecessary calls and e-mails, both for your sake and ours. DO IT NOW, PLEASE!!!

## SUMMER UNIFORM UPDATE

The Troop has switched over to wearing the summer uniform: Scout shorts, long socks, and shirt sleeves rolled up above the elbow. Summer Camp is on its way, and it's extremely important for the entire Troop to "look uniform" at the retreat ceremony each evening. If you need to purchase new uniform parts because you've out grown yours and there is nothing available in the used uniform exchange in the hallway of the cabin, the information below should help you sort out what to purchase from the Centennial Uniform options:

**Scout Shirt:** long sleeve, cotton rich poplin (not supplex nylon) with new forest green shoulder loops; the old red loops are no longer available, so we ask everyone to purchase the new forest green loops in time for summer camp so we all look like we are in the same Troop.

**Scout Pants:** canvas convertibles (not nylon switchbacks); these have zip-off legs to convert from long pants to shorts (all you have to do is remember where you put the legs when it's time to zip them on in October).

**Scout Belt:** Web belt (now with a black buckle), or a Camp Horseshoe branded belt, or a Philmont belt are acceptable as the official uniform.

**Socks:** The long (knee) socks have been discontinued, but we have purchased enough to outfit the Scouts who have just joined in order to avoid having the entire Troop buy new style socks for summer camp this year. If you have any extras to donate to the cause, please bring them to the cabin.

**Footwear:** Brown mid-height or low hiking boots of all leather or leather with nylon are required. Sneakers are **not** acceptable for uniform wear.

**Hat:** Our official hat for summer camp will continue to be the Troop issued Campaign style hat. The only other Troop hat which may be worn with the uniform is the optional maroon baseball style cap with the Troop's loon logo. We are now taking orders for hats at \$15 each.

**Troop fleece jacket:** (optional) new in late 2007, we are now taking orders for the fleece jackets. (See attached order form)

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



## THE AMAZING HOAGIE MAKING MACHINE!

The Troop 78 Amazing Hoagie Making Machine was well oiled and firing on all cylinders April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a marvel to watch it in action as 60+ parents, friends, and a few Scouts showed up to assemble, wrap, and pack a record setting 1,550 hoagies. For most groups, this would be an all day affair! For Troop 78, just a little 2 hour morning get-together.

As many of you know, the hoagie sale requires 3 separate parental sessions to perform: meat slicing, set-ups, and final assembly. Many parents volunteered for 1 session and several volunteered for 2 sessions. However, there are a select few whose dedication to this project was unmatched by volunteering for all 3 sessions. They were Jim Donnelly, Jim Hogan, Kevin Compton, Stan Conover, Matt Lewis and Frank Cecco. Thank-you gentlemen! Thanks to Donna DiMonte for roll patrol and Jim Donnelly and Rick DeVirgilio for supplying the meat and cheese. Thanks to the veteran slicing team who sliced 700 lbs. of meat and cheese in 2 hours! Thanks to the veggie shredder team and pepper crew who made up 1,700 individual cups of peppers. A special thanks to the best freezer packer and supply runner in the land, Dave Bravo! Lastly, thank-you Laurie Vercoe for all the behind the scenes work.

For their efforts, the following top 3 sellers will be catching big fish off the coast of New Jersey this June. They are: in third place with 96 hoagies sold - Stephen (sorry, no oil) Lessley. In second place with 107 hoagies sold - D J (I luv to fish!) Robinson. In first place with a total of 126 hoagies sold plus several donations was Michael (Mr. Subway) Bennett.

Congratulations Scouts and parents on another fine Hoagie Sale! I hope to see you all again next year.

*Your Hoagie Sale coordinator,  
Scott Vercoe*

## EAGLE HELP NEEDED

Chris Gorman's Eagle Project needs workers on Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup>, and June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be constructing a trailhead to the Chester Valley Bike trail starting at the end of Winding Way, Malvern/Frazer. Contact Chris Gorman. Parental consent is required.



## POTOMAC RIVER CANOE TRIP JUNE 19 - 21, 2009

Join Troop 78 as we venture out on our 2009 canoe trip! This year's trip will take place along a scenic section of the Upper Potomac River near Paw Paw, Maryland. On Friday evening, we will drive to our campsite in Little Orleans, MD, next to the famous Paw Paw tunnel, where the C&O Canal goes through a mountain. On Saturday, we'll paddle over 20 miles of the upper Potomac River. If you haven't canoed on this section of the Potomac (and for those of you who have done the Potomac trip the last several years, we'll be covering an additional section of the river that the Troop hasn't visited before), you'll be pleased by the area's beauty. The plant life is abundant, and we often see bald eagles along the river. Depending on the weather and water temperature, there will be time for canoe skill-building and for swimming. We will arrive back at our campsite before dinner. We will leave the Potomac on Sunday morning for our return trip.

Additional information will be available in the handout that will be distributed at an upcoming Troop meeting, but in the meantime, mark your calendar! This trip is a great way to get introduced to canoeing, and is a must for anyone interested in going on the Troop's Canadian wilderness canoe and portage trip. Hope to see you there!

## 2009 CANADA TRIP INFORMATION

Reminder: the 2009 Algonquin trip is fast approaching. There will be an informational meeting after the May 8<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting; all Scouts and parents that have signed up are required to attend.



## PASTA NIGHT

May 19, 2009

7:00 PM

Salad, Rolls and Butter  
Spaghetti, Meat Balls  
Pulled Pork/Broccoli-

Rabe/Provolone Cheese

Fresh Desserts, Coffee

\$15 (Adults only)

Thanks to all who have made this a success. This will be the last Pasta Dinner until Fall.

Don't miss out!

Call Joe Rubino or Joe Cady

The trip is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st thru Saturday, August 8th. The trip leader and the Scoutmaster, will make any decisions with respect to an individual's ability to meet the requirements for the trip. To register for this trip, you must provide a \$50.00 deposit to John Mateyk during May. The trip is will be limited to 18 people. Priority will be given to Scouts and Leaders of Troop 78 or Crew 78.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$400 per person, with full payment due in June. You can withdraw funds from your Scout Account for this trip. Scouts making the trip for the first time will receive a new canoe paddle for their use while in Troop 78!

A schedule for planning, food shopping, equipment checks, packing meetings, etc. will be distributed in May. All trip participants are required to attend a trip meeting to be scheduled in early June. Trip participants are also expected to attend at least 3 of the 5 planned shopping/packing meetings. We will need to prepare well over 200 meals for the trip.

All participants must:

- have a current US Passport. (This is important as a passport is now required for travel between the US and Canada.)
- be registered with Troop 78 or Crew 78
- provide the appropriate current medical form

If you have any questions, please call John Mateyk.

### THE TOP 10 THINGS I LEARNED ON MY FIRST CANADA TRIP

As the annual Canada trip draws near, I thought it would be fun to review a few things I learned on my first trip a few years ago.

- #1 The Troop bus has no shocks and solid rubber tires.
- #2 The Troop Scout leaders are The Worlds Loudest Snorers!
- #3 The mosquitoes collect more blood than the Red Cross.
- #4 Trail mix never tasted so good.
- #5 If the sign says "Do Not Try These Rapids".....believe it!
- #6 The air mattress is the second best camping invention ever made. In case you're still wondering.....it's the Tent stupid!
- #7 "Portage" is too tough to be a French word!
- #8 If its low fat, low carb, low calorie meals you want.....Stay Home!
- #9 The first night you're a little tired. The second night you're exhausted. The last few nights.....you feel you could do this Forever!
- #10 Absolutely, Positively, Do.... Not.... Capsize!

*Anonymous*

### THANKS, MOM---THANKS, DAD

While participating at the recent Hoagie Sale, I looked around at all the families and friends of '78's Scouts and wondered where the Troop would be without the participation of both Mom/Dad or Mom or Dad.

Scouting is a wonderful way for parents to interact with their boys— Mom, Dad, families can participate in Scouting by joining in the following activities:

- The Steeplechase Races at Radnor Hunt—see the races and volunteer your time for this community project to help run

the races (May)

- Annual Parents Day and Court of Honor (October and February)
- Field Day & Family Picnic (June)
- Annual Hoagie Sale—build hoagies (an experience to see) (April)

And Dad, there are many activities in which you can participate:

- Beach trip to Henlopen, DE
- Historical trips such as West Point, Antietam Battlefield, Quantico
- Matje Farm Winter trip for skiing, cross-country skiing, etc.
- Winter Camp for a Father-Son Weekend
- Pinewood Derby Weekend
- Klondike Derby
- Council First Aid Meet
- Order of the Arrow Banquet/Weekends (if you are a member)
- Florida Disney World trip
- Rafting, caving, backpacking, canoe trips; Hawk Mountain trip
- Horseshoe Summer Camp
- Annual Canadian Canoe Trip to Algonquin Park
- Plus other activities too numerous to mention

While Dad is going on camping and other trips, Mom is in the background, always there to transport the Scout to meetings, etc. and to encourage the Scout to enjoy Scouting and to advance along the Scouting trail.

Troop 78 has been around for 75+ successful years, and its success may well be attributed to not only its excellent leadership, but to the Dads and Moms supporting the Troop. Many opportunities are there for you to enjoy the Scouting experience with your son. Pick several of the activities and join in. You will be well rewarded.

*The Old Loon*



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