



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 2010

- 5/1 – Troop Yard Sale, Flower Sale & Bake Sale - 8AM to Noon
- 5/3 – Friends of Troop 78 (7:00 PM)
- 5/4 – Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 5/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 5/7 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/8-9 – **Blue Rocks Hike & Overnight**
- 5/11 – Council-wide Roundtable
- 5/14 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/15 – **Radnor Races - (Save This Date!)**
- 5/16 – Radnor Races Cleanup - 8AM
- 5/21 - TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 5/21-23 – OA Conclave

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**

NOTE:

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

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The May Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 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.

BLUE ROCKS
Family Campground

Cabela's
WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER®

BLUE ROCKS CAMPING AND CABELAS FOR MAY 2010

Our May camping trip will be to the Blue Rocks campground in Lenhartsville, Pennsylvania, not far from the Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary. Blue Rocks is a field of rock created by a glacier and thought to be about 350 million years old and is one of at least two such formations in Pennsylvania. We will be hiking along the Appalachian Trail rim for about 5 miles and end our hike at the Blue Rocks glacial field. The unusual geological formation at Blue Rocks will make for great hiking and exploration. Check it out on-line at www.bluerockscampground.com.

We'll gather at the Cabin at 6:45 AM and **leave from the Cabin at 7:00 AM sharp** on Saturday, May 8th. (See the related article on "late arrivals." Plan on being at the Cabin at least 20 minutes prior to our scheduled departure time.) We will head to the campgrounds for a day of trekking in the rocks. We will camp at the Blue Rocks Campground on Saturday night, and then on Sunday, after we pack up the bus, we'll head to nearby Cabelas in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. For those of you who have not been to Cabelas, you are in for a treat. Cabelas has one of the largest collections of outdoor gear in the world. It also features a wonderful display of taxidermy, with creatures

from the Arctic Circle to the African Plains being shown in natural habitat. Shop ahead and see the photos of the fabulous displays at Cabelas - <http://www.cabelas.com/hamburg-pennsylvania-store.shtml>.

As always, fathers are welcome to join us. Cost for fathers is \$20 per dad. Dad - If you've never camped with the Troop, this is the perfect opportunity! It's only for one night, you'll get a day of great exercise, and you get to go to Cabelas to boot (or "for boots," as the case may be)! Scouts, let your Patrol Leader know ASAP whether you and your father will be coming. A handout for this trip will be available at the April 30th meeting.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight
- Nalgene/water bottle
- Troop T-shirt (*must* be worn to Cabelas on Sunday)**
- Change of clothes; hat with visor
- Daypack for hiking
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Sweatshirt/pullover
- Wind-resistant, lined jacket*
- Gloves
- Warm hat (one to cover your ears)*
- Rain gear
- Sturdy hiking shoes or boots – **NO SNEAKERS on the hike!**
- Wool or synthetic hiking socks
- Toilet articles
- DRINKING CUP**
- Spending money for Cabelas

- Please check the weather for the Hamburg area before we leave. Expect the temperature to vary. Temperature at night will be much cooler than during the day. Bring the appropriate wardrobe.

LATE ARRIVAL POLICY – CAMPING TRIPS

Unfortunately, some Scouts – and some Scouters – have developed a bad habit of arriving right at our scheduled camping trip departure time – or of showing up after our scheduled departure time. The Troop policy is that we will leave the Cabin at our scheduled departure time. Plan on arriving at the Cabin 15 minutes prior to our scheduled departure time. **We will not wait for late arrivals.** Don't be the sad face standing in an empty parking lot – once we leave, we're gone. Get on the bus and be on time!



SNEAK PEAK – JUNE CAMPING TRIP

It's back by popular demand – Willistown Troop 78 will be heading back to the Lehigh River for rafting fun! Our June trip will be held the weekend of June 11 – 13. River authorities have scheduled a dam release for that weekend, so the water will be running fast and the rafting will be challenging!

We will do our whitewater rafting on Saturday, and then on Sunday, we'll head to the Lehigh Gorge Trail for a bike hike. Mr. Rothberg, whom most of you know as our Radnor Races HR coordinator, is also an accomplished cyclist, and he will be joining us on this scenic bike trip to help ensure that tires and egos stay inflated! The terrain will be smooth and pretty. Details on the trip will follow – but get ready for a day on the river, followed by a day on the bike trail – all sandwiched between great camping!

NEW ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBERS

Alex Krause
Kevin DeStefano
Connor Ritchie
Sean Tredinnick
Mr. Mike Tredinnick



LAST PASTA DINNER OF THE SEASON Tuesday, May 18, 7PM

Tossed Salad
Shrimp Scampi/Pasta
Baked Chicken and
Sausage/Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Coffee
Desserts
Adults Only
\$15.

Call Joe Cady [REDACTED] for
reservations.



RECORD SETTING HOAGIE MAKING!

Eighty minutes. Eighty minutes was all it took on a chilly April morning for Troop parents, friends, and committee members to assemble, wrap and package the 1200 hoagies our Boy Scouts sold in the annual Troop hoagie sale. Although official records have not been kept, it is believed to be a Troop record. Without the fantastic volunteer turnout, this important fundraising event would not be the success it has become. It is this selfless volunteerism of the people involved in Troop 78 that make this important event run so smoothly.

Thanks to Donna DiMonte for roll patrol, Stan Conover for supplying veggies, Jim Donnelly and Rick DeVirgilio for supplying meat and cheese, and Beth Herbst for running the pepper crew. A special thanks to Kevin Compton Sr. and Jim Hogan for their tireless effort in the do-it-all category!

This year's top 3 sellers are, in third place with 56 hoagies sold, Tim Shallack. In second place with 65 hoagies sold, Stephen Lessley. Our top finisher who sold close to 10% of the total hoagies is Mike Giandonato with 111 sold! For their efforts they will be going for big fish off the New

Jersey coast in June with Captain Bob Matje. Congratulations to all Scouts for another fine job! Thank you everyone for another successful hoagie sale. I look forward to working with you next year.

Scott Vercoe
Hoagie Sale Coordinator



SUMMER CAMP 2010 June 27th to July 11th It is not too late to register!

It is hard to believe but summer camp is just around the corner! Once again Troop 78 has reserved the Dan Beard campsite at Camp Horseshoe for two weeks starting Sunday, June 27th, and ending Sunday, July 11th. The basis for our scouting program is camping, and this two-week period is always the highlight of our scouting year.

The cost this year is \$305.00 per week. **In order to receive the discounted price, your balance must be paid by April 30th.** The late fee is an additional \$35 / week.

New this year, all scouts are required to have a physical using the new medical form (Annual Health and Medical Record form). Medical forms are only valid for 1 year from date of physician signature. **You will receive a free troop T-shirt if you complete your medical form by May 14th.**

If you have not received a camp packet with all the information or if you have any questions at all, please contact Mike Tredinnick at 610-993-[REDACTED] or Dave Schertz at 610-687-

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.



KANDERSTEG TRIP IS ON!

Nearly 65 Scouts and Scouters submitted applications to attend our scheduled trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in 2012. Our tentative plans have the group departing on Monday, July 23, 2012 and returning home on Sunday, August 5th.

The Planning Committee is still considering whether the group will visit another major city on the way to KISC, but the initial inclination is that we will build more activities in and around Kandersteg into our schedule. Potential side trips include visits to Lago Maggiore in northern Italy, famous for its cuisine and scenery; the Jungfrau region of Switzerland, where we will visit the mighty triple crests of Eiger (the "Ogre"), Monch (the "Monk") and Jungfrau (the "Young Maiden"), as well as Jungfraujoch, which is the highest train station in Europe; a day of whitewater rafting; an overnight in Alps mountain hut; a hiking trip to the Matterhorn; a dip in a glacial lake; glacier hiking and climbing for senior Scouts; and the infamous "Alpine slide run" to recover the skin that Mr. D. left there on his 2008 "Crash and Burn" run.

Potential participants will be receiving a notice of a mandatory meeting that will be held in May to review requirements for attending the trip. All are reminded that active participation in the Troop as well as active participation in fundraising events for this trip are requirements. Remember that participation in the Kandersteg trip is a privilege and not a right and that the Troop Committee Chair and the Scoutmaster have the final word as to whether any individual can participate in the trip.

We also want to remind Troop members that are not going on the KISC trip that you can benefit your

Scout Account by helping out with certain KISC fundraisers. For example, all Scouts that sold plants for the Mothers Day sale will receive 15% of the proceeds for their Scout Account. Similarly, Scouts that sell Scrip get half of the Troop's proceeds for their Scout Accounts. As we plan other fundraisers for KISC, please remember that you can support your fellow Scouts, and benefit yourself by helping to fund your Scout Account. Scout Account funds can be used for summer camp, Disney, Canada, the ski trip, the rafting trip, and other Troop outings for which an additional fee is required.

We are looking forward to returning to KISC. If you did not sign up and would like to be waitlisted as a participant, please see Mr. Bennett.



GETTYSBURG 2010 By David Finkelston

On April 16, 2010, I went on my first Boy Scout camping trip as a member of Troop 78. It was a 2-hour-long drive. When we got there, my tent buddy Harry and I set up our tent. We were lucky that it was not pouring rain outside, but, unfortunately, it was drizzling.

The next day was sunny but cold. We had breakfast and took a ten-mile hike around Gettysburg. We saw cannons, a lot of statues, and Meade's headquarters. We also went to the museum and saw the cyclorama. We got back to our campground and had dinner. Each patrol had to cook its own dinner. I am in Stag patrol. We had hotdogs and beans – it was awesome! There was a competition for dinner, and our patrol came in last.

The next day, we took a five-mile hike. My patrol finished first. I am so glad I went! My favorite part was the hike on Sunday.



ADULT LEADER TRAINING – STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL TROOP LEADERS

Chester County Council recommends that all adult leaders who interact with youth members be fully trained in their position. Unit committee members (committee chairmen and committee members) should also be fully trained in accordance with BSA training guidelines if interacting with youth members.

This means that registered adults should take online training or attend classes to become trained for their positions. Any adult leader who is regularly interacting with the Scouts (camping with the troop etc) should be working toward being trained as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Upcoming training sessions will be announced in the Troop newsletter and on the Troop website. Many training sessions are available online. For Assistant Scoutmasters, some 'classroom' training is needed as well as one outdoor session involving an overnight stay. Committee members can take all required courses on-line.

If you have questions about training requirements or courses, feel free to ask other adults that have taken the training or contact Sam Lemheney or Matt Lewis (our Troop training committee). Links and other resources are also available on the Training page on the Troop Website, <http://willistown78.org/training.html>.

To take online classes, you must first register with the online Scouting site. To do so, you will need your BSA ID number, which is on the bottom of your Scout registration card. If you do not have your card, it may be on the Scoutmaster's desk. The training website is <http://myscouting.org/>. As you complete each course, please print a copy of your completed training certificate and hand it in to Sam or Matt for our records.

The following training courses are either required or recommended: An * indicates that the course is available online.

REQUIRED:

Asst. Scoutmaster & Scoutmaster Training Requirements

- Youth Protection Training* - renew every 2 years
- Fast Start*
- This is Scouting*
- Scoutmaster Leader Specific
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLST)

Committee Member Training Requirements - if Interacting with Youth Members

- Youth Protection Training* - renew every 2 years
- Fast Start*
- This is Scouting*
- Troop Committee Challenge*

RECOMMENDED: (A Troop must have at least one adult in attendance who is trained in the following in order to conduct outdoor activities.)

- Adult CPR training – valid for one year if Red Cross, two years if American Heart Assoc.
- Hazardous Weather* - valid for 2 years
- Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat * - valid for 2 years
- Climb on Safely* - valid for 2 years
- Trek Safely* - valid for 2 years

DON'T FORGET THE YARD SALE, MAY 1, 8 AM TO NOON

Also Recommended

- Physical Wellness* - valid for 2 years
- Generational Diversity*
- Merit Badge Counselor Training
- Leave No Trace
- Wilderness First Aid
- Chainsaw Training (to operate a chainsaw at Horseshoe)



SCRIP SUCCESS STORIES

By now everyone has heard about Scrips and how 50% of profits go towards your son's scout account. BUT you may not have heard about some of the success stories. So I would like to tell you of a few big ones and some small and steady ones.

The first family was making a furniture purchase at Boscov's. They purchased over \$3000 worth of Boscov's cards with an 8% return. This gave a return of \$262 with half into their son's Scout account. He has \$131 towards summer camp or KISC. Do you realize that this is almost *half a week* to summer camp?

The second family buys on a regular basis for groceries, dining out and

movies. They also told me that they have reached out to their boy's grandparents and aunt. They have brought in \$380 for the year. Their boys have \$190 in their account and plan on letting it build up to help cover the cost of "Big Trip" to KISC.

The third family buys their Giant cards every month and has brought in \$170. This gives them an extra \$85 in their son's Scout account, almost a third of summer camp for a week.

The fourth family is my steady customer. Every week the wife comes in and buys a Giant and a WAWA. Since December, she has brought in \$49, which and gives \$24.50 in her son's account - a lot of money for a short period that shows how quickly it can add up.

These families have realized that they can make more money by using scrips then using a credit card. The average credit cards only pays 1% and you could make more and have it put towards your son's Scout account. Grocery shopping will pay 4%, so you get 2% towards your son's Scout account, and 2% will go towards "The Big Trip", which if your son is going, it is an even bigger return.

The next order will be placed on May 9th and in for the meeting on Friday the 14th. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jim and Claire Hogan
Troop 78 Scripp Coordinators
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RADNOR RACES
SAT, MAY 15 & SUNDAY MAY 16, 2010

Radnor Race weekend is coming up on Saturday & Sunday, May 15th & 16th. 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 15. 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 OPEN SPACE IN OUR AREA
- EARN MONEY IN YOUR SCOUT ACCOUNT

In the unlikely event that you have not yet responded, please do so now. If your schedule has changed and you now have a few more hours to spare, let us know.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SATURDAY, MAY 15 & SUNDAY, MAY 16