



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2006

- 10/2 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 10/3 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 10/6 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/8 – ANNUAL TROOP DINNER AND COURT OF HONOR
- 10/12 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 10/13 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/14 & 15 – Radnor International Three-Day Event
- 10/17 (Tues) – *Pasta Dinner at cabin – adults, parents, and leaders (7 PM)*
- 10/20-22 Council Camporee at Hibernia Park
- 10/27 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/28 – Den Chief Training at Siemens, Great Valley Corporate Center
- 10/30 – *Friends of Troop 78 Directors' Meeting (7:30 PM)*

NOVEMBER 2006

- 11/3 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 11/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 11/7 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 11/9 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 11/10-12 Troop Backpacking Trip
- 11/14 (Tues) – *Pasta Dinner at cabin – adults, parents, and leaders (7 PM)*
- 11/17 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)

DECEMBER 2006

- 12/1 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 12/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
- 12/6 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 12/8 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 12/14 – *Diamond Rock Holiday Roundtable*
- 12/15 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) and Holiday Party
- 12/18 – *Friends of Troop 78 Directors' Meeting (7:30PM)*

KEY: Camping Trips and Major Troop Events: in Bold

TROOP MEETINGS: underlined and in ALL CAPITALS

Adult Leader Only Meetings: in Italics



WILLISTOWN TROOP 78 TROOP DINNER AND COURT OF HONOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006

TIME: 2:30 PM
(SCOUTS ARRIVE AT 2:15 PM)

PLACE: TROOP 78 CABIN
15 MILL ROAD
(When our parking lot is filled, please park at the Baseball Fields Next Door)

Each family is asked to bring a vegetable or side dish (last names beginning A-L) or a salad (last names beginning M-Z). The troop will provide meat and vegetarian Lasagna, rolls and butter, and beverage.

Contact your Patrol Leader so we may have an accurate headcount.

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- PRESENTATION OF MERIT BADGES AND RANK ADVANCEMENT
- SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD
- PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARD
- HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2005-06 SCOUT YEAR AND CANADA TRIP
- EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

**SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS:
PLEASE WEAR YOUR COMPLETE UNIFORM**



EMAIL NEWSLETTER??

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter sent to your email account, please send a note to newsletter@willistown78.org. We will also continue to send a paper copy via "snail mail" to all registered scouts and leaders.

Any suggestions and/or comments about what you would find useful in this newsletter would be greatly appreciated. Remember, scouts receive credit toward their troop neckerchief for writing an article for the newsletter. Please send your articles for publication to newsletter@willistown78.org by the 20th of each month.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Cameron Gilbert
- 10/8 Austin Swarbrick
- 10/10 Cole Osborne
- 10/18 Jimmy Hogan
- 10/19 Joe Mastrangelo
- 10/21 Chance Griffiths
- 10/22 Kevin McCarthy
- 10/27 Jon Urban



◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ ADULT PASTA DINNERS

**OCTOBER 17, 2006
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

AT THE CABIN

7:00 PM

\$15.00

RESERVATIONS:

Joe Cady,

**COME, BRING A FRIEND
SUPPORT YOUR TROOP
GREAT FOOD!!
FABULOUS DESSERTS!!**



NEW DADS NEEDED!

The Troop Committee meeting for October will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 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 and to get involved in troop activities.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our two newest Order of the Arrow members: Zach Davis and Cole Osborne. Both successfully completed their ordeal during the September OA weekend.



POPCORN SALE

The 2006 Popcorn Sale has begun. The sale started on September 18th and runs until October 27th. This is a very important fundraiser for the Boy Scouts in general and for Troop 78 specifically. It's also a great way for scouts to earn money for their Scout Accounts. Last year's total sales were just over \$8,300. Of this total, about \$2,500 came back to the Troop and was split evenly between Troop funds and Scout Accounts. This means that \$1,250 went directly into individual scout accounts. Unfortunately, last year's numbers could have been even more impressive except that we received zero sales from our traditionally strong showing at Radnor Hunt, which was pretty much a wash out.

Last year's top 5 seller's were:

Austin Swarbrick	\$2,727 (good for 3 rd overall in Diamond Rock District)
Dan Dufoe	\$ 908
Jon Urban	\$ 521
Kevin McCarthy	\$ 396
Alex Frees	\$ 378

Our Troop goal this year is for each scout to sell at least \$100 worth of popcorn. This means selling from 5 to 10 items, which is really not that much. Sales to aunts, uncles, and

grandparents alone can help you reach that number. And here's a great sales hint: a popcorn "care package" makes a welcome gift for brothers and sisters away at college. They are always looking for late night munchies and popcorn, microwavable or one of the pre-popped tins, is ideal. In addition to the money that gets credited to Scout Accounts, scouts are eligible to win all sorts of prizes based on the amount of popcorn they sell. These prizes include scout items like pocketknives, tents, and compasses plus cash gift cards and other prizes.

The Troop has several Troop-sponsored sales events setup. They are:

Saturday September 30th 7-9:30PM at Exton Mall
Sunday October 8th 11AM-2PM at Exton Mall
Sat-Sun October 14th and 15th all day at Radnor Hunt

We need scouts to volunteer to sell popcorn at the two Exton Mall events (Radnor Hunt will be taken care of separately). We need up to 6 scouts for each sale date. We also need one or two parents to help with the event. Any scout who participates in these sales gets credit for the sales generated. If you are interested, please contact **Bill Belleville** (wjbelleville@comcast.net) ASAP. This will be a first-come, first served opportunity.

So let's get out there and promote scouting and sell some popcorn. Let's make this year's event the best yet. Please contact **Bill Belleville** with any questions, suggestions, or offers to help.

THANKS!

The Adult Pasta Dinner men and some of their wives participated in a local family fund-raiser affair—by doing what they do best—cook. For their efforts, a generous donation was given to the troop.

Thanks guys and gals!

The Troop Committee



RADNOR RACES INTERNATIONAL THREE DAY EVENT

Once again Troop 78 has agreed to supply much of the personnel needed to conduct this year's Radnor International Three-Day Event on Saturday and Sunday October 14 and 15, 2006. This is a world-class equestrian event featuring Olympic caliber competition.

Willistown Troop 78 is again the official beneficiary of the Radnor Three Day Event. We hope this will be rewarding, but it does entail greater responsibilities. We need a strong commitment from our "Troop Family" to fulfill these tasks.

We are counting on your help. Besides our usual full contingent on **Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15** for the event itself, we need a strong showing on **Saturday, October 7** to set-up the racecourse, as well as a solid group for taking down the course on **Saturday, October 14** around 4–6 P.M (having a pick-up truck is a real bonus for set-up and take-down). We especially need help during **"PRIME TIME"** between NOON and 3 PM. This is when the bulk of the crowd arrives. Any time you can give us during that period is extremely important.

This is a wonderful chance to attend a premier equestrian sporting event for free. *It is also an opportunity to add to Scout accounts that help pay for your scout's participation in the Troop's major trips.* **We urge you to bring your children or other family and friends to help us out.**

Thanks in advance for your support.
WE NEED YOU!

Sincerely,
Brian Rothberg
BRICYCLE@COMCAST.NET



**CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
CAMPOREE
SCOUT SURVIVOR
Outsmart, Outbuild, Outlash**

**OCTOBER 20-22, 2006
HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK**

MEET AT THE CABIN AT 5:30 PM on
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
THE BUS WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY
AT 6:00 PM
BUS ARRIVES BACK ON SUNDAY
MORNING ABOUT 10:30 AM

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping Bag
- sleeping pad
- Uniform (complete Class A, short pants)
- Extra Clothes
- Rain gear
- Scout Handbook (if under First Class)
- water bottle or canteen,
- Drinking cup
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, small towel
- flashlight
- extra shoes and socks
- sweatshirt or coat (weather dependant)

Pack in a soft duffle bag (no suitcases or wheels). Arrive in uniform. We will be walking only a short distance the parking lot to our campsite.

PREPARATION:

SCOUTS must tell your Patrol leader whether you are going by **Monday Night, October 16th**. You should call him back as soon as possible if your plans change. **Cancellations after Wednesday will be subject to a \$15 fee for purchased food.**

PATROL LEADERS should get their Patrol count to the SPL by Monday night. You or your Assistant will meet at the front of the Paoli Acme on

Thursday, October 19th at 7 PM to shop for patrol food. Bring your approved, typewritten menu with ingredients and quantities with you.

PATROL QUARTERMASTERS will meet at the cabin on **Wednesday, October 18th** at 7 PM to sort needed patrol and troop equipment, and load the truck and bus.

ASPL's and Junior Leaders should let Allen Schertz know if you are going and for which meals you intend to be there.

ADULT LEADERS and Dads needed to attend. Please let Steve D'Antonio. (sdantonio@comcast.net or know if you can go and which meals you'll be eating with us. We will ask for \$15 for food from all Adult Leaders. (No charge for Scouts).

**HORSESHOE SUMMER
CAMP
JUNE 25 - JULY 7, 2006
WEEK 1**

By Sean Tredinnick



This was the first time I have gone to Horseshoe and I thought it would be dry and hot. But instead it was wet and cold because it poured the first three days of camp. And on top of that all water merit badges were cancelled too. Since this was my first year at camp, we had to do TrailBlazers. We also had some games that we did some nights too. On Tuesday night the Troop auction was held the troop made more then one-thousand dollars too!

**RADNOR RACES THANK
YOU**

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

June 2006

On behalf of the Troop Committee, I want to thank you for your efforts at this spring's Radnor Event. 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.

Because of the uncertain weather early in the day, a huge percentage of the crowd arrived within a very short time period. This was a real test for us, but as is so often the case, we came through with a great effort. We fielded a large and capable crew on Sunday morning and exceeded our own high standards for clean-up. ***Thanks so much for your fabulous efforts.***

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!

Our troop has many new members this year and it was wonderful to see so many of the newcomers join our veteran members and our legendary corps of "Old-Timers." Together we put forth the kind of effort that would be astonishing in the average organization, but was just business as usual for Troop 78.

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 at the International Three-Day Event:

ARLES*
 ASHMAN
 BALMAT *
 BELLEVILLE
 BENE
 BENNETT
 CADY*
 CASEY
 CECCO
 CHOW
 COMPTON
 CONOVER
 D'ANTONIO *
 DARLINGTON*
 DAVIDSON
 DAVIS
 DAVISON*
 DESTEFANO
 DeVIRGILIO *
 DIMONTE
 DONDERO *
 DONDERO
 DORE
 DUDT
 DUFOE
 EBERHART
 FLIPSE*
 FOX
 FREES
 FREY
 GORMAN
 HALLETT
 HEEGARD *
 HOGAN
 HUNGERBUHLER
 HUNTER
 HURLEY *
 LANG
 LAUMER
 LEWIS *
 LEWIS *
 LONGENECKER *

MASTRANGELO
 MATEYK
 MATJE *
 MATSINGER
 McCARTHY
 McDONALD
 McFADDEN
 McMICHAEL
 MILLER
 NAGY
 NESSLE
 NEWBOULD
 OSBORNE
 POIDOMANI
 RAVEN
 REBER*
 RICHEY
 ROBINSON
 ROTHBERG *
 RUBINO *
 SCHERTZ
 SHAY *
 SHERIDAN
 SIEGLE
 SMITH
 SMITH
 STEVENS *
 SWARBRICK
 SYBRANDT
 TERRELL
 TREDINNICK
 TROWILL *
 ULLMAN*
 URBAN
 VERCOE
 WANG
 WEILER
 WILLIAMSON
 ZOLL

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!

No Radnor Races thank you would be complete without singling out Bob Matje, Sr. He works on this event for much of the year; attending meetings and spending countless hours on the phone coordinating the infrastructure of the Radnor Races. Bob is at Radnor Hunt the week before the Races (ably assisted by 78's hard-working retiree corps) and returns long after the last clean-up crew has left. Radnor Races plays a crucial part in the health of the Troop. Bob Matje, Sr.'s hard work and dedication makes that possible. *THANK YOU*



POINSETTIA SALE COMING!

Immediately following the popcorn sale we will again be selling beautiful poinsettia plants to decorate our homes. This year we are hoping to pick up on some business orders, so if your company buys poinsettias to decorate the office, please see if they would be interested in supporting the local scout troop. **This needs to be done this month!** The plants can be delivered the last week in November or the first week in December.

Single plants are \$9 and Triple plants are \$19. Many colors are available. Please contact Renee Miller (newsletter@willistown78.org) or for more details.

IT'S ESCRIP RENEWAL TIME!

Every year you must renew your commitment to donate a portion of your Genuardi's receipts to Friends of Troop 78. Just go to www.escrip.com and click on the renew button, or sign up to join. Our group's ID number is **151278872**. **Once you sign up there is nothing more to do!**

Thanks for your help!

FOR SALE

Camp Trails Shasta Backpack.

Lightly used...perfect for a younger scout

Size: Small (up to 5'3" tall)

Capacity: 4605 cu. In.

Weight: 3 lbs. 10 oz.

Original price: \$99.95

Make offer. See Renee Miller at the cabin, or contact her at (newsletter@willistown78.org).



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