



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2007

- 10/1 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30-8:30PM)
- 10/2 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 10/5 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/7 – ANNUAL TROOP DINNER AND COURT OF HONOR
- 10/9 – Pasta Night at the cabin 7PM
- 10/11 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 10/12-14 **District Camporee at Fort Mifflin**
- 10/13 – **Radnor Horse Trials**
- 10/19 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/26 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 10/27 – Den Chief Training at Siemens, Great Valley Corp. Ctr.
- 10/29 – *Friends of Troop 78 Directors' Meeting* 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2007

- 11/1 (Thurs) – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- 11/3-4 – Staff Trip
- 11/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 -8:30PM)
- 11/6 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
- 11/8 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
- 11/8 (Thurs) – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
- Poinsettia Money Due for Corporate Orders to be delivered 11/17
- 11/10 – **Outback Fundraising Dinner**
- 11/13 – *Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Cabin*
- 11/17- 18 – **Backpacking Trip** Poinsettia Money Due for Orders to be delivered 12/1
- 11/28 – Readyman for 4th Grade Webelos (help needed)
- 11/30 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM) (Readyman)

NOTE: **Camping Trips/major events shown in: Bold,**
TROOP MEETINGS: underlined in CAPITALS
Adult Leader Only Meetings: in Italics

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Cameron G
- 10/10 Cole O
- 10/18 Jimmy H
- 10/21 Bradley B
- 10/22 Kevin M
- 10/27 Richard W

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The Troop Committee meeting for October will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00PM 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.

ADULT PASTA DINNER

at the Scout Cabin

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

7:00 PM

\$15.00

Sponsored by
Men of the Troop
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!!



MOMS' HOMEMADE DESSERTS
 RESERVATIONS, PLEASE:

Joe Cady

COME OUT-SUPPORT THE TROOP!

**HOLD THIS DATE---NEXT MONTH
 NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

DANCE TEAM WANTS YOU

Ever thought about Indian dancing? There are still openings on the Troop's renowned Native American Dance Team. Learn Native American dances and lore. Build your own regalia. We perform about once a month for Cub Scout packs and other youth and community groups. Sound interesting? Contact "Doc" Lenker or Mike Dufoe for more information.



GO GREEN – OPT OUT OF THE PAPER NEWSLETTER



If you would like to opt out of receiving a *paper* copy of the newsletter in addition to the **electronic** version, please send an email to newsletter AT willistown78.org.

6 MONTH SUMMARY

by Tim Schallack

It has been just over 6 months since I crossed over from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts and Troop 78. What I have learned, experienced, the friends I have made in that short time will stay with me for a lifetime. I wanted to summarize those 6 months, but I can't, so I am going to skip to Camp Horseshoe this summer. Altogether it was awesome!! I went with a few friends that I crossed over with but there were lots of new boys there to meet and make friends with. Trailblazers was the most of my time at summer camp. We learned a lot of knots. I made lots of new friends. The best was the end of Trailblazers when we had our own field day! I am really enjoying being a Boy Scout and proud to be part of Troop 78.

RADNOR HORSE TRIALS - OCTOBER 13, 2007

As you are probably already aware, the Radnor 3-Day Fall Event has been cancelled for at least this year. The 3-Day is completely independent of the Radnor Races that are held each year in May. Troop 78 is, of course, fully committed to the Spring Radnor Races.

Our Troop supported the Fall 3-Day for many years, and most recently was the named beneficiary of the event. Last year, when the 3-Day announced that it was suspending activities, Troop 78 promised our help for any future activities they might want to try. This was a way to say "thank-you" for the tremendous financial support the 3-Day afforded our Scouting program.

Well, the folks at Radnor are holding the Radnor Horse Trials on Saturday, October 13 and we need to help. Because this is the first year for this event, the exact scope of our

responsibilities is unclear. We plan at a minimum to park cars in one lot and take care of trash pick-up.

I ask you now to put aside SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 to help us. I will be in contact with you as we get more details. That is the same weekend as the District Camporee and that should be the very first priority of all our Scouts. Likewise for any Dads who would be at the Camporee to help Steve and the Troop. I am optimistic we can take care of our responsibilities without those people.

I will be back in touch as we get closer to October 13 and get more details.

I am confident that Troop 78 can take care of this event as we have done so successfully through our many Radnor outings.

Thanks so very much.

Brian Rothberg

TROOP 78 BSA REGISTRATION

Willistown Troop 78 needs to register all Scouts and adults each year with the Boy Scouts of America. Registration fees covering 2008 are the same as 2007. New this year is a reduced Senior rate.

The annual registration fee covers some of the cost of going on trips including fuel for the bus, the food on trips, a subscription to Boys' Life (one per household), and troop specific uniform pieces (patches, neckerchief).

2008 Troop 78 Registration Fees

- First Scout \$65
- Each additional Scout in a family \$50
- Venture Crew \$35
- Adults \$50
- 1st Year Dads \$35
- Seniors (age 65+) \$35

Dads, please show your support for your son and the Boy Scout program by registering as an adult. Registration also helps the Troop by making you eligible to attend Scout camping trips and to serve as a Merit Badge counselor, where you can share your experiences and knowledge with the boys in the Troop.

Registration form and check is due by **November 6, 2007.**

For a form or questions, please contact Dave Schertz at
or e-mail me at
Troop78registrar AT verizon.net

PLENTY OF SEATS LEFT FOR THE OUTBACK/KISC LUNCHEON!



Please review the attached Outback Steakhouse order form to raise funds and help send our Scouts to the Kandersteg

International Scout Camp in Switzerland next summer.

There are plenty of seats left for this very important fundraiser. **All orders are due to Scott Vercoe by Friday, October 26th!** If your son is attending this trip, we hope your family will take advantage of this deal-of-a-meal. For others involved with the Troop but not going on the trip, we sure could use your support! Just mail in your check and order form and show up hungry at Outback Steakhouse on Saturday, November 10th!

*The Europe Trip Planning Committee
Thanks You!*

USED UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Don't buy that new uniform. . . yet! First check with Mrs. Jeanne Eberhart (Noah's mother), our used uniform exchange manager. Used uniforms are available at the cabin. You can bring any outgrown uniform parts that you no longer need to the cabin and leave them on the filing cabinet in the hallway.



To Miles Stevens for coordinating the repair of the bus, which broke down in New Jersey when the Scouts were returning from their Wharton State Park trip. When the alternator was replaced, Jim and Gladys Donnelly drove Miles to the repair shop and followed him back from New Jersey—a 120 mile round-trip. That's 78!!! Pitch in!!!

The Troop Committee

JERSEY DEVIL OR BAD LUCK?

By Duncan "Giggles" O'Hara

On a sunny Friday afternoon, many Boy Scouts gathered at the cabin of Troop 78. This was to be the first camping trip of the new school year. We were on our way to Brigantine Beach and the Pine Barrens, home of the "Jersey Devil": the legendary horse/dog/goat/lizard/bat monster that haunts the Pine Barrens and surrounding areas. I, personally, was looking forward to seeing this creature. We were almost to our campsite when we came to a bridge with a weight limit. This was the perfect time for a "fire drill". So we got off of the bus and walked across the old wooden bridge. We set up our tents in the drizzle and slept to the sound of the pattering rain.

We woke up to the chilly air of a Saturday morning. The ground was soggy but our cereal was not. The clouds engulfed the sky in a blanket of gray. We expected our beach trip to be short. The weather improved as the day went on. The waves were perfect for body surfing. We returned to our camp for a Patrol cookout of tasty tacos. That evening we explored the Ocean City Boardwalk. We returned to our campsite, tired and sunburned. I think I was asleep before my head hit the pillow.

We broke camp Sunday morning. We enjoyed donuts, cereal and fresh from the cooler orange juice. We thought our adventure was over when we piled back onto the bus, but how wrong we were. We had stopped for gas and we loaded back onto the bus ready for our journey home. After a few minutes of no forward progress, Mr. D had us get off of the bus again. A kind man at the gas station gave us a jumpstart and we were on our way again. We drove for about 20 minutes when the bus pulled off the road for the last time. Our trusty Boy Scout Willistown Troop 78 bus could go no further. With a tear in our eye, we left her on the road and took a NJ Transit bus to the train station. Our journey ended as the R5 pulled into the Paoli train station. Some blame the "Jersey Devil" for the breakdown; I personally believe it is all bad luck.

POINSETTIA SALE UPDATE



The annual Poinsettia Sale will start soon and we are hoping for more corporate orders this year. Parents, please contact your company and find out if they would like to support the Scouts! The colors for corporate orders are red, white, and marble and they come in two sizes: Single – \$10, and Triple – \$20 (these are huge!). These are outstanding plants from a Lancaster County nursery. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Robinson. More details will follow.

BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LOGO CONTEST

Calling all Scouts to a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be part of BSA history in the making by participating in the BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration National Logo Contest!

In honor of BSA's 100th anniversary, the National Council has launched a contest to inspire the very best design for the anniversary celebration logo. Every registered Scout is eligible to participate. The winning design will become the official symbol for this very important BSA milestone. It will be placed on all official celebration materials and will become a treasured BSA icon for generations to come.

Every logo contest entrant will receive a commemorative certificate and patch from the National Council recognizing their effort.

A distinguished panel of judges will select winners in several categories. The winner in each category will receive a trip, along with an adult guardian, to a May 2008 recognition ceremony at the BSA National Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

Entries can be submitted by individuals and by groups! Entry forms, rules and details can be found on the BSA 100th Anniversary Web site. Deadline for entries is **November 30, 2007.**

<https://scoutnet.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/NationalLogoContest.aspx>



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