



# Newsletter

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## capCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2008

10/2 (Thurs) – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
 10/5 – ANNUAL TROOP DINNER and COURT OF HONOR  
 10/6 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)  
 10/7 – *Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review* (7:00 PM)  
 10/9 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*  
**10/10-12 – Hawk Mountain Trip**  
 10/17 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
 10/24 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
 Popcorn Money Due – Poinsettia Sale begins  
 10/25 – Den Chief Training at Siemens, Great Valley Corp. Ctr.

### NOVEMBER 2008

11/3 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 - 8:30 PM)  
 11/4 – *Troop Committee Mtg. & Board of Review* (7:00 PM)  
 11/7 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
 Poinsettia Money Due for Corporate Orders to be delivered 11/24  
 11/13 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*  
**11/14-16 – Backpacking Trip**  
 11/20 – Readyman for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Weblelos (help needed)  
 11/21 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)  
 (Readyman) Poinsettia Money Due for Regular Orders to be delivered 12/6

### NOTE:

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

TROOP MEETINGS: *underlined in CAPITALS*  
*Adult Leader Only Meetings: in Italics*

## NEW DADS NEEDED!

The October Troop Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7<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.

## WILLISTOWN

### TROOP 78

## ANNUAL FAMILY DINNER & COURT OF HONOR



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

**TIME: 3 PM (SCOUTS ARRIVE AT 2:45 PM; Patrol Leaders 2PM)**

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

All Troop Families Invited! **Each family is asked to bring a salad (last names beginning A-L) or a vegetable or side dish (last names beginning M-Z).** The Troop will provide meat and vegetarian Lasagna, rolls and butter, and a beverage. Dessert will also be provided.

Scouts, please 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 2007-08 SCOUT YEAR & EUROPE TRIP
- EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

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



## OCTOBER'S CAMPING TRIP IS "FOR THE BIRDS"

On Friday, October 10, 2008 Willistown Troop 78 is heading to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation ([www.hmsr.org](http://www.hmsr.org)) for the weekend. HMSR, a beautiful Scouting facility, is about 90 minutes from the Cabin, and is the home camp for the Hawk Mountain Council. From HMSR, we will head to nearby Hawk Mountain Sanctuary ([www.hawkmountain.org](http://www.hawkmountain.org)), a world-renown facility for observing migratory raptors, such as hawks, eagles and osprey. The weekend we have selected is a premier weekend for spotting migrating species, so this trip presents a unique opportunity to all who attend. We will be hiking at the Sanctuary as well. The Troop will also be hosting some second year Webelos while we are at Hawk Mountain, and we would like to have a strong showing of new and experienced Troop 78 members in attendance. Don't miss it!

We will leave from the Cabin on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, and will return to the Cabin on Sunday by about 1:00 PM. A reminder that Scouts must stay and help unpack the bus and stow the equipment **before** they are free to go home!

A handout on the Hawk Mountain trip, including a packing list, is available at the Cabin. Once again, fathers are welcome to join us. Because of the admission fee at the Sanctuary, adults will be charged \$25 for this trip. As usual, there is no charge for Scouts.

Scouts may be interested in pursuing the Bird Study Merit Badge, based on activities that can be conducted at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Check out the requirements at [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Bird\\_Study](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Bird_Study).

Don't let this trip "fly" on by – join us at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary on the weekend of October 10<sup>th</sup>!

## 2008 POINSETTIA SALE IS FAST APPROACHING!

Believe it or not, it's time to think about the Poinsettia Sale. Packets will be handed out at the October 24<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting. Important dates to remember:

- Sale Dates: 10/24 through 11/21
- CORPORATE money and orders due: 11/7
- INDIVIDUAL money and orders due: 11/21
- CORPORATE plants delivered: 11/24
- INDIVIDUAL plants delivered: 12/6

Plant prices remain at \$10 for Singles and \$20 for Triples. Scouts will receive a portion of the proceeds in their Scout Account. Last year we sold a total of 985 plants! Let's do the Troop 78 thing and top ourselves this year!

For questions or more information, contact Stephanie Robinson.

## POPCORN SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all that took part in the Show and Sell events that have passed.

Anyone can set up a location and do their own, "Show and Sell", just let your Patrol Popcorn Parent know when and where it will take place and you will be able to get the popcorn from them for the sale. The Scouts that participate will receive credit for their efforts in their Scout Accounts along with the sheet sales.

You can also receive popcorn for door to door sales if you like. This has proven to be an effective way for some and also saves a return trip to drop off popcorn at a later date. Again, contact your Popcorn Patrol Parent for supplies.

Important Dates:

- October 24<sup>th</sup>: ALL SHEET ORDERS AND MONEY DUE
- NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>: Orders will be ready for pickup at the cabin

Following is a list of Patrols and the parents in charge of each :

- Panther: Shallack
- Rattlesnake: Chow
- Moose: Robinson
- Stag: Lang
- Cougar: McDonald
- Flying Eagle: NO PARENT VOLUNTERED, please contact Mr. Conover
- Leaders Group: Gorman

Please look for emails from the individual Patrol Parent and Mr. Conover for updates.

REMEMBER - This is a major fundraiser for the troop that helps pay for expenses throughout the year. All those goodies like a cabin to meet in, electric, gas for the bus, food for camping trips, the cost of those trips etc., etc., etc., the list is almost endless...OH, BY THE WAY .....Did I mention a BUS, we have one...this is another major expense. Show and Sells count for boosting patrol totals and individual Scouts receive credit in their Scout Accounts for the time put into these sales.

Our Troop goal this year is \$17,500 and each Scout is expected to provide a minimum of \$150.00 in sheet sales. PARENTS GET INVOLVED....any Scout that has sold large volumes always had the parents help...it is worth the effort.

## CABIN CLEANING

June 6 we had a great crew of folks show up to pitch in and clean the inside and the outside of the cabin. This was quite a hot day and there was plenty of activity on the inside and the outside. Thanks to the following Scouts for helping: Mark Matsinger, Luke Conover, Matt d'Abruzzo, Dan Dufoe, Eli Bravo, Chris Gorman, Trevor Conover, Keegan Weiler, Kevin Compton, Nolan Dondero, Austin Tomlinson, Steven Leslie, and D. J. Robinson. Thank you to the following adults who

came out to help: Mr. Weiler, Mr. Dufoe, Mr. Bravo, Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart, Mr. and Mrs. Mateyk, Mrs. Leslie, Mr. Dondero, and especially Mr.D'Antonio.

We were able to scrub the inside of the cabin from ceiling to floor, clean the outside of the cabin, and get the grounds set up for Family day. Thanks to all who came to clean the cabin and for the over 100 hours that were volunteered on a Saturday to keep our cabin in top shape. A special thank you to Gladys Donnelly for pitching in to clean the refrigerator and the chairs in the Committee Room.

## RADNOR THANK YOU

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

On behalf of the Troop Committee, Mike Dufoe and 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.

In spite of a little early mud, conditions were great, as was the group of people that came out to help us. An unannounced reconfiguration of Gate 4, as well as some unfortunate incidents on the race course itself, tested our ability to handle the unexpected. We were able to react to the situations and allow the Event to proceed as planned. We broke last year's attendance record at Sunday clean-up and again were able to finish in two hours. *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 enjoy yourself too!

As the Troop grows, it is gratifying to see many new faces join our veteran members and our legendary corps of

"Old-Timers." Together, we once again put forth the kind of effort that most groups could only dream about; just another day at the Races for Troop 78.

THANKS AGAIN!  
Very sincerely,  
Brian Rothberg

-Mike Dufoe has continued in his role as person in charge of making recruiting phone calls. We could not take care of this event without his help.

-During our lightning-quick Sunday morning clean-up, we again had an age difference of over EIGHTY (that's right 80) years in our crew; between Kimberly Tyson and Jim Donnelly. I am still not disclosing which one was the oldest.

-Don Tyson, besides working closely with Bob Matje, coordinates our entire security effort. The job gets bigger and more difficult every year. Don's level of dedication, coordination, and effort is just amazing.

-Finally, no Radnor Races thank-you would be complete without a special tribute to Bob Matje, Sr. Bob is assisted on the official Race Committee by me and Don Tyson, but in his position on the Executive Committee, virtually every detail of the infrastructure of the entire Radnor Races goes directly through him. Bob's dedication to Troop 78 as well as the Radnor Races is an amazing thing to witness.

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 next May.

BENE  
BENNETT  
BENYO\*  
BRAVO  
CADY\*  
CASEY  
CECCO  
CHOW  
CLERKIN  
COMPTON  
CONOVER  
D'ANTONIO \*  
D'ANTONIO\*

DARLINGTON\*  
DAVIDSON  
DAVIS  
DESTEFANO  
DeVIRGILIO \*  
DIMONTE  
DONDERO \*  
DONDERO  
DONNELLY\*  
DUDT  
DUFOE  
DUNCAN  
EBERHART  
FREES  
GIVONETTI\*  
GORMAN  
HEEGARD\*  
HEILMAN  
HERBST  
HOGAN  
HUNTER  
HURLEY \*  
KEMMERER  
LANG  
LASURE  
LePARD  
LESSLEY  
LEWIS \*  
LEWIS \*  
LOCK  
LOTZ  
MATEYK  
MATJE \*  
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MATSINGER  
McDONALD  
MILLER  
NEFF  
NESSLE  
NICHTER  
O'HARA  
PERRY  
POIDOMANI  
RAVEN  
RICHEY  
RILEY  
RITCHIE  
ROBINSON  
ROTHBERG \*  
RUBINO \*  
SAUNDERS  
SCHALLACK  
SCHERTZ  
SHAY \*  
SILVIA  
SMITH  
STEVENS \*  
TERRELL  
TOMLINSON  
TREDINNICK  
TROWILL \*

TYSON\*  
TYSON\*  
URBAN  
VERCOE  
WANG  
WEILER  
WILLIG

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!

### TROOP 78 BSA REGISTRATION

Troop 78 registration fees will soon be due. Willistown Troop 78 needs to register all Scouts and adults each year with the Boy Scouts of America. Registration fees covering 2009 are the same rate as 2008.

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).

2009 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 for attending any Scout camping trip and for serving 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, 2008.

For a form or questions, please contact Dave Schertz at

### **ESCRIP HELPS THE TROOP**

Do you shop at Genuardi's? Would you like to help the Troop with very little effort? Then consider signing up at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). All you need to do is register your Genuardi's card and they do the rest! Our ID # is: 151278872. If you have any questions about the program, contact [newsletter@willistown78.org](mailto:newsletter@willistown78.org).

If there is a parent who would like to coordinate this effort, please contact Mr. D.

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED**

Parents, if you do not receive the monthly newsletter via email and would like to, please let us know at [newsletter@willistown78.org](mailto:newsletter@willistown78.org).

Occasionally reminders are also shared via email to reinforce information handed out at Troop meetings. If you have any questions, they too may be directed to this email address.



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