



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 9/4 – Troop Committee and Board of Review (7:00 PM)
9/5 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
9/7 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
9/12 – Pack 67 School Night (assistance) (7 to 8 PM)
9/13 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable (Steak-o-ree)*
9/14 -16 – Troop “Shore” Trip
9/21 – TROOP MEETING (7 to 9 PM)
9/22&23 – Willistown Pow-Wow (Parking help needed)
9/24 – *Friends of Troop 78 Directors’ Meeting* (7:00 PM)
9/28-30 – O.A. Fellowship Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

OCTOBER 2007

- 10/1 – Patrol Leaders Council (7:30 PM)
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
10/11 – *Diamond Rock Roundtable*
10/12-14 District Camporee at Fort Mifflin
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

UPCOMING

- 11/10 – Outback Fundraising Dinner
11/17-18 – Backpacking Trip

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| September 5 | Kevin Compton |
| September 7 | Donovan Robinson |
| September 9 | Jack DeStefano |
| September 9 | Matthew Cates |
| September 11 | Chris Gorman |

NEW DADS NEEDED!

The Troop Committee meeting for September will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 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.

SEPTEMBER CAMPING TRIP A “SHORE” THING

On Friday, September 14, 2007, Willistown Troop 78 heads east to New Jersey. We will be camping in Wharton State Forest, New Jersey’s largest state-owned park. Located in the heart of the Pine Barrens, Wharton State Forest is the home of a varied and delicate eco-system. Wildlife abounds, and Wharton is known to naturalists from all over the area for its raptors. Legend has it that Wharton State Forest is also the home of the legendary “Jersey Devil.”

From our base camp, we will head south on Saturday for a day at the beach as we go to Brigantine, Atlantic City’s quiet neighbor. Known for its fishing, Brigantine is the home to the Brigantine Museum, site of nautical and natural marvels, and to the Brigantine Stranded Mammal Center. The Center helps with the rescue of sea creatures up and down the East Coast. From time-to-time, the Center has cared for sea turtles, seals and dolphins, among other animals. Currently, the Center houses a blind sea lion. Who knows what creatures will be “visiting” the Center when we arrive in Brigantine?

This is “Shore” to be a great trip, so don’t leave your weekend “barren.” Look for the details in a handout that will be available at the first Troop meeting on Friday, September 7th. Remember, dads are always

welcome, and your help would be particularly appreciated on this trip. Scouts, let your Patrol Leader know ASAP whether you and your father will be coming. See you on the beach!

Wharton State Forest/Brigantine Packing List

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight
- Bathing suit and goggles
- Towel
- Day pack (to take to beach)
- Nalgene/water bottle
- Beach shoes
- Troop T-shirt
- Change of clothes;
- Hat with visor
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Sweatshirt/pullover
- Jacket*
- Raingear
- Sturdy hiking shoes or boots
- Wool or synthetic hiking socks
- Toilet articles
- Drinking cup
- Spending money for souvenirs (optional)

* Even when it’s warm during the day, Wharton State Forest can be quite cool at night. Who knows what Mother Nature has in store for us?

BE PREPARED!

RADNOR THANK YOU

The following letter was sent to those who helped 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.

The weather held up for the most part and we had a great showing to handle the crowds. The Race Committee had made reducing congestion at the Goshen Road gate a huge priority and the large number of Troop people who came out allowed us to concentrate extra personnel in that area. We had a record number of people on hand for Sunday clean-up and were able to finish in two hours! This shattered all previous records for finishing this major task. 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!

Troop 78 had many new members once again this year. It is gratifying to see them join our veteran members and our legendary corps of "Old-Timers." Together we put forth the kind of effort that would be amazing in the average organization, but was just another day at the Races for Troop 78. THANKS AGAIN!

Very sincerely,
Brian Rothberg

This year we had "new" people running some of our areas, and they performed exceptionally well. Mike Dufoe continued in his role as person in charge of making recruiting phone calls. His help is invaluable.

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

No Radnor Races thank-you would be complete without a special tribute to Bob Matje, Sr. While Don Tyson and I assist Bob on the official Race Committee, you would have to see the level of Bob's involvement in almost every detail of the Event to appreciate the time and effort he expends. Very little goes on that he does not help to coordinate. Troop 78 owes Bob a tremendous debt of gratitude.

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.

ARLES*	LEWIS *
BALMAT *	LEWIS *
BENE	LOCK
BENNETT	LONGENECKER *
BENYO*	LOTZ
CADY*	MATEYK
CASEY	MATJE *
CATES	MATJE*
CECCO	MATJE*
CHOW	McCARTHY
COMPTON	McDONALD
CRACAS	MILLER
D'ABRUZZO	NESSLE
D'ANTONIO *	NICHTER
D'ANTONIO*	O'HARA
D'ANTONIO*	OSBORNE
DAVIDSON	POIDOMANI
DAVIS	RAVEN
DESTEFANO	RICHEY
DeVIRGILIO *	ROBINSON
DIMONTE	ROTHBERG *
DONDERO *	RUBINO *
DONDERO	SAUNDERS
DONNELLY*	SCHALLACK
DORE	SCHERTZ
DUDT	SHAY *
DUFOE	SHERIDAN
DUNCAN	SIEGLE
EBERHART	SMITH
FLIPSE*	STEVENS *
FREES	SYBRANDT
GILBERT	TERRELL
GIVONETTI*	TREDINNICK
GORMAN	TROWILL *
HALLETT	TYSON*
HEILMAN	TYSON*
HERBST	TYSON*
HOGAN	URBAN
HUNTER	VERCOE
HURLEY *	WANG
LANG	WEILER
LEMERT	WILLIAMS*
LePARD	WILLIAMSON
LESSLEY	

The names followed by an * 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!

FISHING TRIP

by Michael Bennett

On June 21st, the top three hoagie-selling Scouts went for a fishing trip in Avalon Bay. Before it was over, the Scouts had made plenty of memories- and caught plenty of fish. It didn't take too long for the Scouts to get going. Instantly, DJ Robinson nailed an angelfish. The rest of the morning was relatively quiet. However, the afternoon was packed with drama. First, DJ nailed a 17.5 inch flounder. Then, Michael Bennett reeled in a 19.5 inch flounder, which was the longest catch of the day (though not by too much). Finally, Mr. Donnelly snagged a 17 inch flounder. Hard-luck Alex Frees caught two 16.5 inch flounders, both half an inch short of the legal limit. Fortunately, Mr. Donnelly, in an act of true generosity, turned his catch into Alex's dinner. Speaking of generosity, the author would like to thank Mr. Vercoe for providing the services of his truck, Captain Matje (of Matje Farm Trip) for steering the boat, and Mr. Donnelly for helping out when and wherever needed.

To come on this fabulous trip, Scouts must be among the top three in hoagie sales. It is a small price to pay for such an enjoyable experience.

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

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SUMMER CAMP PHOTOS



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