



## Troop 73

February Newsletter

Edited by Joel Zimmermann

### Spring Mountain Ski Trip

Submitted by Thomas Nilson

Wednesday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, the troop met at the firehouse and left for Spring Mountain ski area. When we got there the staff provided boots, skis, boards and poles for the scouts. Even though the slopes were not as good quality than at other places, everyone had fun. There were several first time skiers and many who were familiar with snow sports. The scouts skied from 7 to 9 PM, and left the park at 9:30.

### 2004 Popcorn Sales

Popcorn Update – I like to thank everyone for his help with Popcorn sales. Especially the Smurf Patrol, those 5 members sold more popcorn than the rest of the patrols combined. The Warthogs and SPLs were in close 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wolverines deserve an honorable mention for their sales. The rest....

Well, let's just say that if they participated as enthusiastically as the Smurfs, we could have easily doubled our sales. As is, we sold \$6,700.00 of popcorn earning \$1,500.00 for Scout accounts and \$800.00 for the Troop. If you would like to know exactly what your family earned, just ask me or send an e-mail to [donald.farmer@verizon.net](mailto:donald.farmer@verizon.net). Any suggestions on locations or community events to sell popcorn are welcome.

Thanks,

Don Farmer  
Popcorn Kernel 2004

### February Elections

Submitted by Joel Zimmermann

Our 6-month elections were held on Tuesday, February 3, 2005. The following is a list of our new leaders.

SPL Matt Pellegrino  
ASPL outdoor Mike Mitten  
ASPL administrative Mike Kassel  
ASPL indoor Jay Howson  
Troop Guide Chuck Savoy  
Troop Instructor Joel Zimmermann  
Troop Scribe Thomas Nilson  
Wolverine PL Matt Kunz  
Panther PL Ryan Dolan  
Cobra PL Brian Carr  
Eagle PL Justin Raby  
Librarian Aaron Bilash  
Historian Scott Carr  
Photographer Andrew Farmer  
Chaplin Aide Owen Howson

Den Chiefs

Submitted by Sandra Zimmermann

We have a number of scouts being den chiefs for both Pack 73 and Pack 85. For Pack 73 we have Thomas Cappelli, Andrew Cappelli, Kevin Bohl, and Alex Miller. Working with Pack 85 are Joel Zimmermann, Thomas Nilson, Andrew Farmer, And Owen Howson. We have had great reports on the job they are doing with the packs.

On Friday, February 25, 2005 we will be welcoming 5 new scouts to the troop from Pack 85, and on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we will have one scout from Pack 85 Joining us.

One of the best ways to insure that we have new scouts bridging each year is to have the Den Chief program in place. You are our representatives from the troop and we appreciate the job you do.

Troop Banquet

Submitted by Joel Zimmermann

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Troop Banquet was held Saturday, February 13, 2005 at the Columbia Station. Dinner was great and the 20-minute picture presentation by Mr. Kassel and Mr. Savoy was neat. All the members of the Smurf Patrol (Ian Farmer, Matt Krause, Aaron Bilash, Brendon Stone, and Scott Carr) achieved first class status within their first year at 73. Andrew Farmer was awarded Star Rank and I, Joel Zimmermann became the 20<sup>th</sup> scout in the troop to hold the Life rank.

We elected only one scout to OA and that was Michael Mitten, and the adult elected was Art Nilson.

The most improved scout went to Michael Mitten, and we chose Matt Pellegrino as our honor scout.

Notes from your scribe

Submitted by Joel Zimmermann

This is my last newsletter; Thomas Nilson will be editing the next issue, so please submit all articles to Tom at [ajnilson@comcast.net](mailto:ajnilson@comcast.net)  
The deadline for articles for the April issue is Wednesday, March 23, 2005

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Killington Ski Trip February 25-27

Pack 73 Blue and Gold February 25<sup>th</sup>

First Aid Meet Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Blue Rocks camping trip March 18-20

Pack 85 Blue and Gold March 19<sup>th</sup>

Weeblos Woods April 1-3

For the Adults see Mrs. Zimmermann

IOLST May 6-8

New Leader Essentials April 6<sup>th</sup>

Scoutmaster Specifics March 29, 31, and April 5<sup>th</sup> must attend all 3 sessions