

TROOP 73 VALLEY FORGE

TROOP LEADERS

Scoutmaster - Tom Savoy
 Senior Patrol Leader - John Godlewski
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 Troop Photographer - Derek Paquette
 Quartermaster - Mark Stabb
 Troop Guide - Owen Kaehn

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
YEAR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
7:30 PM**

The PLC met on Wednesday, August 30th and with the input from the members of Troop 73 developed very exciting themes for 2000 - 2001.

NEXT YEARS FOCUS

September - Canoeing and Cooking

During the month of September Troop 73 has planned a canoeing trip for the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. The estimated cost for the weekend is \$40.00. This includes food, canoes and camp fees.

October - Cooking and Wilderness Survival

This is a great time for us to work on advancements for Second Class, First Class as well as Cooking and Wilderness Survival Merit Badges

November - Wilderness Survival and Business Entrepreneurship

These activities will prepare us for the Christmas Tree Sales coming at the end of November. It is a time were both the troop and the scouts are able to earn money for scout activities.

December - Auto Mechanics

John Godlewski will head up this theme, with his current thinking including tours of nearby auto plants.

January - Snow Sports

Skiing, Snow Boarding, Tubing, Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing... what else can we say it will be great.

February - First Aid

A yearly event that prepares us for the Annual First Aid Meet to be held in March.

March - Fire Safety

With meetings being held at the Valley Forge Fire House, it is a good opportunity for us to improve our skills to protect against the evils of fire and smoke related disasters.

April - Water Sports

A month filled with water sports including white water rafting.

May - Biking

From knowing how to fix up you bike to mountain biking May is a great time to get out on our bikes and explore the world around us.

June - Fishing

Plans for June are very preliminary but our current thinking is a deep sea fishing trip. Get your Dramamine Ready.

July - Summer Camp

The dates for summer camp has been scheduled for July 15th - 22nd.

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Recap of Summer Camp

From The Village of Valley Forge to Camp Horseshoe

The first day we arrived at camp. We all got settled in our home for the next week and then we went to take our swimming test. Most of the troop became blue tag swimmers. After the Horseshoe swimming test we all got into our class A's and headed off to retreat. We were the best marchers at the retreat and held our position throughout the week. Diner was lasagna and salad and for dessert we had an excellent cake with snow white frosting. After diner we all headed to the opening evening camp fire where they did a number of funny and interesting skits and plays. After the camp fire we headed back to our camp site for our first night's sleep at Camp Horseshoe.



Burr!!!!!!

Every morning several scouts from Troop 73 got up at six-thirty in the morning to go swimming. The scouts swam for about twenty minutes in the very cold pool. If the scouts went to the Polar Bear Swim four out of five days they were awarded a segment that goes around their Horseshoe patch. Along with the Polar Bear segment scouts could get several other patches such as the Cope patch and the Special Interest Program patch.

Inspection Time

Around 8:40 AM after breakfast the morning chores were completed in preparation for the daily inspection. Getting ready for inspection required some work, our first task was to clean up our bunk houses and then came the tough part of the chores. Each patrol was assigned a duty that had to be finished by 9:30. The duties consisted of fire guard, trails and grounds, or latrine. Several times during camp we got a 35 or 34 on our Inspection. This helped lead up to Troop 73 getting the cleanest camp in the entire reservation.

...#1 Clean Camp



Paul Bunyan Field Day

It all started with the suspended flag pole. Then it went on to the knot tying relay then to pancake flipping. But all that matters is that Troop 73 won Paul Bunyan Field Day. There were many competitions ranging from knot tying to ax chopping. Everybody in the troop took place in at least 1 event. Everybody helped the troop to win.

...Way to go Troop 73





The Silver Buckle

Our own Brian Kaehn of the Pine Tree Patrol won the Silver Buckle for Troop 73. The Silver Buckle is awarded every year to the scout in the troop that has helped other scouts the most throughout the week at camp. To be eligible you must have stayed the whole week at camp and never have received the award before.

...Nice Job Brian Kaehn



THANK YOU!

All of the Scouts of Troop 73 would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to all the parents who spent time with us at camp. We would especially like to thank both Mr. Savoy and Mr. Kaehn for spending the entire week. Your kindness and willingness to spend the time with us is a very powerful gift to us as scouts.

MAINE RECAP...Interview with Mark Stabb

The trip to Maine was a wonderful experience for all those who attended. The trip started with breakfast at the G-Lodge, where we prepared for the weeks worth of activities. Our first stop was Mr. Isieib's father's house, where we spent the night.

The next adventure was Alpine Sliding. Imagine going down a mountain used during the winter as a ski trail on a sled that rides along a track. The speed and excitement was incredible.

Mount Washington was another highlight of the trip. We hiked to the top and once the fog cleared enjoyed the splendid views of three mountains and the valleys in between them.

The fourth day included a visit to the Rope Course (Cope Course). This helped the troop by building team work through activities which required solving problems.

The remaining day's activities were filled with a day trip up Mount Cadillac, a boat trip in Bar Harbor, renting bikes, Duck Tour, and in Freeport, Maine a visit to L.L. Bean where we were able to spend what money we had left. On our last night before the return trip to Valley Forge, we had a great dinner in Boston.

The trip was great and will allow us now to sit around the camp fires over the next few years talking about the great experiences we had and how we can't wait to do it again.

Eagle Projects

As you are aware, Matt Hohorst, Adam Davis, Andrew Bohl, and Chris Batzel are all working or in the process of completing their Eagle Projects. Your assistance in helping them complete their projects is always appreciated.