

TROOP 73 VALLEY FORGE

TROOP LEADERS

- Scoutmaster - Tom Savoy
- Senior Patrol Leader - John Godlewski
- Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Bryan Kaehn, Andrew Bohl
- Patrol Leaders - Dan Wagner, Owen Kaehn, Iain Riley
- Scribe - Tim Pellegrino
- Troop Historian - Brian Consolo
- Troop Librarian - Steve Ayers
- Troop Photographer - Derek Paquette
- Quartermaster - Mark Staab
- Troop Guide - Owen Kaehn

NEXT YEARS FOCUS

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. Webelos Woods Weekend.

April - Water Sports

A month filled with water sports including white water rafting.

May - Biking

From knowing how to fix up your 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.

**WE WELCOME THOSE BRIDGING
OVER TO OUR TROOP ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2001
TROOP BANQUET
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2001**

The P.L.C. meets once a month to develop the plans for the upcoming meetings and weekends. The next P.L.C. meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2001. Please provide your input to any of the P.L.C. members prior to that meeting.

The importance
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Being elected for a position is not only a great deal of fun, it allows you to build your leadership skills.

With respect to advancement to Star, Life and Eagle being a member of the P.L.C. is one way to meet the requirement to serve actively in one or more of the positions of responsibility in the troop.

The requirement for Star is four months, for Life and Eagle it is six months.

Elected Positions

The following list of positions make up the P.L.C. of Troop 73. Based on the information available the list of individuals running for these positions are as follows.

The actual slate of candidates may be different from this list at the time of the election on Wednesday, February 21, 2001.

Senior Patrol Leader

Brian Kaehn

Dan Wagner

Asst. Senior Patrol Leader

David Midgely

Patrol Leaders

Iain Riley

Asher Condit

David Midgely

Scribe

Tim Pellegrino

Troop Historian

Asher Condit

Tom McAvoy

Troop Librarian

Derek Paquette

Troop Photographer

Asher Condit

Quartermaster

Mark Staab

Troop Guide

Owen Kaehn

Troop Webmaster

Ryan O'Donnell

Patrol Leaders' Council

The activities of our troop are planned by the Patrol Leaders' Council sometimes referred to as the P.L.C.. The P.L.C. is lead by our Senior Patrol Leader and is made up of our two Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders one for indoor activities and one for outdoor activities, all of the Patrol Leaders, Quartermaster and Scribe.

Mr. Savoy our Scoutmaster attends and provides guidance at all of our P.L.C. meetings, but as a scout run troop the planning of the activities is the job of the P.L.C..

The P.L.C. meets once a month to plan the two months ahead by making an agenda for the meetings, scheduling of our trips and assigning responsibilities for activities. In addition to the monthly meetings the P.L.C. meets after each Troop Meeting to evaluate the meeting, review the agenda for the next meeting and confirm assignments and responsibilities.

Being part of the P.L.C. is a great deal of fun and provides the opportunities to learn the leadership skills required to be an active member of our troop.

The Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol Leader is the top scout of the troop and is elected by all the Scouts. With guidance from our Scoutmaster Mr. Savoy, he is in charge of troop meetings and the Patrol Leaders' Council and does all he can to see that the patrols succeed. He is supported by the Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders.

Asst. Senior Patrol Leader

There are two Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders, one for indoor programs and one for outdoor programs.

The Asst. Senior Patrol Leader for Indoor Programs is responsible for the planning of the Troop Meetings including the finite details of the meeting agenda.

The Asst. Senior Patrol Leader for the Outdoor Programs is responsible for all trips and adventures. He prepares the trip's agenda, plans for

transportation, duty rosters etc. He is also the key person to plan for the activities at summer camp.

Patrol Leaders

One member of each patrol is elected to serve as the Patrol Leader. He will be in charge of the patrol at troop meetings and during outdoor adventures, and he represents the patrol on the Patrol Leaders' Council. He suggests Good Turns and service projects, then encourages the patrol to pitch in. When spirits are low, he gets the members going again. Working with the Senior Patrol Leader, he finds ways all patrol members can make progress in Scouting.

Scribe

The main responsibility of the Troop Scribe is the publication of the bi-monthly newsletter. In addition to this responsibility the P.L.C. looks to the Troop Scribe to capture the notes from all the P.L.C. meetings and issue them as a record of the items discussed. Along with the issuing of the meeting minutes he prepares in the finished format the schedule for the meetings, camping trips and activities.

On special occasions the Scribe may be asked to prepare handouts that provide information about a particular activity.

The scribe must work hand in hand with the Senior Patrol Leader in order to understand the items that need to be highlighted in the newsletter as well as with the Troop Photographer who is to provide photographs for the newsletters.

Troop Historian

The Troop Historian is to maintain a complete history of the activities of the troop and keep a scrape book up to date for historical purposes.

Troop Librarian

The Troop Librarian is to maintain our collection of books and pamphlets. He is to provide copies of the proper Merit Badge books for use by the P.L.C. in the development of the programs.

Troop Photographer

The Troop Photographer is the "Jimmy Olson" of the troop keeping a photographic record of the years activities. This position is a great deal of fun and gets you involved in all the troop activities. Photographs taken are used in the newsletters and the annual slide show at the February Banquet.

The Troop Photographer gets a great deal of help from many of the parents who love to take pictures.

Quartermaster

All of the troop equipment is maintained in working order by the Troop Quartermaster. He is responsible for taking care of the shed, making sure all the equipment is in good repair, packing the trailer with things needed for camping trips and other activities.

Part of the responsibilities of the quartermaster is to identify new equipment we need to purchase and to work with the troop to raise the funds required.

Troop Guide

The Troop Guide is key to making the troop grow. His responsibility is to provide the guidance and mentoring for the entering Webelos coming into our troop. His focus is to provide them the opportunity to grow as scouts through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. It is his goal to have all entering scouts reach the rank of First Class while having fun and maintaining the interest to continue through scouting with a goal to become an Eagle Scout.

Troop Webmaster

If your curious to know what Webmaster is, it is a position that maintains the troop webpage.

This newsletter is dedicated to the election of our PLC and other elected positions in the Troop.

In support of the elections each scout running for a

position was provided the opportunity to express their desire to be elected for a position.

The following individuals have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Mark J. Staab
For
Quartermaster

I am running for the position of troop quartermaster. I believe that I am qualified for this position because I am presently serving as the quartermaster, and I believe that I am doing a fine job at it. For example, I am working to have all the troop stuff ready for a trip before everyone else arrives at the shed. I know what the next quartermaster needs to do to help to improve the troop, such as organize the shed.

If I am elected, I am sure I could manage all of the duties of the quartermaster, including: taking care of the shed, making sure all equipment is in good repair, packing the trailer with things needed for camping trips or other scouting events. I believe that I can work well with anyone that is in the new Patrol Leaders' Council to improve the troop and keep it running properly and smoothly. I have been in Troop 73 for almost three years, and I know most, if not all of the other members, and can cooperate with them to get things done.

Please, vote for the person whom you think will do the best job, whether that is I or someone else in the troop. Thank you for your cooperation and time, and I hope to serve you as the next quartermaster of Troop 73.

*Good Luck to
Mark*

*who is running
for the position
of Quartermaster*

Asher Condit
For Patrol
Leader,
Historian, or
Photographer

I am a scout who follows the B.S.A. law. I have already been assistant patrol leader and I am looking to become a patrol leader. I should be elected because I am helpful and very friendly. Trustworthy to all of my friends, and the Pine Tree Patrol would like to have me as Patrol Leader.

Also vote for me as the Troop Historian, or Troop Photographer.

Good luck Asher

Tim Pellegrino
For Troop Scribe

If you are reading this Newsletter, you are reading my piece of work. I put this newsletter together for our troop once very two month. It is great communication tool to let not only members of our troop, but our parents, friends of the troop and the Weblos bridging over of our activities. As Scribe I have sent a Newsletter out to all the scouts in our troop, and I even sent a letter to most of the Weblos in Pack 73 many of which are bridging into out troop this February.

I work well in the P.L.C. with taking notes and documenting the monthly schedule. I will do my best to serve you.

As Troop 73's scribe I would like to thank Mr. Bohl, Mr. Kaehn and Mr. Rapp who helped me add pictures to this newsletter. My Dad, is the advisor to the Scribe and I work well with him. I hope to keep him as my advisor by staying Scribe, but I can only do this with your help.

I ask you to vote for me, Tim Pellegrino as Scribe of your Troop, Troop 73. Thank You

Ryan O'Donnell For Webmaster

My name is Ryan O'Donnell and I'm running for Webmaster. The reason I want to be Webmaster is because I have much experience not just with the web but with computers as well. I will try to keep the site up to date and in tip top condition. Also I promise to put anything on the site somebody asks like what they are running for.

Good Luck to
Ryan O'Donnell
who is running
for Troop
Webmaster.