

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

**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.

YEAR'S 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.

The importance of being elected for a position...

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.

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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

Bryan Kaehn

Dan Wagner

Asst. Senior Patrol Leader

David Midgely

Dan Wagner

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.

Troop Webmaster

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

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.

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

Owen Kaehn

For Troop Guide

Hi. My name is Owen Kaehn, and I am running for Troop Guide. Now the troop guide is a very important job. He is the one who shows the new recruits what boy scouting is all about. If he does his job well and the new guys like the troop, they are probably going to stay. However, if he isn't a very good guide, chances are a lot are going to leave. He is also, basically, training the future leaders of the troop. He is also the one to make sure that the new guys get up to first class. If he does that well, they shall get first class within one year and they will get an award. So as you can see, this job is just about as important as ASPL, and we need a good scout to take that job.

I think that I should get this job for a few reasons. I work very well with younger scouts, and I have a good amount of patience, which is very useful. You must also remember that these guys are the future of the troop. I can provide the help and support that these new scouts need.

The last few months have been very fun for the pine tree patrol and myself. We went swimming, and did an advancement weekend trip. We carried the food drive cans down to PACS. We had great fun shooting archery. We even all got a merit badge, fingerprinting. And we are just one service project away from a second honor patrol award.

We are getting a lot of new kids this year and that means that our troop could grow rapidly, and maybe even become the largest troop in this area. A couple years ago we would lose almost all the new scouts. So during that period we had too many chiefs and no indians. Now we are losing next to no kids, so we need a good Troop Guide so we loose hopefully no scouts this year. Their first year is crucial. Remember that if they don't like it, they leave. I have lots of ideas and plans to do if I get this job.

I know I can do this job well, as I have done before. So I would greatly appreciate your vote.

David Midgley For Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader

My name is David Midgley I have been a member of Troop 73 for 5 years. I am a Life Scout and have been on our two big trips to North Carolina and Maine and to Summer Camp every year. The positions I have held are as follows: Troop Scribe, Troop Instructor and Assistant Patrol Leader. I have been involved in Patrol Leader's Council meetings before so I have seen the things that have made this Troop successful. Many things have to be done to make everyone's scouting career as fun as possible. I will accomplish all of them if you vote for me.

Sincerely,

David Midgley

"Best of Luck
David"

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

Bryan Kaehn

For Senior Patrol Leader

The role of Senior Patrol Leader is the most important role a scout can have in the Troop. It is a position of leadership, mentoring, coordination and team building. The Senior Patrol Leader is in charge of the PLC and coordinates the activities within the PLC to make scouting a fulfilling experience for everyone. The decision to fill this role is one that can not be made in haste or driven by ego, because it is important to you that the individual is qualified, committed, dependable, dedicated and willing to spend the time it takes to provide you with the leadership you require.

The Senior Patrol Leader represents you to the adult leaders of the troop, your parents and to the community. He must be part of all the troop activities and be present at all functions from P.L.C. meetings, Troop Meetings and especially weekend trips. At no point in time should there be any question whether or not your Senior Patrol Leader will be at a function, ready and prepared to provide the leadership required to make the trip safe, fun and exciting. He must always be there to represent you the Scouts of Troop 73.

With the full understanding of the requirements to be your Senior Patrol Leader I ask for your consideration and vote for me, Bryan Kaehn as Senior Patrol Leader.

As a Life Scout, I have been active with the troop for over 9 years. I have held the position of Troop Guide, Patrol Leader and currently hold the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Outdoor Activities. I am a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and last year received the Silver Buckle during the closing ceremonies at Summer Camp.

To those who were in my Patrol, I am sure you would attest to my leadership, communication, mentoring and team building skills. As a team we achieved a great deal including your advancement requirements, service actives and received the Honor Patrol Award all while having a great deal of

fun. At summer camp we built a strong team spirit that will carry us through our years of scouting.

As Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, I helped coordinate this year's activities including The Canoe Trip, Parent-Son Weekend, and Camporee. I took part in the Popcorn Sales, Christmas Tree Sales and supported Adam Davis and Jeremy Terleski with their Eagle projects.

Scouting is a very important part of my life. I live the Scout Law through my day to day actions; I am active in the community, my church and take part in many school activities. I have what it takes to be Senior Patrol Leader and I am willing to make the commitment to you that I will take this role seriously maintaining its high level of importance within the troop. Therefore, I respectfully ask your consideration and vote for me, Bryan Kaehn as Senior Patrol Leader of your troop, Troop 73.