

TROOP 73 VALLEY FORGE

TROOP LEADERS

Scoutmaster - Tom Savoy
Senior Patrol Leader – Owen Kaehn
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader – Alex Kaehn, Iain Riley
Patrol Leaders – Steve Rapp, Chris Mieloch, Derek Paquette,
and Mark Staab
Scribe – Joe Rogers
Quartermaster - Brian Consolo
Troop Historian – Iyestian Kamuca
Troop Librarian –Joey Franklin
Troop Photographer – Matt Pellegrino
Troop Guide – Tim Pellegrino

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS A RECAP
OF THE ACTIVITIES UP UNTIL
OUR WEEK AT SUMMER CAMP...
IT HAS BEEN A GREAT SEASON!**

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OUR SCOUTMASTER, TOM SAVOY RECEIVES THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD



Thomas G. Savoy currently serves the youth and Scouting program of the Diamond Rock District. He serves as Scoutmaster of Valley Forge Fire Company Troop 73, a position he has held since 1991. Prior to 1991, he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and later Scoutmaster of Trinity Presbyterian Church Troop 11.

Tom himself is an Eagle Scout and under his leadership and guidance 23 scouts have obtained the rank of Eagle. Tom served as the Diamond Rock District Activities

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Chairman for the 1987 and 1989 District Camporees. He was District Representative on the 1988 Council Camporee and was Camporee Chairman for the 2001 District Camporee. Tom has been awarded the Scouters Key and Training awards. He received the District Award of Merit in 1991. He is a Vigil Honor member of Octoraro Lodge 22. From 1990 through 1999, Tom served the Lodge as Food Service Director, including service at the 1991 Conclave. Tom also served as Food Service Director for two Commissioner's Colleges hosted at Camp Horseshoe during the late 1980's.

Since 1984, with the exception of two years, Tom has served as President of the Paoli Area Boy Scouts Christmas Christmas Tree Association, a fundraising organization for Troop 73, Frazer 76, and Paoli 181. The association has raised over \$125,000 for the three troops over that period of time.

In addition to scouting Tom finds time to serve as a soccer coach for a girl's team whose members are under eight years of age and is also an assistant coach for the Peewee team. He also serves as Treasurer for the Phoenixville Area Soccer Club, President of his homeowner's association and is a recruiter for the Men of Malvern Retreat League. Because of his outstanding leadership and service to scouting and the community, Chester County Council is proud to present Thomas G. Savoy the Silver Beaver award.



Honor Patrol Ski Trip

By Tim Pellegrino

The Honor Patrol ended the year with an ultimate bang. The Alligator Patrol won the award under leadership of Colin Small and Tim Pellegrino. The win was a team effort though. The reward was a trip in January to Jack Frost Mountain / Jackson's Cabin where many scouts and dads took part in the skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. This was an exciting trip that was an excellent reward to the hard work put forth by the members of the Alligator Patrol. Besides the Alligator Patrol, many adults that helped with the win are Mr. & Mrs. Kaehn, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Midgley, Mr. & Mrs. Pellegrino, the parents of the Alligator Patrol and the rest of the adult leadership of Troop 73.

The trip was a Friday to Sunday trip, which was absolutely awesome. The food was excellent and so was the company. Mrs. Savoy prepared the food that was mentioned before. Everyone in the patrol though it was great. The skiing that weekend was great. We went to the mountain 3 times during the 2 days one of which included night skiing at Big Bolder. Thanks to all the adults that helped out, and congratulations to the Alligator Patrol on a job well done.

Ski Trip

By Steve Rapp

On March 3rd the Wolverine Patrol and other fellow scouts took a day trip to the hills and spills of Jack Frost Mountains.

We headed to the hills at 6:00 am and got there at 8:00am. Then we hit the slopes with the glory that it was empty. Scoutmaster Savoy, Tim Pellegrino, and Chris Mielock hit the double black diamond while the Rapps did green circles. We all met around noon to eat lunch and it was poppin good food. Mr. Celantino's nieces were struggling through ski school. Dave, Mr. Celantino, and Joe Rogers hit the blue squares fearlessly and the Rapps did 2 blue squares (one by accident).

By the end of the day everyone had a good time and went home peacefully.



The majority of the photos in this newsletter have been taken from our website VFTROOP73.ORG

Killington, VT

In March the older scouts spent a weekend in Killington having a wonderful time. From the comments made everyone had a great time with the entire focus was on snowboarding and skiing. For some reason they kept on saying "Black Diamond".

The trip back to Valley Forge was a bit eventful due to the high winds, and the pulling of the trailer, but this just added to the overall adventure and everyone arrived back home safely with great memories. Plans are being put in place to do it again next year.

Winter Banquet / Court of Honor

By Derek James Paquette

The 2002 Winter Banquet and Court of Honor was a very eventful evening. There was much advancement in the troop. Brian Carr and Mike Mitten, Mike Kassel earned the rank of Star. John Godlewski, Bryan Kaehn, and Andrew Bohl earned the rank of Eagle. John received a Bronze Palm. Iain Riley got a Gold Palm. Tim Pellegrino, Mark Staab and Mr. Rapp were nominated for the Order of the Arrow. Tim Pellegrino was presented with the award of Honor Scout. John made a neat ice sculpture of the United States Marines logo. The food was good as usual. The long train went by as usual. When the train went by the chandeliers jingled as usual. I didn't win any door prizes as usual. And there was a yummy dessert as usual. It was a "Really Neat Evening".

Webelos' Woods

By Mark Staab

On the weekend of April 5-7 2002 several scouts from Troop 73 along with Webelos from Pack 73 attended the annual Webelos' Woods camping trip, which Kimberton Fire Company hosted this year. The main highlights of our camp out include stations run by each attending troop, a prayer service, an indoor camp fire with skits and songs, a special landing helicopter, and meals prepared by Bill Meyers.

Our station, the Olympics Challenge includes four relay events: football tosses though a hula-hoop, basketball, soccer, and balancing a t-ball with a spoon. We timed each separate event and awarded points to each den for finishing the objectives of the specific events. One den came at the end of the day and set new records in every event. While they didn't win first Pack 73 ranked forth with one of the highest scores of the visiting dens. All of the attendees had fun and we all look forward to next year and the new recruits.

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are every Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise announced. Meetings are at the Valley Forge Fire Co. On Valley Park Rd. In Valley Forge. The meetings begin promptly at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm. Meetings are usually not held if there is no school and canceled if school is closed due to inclement weather.

Hickory Run Campground April '02



Getting ready for breakfast

John Godlewski Joins the US Marines:

Upon completion of High School our very own John Godlewski joined the US Marines. John was a former Senior Patrol Leader of the Troop and is an Eagle Scout.

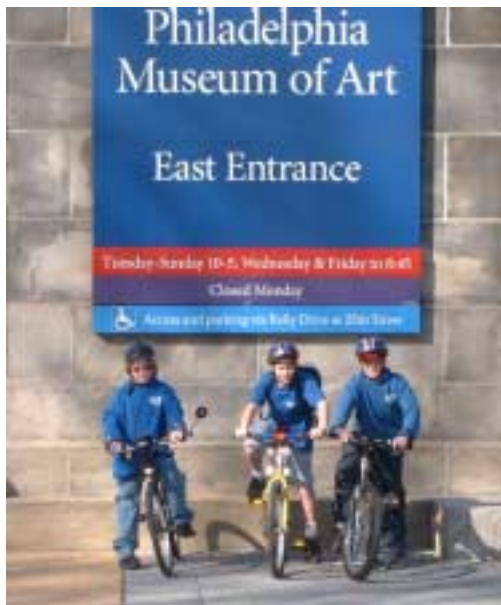
John shipped off to South Carolina for Basic Training in early July. We wish John the best and we all appreciate his effort towards protecting all of our freedom.



*Bike Trip
to Philadelphia
Art Museum*



Mike, Matt & Tim



We made it

Joining the Staff at Horseshoe

Mark Staab has taken a position on the Staff of Camp Horseshoe working at the Pool. We know Mark will have a great summer and we strongly recommend sunscreen. Mark... this does give us special privileges at the pool doesn't it?

**TROOP 73
Service Project
at VFVFC**

May 5, 2002

On May 5th Troop 73 spent a day performing service projects at the Fire Company to express our thanks for their support and sponsorship. While Mr. Pellegrino and Matt Pellegrino were pressure washing the buildings, Mr. Savoy was leading the charge to replace the fence, and Mr. Meyers hauled mulch.

The majority of the others were working on the bridge as seen by the following photos. Mr. Celentano was the chairman of this service project and was very well prepared with having the proper equipment and supplies to complete the projects.



Warthog patrol working on bridge repair



Another view of the bridge repair work



Climbing out of the stream



2 fine scouts taking a well-deserved break



Clowning around



Preparing for concrete



Filing in the bridge



Mixing concrete



Getting dirt



Looking for more dirt



Former Eagle Scout supervising



SPL looking over the work



Taking a break



Still digging for dirt



Finished bridge