

TROOP 73 VALLEY FORGE

TROOP LEADERS

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

**There is no meeting
planed for the
27th due to the holidays!!!**

NEXT YEARS FOCUS

The PLC meets once a month to develop the plans for the upcoming meetings and weekends. The next PLC meeting will be held on Sunday, November 26th. Please provide your input to any of the PLC members prior to that meeting.

December -Business

Andrew Bohl will head up this theme. We plan to start the E Trade game in January so this will be a perfect time for us to start practicing.

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. 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.

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Dear Parents:

I would like to invite you and your son to participate in Troop 73's Annual Blue Mountain Ski Trip. The dates for the trip are January 7th. This trip is going to be a daytrip. The cost for the weekend is still to be determined. This event promises to be quite spectacular with a well planned program for the scouts and parents. Our theme for the month of January is Snow Sports, therefore we have a weekend jam pack with opportunities to learn better skiing skills.

We are securing the services of the WORLD RENOWNED CHEF John Ahn to once again tempt us with his culinary talents. All parents are invited to attend this 9th annual parent son trip. I highly encourage you to attend as this is one of our best camping trips of the year (and usually the only one where we get to sleep indoors for you camping adverse adults). Reservations will fill up quick as we are also inviting the Webelos and parents from several of the local Packs. I hope to see you and your son there.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas Savoy
Scoutmaster

***Lets do it
again...***

Last Years Parent Son Weekend Photos

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``What a great
time!``



Shooting Range



Target Practice



Mountain Biking



Archery Practice

Canoe Trip



From The Village of Valley Forge down the Schuylkill River

"Awesome" said one source. "A test of endurance said another." But overall it was a fun and interesting experience for both adult and scout. The trip planed for September 23, 2000 left the Firehouse at 8:30 AM and headed over to the Hidden River Adventure Headquarters where we picked up are paddles and headed upriver. After getting into the water for approximately 10 minutes we already had a swamping by our own Chris Mieloch and his dad. After a short stop we headed down the river again and made it about a mile down when a canoe with Tim Pellegrino and his dad got swamped. Tim lost his paddle, but luckily another canoe was able to salvage it from the water. We had made it a while without a swamping but the final swamping of the day was by Brian Kaehn and Ryan O'Donnell. The first day was a 10 miles canoe trip to camp. At camp we got dry clothes and set up camp. Then we ate an excellent meal, sat around and talked and headed off to bed.

One day Down One to go.

Rise and Shine, but the sun was not up yet. The next day after we took down the tents we ate a

hearty breakfast. Then we got in our canoes and paddled the remaining 10 miles in about 2 hours. During the remaining 10 miles we had 3 swampings. Two with Andrew Bohl and Bruce Wallace and one with Brian Kaehn. We then got dry clothes on and met at the Firehouse and dried the tents out. We hopped in our cars and headed home where we would try and get the awful smell off of us in a 20 minute shower.

16 Scouts to...

Camporee 2000

Interview with Kevin Henry

...Day 1

After leaving the Firehouse at 7:30 PM we got to the campground around 9:00 PM on Friday, October 20th. The first thing we did was set up camp and then we built the gateway. After building the gateway we ate snake which was Chips and Salsa. Hot and Spicy. Taps was right around the corner so we hit the sack.

...Day 2

Day two was filled with tons of exciting adventures but first we had breakfast. We then headed off to the stations and learned interesting facts about many activities including Fly Fishing, and First Aid. Our troop didn't participate in a station although we visited many. After lunch we headed out of camp to more stations. After the second session of stations we headed to camp to get prepared for the Retreat. After we went to the Retreat we ate dinner and then headed to a religious ceremony. After the ceremony we went to an awesome campfire and then ate dessert. Then we headed to bed for our final nights rest at camp.

...Day 3

Day three started off with breakfast. We then packed up our personal gear and then started to take down the tents. We then left camp. This was our three days at camp.

Troop 73 came in second place for clean camp. We were very pleased with the overall results allowing an opportunity for future improvement.

THANK YOU!

All of the Scouts of Troop 73 would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to all the parents who joined us on these outings. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Kaehn and Mr. Isleib for providing the needed transportation for the canoe trip, without your help ten of us might not have been able to attend.

Parents who join us on the trips always have a great time. If at all possible please try to join us during the year. We need your help to make Troop 73 the best in Pennsylvania. Your kindness and willingness to spend the time with us is a very powerful gift to us as scouts.

Popcorn Sales...

Excerpts from the Popcorn Kernel

To-date we have sold a bit less than \$3,000 in the first two weekends. This is a bit behind last year when we sold \$5,750 during the Show and Sell portion of the sale.

The real pay-off is the Take Order portion of our sale. If each scout generates \$200 in sales we can generate \$6,000 in total sales from the Take Order Sale. Parents don't be shy helping your scout generate the \$200 in sales pays big benefits to Troop 73.

Key dates to remember:

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| 10/28 - 10/29 | Final Show and Sell Activity at Phoenixville ACME |
| 10/29 | Popcorn Sale Ends |
| 10/29 | Last day to turn in Take Order sheets and individual prizes |
| 11/27 | Delivery of Take Order money at Bank d'Terlescki |



Christmas Tree Sales

Set up for Christmas Trees Sales is Thanksgiving Weekend. This is our biggest fund raiser and a great way for all the scouts to earn money for their scout account that helps them pay for summer camp, camping trips and other great activities.

So don't even think of buying a tree from someone else. Troop 73's trees are the best.



An interview with my Brother Matt

By: Tim Pellegrino

The Question:

As a Webelo crossing over in the spring why would you like to join Troop 73 over another Troop?

Well Tim, as a Webelo in Pack 73 we have had a great deal of fun and we have learned a lot about Boy Scouts. To start with, since you are a member of Troop 73, I already know half the people involved in the Troop and I like them.

I look forward to working with the older scouts and look forward to meeting the others. I also think it was cool that you have so many becoming Eagles.

The activities that I have heard you talk about such as the skiing trips in the winter and the white water rafting trip in the spring are going to be fun and I want to go on these trips. I also like the fact that you have a camping trip every month. This will help me progress to higher ranks.

Last summer you had a great time at summer camp and when we went to the closing campfire I had a great deal of fun. I want to be part of all this.

Last night I was at the Court of Honor and I thought the Merit Badges earned by the Scouts were very interesting. I want to earn as many as I can too.