

**Boy Scout Troop 73**  
**Westchester, IL**  
Des Plaines Valley  
Council

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# The Rendezvous

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## **Calendar of Events**

08/15 - Voyageur Trace District Kickoff  
08/23 - Committee Meeting, 7:00 WCC  
08/24 - PLC, 7:00 WCC  
08/31 - Troop Meeting, 7:30-9 pm  
09/07 - Troop Meeting, 7:30-9 pm  
09/14 - Troop Meeting, 7:30-9  
09/16-18 - Blackwell Campout with Pack 73  
09/20 - Committee meeting, 7:00 WCC  
09/21 - Troop Meeting, 7:30-9  
09/27 - New Leader Training - DPVC  
09/28 - Court of Honor with uniform inspection

## **HELP WANTED**

**Troop 73 is looking for you to join their committee!!! The boys plan the activities and the committee helps to make it happen! ALL families help is needed to ensure the troop runs smoothly! Thanks in advance for you support!**

## **I&M Canal Hike**

June 24th to 26<sup>th</sup> the troop spent the weekend hiking along the canal. Joey Parenti, Mark Holmes, Johnathan Cwiklik, Mathew Rose, Mike Porter and Jason Rose attended. Mr. Rose and Mr. Cwiklik chaperoned the boys. The group hiked 11 miles to help earn advancements and badge requirements.

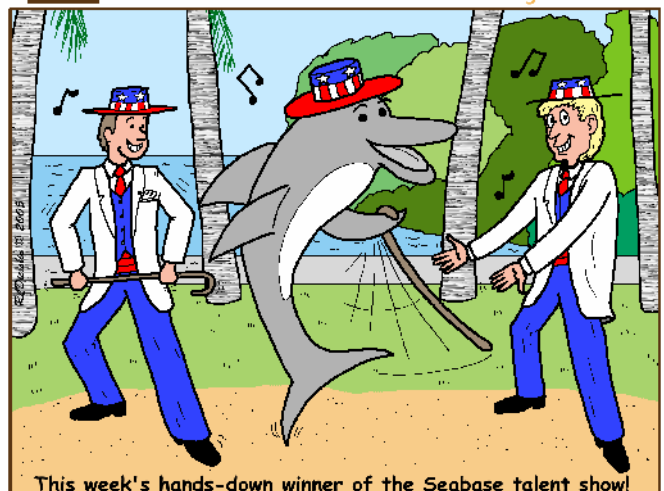
They were all exhausted by the end of the day!!!!

## **Joke of the Month**

The Scoutmaster and his son went on a camping trip.  
As they lay down for the night, the Tenderfoot said: "Dad, look up into the sky and tell me what you see."  
His Scoutmaster father responded: "I see millions and millions of stars."  
Tenderfoot son: "And what does that tell you?"  
Scoutmaster dad says:  
"Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.  
Religiously, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant.  
Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"  
Tenderfoot son: "Somebody stole our tent."

## **KNOTS**

Seabase High Adventure



**FUN IN THE SUN**

## **Summer Camp**

From July 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Troop 73 attended summer camp at camp Shin-Go-Beek in Waupaca Wisconsin.

Joey Parenti, Mark Holmes, Kurt Tyminski, Kevin Del Bene, Jason Rose, Mathew Rose, Jay Mills, Andy Dunne, Johnathan Cwiklik, Ryan McCarthy and Steve Kvasnicka spent the week working on badges and having a great time.

Accompanying the boys were the following troop adult leaders: Steve Tyminski, Rich Cwiklik, Tom McCarthy, Frank Koncel, Barb Mills and Wayland Porter.

We will highlight the fun activities from the camp in this issue and report the badges and advancements in the September issue prior to the next "Court of Honor".

The troop is proud to announce they again were awarded the "Gold Cup" for their outstanding performance in various activities during the week at camp!

Some of activities the boys took top honors in to win the cup were:

Andy Dunne climbed the climbing wall in just over 19 seconds, taking first place.

The troop built an axe yard and a fishing rod rack for the Pioneering portion of the contest.

The troop's rowing & canoe team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Jason Rose & Kevin Del Bene in the rowboat and Joey Parenti & Kurt Tyminski in the canoe.

Ryan McCarthy won the "Greased Watermelon" contest.

Steve Kvasnicka won the "Cherry Pit Spitting" contest"

## **13 steps to build a campfire**

1. Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in the hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat "A Scout is cheerful" and light match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flames.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
13. After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps.

## **Eagle Project Update**

Four members of our troops are in the process of finalizing their Eagle Projects at this time.

Andy Waller and Kyle Svejcar have completed their Eagle Scout Advancement projects and badges. Congratulations boys, we look forward to your presentation ceremonies!!

Adam Tyminski will complete his Eagle project on August 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be coordinating crews of Troop 73 members who will paint an environmental message on sewers around the Village of Westchester.

Jason Rose is working with the Westchester Park District to install a "Disc Golf" course at the Mayfair Park. He will contact the troop when help is needed.

## **Scouting is like a Golf Ball**

When golfing was first invented, the ball they used was perfectly round and smooth. However, each time the ball was used it would get little dents in it from being hit with the iron clubs. The dents didn't look very good, and probably were thought of as damaging at first. But it didn't take long for the golfers to realize that the MORE DENTS the ball had, the FARTHER and STRAIGHTER it flew. Soon after, using the dented, experienced golf balls as a model, they began to manufacture balls with the dents already in them. Thus the balls we have today will fly much farther than any of the first golf balls they started with, because they have learned from the experienced balls of the past.

Scouting is a LOT like a golf ball. Each time we learn a new skill, or earn a merit badge, or even when we try to learn something and don't succeed the first time, it's like adding another dent or dimple to our ball. The more skills we learn, the more experience we gain, even if we fail sometimes, the more dented our ball becomes, and the farther and straighter we will be able to soar down the course of our lives.

Maybe that's why most Eagle Scouts seem to soar farther and straighter than others. It's not the Eagle rank itself, it's all the little dimples and dents working up to it that taught him how to fly.

## **INTERNET INFORMATION**

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## **Upcoming Event**

Troop 73 will attend a campout with the Webelos scouts from Pack 73 the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rose will have more information at the 1<sup>st</sup> troop meeting.