

Boy Scout Troop 73  
Westchester, IL  
Des Plaines Valley  
Council

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December 2005

# The Rendezvous

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2– WCC Fish Fry, Clean tables for Service

December 7 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

December 13 - Committee meeting 7:00 PM

December 14 – PLC 7:00 Troop meeting 7:30-9:00

December 11 – Clean tables at WCC Spaghetti dinner

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 4 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

January 6– WCC Fish Fry, Clean tables for Service

January 11 – PLC 7:00 Troop meeting 7:30-9:00

January 17 - Committee meeting 7:00 PM

January 18 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

January 25 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

January 25 –Voyageur Trace District Recognition Dinner

## Scouting For Food

On November 12 & 19 Troop 73, Pack 73 and Pack 172 distributed flyers and collected food for distribution to the Westchester Food Pantry, Grace Lutheran church's food pantry, Divine Infant's Food pantry, and Westchester Community Church's food pantry. Thanks to Mr. Kneisel's organization and a lot of hard work by the troop and pack members and families the pantries are well stocked for the holidays.

## PARENTS NEEDED

The Troop 73 adult committee is looking for parents to fill the following positions:  
Publicity, Outdoor Leadership, Recruitment.

Thanks to Mrs. Chlapecka for joining the committee as secretary.

If you are interested in getting more information on one of these positions speak to Ralph Holmes our Troop Committee Chairman.

## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

All Parents are asked to please join us for Adult Committee Meetings. It is just an hour a month. Thanks for you help, it is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for the next committee meeting on December 13, 2005. Meetings are held at the Westchester Community Church at 7:00 PM.

## POPCORN NEWS

The popcorn sale has ended and all orders are in. Mr. Kvasnicka will have the popcorn ready for pickup on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will call when you order is ready.

## Camporee

The troop attended the fall camporee at Camp Tomo Chi Chi Knolls on October 21-23. The boys had the opportunity to work on the Pioneering Merit Badge. The district called a surprise inspection on our troop, Mr. Cwiklik was caught off guard. Oops!!! Mr. Rose relaxed his no electronics rule so the boys had the opportunity to listen to the White Sox world series game!!! The following troop members attended: Andy Dunne, Joey Parenti, Mark Holmes, Jay Mills, Matt Rose, Jonathan Cwiklik, along with the following adult leaders: Frank Koncel, Barb Mills, Bill Raysa, Rich Cwiklik and Roy Rose.

## TURKEY BARBEQUE

On Sunday November 13 we fought high winds and cold temperatures to enjoy a Troop Thanksgiving feast. About 40 troop members, their families and Webelos guests from pack 73 enjoyed several turkeys, stuffing, potatoes (white and sweet!!), salads and numerous other treats and desserts.

While the men cooked the food, the boys participated in a Disc Golf tourney. Prizes were awarded to the participants. After the tourney the boys and Scoutmaster played a game of "touch" football.

Despite the chilly temps it was a wonderful day and the food was great!!!!

## INTERNET INFORMATION

Des Plaines Valley Boy Scout Council:  
<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/main.htm>

Boy Scouts of American address:  
[www.bsa.scouting.org](http://www.bsa.scouting.org)

Email the troop: [wcctroop73@comcast.net](mailto:wcctroop73@comcast.net)

Troop Web Site: [www.wcctroop73.org](http://www.wcctroop73.org)

## NEWSLETTER FEATURE

We have a new feature in the newsletter.

Each issue will feature one or more member of the troop or troop committee to help you get to know people better.

If you are asked to provide biographical information please be prompt so it can be included in the next issue.

We want to get to know everyone, so please be give us as much information as possible about you when asked!!!!

Thanks you in advance.

This month's features Mr. Koncel & Mr. Kneisel.

## ADVANCEMENTS

Steve Kvasnicka – Star Scout  
Joey Parenti – 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Matthew Rose – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

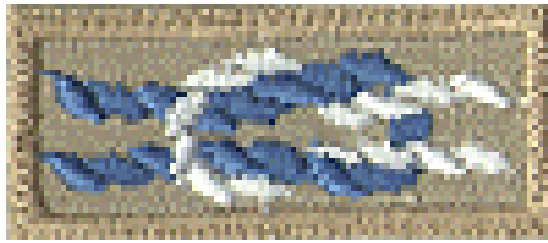
Joey Parenti is a Den chief for the 1st year Webelos in Pack 73

## UNIFORM

At **All** Troop Meetings, you must be in uniform. You must be in full Class A uniform or a Class B uniform (a class B uniform is any shirt with a BSA symbol on it). First meeting of the month is **Class A only** uniform day. If you are not in uniform, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

We also ask that you have your handbook and pen and notepad with you at all meetings.

For **All** Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of review and Court of Honor you must be in full Class A uniform.



## TROOP COMMITTEE PROFILES

### Frank Koncel

Frank Koncel has been actively involved with Troop 73 and Scouting, for over 40 years. He joined Troop 73 as a volunteer in 1965 when his son Jack joined the troop. During much of this time Frank has been Troop Quartermaster and Adult Committee member. He even had a two- car garage built at his home in Westchester to be able to store Troop 73's Camping supplies and trailer for many years. In addition, Frank has been involved in the Family and Community Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign for over 20 years. He has also worked with Horst Kniessel on the Scouting for Food activity each year. He has the flyers printed for free, by printing contacts he developed during his time as owner/President/CEO of a book binding company in Chicago. He has also been a merit badge counselor for book binding and graphic arts.

Mr. Koncel works like a human dynamo at camp outs and camp work projects, and he has often been called the Energizer Bunny. Frank has been an excellent model for Scouts, and often comments to the Scouts how Christians live by respecting their leaders, their parents, and one another. He guides Scouts into becoming strong leaders. He attends many campouts, Adult Committee meetings and District Award banquets to show his support of our troop and scouting. He strongly encourages the Scouts to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Mr. Koncel has received many awards for his distinguished service to Scouting. He received the District Award of Merit, in 1976, the OA Vigil Honor, in 1998, the God & Service Award, in 2001 and the highest award, the Silver Beaver Award, in 2002.

In addition to his Scouting involvement, Frank is very involved as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Westchester Community Church. Throughout his lifetime, he has also actively participated in fundraising for the Boys and Girls Clubs in Chicago, and is involved in the Communications Group fundraising activity for the Chicago Area BSA Council.

### Horst Kniessel

Horst Kniessel has been a Boy Scout Volunteer for over 25 years with both Troop 73 and Pack 73. He became involved in scouting when his son Gerhard joined Pack 73 as a Cub Scout in 1978. He has been the Chartered Organization Representative from both Troop 73 and Pack 73 at Westchester Community Church for 15 years. He has also been chairman of the annual friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign, and the annual Scouting for Food drive for many years. As COR he is a voting member of the Des Plaines Valley Council and Voyageur Trace District operating committee. He is also a mentor for Eagle Scout candidates, and merit badge counselor for the Personal Management and Family Life merit badges.

Mr. Kniessel has received many awards for his work in scouting. In 1995 and 1996, he received the Distinguished Service Award and District Award of Merit, in 1997 the God and Country award, in 1998 he received the Des Plaines Valley Council President's Award, and in 2001 he received the highest award presented by a Scout Council, the Silver Beaver Award.

In addition to his work with Boy Scouts Mr. Kniessel is very active in the Westchester Community Church. He is currently a member of the church choir, the Chairman of the church's Stewardship board, member of the Church Cabinet, and a member of the Endowment Trust Fund Administrators. He has also been youth forum leader, Sunday School teacher, and a frequent confirmation mentor. He is committed to working with youths, to help make them good citizens and strong members of society. He also works with the BEDS homeless shelters. When he is not volunteering, Mr. Kniessel works as a banker. He is First Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank in Chicago, where he had for twenty years served as employee campaign coordinator of the bank's United Way campaign.

