

January 2006

Boy Scout Troop 73
Westchester, IL
Des Plaines Valley
Council

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The Rendezvous

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 18 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00, Court of Honor
January 25 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
January 25 –Voyageur Trace District Recognition Dinner
January 28 – VT Klondike Derby 8:00 am, meet at WCC
February 1 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
February 3 – Fish Fry Service
February 4 – Ski Trip with WCC Youth Group
February 8 – PLC 7:00, Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
February 12 – Scout Sunday – Service begins at 10:00
at WCC
February 14 – Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
February 15 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
February 22 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
March 4 – Merit Badge University – 3 Fires Council
March 11 – Merit Badge Academy –
DesPlaines Valley Council

SERVICE UPDATES:

Scouting For Food

On November 12 & 19, Troop 73, Pack 73 and Pack 172 distributed flyers and collected food for distribution to local food pantries.

The following troop members adults and family members participated: Steve Kvasnicka, Brian DelBene, Kevin DelBene, Kurt Tyminski, Adam Tyminski, Joey Parenti, Jay Mills, Mark Holmes, Matt Rose, Jason Rose, Rich, Karen & Jenny Kvasnicka, Ann DelBene, Steve Tyminski, Sue & Gary Parenti, Bob Eisenhart, Joe & Barb Mills, Rich Cwiklik, Ralph Holmes, Horst Kniesel, Frank Konsel, Pat & Sarah Rose.

Spaghetti Dinner Service

The following Troop 73 members helped at the Spaghetti dinner held at WCC on December 11th to benefit a member of the parish: Kevin DelBene, Adam Tyminski, Mark Homes, Matt Rose, Jason Rose, Matt Huppenbauer, Jay Mills, Steve & Sandy Tyminski, Roy Rose, Horst Kniesel, Ann DelBene and Barb Mills.

ADVANCEMENTS

Adam Tyminski – Eagle Scout
Joey Parenti – Star Scout
Jay Mills – 2nd Class Scout

MERIT BADGES

Jay Mills – Bird Study, Personal Fitness
Joey Parenti – Pioneering
Kevin DelBene – World Conservation
Marty Chlapecka – World Conservation

FISH FRY SERVICE

The troop has helped at the WCC fish frys during the fall. The following troop members helped out:

October: Jay Mills & Andy Dunne
November: Mark Holmes & Matt Huppenbauer
December: Kevin DelBene, Matt Rose, Jay Mills & Kurt Tyminski
January: Jay Mills

Church Clean-up –

Leaf Raking in the November Snow Storm:

Jeff Brown, Joey Parenti, Jason Rose, Mark Holmes, Roy Rose, Steve Tyminski & Ralph Holmes.

POPCORN SALE

The 2005-2006 popcorn sale is complete. The following troop members sold popcorn this year: Jonathan Cwiklik, Kevin DelBene, Mark Holmes, Steve Kvasnicka, May Mills, Joey Parenti, Kurt Tyminski & Mr. Eisenhart.

Klondike Derby

Voyageur Trace District is sponsoring a Klondike Derby on Saturday January 28th and troop 73 is planning to attend. The scouts will participate in scout skills and other winter outdoor competitions. The event will take place even if there is no snow.

Permission slips are due back on January 18th. Please pay careful attention to the equipment list when preparing for the event.

Mr. Tyminski and Mr. Holmes will accompany the boys to the event.

Troop Lock-in

December 2nd to 3rd the troop had a lock-in in the WCC basement. The scouts played PlayStation games and dodgeball all night long.

Joey Parenti, Jay Mills, Mark Holmes, Jalen Brown, Jeff Brown, Jonathan Cwiklik, Andy Dunne, Matt Huppenbauer, Marty Chlapecka, Steve Kvasnicka, Kurt Tyminski, Adam Tyminski, Kevin DelBene, Jason Rose, Matt Rose, Peter Waller, Mr. Tyminski, Mr. Cwiklik, & Mr. Waller attended.

Scout Sunday

The 96th Anniversary of Boy Scouting is celebrated the week of February 5th through the 11th. At the end of the week we will celebrate Scout Sunday at WCC at 10:00 am service. Please try to attend. Wear your full uniform.

Summer Camp

Troop 73 will attend ShinGoBeek Boy Scout camp in Waupaca, Wisconsin from July 16th to 22nd. The scouts will sleep in tents for a week and have the opportunity to complete several badges. They will participate in many exciting competitions and maybe even win 'The Cup' again this year.

Cost to attend is \$180 per scout and \$110 per adult if paid by January 25th the early bird deadline. After the 25th the price increases to \$205/\$135.

FOS - Friends of Scouting

At the Court of Honor Mr. Kniesel will present information on the Council's FOS campaign. Each family will receive a card that must be signed and returned to Mrs. Mills of Mrs. DelBene even if you choose not to contribute to the campaign.

Merit Badge Opportunities

There are two upcoming opportunities to earn more merit badges:

3 Rivers Council is hosting "Merit Badge University" on March 4th. For more information and to register go to: www.ptdistrict.com

DesPlaines Valley Council is hosting "Merit Badge Academy" on March 11th. For information and registration go to: www.bsa-dpvc.org/mbc/mba

These are great opportunities to earn your required merit badges and work your way closer Eagle Scout!!!

Class size is limited so register early!!!!

Ski Trip

Troop 73 will accompany the WCC Youth Group on their trip to Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva on Saturday February 4th. Permission slips are due to Mrs. Mills on January 25th.

NEWSLETTER FEATURE

Sorry, due to the last minute nature of this newsletter there will be no feature this issue. Check back next issue to meet other members of the adult committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bill Raysa will receive the Silver Beaver Award on February 23rd, 2006. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a Boy Scout Council can present to its volunteers. Mr. Raysa has been involved in Boy Scouting and Troop 73 for many years.

Congratulations Bill!!!!!!

PARENTS NEEDED

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

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 February 14, 2006. Meetings are held at the Westchester Community Church at 7:00 PM.

INTERNET INFORMATION

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

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www.bsa.scouting.org

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Troop Web Site: www.wcctroop73.org

OA Dues

All OA members, membership dues are due to Roy Rose by January 18th.

The Story Of A Good Turn

How Scouting Started in the United States

One day in 1909 in London, England, An American Visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was.

A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip.

But, the boy stopped him. "No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested.

After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain.

Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the scouting movement to our country. In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout.

One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn.

Hence The Scout Slogan: DO A GOOD TURN DAILY!