

Boy Scout Troop 73  
Westchester, IL  
Des Plaines Valley  
Council

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October 2005



# The Rendezvous

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Keep on selling Popcorn

### **DON'T FORGET: TROOP MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS YEAR.**

- October 18 – Committee Meeting 7:00
- October 19 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
- October 22-23 – Voyageur Trace Camporee,  
Camp Tomo Chi Chi Knolls
- October 26 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00  
Membership Fees Due
- October 29 – Saturday, Church Cleanup, WCC 9am -12
- October 29 – Super Saturday Leader training, DPVC
- November 2 – Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
- November 4 – WCC Fish Fry, Table Cleaning for Service
- November 5 – Den Chief Training at WCC 8am – 12 pm  
register with DPVC if interested
- November 9 – PLC 7:00 -- Troop meeting 7:30-9:00
- November 12 – Scouting for Food flyer distribution
- November 13 – Turkey Cookout and Disk Golf Outing,  
Mayfair Park 12 pm- 5pm
- November 15 – Committee Meeting 7:00
- November 16 – Troop Meeting 7:30 -9:00  
Popcorn orders due to Mr. Kvasnicka
- November 19 – Scouting for Food Pick
- November 23 – Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
- November 24 –HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## REGISTRATION

Registration fees will be collected at the troop meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Fees are \$35.00 per scout. This includes BSA dues, Boys Life subscription and troop dues.

Adult fees are \$10.00, to cover BSA dues (this is voluntary for all adults).

If you will not be at the 10/26 meeting due to participation in the WMS band concert, please bring your check to the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Scouting For Food

Each November the troop distributes flyers and collects bags of food from the residents for Westchester. This year distribution will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> and food pickup will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We need all scouts and parents to help make this a great collection. More people means we're done sooner!!!!

## PARENTS NEEDED

The Troop 73 adult committee is looking for parents to fill the following positions: Publicity, Outdoor Leadership, Recruitment, and Committee Meeting 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 November 15, 2005. Meetings are held at the Westchester Community Church at 7:00 PM.

### POPCORN NEWS

Popcorn sales have begun.

Our troop's popcorn sales Chairman is Rich Kvasnicka (**Thanks Rich!!!!**).

By now everyone should have received their packets for selling popcorn. Please sell as much as you can to your friends, fellow workers and families. Remember, a portion of your sales income will go into your scout account for you to use for all your scout activities.

### Camporee

October 21-23 the troop will attend the Voyageur Trace fall Camporee at Tomo ChiChi Knolls. The boys will have a chance to the Pioneering Merit Badge. Make sure you get your blue card before you leave. For more information see Mr. Rose.

### O A FALL FELLOWSHIP

The OA Fall fellowship was held at Tomo chi chi Knolls on September 30& 31.

Troop members Jason Rose & Mike Porter attended. Troop Adults Frank Konsel, Bill Raysa, Bob Eisnehart & Roy Rose were there as well.

Mike Porter is now a brotherhood member.

### 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. Eisenhart & Mr. Raysa.

### DEN CHIEFS NEEDED

Packs 73 and 172 still needs den chiefs for the 2005-2006 scouting year.

Den chiefs help Cub scouts with their activities and earn leadership experience credit toward Boy Scout advancements.

Please consider helping the younger scouts, and let them know how much fun Boy Scouting is.

You will receive training from the Des Plaines Valley council on November 5th.

If you are interested in becoming a den chief, see Mr. Tyminski.

### ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

PINEWOOD DERBY MOVIE COMING SOON

*Down and Derby* is a family comedy about a small town Pinewood Derby competition that transforms an average group of dads into an awkward bunch of competitors. Watch for: it in theaters soon.

**If you find any scouting activities the troop may be interested in please submit them to the newsletter, email the troop address, or bring them to a troop meeting!!!!**

## 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

### Bob Eisenhart

Bob began his scouting career as a Cub Scout in Pack 3846 chartered by Irving Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago and then went on to Boy Scouting in Troop 846, also chartered by IPPC.

As a Boy Scout he attended Owasippe Scout Reservation, in Michigan where he went for 8 years including one year on waterfront staff at Camp Stuart. He attended the 1969 National Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho with 34,250 other Scouts and Scouters, where they broadcast a greeting from the first moon landing. That same year he became an Ordeal OA member. He earned Eagle Scout rank just short of his 18th birthday in May of 1973.

Bob didn't get re-involved in Scouts until his oldest son Ted became a Tiger Cub in 1992 with Pack 172 in Westchester. He was a Tiger Cub Coach for his other son Bobby two years later.

He succeeded Bill Raysa as Committee Chair when his son John moved on to Boy Scouts, and was a 2nd year Webelos Den leader for Bobby before he fully crossed over to Troop 73. He then succeeded Barb Watts as Scoutmaster for two years and then took over as Committee Chair for the Troop for 3 years. Bob has stayed involved in Scouting because of his close friendships with Mike Scherer and Bill Raysa who also continue to be involved. He enjoys meeting other Scouters through training courses held by the Council and District and he enjoys having the opportunity to go camping. Both his father and grandfather were involved in Scouts as youths and as leaders. His brother and his nephew are also currently active in Downers Grove.

In January 2005 Bob was awarded the Voyageur Trace District Distinguished Service Award.

## INTERNET INFORMATION

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### Bill Raysa

Bill has been involved in scouting since the 1950's. He began his scouting experience as a member of Cub Scout Pack 22, Oak Park, Illinois. Then moved on to Boy Scout in Troop 22 and then to Explorer Scout Troop 22.

In 1990 he joined Pack 172 at Divine Infant Church where he served as committee chair, advancement chair and recruiter. In 1992 Bill joined Troop 73 where he as served as Committee Chair, Arrow Coordinator, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Adult Leadership Training Coordinator, and Advancement Chair.

Bill has been to Philmont Scout Ranch and Seabase as well as to Camp Mach-kin-no-siew and Camp Shin-go-beek numerous times. He is a trainer for the DesPlaines Valley Council and has taught Boy Scout Basic Leader Training, Boy Scout Leader Training, Boy Scout Basic Leader Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training to name a few. He is also a merit badge for our troop and the DesPlaines Valley Council.

Bill earned his Wood Badge in 2003 and was awarded the Voyageur Trace District Award of Merit in January of 2003 and the Voyageur Trace District Distinguished Service Award in January of 2004.

