

September 2005

Boy Scout Troop 73
Westchester, IL
Des Plaines Valley
Council

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Serving the Youth in
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Years

The Rendezvous

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Popcorn Sales begin this month! Troop meets every
Wednesday this year.

September 16-18 – Campout with Pack 73 Webelos
at Blackwell

September 20 - Committee meeting 7:00 PM

September 21 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

September 28 – Court of Honor & Uniform Inspection
7:30-9:00

October 1 –2 - OA Fellowship

October 5 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

October 7 – WCC Fish Fry service hours 6:00-8:00

October 12 – PLC 7:00 , Troop Mtg 7:30 –9:00

October 15 – WCC Fall Cleanup 9:00 – 12:00

October 18 – Committee Meeting 7:00

October 19 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

October 2-23 – Voyageur Trace Camporee,
Camp Tomo Chi Chi Knolls

October 26 - Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00
Membership Fees Due

November 5 – Den Chief Training-register with DPVC

November 2 – Troop Meeting 7:30-9:00

November 4 – WCC Fish Fry,
Cleaning tables for Service

November 9 – PLC 7:00 Troop meeting 7:30-9:00

November 12 – Scouting for Food flyer distribution

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

COURT OF HONOR

Families are invited to attend the Court of
Honor on Wednesday September 28th. Please
arrive with our scout at 7:30.

Each family is asked to bring a snack to share
after the meeting.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees will be collected at the troop
meeting on October 26th.

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 19th meeting.

RECRUITMENT

“Bring a Friend to Scouts”

Troop 73 always welcomes new members. If you
have a friend who would like to become a Boy
scout bring them (with a parent) to the Court of
Honor to meet the troop.

SERVICE

Troop 73 participates in many service activities during the year.

Fish Fry Cleanup – The first Friday of each month we need volunteers to help clean tables at the Westchester Community Church's Fish Fry dinners. The church is our sponsor and we do this a one way of thanking them for the use of their hall.

Church Clean-up – Every fall the troop joins the church members and helps with raking and general cleanup around the church grounds. A date has not yet been set for the clean-up this year.

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 12th and food pickup will be on November 19th. We need all scouts and parents to help make this a great collection.

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

By now everyone should have received their packets for selling popcorn. The troop will not be participating in store sales this year. Please sell as much as you can to your friends, fellow workers and families. A portion of your sales income will go into your scout account for you to use for scout activities.



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 October 18, 2005. Meetings are held at the Westchester Community Church at 7:00 PM.

PARENTS NEEDED

The Troop 73 adult committee is looking for parents to fill the following positions:
Publicity, Outings, New Member Recruitment and Committee Secretary.

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

Troop Patrols and Leadership

We have formed new patrols and held elections for new troop leadership.

Our new leaders are:

Senior Patrol Leader - Steve Kvasnicka
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader - Andy Dunne

New patrols with their leaders:

Bear Patrol
Jeff Brown -Patrol Leader
Matt Rose – Assistant Patrol Leader
Alexander Billingslea, Kwesi Frimpong ,
Danny Egan, Kurt Tyminski

Sabertooth Moose Patrol
Jason Rose - Patrol Leader
Marty Chlapecka - Assistant Patrol Leader
Jalen Brown, Jay Mills, Pete Waller
Marty Huppenbauer

Cheese Patrol
Mark Holmes - Patrol Leader
Joe Parenti - Assistant Patrol Leader
Mike Porter, Seyvon Ingram, Jonathan Cwiklik
Kevin DelBene, Andy Dunne



POPCORN NEWS

Popcorn sales have begun.

ADVANCEMENTS

The following scouts have achieved new ranks:

Matt Rose --Tenderfoot

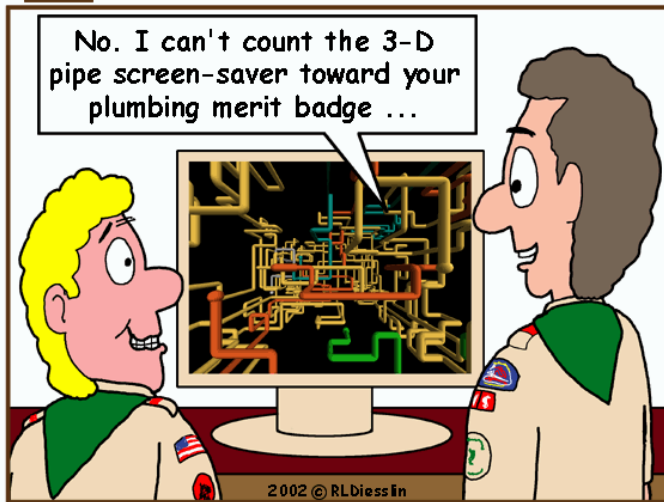
Mark Holmes -- 2nd Class

Andy Dunne -- 1st Class

Congratulations to all of you!

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Plumbing Merit Badge



KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS

NEWSLETTER FEATURE

We will begin a new feature in this month's newsletter.

Each issue will feature one or more member of the troop or troop committee to help you get to know the members and adults 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 feature New Eagle Scouts.

MERIT BADGES

The following scouts earned badges during the summer months. The badges will be presented at the court of honor on September 26th.

Mike Porter - Camping

Kevin Delbene - Bird Study, Canoeing, Soil and Water Conservation,

Kurt Tyminski - Bird Study, Canoeing, Water and Soil Conservation

Matt Rose - Wilderness Survival, Swimming, Environmental Science

Jason Rose - Soil and Water Conservation, Bird Study

Joey Parenti - Wilderness Survival, Lifesaving

Ryan McCarthy - Fish and Wildlife, Shotgun

Jay Mills – Astronomy, Swimming, Wilderness Survival, Fish and Wildlife

Jonathan Cwiklik – Fishing

Steve Kvasnicka -Fish and Wildlife

Mark Holmes – Pioneering, Lifesaving

Congratulations!!!! Good Work!!!!

DEN CHIEFS NEEDED

Packs 73 & 172 need 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.

EAGLE SCOUT PROFILE: Adam Tyminski

Adam joined Boy Scouting in 1994 while in 1st grade at WPS as a Tiger Cub Scout, and has been an active member of both Pack 73 and Troop 73 since that time. He is a Senior at Westmont High school in Westmont, IL and is a member of the football team. He hopes the team can have great season for his final year. After High School Adam plans to attend college.

He has worked very hard to complete his Eagle Scout Rank this summer and as a final Eagle Scout project he organized a project to label the storm sewers in Westchester to help prevent unsafe dumping.

The water in the storm sewers in Westchester is not always treated before it is released to the waterways. Yard wastes and high phosphorous fertilizers create pollution, which creates algae that deplete the water's oxygen levels and kills aquatic life.

The sewers in the streets of Westchester were previously unmarked. Adam's project was to mark the sewers in the north section of Westchester. The goal of this project is to help stop people from dumping pollutants into the sewers. In order to accomplish this we will educate the people.

The method to prevent water pollution is to label the storm sewers "DUMP NO WASTE DRAINS TO RIVER." In addition, we will make display posters that say high phosphate fertilizers create enrichment pollution. These two visualizations will be a reminder to people that the sewers drain untreated into rivers.

On Sunday August 14th Adam and a group of volunteers from Troop 73 painted the warning labels on the sewers.

Adam will receive his Eagle Scout Award at a special Court of Honor in the near future.

Congratulations Adam.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EARNING MERIT BADGES

INFORMATION TO SCOUTS:

Obtain the Merit Badge Book from the troop library, public library or scout store.

Read the entire Merit Badge Book (not just the requirements).

Get a blue card signed by the Scoutmaster. (Keep it in a safe place).

Contact the merit badge counselor to discuss the merit badge and his or her requirements. You should also ask the merit badge counselor if he or she has any special instructions. When all the requirements are done, call the merit badge counselor again to set up an appointment.

On the appointment date, be prompt, bring all of your work and the Merit Badge Book, wear your Class A uniform and most important, **BE PREPARED! BE POLITE! AND BE SURE TO BRING THE BLUE CARD SIGNED BY THE SCOUTMASTER!**

Thank the merit badge counselor. If you are signed off, give the return portion of the blue card to the advancement chairperson of the troop.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

Make sure your son initiates the telephone call to the merit badge counselor. (THIS IS HIS MERIT BADGE!)

You should go with your son to see the counselor, but do not take part in the interview, unless asked to do so.

Always attend the Court of Honor to see your son receive his awards. Also help your scout sew the badges on his sash or uniform right away. (Better yet, teach him to sew the badges on his own uniform.) **RECOGNITION IS IMPORTANT!!**

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.

See: the following web link For pictures to help you place you patches properly on your uniform:

<http://www.scouting.org/forms/34283.pdf#search='boy%20scout%20uniform%20badge%20placement'>

(If you are reading this newsletter in your email, you can cut and paste the link above in your browser to access the pictures)

Email the troop: wcctroop73@comcast.net

Troop Web Site: www.wcctroop73.org



The Complete Star Spangled Banner

Did you know that there was more than one verse to our national anthem? I didn't. If you did, do you know the other verses? I didn't. But, through some luck, I managed to stumble across a version of the song with three verses. So, I present them here for your enjoyment. Next time you want to impress someone, feel free to sing the last two verses.

O...say! can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light,
What so proud-ly we hailed at the twi-light's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per-il-ous fight,
O'er the ram-parts we watched, were so gal-lant-ly streaming?
And the rock-ets red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O...say, does that Star-spangled Ban-ner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

On the shore, dim-ly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread si-lence re-pos-es,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the tow-er-ing steep,
As it fit-ful-ly blows, half con-ceals, half dis-clos-es?
Now it catch-es the gleam of the morn-ing's first beam,
In full glo-ry re-lect-ed now shines on the stream:
'Tis the Star-spangled Ban-ner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

O...thus be it ev-er when free-men shall stand
Be-tween their loved homes and war's des-o-la-tion!
Blest with vic-t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res-cued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre-served us a na-tion!
Then..con-quer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our mot-to:"In God is our trust!"
And the Star-spangled Ban-ner in tri-umph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

(from the Internet)

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Badge workshop:

Downers Grove Park District is offering 2 Merit Badge programs for Boy Scouts.

Nature: October 1st

Soil and Water /Conservation – November 12th

For more information go to their Web site:

www.dgparks.org and follow these links:

-CLASSES & PROGRAMS –

-NATURE-

-SCOUT PROGRAMS-

or call them at - 630.963.1304.

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!!!!

INTERNET INFORMATION

Des Plaines Valley Boy Scout Council:

<http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/main.htm>

Boy Scouts of American address:

www.bsa.scouting.org