



BSA TROOP 73

NEWSLETTER

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Troop 73 Rules at Camp Horseshoe

The official publication of Camp Horseshoe, The Echo says it all, "Troop 73 overwhelmed the competition and secured the right to lead." On Saturday, the Persians invaded Camp Horseshoe conquering almost all of camp, but a message was sent to all the troops to join King Leonidas' Spartan Army. And lead we did, dominating the water sports!

On Friday night, the camp staff refused to work!! Once again Troop 73 came to the rescue and returned the most staff to camp!

Shark Patrol proved they are smarter than your average caveman by finishing third in the Caveman competition on Monday. Our own Wolverine Patrol secured second place in the obstacle course competition.

Special congratulations go to Jeff Potts and his most amazingly trained turtle, Fysty, for crossing the finish line first in the annual Turtle Derby.

Also, congratulations to Owen Howson who was awarded the Silver Buckle, as the scout who most lived up to the Scout Oath and Law throughout the week at Horseshoe.

And finally, despite some fierce competition from the other troops in camp, all our practice and hard work paid off as we once again brought home the coveted **MARCHING TROPHY** for the week!!!

WAY TO WAY TROOP 73!!!

Troop Year Gets Underway

Troop 73 is wasting no time starting up this year! Your PLC met in August and has planned a year of *fun* and (shhh) *educational* meetings. As always, we meet every Wednesday night at the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company from 7:30 to 9 PM. Each month we will focus on a different Merit Badge as listed below.

September - Biking

October - Cooking

November - Rifle/Shotgun

December - Personal Management
(Eagle Required)

January - Snow Sports

February - First Aid (Eagle Required)

March - Wilderness Survival

April - Archery

May - Canoeing

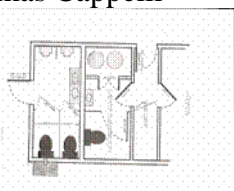
September has already begun with two bike trips and a camping/bike trip to Cape May, NJ is planned for September 21-23.

Don't forget all the other activities throughout the year, including Popcorn and Christmas Tree sales, the Camparee on October 12-14, Courts of Honor, First Aid Meet, and monthly camping trips. It's going to be a busy year, be sure to be a part of it!



Summer Project: VFVFC Bathroom Renovations

By Thomas Cappelli



One week after returning from Summer Camp, the Troop's Summer Service Project began. Mr. Rapp lead the renovations of the bathrooms at the end of the Ladies Auxiliary building at the Fire Company. The project began with demolition of both bathrooms, cutting and digging out the men's room floor, enlarging doorways, and then the construction of new partitions and dividers. Also, the troop shed received a much needed clearing out! (Thanks to Mr. Kassel and friends). And that was just the first weekend!!!



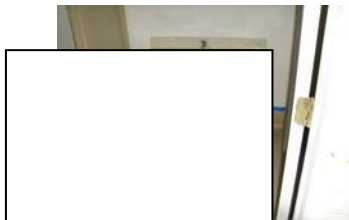
Mr. Savoy pitching

in.

Each weekend more has been accomplished . Both bathrooms have now been painted, all new fixtures installed, new lights, drop ceilings, custom partitions, new doors, outdoor faucet and drain off area, dug by yours truly!



Before



The troop could not have completed this project without the hard work of our scouts, leaders, and parent volunteers as well as Mr. Grover, our plumber; his assistant, Chio, and Ed, our electrician. To read more and see additional pictures about the project go to our troop website, www.vftroop73.org .

Sea Base - Adventure of a Lifetime



YYYYAAAAARRRRRR me hearties!!

Mr. Nilson has a boat load of photos from the trip and it looks like a swash buckling good time as had by all. We would like to include a story on this trip in the next newsletter. Please contact Andrew Cappelli to submit one ~ or more. Land lubber minds want to know.....

Was this REALLY the ship??????

