



BSA TROOP 73

NEWSLETTER

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Troop 73 Welcomes Six New Eagles Scouts in 2007

And Counting!

2007 has moved into second place on the list of most Eagles in a year for Troop 73. 2001 still holds the record with nine Eagles joining the ranks that year. But 2007 isn't over yet! Congratulations to all the 2007 Eagles Scouts.

2007 Michael Mitten
2007 Asher Condit
2007 John Howson IV
2007 Zachary T. Johnson
2007 Colin Small
2007 Michael R. Kassel

It's Never Too Early to Submit an Article!!

The next issue of the Troop Newsletter will be out in January. You can submit an article anytime about any troop activity for inclusion in the newsletter. Email me at blazingaceajc@aol.com. Thanks, Andrew.

Happy Holidays!!

11/7/2007 Weekly Meeting

Submitted by Scott Carr

We met at the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company for our weekly meeting. It was the first meeting of the month so we all showed up in our class A uniforms. This week the Webelos joined us to prepare for our Parent Son Camping Trip that upcoming weekend at Camp Horseshoe. First, there was the opening, led by our SPL, and introductions to the Webelos. Our lesson was on rifle safety and what to expect to happen at the rifle range. The inner patrol competition was to fill out a worksheet on the parts of the rifle. There were thirty questions and the Cobra patrol, led by Owen Howson, won. There were two rounds of the cone game, even though we were in our class A's, while the Webelos and their parents were at a brief meeting in the engine bay. When they returned we played Captain on the Deck, led by Owen and Aaron Sifford was the winner! We ended with the closing, announcements and everyone went home.

What Does December Mean to Troop 73?

See page 2 for the answer!!!



How I Spent My Summer Vacation

(Or It's Eagle Project Time!!)

By Thomas Cappelli

This past summer, I helped three of Troop 73's Life Scouts as they worked on their Eagle Projects. Jay Howson and Colin Small both did their projects at the Great Valley Presbyterian Church where they each took a section of the Church's graveyard and updated the Church's records. This was done by laying out each of the plots and measuring each grave marker. Then, a photo was taken of each grave marker and all the information on the stones was recorded. Next, all that information was cross-checked against the Church's paperwork and entered into a data base. Both Colin and Jay spent many hours organizing, overseeing, and completing their individual projects. I don't know how many graves they each documented, but I know I helped measure hundreds of them!! The Church is very old and it was interesting to see grave stones from as far back as the 1700's. (OK, it was also kind of funny watching some of the adults as they tried to read the gravestones. They used everything ~ water, chalk, mirrors, stood to the front, stood to the side, scratched their heads, even laid on their stomachs.....)

The most interesting part was seeing gravestones being unearthed. The written records showed that there should be a marker, but nothing was there, but in some cases just a small bit of what was thought to be a stone was visible. After some digging, markers that had fallen over and were covered by grass were seen again. Because some of the ones that were unearthed were very easy to read that the ones that were buried to the elements.

Zach Johnson's project was a more labor intensive. I got to help dig a ditch. No, that wasn't the project, just a small part of it. He improved a parking lot at the edge of the nature preserve on Route

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29 by the YMCA. We helped dig the water run-off ditch that was then going to have a garden planted on it. Zach had to organize all the details including a loader to level the lot.

As a Life scout myself, I know my Eagle Project is not too far away and it was educational to see these three completing their projects. It was a lot of work, but well worth it!

What Does December Mean to Troop 73?

Did you guess? Yup, it's Christmas trees!!

By now everyone has signed up and received their time slots to help with our second big fund-raiser of the year. Set up next to the fire house in Paoli, our Christmas Tree lot has a large selection of trees, wreaths and garland for your family's decorating needs. Be sure to dress warm and take gloves as you prepare to help families pick out the perfect tree. Also be sure to get there on time, so you get credit!!

