

# TROOP 173 NEWS

APRIL 2011

**APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:** to **Rishi Konkesa, Galen Wu** and **Ramzan Ahmad**.

We welcome the following Scouts to the Troop 173 family: **Colin Aguesseau, Ramzan Ahmad, David Albin, Ethan Bosi, Nicholas Capone, Nicholas Conti, Gavyn Crellin, David Dodd, Michael Guadio, Raynard Horvath, Christian Ingham, Zack Lifschin, Christopher Lynch, Joseph Mastalia, Tim Metcalf, Jamaal Uddin, and Harrison Weaver**. A Scout Induction ceremony was held at the Court of Honor on April 8.

We are pleased to announce that **Les Wu** has completed BSA training and he is now our newest **Assistant Scoutmaster**. Thanks for helping out, Les!

On **April 16** we go up to **Winnebago Scout Reservation** cleaning and fixing up the campgrounds on that day for the annual **Beaver Day** cleanup. Scouts AND parents please plan to join us for the day. See the website for more information. Lunch is provided!

**Summer Camp** with Troop 173 takes place **July 10-16** at Camp Winnebago. Congratulations to **Akhil Meka** who won a \$50 credit for camp at the Court of Honor. A separate letter with signup sheet was distributed at the Court of Honor and is posted on the website. Returning campers must turn in their payment by **April 25** in order to get the discounted "early bird" rate.

The Scouts have voted to take their long weekend trip **on May 27-30** to **Gettysburg PA** with a stop in **HersheyPark** on Monday. We will be staying in a well appointed Scout cabin. AS ALWAYS, WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES TO MAKE THE TRIP HAPPEN! You will find a flier on the website, but there will be more info coming soon.

## FUND RAISING UPDATE:

**Activity Credits** will be distributed later this spring to those who earn them with our Candy sale fund raiser. Don't forget, last day to order additional boxes of candy is **April 29**. **Contact Michelle Munn** at 973 586 1693. Help keep Troop 173 Scouting affordable!

We thank the following families who, as of April 8, have responded to the **Patriots Path Council** during its **2011 Friends of Scouting** campaign: DuBose, Ebel, Galley, Garbarino, Konkesa, Liu, Ludwig, Luther, Martin, Michie, Stretavski, Westerman, Benson, Breeman, Corcoran, Worthington and Wu. If you have responded (maybe in your Cub pack) but we don't have a record of it, please do let us know as our goal is 100% response. **Please consider making a donation**, if you have not yet done that.

Find forms and online giving option at <http://give.ppbsa.org/fos/>

Every year, Troop 173 participates in the national BSA Good Turn, **Scouting for Food**. This year on April 9 we collected **over 2293 items** for distribution to the needy in the Parsippany area. Please note that donations are always welcome at the Parsippany Christian Church food pantry, and that they distribute food to anyone in need. Thanks to Christie Gardner for chairing the event, and all who participated.

## SPECIAL DATES REMINDER:

<b>April 15</b>	<b>Meeting at Mt Tabor</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Winnebago Beaver Day Service Project</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>No Meeting – School Closed</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Troop Committee Meeting</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>“Early Bird” deadline for Summer Camp</b>
<b>April 29- May 1</b>	<b>Cabin Campout – Camp Achela PA</b>

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