

TROOP 173 NEWS FEBRUARY 2011

The **KLONDIKE DERBY** was postponed due to the weather and will be held on February 26 at Mt. Allamuchy Camp Somers. Signups are due (2nd time around!) on February 18. See the revised Permission Form on the website. And if you wish to help Eileen Galley out in the kitchen, be sure to let her know 973 334 3631.

NEXT CAMPOUTS: . March 25-27 **Camp Acahela** cabin in the Poconos. There is an opportunity to earn **Rocketry Merit Badge**. Look for separate fliers. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our **BIG TRIP** May 28-31 to Gettysburg PA

Congratulations to: John Breeman, who has been recognized with the **Fishawack Finest** award for his service to Troop 173: as an active member of our Troop Committee and as our Popcorn Kernel for many years. **Eagle Scouts Dylan Grabinsky and John Stretavski** who were honored by many local dignitaries and a large crowd at their Eagle Court of Honor on February 12. And to Eagle Scout **Jesse Garbarino** who completes his course of study at **Johnson and Wales University** this month, earning a degree in Food Services Management.

Are you a **FRIEND OF SCOUTING?** The **Patriots Path Council** invites you to make a donation, *in any amount you can afford*, to help fund the operations of its camps and programs for 2011. While you may have received a mailing from Council at the end of 2010, watch for a separate mailing from the troop. Thanks in advance!

Many folks are already planning out their summers, so the **Summer Camp** info is now available at **ppbsa.org** NOW. We will invite a guest to speak to us at our April 8 Court of Honor about Summer Camp opportunities:

- Troop 173 will be spending July 10-16 at **Winnebago Scout Reservation** in Rockaway.
- **Nat'l Youth Leadership Training** is available June 26-July 2 or August 7-13 at Winnebago. **NYLT** requires the Scoutmaster's OK and is for boys over 13 years of age.
- **Trail to Eagle** is ideal for Life Scouts or those *almost* Life Scout and will be held each of the weeks of July at Winnebago Scout Reservation.

CAMPERSHIPS FOR ALL CAMP PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE AND YOU SHOULD INQUIRE NOW IF COST IS AN ISSUE FOR ATTENDING SUMMER CAMP OR NYLT.

Find more information about that on the council Summer Camp webpage
<http://www.camps.ppbsa.org/camping/Summer%20Camp.htm>

SPECIAL DATE REMINDER:

February 18 Troop Meeting – signup for Klondike AND Skating

February 25 Ice Skating at Mennen Arena (if enough sign up)

February 26 Klondike Derby

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