

TROOP 173 NEWS

JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - and welcome back to Scouting: We hope you have had a good holiday season. **HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY** to **Colin Aguesseau, Chris Gardner, Michael Gaudio** and **Chris Worthington**.

Thanks to **Sue Capone** and those generous families who helped with our inaugural effort in providing and delivering donations to **Morris County Project Homeless Connect** in early December.

The **KLONDIKE DERBY** is a fun outdoor competition that is held on February 4, 2012 at **Camp Sacajawea** in Sparta, close off of Route 15. It is a great opportunity for the Scouts to work together as a team, and for them to show off the Scout skills which they have learned at Summer Camp and at Troop Meetings. *We plan to run two teams this year; all Scouts are encouraged to participate!*

Practice and review for the Klondike will be held at the January Scout meetings Jan 6 13 & 27, as well as at the **January Campout at Camp Turrell**. Troop 173 has volunteered to staff the (indoor) kitchen at the Klondike, so adults interested in helping out with this (even for a few hours) please contact Eileen Galley 973 334 3631. Cabin Camping will also be available for the Klondike

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thanks to all who participated in our **Fall fund raisers**. We will soon be awarding credits to families who contributed over \$100 in profits. Has your family made its first payment for **Dues/Registration?** Please contact **Treasurer Dave Rossnagel** at 973 334-4867 if you have any questions.

WINTER SAFETY TIP: After the snowfall, check to be sure the nearest fire hydrant is clear. Those few minutes of community service could make a difference!

In case of inclement weather that might affect a meeting or activity, we will send out an email to those on our email list. If the Parsippany public schools are closed or have an early closing, there will be no troop meeting.

Calendar of Events

January 6	Troop Meeting (first aid, map&compass)– <u>campout signup due</u>
January 13	Troop Meeting – practice for Klondike Derby – (knots)
January 20-22	Cabin Camping at Camp Turrell
January 27	<u>Required</u> practice for Klondike Derby (Scouting Knowledge)
January 30	Troop Committee Meeting
February 4	Klondike Derby at Camp Sacajawea
February 3-5	Overnight Camping Klondike

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