

# TROOP 173 NEWS

## JUNE 2011

**Happy June Birthday** to **David Albin, Eric Galley, Justin Liu and Harrison Weaver**

**Congratulations** to **Senior Patrol Leader Chris Worthington** who ran 100 miles in a 48 hour race (**3 Days at the Fair**) at Sussex County Fairgrounds May 13-14! The race is part of the NJ Trail Series.

**ACTIVITIES UPDATE:** Over the Memorial Day weekend the Troop had our **Big Trip** to Gettysburg and **Hershey Park**. Except for a couple of brief rain showers on Saturday, the weather was ideal. We had a great time touring the battlefield sites, Gettysburg town, and Eisenhower's farm. The day spent at Hershey Park was also enjoyed by all and the crowds were surprisingly minimal. Special thanks to **Les Wu** and **John Worthington** who organized and ran the trip, and all of our adult chaperones and drivers! If you did not go on the trip and get your new **Troop T-shirt**, they will be available at the June 10 meeting.

### GOOD TURNS FOR THE COMMUNITY

On the morning of **June 11**, we have been asked by our sponsor, the Sedgefield Civic Association, to help with a cleanup of **Grafton Park** in Sedgefield. Please come and help out for a few hours if you are able. In case of rain, the cleanup will be moved to Sunday afternoon, June 12.

On the afternoon of **June 18**, Troop 173 will assist with Morris County's **Pedals for Progress** bicycle donation collection at County College of Morris. Of course Scouts will earn service time for this fun (*we get to take bikes apart!!*) but useful activity. You will find more info and the Permission Form on the website.

**Friends of Scouting Update:** Thanks to the 22 families who have responded to the campaign. **\$1647** in donations and pledges has been received, which is greatly appreciated. We have earned Platinum FOS Status with the Council which earns us additional commission on popcorn sales this fall, and provides discounts on some other activities and badges.

Each June we clean up the grounds and paths surrounding **Mt Tabor School** as a thank-you. Scouts AND Parents are invited to join on Friday, June 10- bring work gloves; we supply the garbage bags! Food is 6:00 to 7 PM; cleanup is 7 PM till dusk (around 8 PM) .Orientation for Summer Camp will be at 7 PM.

**Candy Sale update:** We will award the grand prize for the Hershey candy sale at our June 10 meeting. Activity Credits will be distributed shortly thereafter. There are still 2 boxes available, and if you chose to sell one, you could affect the outcome! **Contact Michelle Munn at 973 586-1693.**

**Leadership Notes:** Our **Leadership Planning** Meeting will be held on the weekend of August 26-28. All Scouts 1<sup>st</sup> class rank and above are invited to participate. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

### SPECIAL DATE REMINDER:

June 6	Trade Show of Scouting (free) Skylands, Rt. 10 Randolph 6 to 9 PM
June 10	Picnic, Cleanup, Summer Camp orientation
June 11	Grafton Park cleanup (rain date June 12)
June 18	Pedals for Progress service project

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**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!**

