

## TROOP 173 NEWS

### MARCH 2011

**MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:** to **Brendan Barwick, Ryan Barwick, Bobby Ebel, Connor Luther and Noah Munn.**

Congratulations to our **Klondike Derby** team, led by **Bobby Ebel**, on doing a great job. Bobby was our only senior Scout on our Senior team, but they beat out twelve other sleds, and gained valuable experience for next year. Thanks also to **Eileen Galley** and her kitchen crew for keeping people fed and providing hot beverages.

**ADVANCEMENT UPDATE:** We have scheduled a Court of Honor on April 8, but the Scouts need to regularly attend the meetings and as importantly the campouts, so they can make good progress on their rank awards. [Scouts should bring their **Handbooks** to each meeting and be sure to have our **Advancement Chair Bob Moravsik** record their progress.]

Congratulations to top earners for our **Fall Fund Raisers:** Noah Munn earned \$191 in Activity Credits, Dylan Grabinsky earned \$127, and Daniel Metcalf earned \$124. In all, \$832 in Credits are being awarded to our Scout families for their sales efforts. Look for a quick product sale planned for this spring to help close our budget gap.

#### ACTIVITIES NEWS

For a change of pace, we have agreed to help staff an aid station at the **NJ Ultra Festival** at Ort Farms in Long Valley on the weekend of March 18-20. Over a period of 30 hours, runners will be covering distances of 26 to 100 miles on a prescribed course. Needless to say, we need to staff this *in shifts*, so please sign up if you are interested. Since this event is sponsored by the Morris County Park Commission, service time is available for those Scouts who participate. Please contact SPL Chris Worthington for more info.

**Cabin Campout** is the weekend of March 25-27 at **Camp Aachela** in Blakeslee PA (in the Poconos). Assistant Scoutmaster John Worthington is running the event along with Les Wu, but he can certainly use a few volunteers to drive. PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN! Signups are now due.

The Scouts have voted to take their long weekend trip **on Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25 to Gettysburg, PA with a visit to Hershey Park.** Details coming soon.

#### AS ALWAYS, WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES TO MAKE THESE TRIPS HAPPEN!

We have invited a representative from Patriots Path Council to talk to us about Summer Camp at the Court of Honor on April 8! All Scouts present are eligible to win one \$50 gift certificate towards Camp. If you need financial assistance for camp, the application deadline with Council is April 15.

We hope you will consider supporting the **Patriots Path Council** during its annual **Friends of Scouting** campaign. We encourage EVERYONE to return the provided pledge envelope; watch for this in the mail soon. **Any amount** you can give (or pledge) will help us to do our "fair share". Further information will be available on the website, or contact Bruce Benson at 973 538 8325.

#### SPECIAL DATES REMINDER:

<b>March 4,</b>	<b>Meeting at Littleton School</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Meeting at Mt. Tabor School</b>
<b>March 18-20</b>	<b>NJ Ultra Festival at Ort Farms in Long Valley</b>
<b>March 25-27</b>	<b>Camping at Camp Aachela, Space Exploration MB</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Meeting at Mt. Tabor School</b>

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