

TROOP 173 NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

Happy belated August Birthday to **Daniel Corcoran** and **Akhil Meka**. Happy September Birthday to **Joseph Mastalia** and **Chris Lynch**.

Congratulations to **John Worthington** as he becomes Troop 173's next Scoutmaster, guiding us through the next Scouting year. John ably ran a great Summer Camp week with assistance from Assistant Scoutmasters **Dylan Grabinsky** and **Les Wu** as well as Committee Member **Rich Westerman**. **Ken Galley** has served as Scoutmaster for two different time periods, and we appreciate that he has agreed to stay on as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Parents, please come to the September 9 meeting and have a conversation with John; find out how you can make a difference *for your son* and for others in Troop 173 this coming Scout year!

Welcome back to Scouting! Our first regular troop meeting for will be on **Friday, September 9**, at 7:30 PM. (Please watch your email for confirmation of the location as we are still awaiting our permit from the Parsippany Board of Ed.) We will reorganize our Patrols, and make plans for our campout the following weekend. If you have outgrown uniforms, please bring them to the meeting for our uniform exchange. If your uniform still fits, please wear it! The full Scout uniform (Scout shirt, Scout pants/shorts, and troop neckerchief) is required beginning with the September 23 meeting. Parents will also have a chance to meet

T173 strongly supports **Training for both Youth Leaders and Adults**. Our youth planning weekend August 26-27 featured leadership skills development and calendar/program planning for the coming year; we managed to get the job done *before* Hurricane Irene came our way.

While online courses for parents are available at no cost, all in-person adult training costs are reimbursed upon completion of the course(s), so find out more by speaking to one of our adult leaders.

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE: Many awards have been earned since last spring, and we plan to recognize them at our fall Court of Honor to be scheduled in October. Please contact **John Worthington** to schedule any Scoutmaster Conferences and **Bob Moravsik** to schedule Boards of Review. Bob Moravsik can also answer any questions there may be about our advancement records for a specific Scout. We will be recognizing **Eric Galley** as our latest **Eagle Scout** at a special Court of Honor on October 2, see separate invitation.

+++++FALL FUND RAISERS+++++

The **TRAILS END** Popcorn sale officially begins on Sept. 16. Sales information will be available at the first troop meeting, or contact John Breeman at 973 984 8386 if you would like to get a head start.

Your participation in our Fund Raisers keeps our program affordable for all Scouts, and your family's total participation in all of our Fall Fund Raisers counts towards **Activity Credits** !

First Campout of the Season will be tent camping on Saturday, September 17 Beach Jam on the beach at Seaside Heights, NJ. See separate mailing/website Signups are due **September 9** – We cannot guarantee that the organizers will accept reservations after that date. **Please check out our calendar accessible thru our website; we update it frequently.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 9	First Meeting / Campout signup due
September 16	Troop Meeting – Popcorn Sales kickoff
September 17-18	Beach Camping Seaside Heights NJ
September 23	regular meeting at Mt. Tabor
September 26	Troop Committee Meeting – Corcoran
September 30	No Meeting – School Closed
October 2	Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eric Galley

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