

# TROOP 173 NEWS

Troop 173 has been sponsored by the Sedgefield Civic Association since 1957. The troop is proud to have earned the Gold "Journey to Excellence" quality designation by the Boy Scouts National Organization since the award first became available. For more information about the Boy Scout program and general information about Troop 173, check out our website: <http://troop173nj.com>

## **Busy outdoor summer and fall:**

Thirty Eight Scouts attended our week at Summer Camp this year! We had assistance from at least 10 adults who spent one more full shifts at camp.

- Over 100 merit badges were completed!
- Troop 173 won the Water Carnival!
- Troop 173 won the triathlon competition!
- Troop 173 won the adult riflery competition!
- Three of our members completed the Scout rank!
- One of our Scouts broke the Mile Swim record for Camp Winnebago!
- Our camp plaque was dedicated to the memory of former Scoutmaster Ken Galley, who passed away earlier in 2016.



So far since our regular program started up after Labor Day, we've already had a one-night campout at **Jenny Jump State Forest** in Hope, NJ and a weekend Camporee at **Winnebago Scout Reservation** in Rockaway. In November, we plan a 3 day trip to Washington, Annapolis and Baltimore. There is always at least one weekend activity per month, and often two.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Danny Metcalf**, who became the 68th Scout in Troop 173 to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Community Service Project, Danny planned out and led a renovation to the **September 11 memorial** at **St. Christopher RC Church** in Parsippany, which included the installation of lighting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** is a big part of Scouting, and between now and year end, we plan to participate in the SCA sponsored **Grafton Park cleanup**, **Morris County Family Intervention Services Food & Supermarket Gift Card Drive**, and the **US Marines Toys for Tots** collection. If you'd like to help with either of the last two projects, just send a message thru our website [troop173nj.com](http://troop173nj.com)