

# ***Did you know...?***

## *Interesting facts about Boy Scout Troop 33*



 Troop 33 has been sponsored by the **TP Presbyterian Church** since 1920.

 It is one of the **oldest** continuously chartered Troops in the U.S.

 About **4000 youth** have been involved in the Troop over the past 95 years.

 **146 scouts** from Troop 33 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest achievement.

 **In 1920:**

- *Scouts earned **merit badges** in Poultry Keeping and Dairying.*
  - *They split wood and **shoveled coal** to heat their homes.*
  - *They participated in the Takoma Park **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**.*
- *They undertook **community projects** such as a clean-up of the Sligo Creek area – which continues even today.*



 In 1921 **President Theodore Roosevelt** thanked the Troop for its service.

 In the 1920s-30's the Troop had regular hikes and campouts "**out in the country**" along Sligo Creek and Camp Wilson (out Colesville Rd).

 In 1927, Troop 33 Eagle Scouts served as honor guard for **Charles Lindbergh** at the parade honoring his solo flight across the Atlantic.



 By 1946, **eight young men** from Troop 33 had died serving in World War II. The Troop 33 flag has **eight stars** to honor them.

 In 1959 the Troop acquired **43 acres in West Virginia** and dedicated it as "**Camp Schmitt**" in memory of Lt. Waldo Schmitt and the other seven Scouts killed in WWII.





- The Troop has been good at ***fund raising*** through the years:
- *From 1959-1976 annual sales of **azaleas**.*
  - *Long tradition of spaghetti dinners and **pancake suppers**.*
  - *From 1981-1994, delivery of the Takoma Park **City Newsletter**.*



- There is a Scouting ***time capsule*** hidden somewhere at Camp Schmitt.
- Troop 33 ***raised funds*** to help refurbish the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church buildings including renovation of the ***Don Patti Memorial Gym***.



- Troop 33 has had ***20 outstanding Scout Masters*** since 1920.
- The longest serving Scout Master was ***Don Patti*** who served 21 years from 1973-1994.
- In 2015, ***a record 45 Scouts*** from Troop 33 spent a week at Boy Scout Camp Horseshoe.



- Troop 33 has a proud record of ***service and achievement***.
- Troop 33 has had a ***profound and far-reaching impact*** on our community by providing young men with a safe and nurturing environment to learn the value of citizenship, service, fitness and leadership while sharing good times.

 ***Troop 33 is alive and well!***

-  For more information please visit <http://troop33.takomaparkscouts.org/>.

