



TROOP 9 NEWS

January
2011

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Calendar Highlights

January

Fri., 1/7 - Sun., 1/9

 Family Ski Weekend, Bromley Mountain, Manchester, VT

Fri., 1/21 - Sun., 1/23

Powahay District Klondike Derby @ Hoyt, Redding



Sat., 1/29

Merit Badge College, Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford, 9:00 a.m. - noon

(Pre-registration is required; continues on Saturdays until 3/5, snow date 3/12)

February

Tues., 2/8

Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America

Fri., 2/11 - Sun., 2/13

Cabin Campout @ Sequassen

Thurs., 2/24

NO MEETING

Sun., 2/27

Scout Sunday, FUMC, 10:15-11:30 a.m. - All Scouts should plan to attend & families are welcome



Something to put into the newsletter? Photos you'd like to share? Send them to Holly Connolly at

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Fundraising Wrap-up

Trails End Popcorn sales are completed and the results are in! CT Yankee Council awarded Wal-mart gift cards to the top sellers and all participating Scouts received a patch.



The following Scouts sold over \$250 in popcorn were awarded a \$10 gift card: Lukas A., Ross A., Brian C., Colin M., Reed M., Aleks T., Chris T., and David V. For selling over \$350, Greg E. and Sean N. were awarded a \$15 gift card. A \$20 gift card was given to Ryan C., Alex H. and John V. for selling over \$450 of popcorn and Darryl M. was given a \$50 gift card and marshmallow crossbow for selling over \$600 of popcorn.

In addition, Troop 9 awarded the top three sellers the following cash prizes: Darryl M. (1st Place) \$25, Alex H. (2nd place) \$20, and Ryan C. (3rd place) \$15.

Wreath sales were quick and efficient this year, earning the top three sellers cash prizes from the troop. In 3rd place was Chad R. with \$450 in sales, earning \$15. Kyle J. was in 2nd place with \$595 in sales, earning \$20 and in 1st place was David N. with \$678 in sales, earning \$25.

GREAT JOB TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISERS!!!



Troop 9 Leadership

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Scoutmaster's Corner



What a wonderful gift our Troop Committee decided to give the Scouts this year at the December COH - a pocketknife - the most useful tool a Scout can carry. Cut a rope, whittle a stick, open a can, punch a hole. Slice an apple, clean a fish, tighten a screw. Keep a pocketknife handy and you'll be prepared for these and a thousand other tasks at home and in camp. Of course a pocketknife is only as useful as the skill and responsibility of the person who owns it. Use yours the right way and it will become a trusted part of your Scouting gear.

Cutting with a knife is a common-sense activity. Be sure you have an area of safety around you where no one could be injured if the blade slips. Keep the knife under control at all times and cut away from your body.

Did you know that can openers on pocketknives come in two designs - those that cut while going forward and those that cut while traveling backwards? Go in the right direction and you'll have that can open in no time.

Backward-cutting
Can Opener



Forward-cutting
Can Opener



Notice which edge of the can opener blade on your knife is sharpened. If it is on the *inside* (facing the hook that goes under the rim of a can), you'll want to draw the tool *backward* along the can's rim as you lever the knife up and down. If the sharp edge is on the *outside* of the can opener (facing away from the hook), move the blade *forward* while opening a can.

TROOP 9 COURT OF HONOR - December 16, 2010

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

SCOUT

Greg P.



2nd CLASS

Liam D.

Sean T.

Peter W.



1st CLASS

Chris T.

John V.

Christoph V.



LIFE

Ryan B.



Welcome to Troop 9 (transfer)

Donal R.



MERIT BADGES

Lukas A.

Personal Fitness*

Ryan B.

First Aid*

Chris C.

Wilderness Survival

Zack C.

Swimming*

Colin M.

First Aid*

Donal R.

Communications

Motorboating

Aleks T.

Citizenship in the World*

First Aid*

Golf

Chris T.

Golf

Peter W.

Swimming*

FYI: Merit badges followed by an * are Eagle-required badges. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, you must complete a minimum of 21 merit badges, and of these, 12 are required including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life. In addition, a Scout has a choice between Emergency Preparedness and Lifesaving and a choice among Cycling, Hiking, and Swimming.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Firem'n Chit



Ismael D.



Totin' Chip



Christoph V.



Powahay District Award Scout of the Month

Sean N.



Celebrating one year in Troop 9 and receiving their Class B shirts:

Christoph V., Chris T., Ryan C, and John V.



Winner of the Iron Chef Competition @ Camp Rocky Craig

Mark Vilas

