

Liam B. EAGLE PROJECT at St. Cecilia's Church



My Eagle Project for St. Cecilia's church occurred on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of April. During these two days we measured and cut the planks for the planter boxes, dug out rectangles of grass where the boxes lay, constructed the boxes and filled them with the dirt we had. Those who attended worked hard all day, with a break for pizza, cookies, and brownies. They saw the boxes form before their eyes and before they knew it, there were four vegetable boxes ready to be planted in. The extra dirt clods that were dug up in the process were used to fill in patches of dirt near the project site. I have to say, Mr. Busby can really dig up grass! If he says he hasn't done it before, he's lying....What a show off.

Also, a big thank you to all of the Scouts who assisted me, Hatch & Bailey Lumber and Landserv who donated the wood and dirt, respectively as well as Tony the Carpenter. It wouldn't have been possible without your help.

Thanks again!! -- Liam B.

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PATROL NEWS

Quantum Platypi Tommy A

"This year was a great experience as a patrol leader. My patrol was great, we learned a lot about each other and grew as a team. They grew as people and as scouts throughout the year, which is very important. I watched a lot of the boys in my patrol learn throughout the year and I hope they do as well next year, as they taught me many things as well. We were a team when things were going well, and when things were going poorly. I'm glad that I could be there for all of the scouts this year, and I hope to help them just as much next year!"

Average Joes - Logan W.

"The Average Joes had a great time this year in Troop 9. We had a great time on the many camp-outs, and got a decent number of rank-ups done. The Klondike was fun, the invitational, the pioneering camp-out too! Even the hill clean-up was pretty fun. We had a fantastic time and are looking forward to next year."

Border - Chris B.

We have been doing well over the past few months. The campouts have been great: some of our favorites include the Wilderness Survival Campout and the White Water Rafting Invitational. We're all still very proud of the 1st place pioneering project we made together at the Pioneering Campout. The cot we made was so comfy that Christian W even wanted to sleep in it overnight! The cancelled Klondike surprised us, but there was a mix of disappointment and relief among the Border Patrol. We've also been doing well with rank-ups, but we're planning to get as many as possible by the end-of-year COH. While it's too bad that things are coming to a close, the Border Patrol has definitely had a great time along the way!

Scoutmaster's Corner - What is the Order of the Arrow?

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's "National Honor Society." Scouts are selected to join the OA by their fellow Scouts because they exemplify the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. Members are charged with promoting responsible outdoor adventure, developing leadership, and developing a life-long commitment to cheerful service. While completely a Scout organization, the OA uses Native American themes to help promote those goals. For instance, our "Lodge" is named after Chief Owaneco and the OA pocket flap bears the distinctive image of a Native American in a wolf's head headdress. The OA is truly national with 176,000 members and represents a tremendous opportunity for Scouts to receive additional leadership training above and beyond the council's Youth Leadership Training. The OA also provides national opportunities for service by helping to run



National Jamborees and serving at National High Adventure bases such as Philmont. While Scouts are elected by members of the Troop, election to the OA broadens the Scouting experience beyond the Troop and deepens the commitment of young men to the ideals of Scouting.

TROOP 9 CALENDAR

JUNE

Sat 6/11 - Day Hike - AT Sect 7

Tues 6/14 - Adult Committee Meeting 7:30pm @ FUMC
ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME

Thurs. 6/16 - EOY BBQ & COH - Camp Rocky Craig

Sat. 6/18 - Ad Altare Dei, Bridgeport CT

Thurs. 6/23 - Summer Camp Prep

JULY

Sun 7/10-Sat. 7/16 - Camp Sequassen Week

AUGUST

Mon 8/1-Weds 8/10 High Adventure Canoe Trip

Sun 8/7-Sat 8/13 Youth Leadership Training - Pomperaug

Fri 8/19-8/21 Adult Wood Badge Weekend 1

Tues. Aug 30th - T9 Committee planning meeting

Our Roving Scout Reporter Up Close With Mr. Evan Atkins

By: Gregory M.

I recently met with Mr. Evan Atkins and interviewed him about his history in scouting and experiences in Troop 9.

Mr. Atkins has been with Troop 9 for many many years. Mr. Atkins was born on February 8th, which just so happens to be the anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts of America. He has been involved in scouting for over 40 years and still enjoys helping scouts and getting outdoors.

He was a scout himself and started off in Brooklyn. He got to the rank of Star but was 1 badge short of Life. He also was the SPL of his troop as well as quartermaster, patrol leader, and den chief.

After his time as a scout, Mr. Atkins went on to work at a scout camp in 1969-70. His son joined Pack 48 of Stamford and then Mr. Atkins became the Cubmaster of Pack 48 and then moved to Troop 9 when his son bridged.

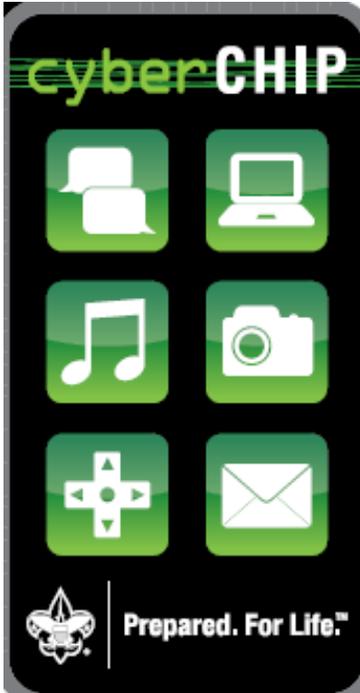
Mr. Atkins was not just a committee chairman his whole time in Troop 9, he also was a scoutmaster. During his time with the BSA, Mr. Atkins helped over 50 scouts get to the Eagle rank.

Mr. Atkins stills enjoys the outdoors and enjoys many of the high adventure trips such as Philmont and the High Adventure canoe trips. His love for scouting and the outdoors continues to grow with helping new scouts and helping seniors complete Eagle.

On June 1st, Mr. Atkins received the Pioneer Award at the Powahay District Recognition Dinner. Congratulations and Thank You Mr. Atkins!



June is Cyber Safety Month! Have you completed the Cyber Chip requirements?



Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduced the [Cyber Chip](#). The BSA teamed up with content expert [NetSmartz®](#), part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies to deliver a quality program for all Scouting programs.

In March and May, Joe N. gave a presentation to Troop 9 and to Adult leaders at the Powahay District Roundtable on this program. He detailed the [Cyber Chip](#) program, the requirements, the watch outs on Internet Safety, Cyberbullying, and How to Keep your Future Safe. Joe gave Troop 9 the tools to complete the Cyber Chip program. You can find the Grades 6-8 requirements [here](#). You can find the Grades 9-12 requirements [here](#).

If you want to show skill and a commitment to do what's right in the cyber world, please complete the requirement and take the [Internet Safety Pledge](#) and have you and your parent sign the [Scout Law and Cybersafety/Cyberbullying](#). Just like the Totin' Chip, electronic use on outings may be limited until this is completed.

Please contact [Mr. Orr](#) if you have any questions.

FUMC Hill Clean-Up and Tag Sale Breakdown

Troop 9 completed a good turn on April 23rd – they gave back to the First United Methodist Church. Several Scouts participated in the annual Hill Clean-Up and semi-annual Tag Sale Breakdown led by Tommy A. "Running the hill cleanup and tag sale breakdown was very different from anything I've done in Scouting so far." said Tommy. "Seeing all the scouts come out to help the FUMC was a great sight because it felt like we could really help the FUMC. During the hill cleanup we removed weeds that were on the hill along with any trash we found. Then we covered the hill with wood chips to give it a clean look. Next was the tag sale breakdown. We were tasked with packaging all of the items that were not sold and placing all tables and racks away. The day was long and hard, but very rewarding. Thank you to all that attended!"



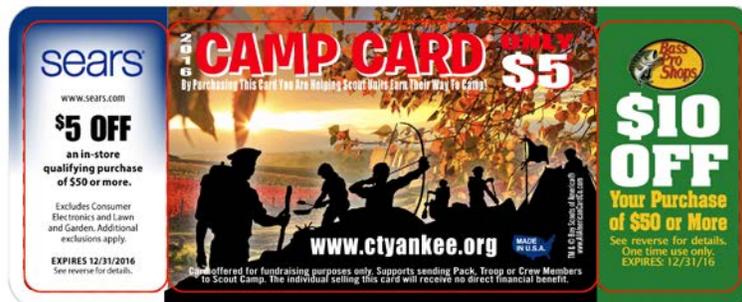
"The hill clean-up was pretty darn fun!" – Logan W.

CAMP CARD FUNDRAISER

Camp Cards are a great way for Scouts to earn money to pay for camp, uniforms, equipment, and other Scouting adventures!

Selling Camp Cards is simple. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) on each \$5 Camp Card they sell.

[CLICK HERE to download complete details of the program.](#)



June 12th “Cast Iron Chef” with Pack 11- by Chris B.

On Sunday June 12, Aidan O, Greg M, and I went to the Pack 11 Sr. Webelos meeting to help them complete their Cast Iron Chef requirements. We showed them the basics of fire building, how to light it a fire, as well as some other special techniques from the Wilderness Survival Campout.

With help from the Cub Scouts, we started making pepperoni pizza in a Dutch oven. While waiting for the pizza to cook, we talked about nutrition and food safety. When it was time to eat our delicious pizza, but it fell *splat* on the floor!! Luckily, Ms. Mortensen had already made some cheese pizzas in an oven just in case something like that happened.

The Webelos learned a bunch about cooking, and we all enjoyed some pizza. It was a great time.



“On behalf of the Sr. Webelos den of Pack 11, we would like to thank Chris B for leading an amazing den meeting with assistance from Aidan O and Greg M on Cast Iron Chef Adventure. This truly demonstrated scout spirit!”

- Valerie Mortensen, Sr. Webelos den leader

White Water Rafting Invitational - by Chris B.

White water rafting on the Hudson was tons of fun! After a long drive up, we slept in some pretty comfy rooms for the night, especially compared to a tent. The next morning, we had a breakfast buffet. I made sure to fit as much bacon on the plate as possible. We soon headed out to the river itself, gearing up in wetsuits & lifejackets beforehand. Rafting on the Hudson was definitely the highlight of the day. Through teamwork and perseverance, we all made it through the foamy waters with lots of splashes along the way. Some people even balanced on the edge of the raft while the rest of the crew spun it in circle, trying to last as long as possible before falling in. The weather made a great day even better: the nice warm weather complimented the chilly, but refreshing river water very well. I would even say the Invitational might be my favorite trip of the year!





CONGRATULATIONS TROOP 9 Powahay District Award Recipients

Pioneer Award
Evan Atkins

Veteran Award
Peter Riordan - 15 years in Scouting

**On My Honor Service to Youth Award to the following
Troop 9 Committee & District Members**

Bob Busby, Sandy Ellis, Patti Lefort, Steve McLaughlin

Mitchell & Tina Nathanson, Craig & Gretchen Orr, Roger Williams



Pioneer Evan Atkins



Steve McLaughlin, Patti Lefort, Sandy Ellis



Roger Williams



Peter Riordan, Gretchen & Craig Orr



Thank you Troop 9 Volunteers!