



Boy Scout Troop 52 enjoyed an active program in 2005. The troop meets each Wednesday evening in the church hall. Any boy who is eleven years old or has completed the 5th grade is invited to join us.

January... The High Adventure crew participated in the annual cross-country ski trip to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The cabin trip at Camp at Camp Mattatuck was cut short due to a blizzard. **February...** A group of ice fisherman had a great day on the ice on a private pond in Massachusetts. ♦ Perfect weather conditions made the first Mad River District Klondike Derby memorable. Our Moose Patrol won an award for the best sled while the Golden Eagles earned 4th Place overall. **March...** The troop used snowshoes in fresh snow on a hike through the



reservoir property and White Memorial Foundation.

♦ We camped at Camp Mattatuck in the snow.

April... Our camping trip at Camp Barbour was abbreviated by rain. ♦ We swam at the Naugatuck YMCA. **May...** For the first time, we participated in the annual camporee at West Point. Our host was Cadet Dan Westcott, one of our Eagle Scouts. ♦ Daniel K. received his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor.

♦ The troop had a strong turnout of marchers for the Memorial Day Parade. **June...** Our high adventure Scouts paddled the Housatonic River. ♦ The Eagle Scout rank was presented to Ian S. **July...** Two high

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cake, apple pie, brownies, and pineapple upside down cake, all made over the open fire.

December... Twelve Scouts and four leaders camped in 3-sided shelters at Camp Sequassen in fresh snow. **Milestones & Achievements...** Elected for membership in the Order of the Arrow were Mike H. and Matt G. Justin M. continues as Chapter Vice-Chief. ♦The Rev.Oscar Locke Award for outstanding Citizenship was presented to Justin H. Allan D. received the Walter Thorne Award for leadership and Scoutcraft skills. At a special presentation in December, Daniel K. was awarded the Joe LeClair Jr. Award for dedication to Troop 52. 2005 marked 70 years of Scouting for Mr.LeClair. ♦The Mad River District awarded Jon Andrew the David Babson Award for service to Scouting. Troop Committee Chairman Gerald McClellan received the Baden Powell Award for service to his Scout troop.



	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Current Roster ³
Number of Scouts at beginning of year	49	55	44	36	42	57	50	40	48	51	56	48	39	38
Number of Scouts at end of year ³	55	44	36	42	57	50	40	48	51	56	48	39	38	
Scout													7	3
Tenderfoot Scout	14	9	6	10	32	14	6	14	14	10	7	6	3	4
2 nd Class Scout	7	3	11	5	13	22	3	10	6	6	7	6	5	7
1 st Class Scout	4	4	4	3	11	14	13	1	4	11	3	9	3	13
Star Scout	2	3	5	1	3	4	7	5	4	4	3	5	1	4
Life Scout	4	2	2	2	1	3	2	5	4	1	4	4	1	6
Eagle Scout	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	4	1	4	4	1
Total Rank Advancements ¹	33	22	32	23	63	59	33	35	32	36	27	37	17	
Number of Scouts who advanced in rank ²	N/A	21	25	18	50	43	31	24	29	34	25	35	15	
Merit Badges	98	31	68	46	119	129	115	133	130	130	98	121	63	

¹ Total includes multiple advancements by one boy and any Eagle Scouts on the roster.

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³ Three Scouts turned 18 in 2005...Wes K., Ian S., and Michael J.

Service Project	Led by
Refurbished tables at Veterans' Park	Eric W.
Installed Union Congregational Church sign	Wesley K.
Church Fair food booth	Joe LeClair, Jr.
Scouting for Food Drive	Brad Hanover
Penny War for Social Services	Yvonne Walsh

Troop 52 thanks the Union Congregational Church for its support.

Joseph LeClair III
Scoutmaster

Gerald McClellan
Committee Chairman

Joseph LeClair Jr.
Charter Representative