



## Boy Scout Troop 52 Annual Report January, 2008



The spectacular Connecticut Rivers Council Scout Show was the most memorable activity of 2007. Eastern Mountain Sports, the U.S. Army, and dozens of other companies and organizations contributed exciting activities and exhibits throughout the weekend at the Hebron Fairgrounds. Our troop invited visitors to cut a red cedar log using a 2-man saw. Participants received their cut wood stenciled with the Scout Show logo.

As usual, January started out with a bang. Our high adventure crew skied in the White Mountains again, but this time, due to poor snow conditions, they tried downhill skiing instead of cross country. ■ Later in the month the troop camped at Barnum and Mohawk Cabins for a weekend. ■ In February the troop competed in the annual Klondike Derby. Our Golden Eagles won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Senior Division.



In March 11 boys joined the troop. ■ We camped out in the snow at Camp Mattatuck. ■ Tim Martin led the troop in replacing a roof at the High Rock Shooting Club in April. ■ On Good Friday 25 Scouts took part in the spring cleanup at the church. ■ The Mad River District recognized Tim Martin with the District Award of Merit for his dedicated service with the Order of the Arrow, Camp Mattatuck, training, and Troop 52. ■ The troop camped out at Lost Lake. ■ In May a small crew of Scouts were invited back to the West Point Camporee, where they competed hard and won a couple of awards.

Connor Prince received the Rev. Oscar Locke Award for Citizenship and Scott Ramponi was awarded the Walter Thorne trophy for Scouting skills. ■ Pat O'Connor led the construction of benches at Veterans' Memorial Park's softball field and Mike Hoffman planned a renovation of the American Legion's building. Both have qualified for the Eagle Scout rank and will receive their badges in early 2008. ■ The troop recognized Richard Belval for 25 years of service as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Committee member.

The high adventure crew returned Acadia National Park in July for ocean kayaking, hiking, and cycling. ■ In August, the troop spent a week at Camp Mattatuck, where Justin Martin, Josh Bartlett, Michael Hoffman, Al Dodge, and Scott Ramponi spent the entire summer on staff. Connor Prince, Matt LeClair, and Victor Ciarlo were Counselors in Training. The troop continues to take a leadership role in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society. Justin Martin was re-elected Mattatuck Chapter Chief. Allan Dodge is Treasurer. Josh Bartlett is Lodge Representative, and Michael Hoffman is in charge of the Arrowman who lead the new members in the induction ceremony. Justin and Timothy Martin became Vigil Honor members of the OA at Camp June Norcross Webster in September.

We camped at Cape Cod and biked the Rail Trail in September. The weather was warm enough for a swim! ■ Six members learned engineering-based merit badges at Sikorsky Aircraft for a weekend. ■ The grounds of Caroline's Place, a local charity, received a facelift courtesy of Matt Goulet and a band of volunteers. The Eagle Rank will be presented to Matt in 2008. ■ The troop earned \$440 for the church at the Fall Fair. ■ October saw a small group of Scouts climb at Mattatuck's climbing wall. ■ Our fall camporee at beautiful White Memorial Foundation had an Orienteering theme. ■ Justin Hanover received his Eagle Scout badge.

In November the troop camped at Camp Barbour in Norfolk, and in December camped in Adirondack-style lean-to's at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford. ■The Mothers' Auxiliary led the troop in collecting Christmas gifts for needy local children.

The troop committee inaugurated a scholarship in honor of longtime members Joe and Yvonne LeClair. By the end of the year the principle had already exceeded \$13,000. The Mothers' Auxiliary besides hosting a terrific Ziti Dinner in the Spring, unveiled a cookbook, dedicated to Joe and Yvonne, featuring members' recipes. Sales have been brisk. Troop 52 is extremely fortunate to have the support of dedicated leaders, a strong committee, the Mothers' Auxiliary, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October, and our sponsor, the Union Congregational Church of Oakville.



	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Current Roster <sup>3</sup>
No. Scouts at beginning of year	49	55	44	36	42	<b>57</b>	50	40	48	51	56	48	39	38	43	42
No. Scouts at end of year <sup>3</sup>	55	44	36	42	<b>57</b>	50	40	48	51	56	48	39	38	43	42	
Scout													7	12	12	4
Tenderfoot Scout	14	9	6	10	<b>32</b>	14	6	14	14	10	7	6	3	10	10	11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Scout	7	3	11	5	13	<b>22</b>	3	10	6	6	7	6	5	1	7	8
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Scout	4	4	4	3	11	<b>14</b>	13	1	4	11	3	9	3	5	0	4
Star Scout	2	3	5	1	3	4	<b>7</b>	5	4	4	3	5	1	4	5	7
Life Scout	4	2	2	2	1	3	2	<b>5</b>	4	1	4	4	1	4	3	7
Eagle Scout	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	<b>4</b>	1	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	2	3	1
Total Rank Advancements <sup>1</sup>	33	22	32	23	<b>63</b>	59	33	35	32	36	27	37	17	26	28	
No. Scouts who advanced in rank <sup>2</sup>	N/A	21	25	18	<b>50</b>	43	31	24	29	34	25	35	15	21	28	
Merit Badges	98	31	68	46	119	129	115	<b>133</b>	130	130	98	121	63	107	97	

<sup>1</sup> Total includes multiple advancements by one boy and any Eagle Scouts on the roster. Does not include "Scout".

<sup>2</sup> Includes any Eagle Scouts on the roster.

<sup>3</sup> Six Scouts turned 18 in 2007...Eric Westcott, Justin Martin, Justin Hanover, Patrick O'Connor, Evan Parkinson, David White

Service Project	Led by
Spring Cleanup at church	Steve Ramponi
Roof at High Rock Rifle Range	Tim Martin
Paint, etc., at American Legion Hall	Michael Hoffman
Softball benches at Veteran's Park	Patrick O'Connor
Church Fair food booth	Paul Hoffman
Caroline's Place landscaping	Matthew Goulet
Scouting for Food Drive	Troop Leadership
Christmas presents for needy children	Mary MacLeod

**Troop 52 thanks the Union Congregational Church for its support.**

Joseph LeClair III  
Scoutmaster

Gerald McClellan  
Committee Chairman

Stephen Ramponi  
Charter Organization Representative