



TROOP 174 NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Adventure Race for Mike Bubnash was a Success!



**Thing One and Thing Two alias Will
and Brendan in the home stretch**

Brendan's Eagle Project completed!



**Brendan's work crew hard at work on a
floating wooden dock**



**Our new Senior Patrol Leader Jan building a
camp fire in the fire competition**

There were five teams of twenty boys representing our troop participating. Our boys raised \$1,849 for the Bubnash family. Well done, Troop 174!



**Jeremy, Brendan, Jan and Corey installed the
dock at Roaring Brook Nature Center June
28th.**

Brendan received help in clearing the dock site of tree limbs and vegetation, and then transporting the dock to the site. Fellow scouts and friends

loaded the dock onto a trailer at Brendan's house around 9 AM and a team of scouts and venture crew members installed the dock on Roaring Book Nature Center's pond. Pizza was provided to all that assisted. Thank you everyone!

we enjoyed Strawberry Shortcake. Mr. Tourtellette led the boys in making this fantastic dessert from scratch for the desert contest.

Parents and siblings had a chance to see how their scouts were doing and the rain held off (Wednesday evening only) as long as it took to see our boys and eat among friends.



Next Board of Review
September 24th



Summer Camp was Memorable!



Summer Camp Highlights:

Scouts had a week of fun at Camp Workcoeman on beautiful West Hill Lake in Winsted, CT, Sunday, June 29 through Saturday, July 5. Summer camp provided a great opportunity for the Scouts to learn new skills, earn merit badges, complete steps toward advancement, and build memories to last a lifetime.

The Scouts did a great job at Summer Camp with 35 completed merit badges, 17 partial badges, 2 completed skills programs and 1 partial skills program!!!

Our scouts completed a wide variety of merit badges; Swimming, orienting, Enviro Science, rowing Wild Survive, athletics, lifesaving, basketry, canoeing, fishing, leatherwork, personal fitness, camping, climbing, pioneering, rowing, sailing, fishing.

We had a Family Picnic at our camp site ("Kahagon") on Wednesday evening, July 2 where

- Water Polo champions - for the seventh consecutive year!
- "Aced" the scavenger hunt with a perfect score!
- Full participation was accomplished in the daily 6am Polar Bear Swim
- Won the Spirit Stick for outstanding attitude and spirit and earned top honors as a "Class A Troop".
- For the first official flag lowering and cannon firing a bald eagle flew over the lake just behind the US flag. How awesome is that!
- We all survived the first night through a tremendous thunderstorm.
- The Scouts got the old men to Play Ultimate Frisbee with them without any hart attacks occurring.
- Everyone was able to fit on the camps floating water mat at once.
- Everyone dressed up as Cowboys and Native Americans and put on a skit for all the other Scouts before dinner one night.
- A missed trail marker turned a 5 mile hike into a 6.5 mile hike for boys earning their hiking requirement. Oh well, it was a better workout.

Venture Crew #176 is gearing up for the year!

Venture Crew offers young adults, both male and female ages 14 – 20 years old, an opportunity to develop new interests, learn new skills, go to some interesting places, and have fun with others. The activities are planned and lead by young adults. Previous affiliation with boy scouts is not required.

The possibilities are endless!

Do you know anyone interested? See George Fogle or Cynthia Reichler at scout meetings Wednesday night.



A Rock Climbing Program was approved by the Council. Stay tuned for upcoming climbing opportunities.

❖ Attention All Parents ❖

We need your participation. September 17th at 7pm there will be an information session and discussion on troop activities and how you can be involved.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar



*Block Island
September 13th & 14th*



*Webelos II Outing
October 18th & 19th*



*West Point Military Academy
November 1st & 2nd*



*Appalachian Trail Hike
December 6th & 7th*

Community Service Projects



*Arts and Crafts Fair
September 13 & 14, 2008*

Fundraising Opportunities



Leaf Raking
November 8th & 9th,
15th & 16th, 22nd – 24th



XMass Tree Sales
December 17th
Set-up - November 17th



Game Night
January 2nd and 3rd

❖ Merit Badge University ❖

**Fast track your way to completing
merit badges by turning out
January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.**

◆ **Next Scout Meeting** ◆
September 10th
Town Forest Park



Please continue to support Big Y. They generously donate all unredeemed bottle and can receipts to our troop.

Note: Any errors or omissions are the computers fault. Anyone wishing to complain can take it up with my dog, Abby. She is my witness.

The Editor