



# The World *of* Scouting

BOY SCOUT NEWS AND EVENTS IN CENTRAL VERMONT

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## Barre youth earns rank of Eagle

Troop 714 of Barre recently held its second Eagle ceremony in a month and the third in less than a year. To earn this honor, Nick Bullock of Barre had to complete a community service project and he chose to build 130 small doghouse shaped collection boxes for the Central Vermont Humane Society (CVHS).

Nick's Court of Honor ceremony was held at the Hedding Church and attended by family, friends, and fellow scouts. And as a very active member of the Order of the Arrow (the national honor society of the Boy Scouts) he chose a ceremony that would include some of their traditions.

Nick is part of a ceremonies team that has traveled as far as Newport on a week night to assist a Cub Pack with their Crossover or Arrow of Light Ceremonies. For the last four years, through the Order of the Arrow (OA), Nick has participated in camp preparations at both Mt Norris and Camp Sunrise Scout Reservations.

Nick is the first Scout in the Troop since 1997 to have and take the opportunity to earn his Eagle palms. Like the Eagle badge, palms must also be earned before a youth turns eighteen. As long as Nick continues to be active in the troop until his eighteenth birthday he will have earned his three Eagle palms. For each Eagle palm a scout is required to earn an additional five merit badges and three months of active service.

Nick joined the recently created Venture Crew sponsored by R&L Archery in Barre. Venturing is another BSA sponsored program that is offered to youths, girls and boys, age 14-21. The Venturing Crew offers High Adventure opportunities to older youths. The Crew recently returned from Florida after spending time at the High Adventure Sea Base during February vacation.

Anyone interested in becoming a Scout or adult leader, wanting information about upcoming events or would like to offer a contribution can visit [www.scoutingvermont.org](http://www.scoutingvermont.org) or call the Green Mountain Council at 800-704-3089.



## Barre Cubs go geocaching

The Cub Scouts of Barre Pack 717 have been doing something that has been 'caching' on in their Pack as of late.

It's called geocaching, a worldwide high-tech game of hiding and seeking treasure usually with a GPS unit, and has been ever increasing in popularity New England since 2000.

The Webelos first experienced geocaching in May 2008...now it's spreading through the Pack like wildfire.

This is a great time to get the Scouts outside and search through our world, mostly in nature walking in the woods, along near streams, hiding under leaves, hiding in trees, etc...any place that something can be well hidden and virtually undisturbed (until someone else geocaching finds it!) and is found using latitude and longitude coordinates on a GPS, and/or using a compass and map. It's great fun!

See what the fuss is all about. Check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and find out! Start your own geocaching and experience the world like you never have before!