



Last month Webelo Cub Scouts "crossed over" to become Boy Scouts. Pictured here is Troop 489, including its newest members. Back: Joey Rego, Cam Wood, Brendan Coll, Tucker Andrews, Derrick Nowell. Front: Nicholas Terwilliger, Austin Hawks, Sam Bentley, Austin Marceau, Nick Keniston.

Photo: Karen Frink

## Boy Scouts Troop 489

By Kathy Bennett  
Boy Scouts Troop 489

Eight boy scouts from Troop 489 recently attended a Merit Badge Pow Wow sponsored by Venturing Crew 217 at Ascutney, Vermont. For two Saturdays in March and April, the boys worked on four different merit badges of their choice including topics such as aviation; computers; art; citizenship in the world, community, and nation; law; disability awareness; crime prevention; photography; and woodworking.

Two of the scouts – Cameron Wood and Robert Smith – made a wooden box for the troop to use in their woodworking class. Although not all the badges were completed at the Pow Wow (and will require additional work back at the Troop), everyone was able to complete at least one badge, and most finished two or three. The scouts will meet with local merit badge counselors to finish their requirements and earn the remaining merit badges they started.

The Troop also had a field trip to Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord in March to work on the Space Exploration merit badge and were able to view a great planetarium show as part of the workshop.

Interested in Boy Scouts? Contact Kathy Bennett at 735-6142, evenings.

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Front: Bradley Roberts, Jazlyn Perkins, Gavin Elliot, Haley Dukette, Alexa Jenkins. Back: Aiden Collum.  
Photo: Doreen Perreault

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault  
East Andover Village Preschool

It's been a dino-mite month here at East Andover Village Preschool. We started April with our Dinosaur Open House. Children ventured through our prehistoric path, digging for fossils and balancing dinosaur eggs. We visited the Ice Age and chipped our way to some amazing discoveries. We even had the opportunity to make our own delicious volcano. It was a fun step back in time.

Preschool II children enjoyed a visit to Morrill Sugar Shack in Franklin. We learned all about maple syrup and how it is made. Of course, the trip wasn't complete without a delicious syrup sample.

Preschool I children enjoyed making dinosaur necklaces and using stamps to make some wonderful prehistoric creations. We tested our senses while we played in green shaving cream and searched slimy water for hidden dino-

sours and fossils.

We celebrated the return of grass to our playground and enjoyed *finally* packing our snow pants away for the season. The children were so excited to see the sandbox, and the return of our outdoor trucks was a welcomed sight.

As we look towards May, we are reminded that like the seasons, we continue to grow and change here at EAVP.

Special thanks this month to Judy Perreault, Tammy Elliot, Karen Oxland, and Alicia Corrow for helping out in our classrooms.

Registration for 2008-09 is underway. For more information, you can call the preschool at 735-5105.

Finally, we continue to sell candy bars. With rising prices, we find more families in need than ever. Thank you to all our board members, parents, and our church family for helping sell our candy bars. We are hoping to add to our scholarship fund.

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