

SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 November and December 2024

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ACTIVITIES

Ship 25 had a cozy November and December, focusing a lot on activities celebrating each other around the holiday season and supporting the group. In early November, Scouts celebrated Halloween with a costume party and campfire, and in December, Scouts came together again for a winter holiday party combined with a bridge of honor for our hard working members. Below is a picture of our scouts doing a delicious dessert auction.



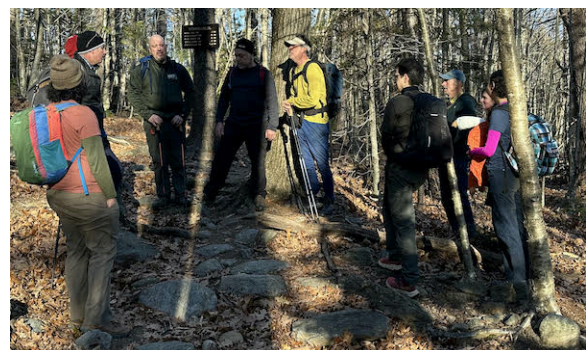
Scouts each brought in some sweet treats and scouts and their guests bid on the desserts, with the proceeds going toward Ship 25 funds. With individuals bidding up to \$30 on each item, it's safe to say that everyone was happy with the results of the evening.

Earlier in the holiday season, scouts did the opposite of what a dessert auction might entail and tried their hands on

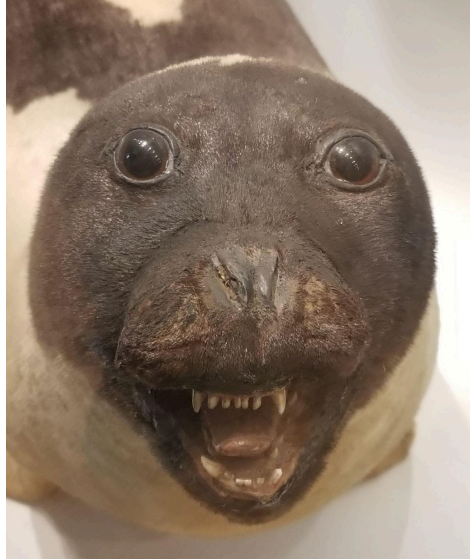
climbing Mount Monadnock, all the way in New Hampshire! The day hike was a long and cold one, becoming increasingly difficult and cold as scouts hiked toward the summit. Once at the top, portions of several New England states could be spotted, as well as the Boston skyline! Due to the cold, Scouts were happy to climb down almost as soon as they got up.



The adventure in New Hampshire didn't stop at the summit, either. On the trail down, Ship 25 encountered a wandering men's choir, whose music made the Mount Monadnock trip all the more magical and hiked with them some of the way back.



After returning to their cabins, Scouts explored a haunted cemetery and a taxidermy museum and returned home after being thoroughly spooked.



In December, Scouts focused more on rank advancement and celebrating the holidays with their friends and families. Some of the accomplishments of our members include completing the Swimming Merit Badge (completed by 3 members), and obtaining the rank of Quartermaster during the Bridge of Honor! Congratulations to Emily Mocyk on her accomplishment! Achieving the final rank in Sea Scouts takes a lot of work... Only 0.5 percent of all Sea Scouts earn the award each year, and Ship 25 is blessed to have so many hardworking Scouts, with a great many of them accomplishing this feat. Emily's project involved leading 61 volunteers to build 32 beds for children in need in the Auburn, NY area.



Pictured above is Emily with several of her fellow Scouts in a Bridge of Honor after accepting her award.

FUNDRAISERS

The Ship is still collecting bottles and cans at IthaCAN and Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Road, Rt. 13 South in Ithaca. Feel free to stop by and mention that your returns are for Ship 25, or reach out to a member to arrange dropoff/pickup!

MEETINGS & CONTACT

Ship 25 has meetings on most Fridays at 6:30pm in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom. Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. For more details and a full calendar, contact Jim Graney at (607)-327-1226 (work/cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information can be found at www.ithacaseascouts.org.