

TROOP 66 GARDEN CITY, RI



NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY

In February, we kicked off the month with the Klondike Derby at Camp Yawgoog. Although it had snowed the entire time, the Scouts still had a blast. This was the first time we used our new sleds and they were amazing! Our troop had 11 Scouts and 7 Adults attend the event. The event was a great success, with our patrols earning 1st Place in the Yeti Challenge and 3rd Place in the Flag Retirement competition.

This month our Committee Chair, Detective Velino received the William H Spurgeon Award, the highest honor a scouter can receive in the Explorers program, at this year's Narragansett Council Award's Banquet.

In addition, Mr. Rheume received the Unsung Arrowman Award at Tulpe Lodge's 10th Anniversary Winter Banquet for his dedicated behind-the-scenes service to the lodge.

Our Troop also began working on the Scouting Heritage merit badge with our Advancement Chair, Mrs Mills.



FEBRUARY (CONTINUED)

Our troop participated in Scout Sunday at Woodridge Congregational United Church of Christ. Several Scouts took part in the service, helping make it a meaningful morning for the congregation.

This month Troop 66 even gained new members! We had our crossover event and had 6 new scouts join from Pack 6 Cranston. Now they have entered their new path and will be able to learn and grow even more!

This month we had a big blizzard so some of our Scouts decided that they would help out the community and take part in Narragansett Council's Operation Blizzard 2026. Many Scouts spent their snow day shoveling out fire hydrants and shoveling sidewalks and driveways to help out their neighbors and community.

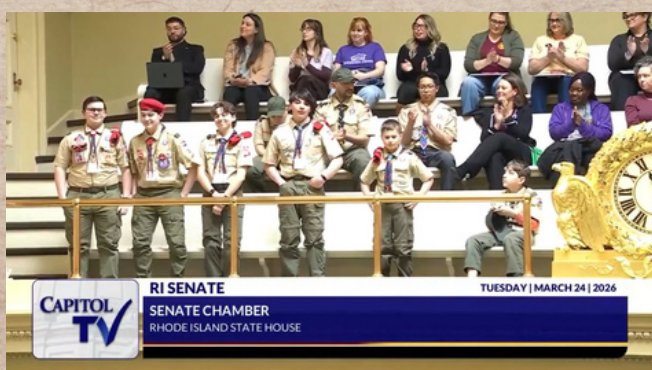
This month's campout was local and was at Camp Champlin. This was a great campout and our troop participated in a Scavenger Hunt that had Scouts go all around Cranston. This event was a great idea and it had many Scouts learn more about their city. A special thanks to the adults that made it possible.



MARCH

In March, our troop started the month with a camping trip at JN Webster in Ashford, Connecticut. Our trip attended their annual Maple Festival and it was a blast! Scouts were able to explore camp, shoot riffles, and learn how maple syrup is made. The event was a great idea and the Scouts all had a great time.

This month, our council hosted Scouting Day at the Statehouse. This event was great and we had 5 Scouts from our troop attend. Scouts were able to talk with state officials and visit the Senate and House of Representatives. We also had 2 people from our troop, Alan and Massimo De Palo, represent the Narragansett Council in testifying for a bill that would allow non-profit organizations to be able to advertise at schools.



APRIL

In April, our troop first started the month with many completing the Scouting Heritage merit badge. For the final requirements, we had 2 longtime members of Troop 66, Mr. Rheamue and Mr. Tessier, come in and talk about our troops history. They did a great job and even brought in some old scouting items and even things from our troop.

Next, our troop camped at Buck Hill. Many scouts participated in the new fishing derby, a successful competition where scouts learned new fishing skills and competed in contests for the most amount of fish and biggest fish. Meanwhile, other scouts participated in hikes and different outdoor activities around the campground, including a game of kickball and working on rank requirements in the axe yard. In addition, this campout was also special, as it was the first overnight camping experience for our crossovers! Even with the muggy weather, we made the best out of everything.

During April break many scouts worked on merit badges. These include Horsemanship, Stamp Collecting, Plumbing/Welding, American Indian Culture, Communications, and Animal Science. Each Scout focused on different interests, and gained new skills and knowledge while working toward their goals. By the end of the week, many had made significant progress and felt a strong sense of accomplishment.

Finally, over the weekend, Emmett, Adit, Harry, and Matt camped at Camp Norse as they took their next step in joining the Order of the Arrow (OA). At the same time, our Senior Patrol Leader, Massimo, completed his Brotherhood conversion, deepening his commitment to the OA, and Mr. Rheume, an adult leader from our troop, was an Elangomat. We also had three adult leaders earn their certification for Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and another adult leader helped teach the Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation course.



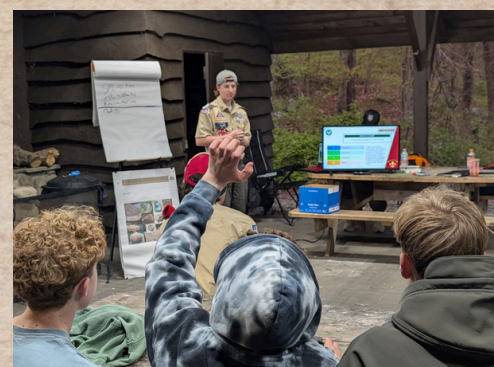
MAY

In May, our troop first started the month with a course called Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops. In this course, Scouts were able to learn about different leadership responsibilities in a troop, different ways on how to lead, and communication skills. The course had 9 Scouts attend and was led by some of our troops adult leaders, along with 3 older Scouts from our troop.

This month was also Northwest District's Annual Recognition Dinner. At the dinner our troop had many adult leaders earn awards including, Mr. Malloy, Mr. Velino, Mr. Goldthwait, Mr. Caito, Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. Leslie. At the dinner, Troop 66 also received the District's "Dirty Boot Award" for our amazing outdoor program of hiking and camping.

This month our troop had 2 Scouts work on the Photography merit badge with Mrs. Mills. While taking the badge, they learned about the features and the basic operations of a camera and ways to get the best pictures.

For our campout this month, our troop camped at New England Base Camp in Milton, Massachusetts. This was a new camp for our troop and the Scouts had a blast! While on the campout, the troop took a hike to Blue Hills where the Scouts where able to see a view of Boston and visit a sanctuary. The troop had a great time camping here and we will definitely go back again.



JUNE

In June, our troop had 3 Scouts attend E19's New England Fellowship which was hosted at Camp Griswold in New Hampshire. The Scouts had a great time and spent there time going to training's, doing patch trading, and playing field games.

On June 18, our troop had our last meeting of the Scouting year. Our troop met at Goddard Park and had our annual end of year meeting. At the meeting Scouts were able to bring yard games and hang out with their friends. At the meeting we had a Court of Honor where __ Merit Badges were earned and __ Scouts advanced in rank. We also held our Senior Patrol Leader election. Our current SPL, Massimo DePalo, stepped down from his position and passed the torch to our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Emmett Mills, who was elected as the troop's new Senior Patrol Leader. We thank Massimo for his leadership and dedication to the troop and congratulate Emmett as he begins his term as SPL.

The next thing our troop will do is have our June Trip. We will be camping near Hartford, Connecticut and will be going to Six Flags New England along with going to the New England Air Museum.

