

Pack 159 Goes to Boy Scout Rendezvous



DEN 1 Cub Scouts recently learned about Native American symbols and built drums with picture stories on the sides. They are, first row from left, Julian Hawkins, Nicholas Shippee, Harrison Downs, Ben Brown, Ross Weiser, Isaac Brown, Michael Myers, Patrick Martin and Clark Williamson. Second row, Den Leaders David Shippee, John Downs and Fred Myers.



PACK 159 Scouts joined 5,000 other Cubs at the 2003 Boy Scout Rendezvous recently at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Attending were, first row from left, Sam Garrett, Ross Weiser, Nicholas Shippee, Julian Hawkins, Michael Myers and Patrick Martin. Second row, Aaron White, Nicholas Sprandlin, Giovanni Mangiardi, Jay Mixson and Harrison Downs. Third row, Asst. Den Leaders Fred Myers and John Downs, Den Leaders David Shippee and Jim Mixson.

The Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 159, of First Presbyterian Church spent late fall building bat habitats, learning about Native American symbols and drums and rendezvousing with fellow scouts.

In late October, the scouts joined over 5,000 other cubs at the 2003 Boy Scout Rendezvous at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby. Including the Boy Scouts, Ventures and Explorers, the event had a gate attendance of over 8,500 scouts.

With materials donated by Statesville Roofing Company, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Store of Statesville and Spicer Off-Highway Products Division, the scouts recently built drums and learned about Native American Symbol. Each boy drew a picture based on symbols mounted on the outside of the drums.

On Nov. 6, the scouts built bat houses with materials donated by Lowes and learned, through information supplied by the Organization for Bat Conservation, that bats "are man's allies" and play a vital role in maintaining the balance of nature against pesky creatures like mosquitoes. A single brown bat can catch hundreds per hour and a colony can protect nearby farmers from infestations of rootworms.

Scouts participating in the bat house building project were Ben Brown, Benjamin McKinney, Nicholas Shippee, Ross Weiser, Sam Garrett, Patrick Martin, Aaron White, Julian Hawkins, Clark Williamson, Reid Weiser and Harrison Downs. They were assisted by Den Leaders David Shippee and John Downs.

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