

Cub Scout Pack 43 Raingutter Regatta Den and Pack Winners



Arrow of Light: first place-Alex Rohman, second place-Drew Newton, third place-Isaiah Johnson.



Webelos 1, Den 1: first place-Aidan Marquis, second place- Ryder Shobe, third place-Evan Ashmore.



Webelos 1 Den 2: first place-Matthew Freund, second place-Isaac Graham, third place-Mark Mavis.



Bear Den 1: first place-Chase Schoonover, second place-Damian Marcello, third place-Gunnar Lind.



Bear Den 2: first place-Braden Maxey, second place-Matthew Detmers, third place-Logan Perkins.



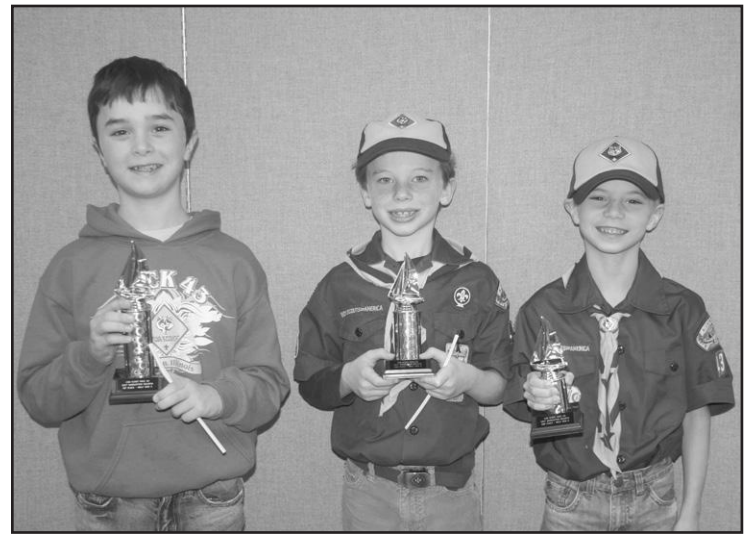
Bear Den 3: first place-Jack Rogers, second place-Austin Burich, third place-Ryan Byers. photos by Crystal Reed.



Wolf Den 1: first place-Logan Owen, second place-Brenner Hayes, third place-Matthew Brown.



Wolf Den 2: first place-Michael Craig, second place-Briar Barnes, third place-Jacob Craig.



Wolf Den 3: first place-Jack Ullis, second place-Abram Carpenter, third place-Keegan Russell.



Wolf Den 4: first place-Jackson Windhorst, second place-Wyatt Turner, third place-Hunter Erwin.



Tiger Den 4-first place-Wylie Durham, Tiger Den 1-first place-Pierce Flora.



Tiger Den 2: first place-Jude Selvey, second place-Robert Larson, third place-Kellan Cyruulik.



Tiger Den 3: first place-Isaac Ryan, second place-Zach Smith, third place-Logan Cullison.



Siblings race: first place-Daniel Yelton, second place-Audrey Brent, third place-Clara Monroe.



Pack race: first place-Matthew Freund, second place-Jacob Craig, third place-Jack Rogers, fourth place-Jude Selvey.

4 DIY tips to save money and get your home ready for winter

(BPT) - Many people look forward to the cooler weather. The brisk autumn winds and colorful leaves signal that once again it's time to take out the sweaters and scarves. There are the hot soups and pumpkin-flavored drinks to keep one warm as the weather gets cooler, but for the conscientious homeowner and dedicated DIYer, it's time to start winterizing your home. Sealing out pesky drafts around your home helps save energy while also making your home more comfortable. It also prevents water damage from rain, ice or snow and blocks out pests that might be trying to find a warm place to spend the winter.

As you're deciding where to get started, here are four projects that will go a long way to save you money and make your home ready for whatever Mother Nature throws at it this winter.

1. Create a thermal barrier. The best way to keep your family warm and toasty while the wind, snow and sleet rage outside is to ensure your home and its building envelope - the thermal barrier between the interior of a home and the exterior environment - is properly sealed. How well the "shell" of the building (walls, roof and foundation) is sealed against the exterior environment directly impacts the amount of energy required to

maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. Maintaining a well-sealed building envelope means you'll use less energy to heat and cool your home, saving you money. Take the time to check for and seal the following common air leaks around your home, both inside and out:

- * Interior windows and doors: Slowly move a lit incense stick around the edges. If the smoke drifts to the side, it indicates an air leak that needs to be sealed.
- * Interior baseboards and trim: Check for cracks and gaps where walls meet floors and ceilings.
- * Exterior windows and doors: Check for gaps and cracks where the frame meets the wall. Replace cracked or

missing sealant around frames with an exterior grade sealant.

- * Pipes and vents: If there is a gap between the pipe or vent and the surface it goes through, it needs to be sealed.
- 2. Seal air leaks. Most cracks and gaps less than a half inch in width and depth can be filled with a sealant like DAP Extreme Stretch. Designed to stretch over 600 percent, Extreme Stretch can withstand the elements as your home expands and contracts, plus it is easy to apply on virtually any interior and exterior surface such as windows, trim, pipes, vents and siding. It will not crack or lose adhesion, saving you money and preventing nasty drafts. And remember,

before you apply, make sure to remove any old sealant that remains to ensure the new sealant can adhere properly.

3. Move beyond window wrap. We all know that a traditional way to seal in the heat and keep out the cold is to insulate your windows with plastic film. This is an unsightly solution and leaves your home looking shrink-wrapped. A more effective and less obtrusive method is to use DAP SEAL 'N PEEL, a temporary, removable weatherstrip caulk that's great for sealing up windows for the season. It applies easily like a caulk around windows, doors, attic hatches, pipes and vents to keep out drafts. Once spring comes, it easily peels off to let

in the fresh air.

4. Seal off a room. If you live in a large house and have a room or two that you don't use, consider sealing it up for the winter. Simply turn off the heating vent or radiator in the room to avoid paying to heat a room you aren't using. Then use a door draft stopper or decorative long pillow along the door floor to prevent any drafts. Whether you like the cold weather or not, the coming winter is a great opportunity to check up on your home and prepare it for winter. For the novice or the die-hard DIYer, it's an important time to assess and address your home's defenses against winter weather.