

## Carl T. Johnson



Carl was born November 23, 1991, in Hartford, CT, and has lived in Simsbury since 1994. Carl is in his Freshman year at Simsbury High School and has a younger brother, Michael, a Tenderfoot Scout in Troop 174. Following a family history in Scouting, from his grandfather a retired Scoutmaster, to the five Eagle Scouts already in his family (Carl's

father, two uncles and two cousins), Carl began his Scouting career with Cub Scout Pack 276 at Tootin' Hills School. Den Leader Mr. Correia poured a solid Scouting foundation for Carl's Den which, for the first time in memory, stayed together as all nine Cubs joined Troop 174. As a Cub Scout, Carl earned every Webelos activity pin possible and earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award. As a Cub Scout, Carl climbed Mt. Washington – twice.

As a Tenderfoot Scout just three months after joining Troop 174 during Senior Patrol elections, Carl raised his hand and asked Mr. Civitillo to explain the qualifications for Senior Patrol Leader. It took another three years, but Carl met those qualifications and was elected Senior Patrol Leader at age 14.

Upon joining Troop 174, Carl was assigned to the "Bunny Patrol" under Patrol Leader Zach Krug, and helped make the Patrol a "dynasty." When James Lombardi became Patrol Leader next year, Carl took his first leadership position as Assistant Patrol Leader. The following year, Carl took the reins as Patrol Leader of the Bunnies and when his term was over, the Patrol had to be disbanded as the members of the Patrol were needed for leadership of Troop 174 as the current Senior Patrol Leader (Carl) and three of the four Patrol Leaders were all Bunnies (and all from Carl's Cub Den led by Mr. Correia!). As Bunny Patrol Leader, Carl was awarded the Kevin Hanley Memorial Award for Scouting Spirit.

The highlight of Carl's outdoor Scouting experience to date has been his trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in 2006 where rain on 17 consecutive days could not dampen his spirits. Carl is looking forward to this year's Scuba trip to Honduras (who cares about rain if you sleep in a hotel?).

In addition to Scouting, Carl is on the football and track teams at Simsbury High School, helps with the CCD program at St. Catherine's Church, is an Open Water Scuba Diver (ask him about the 6-foot shark he disturbed), holds a NY State Small Boat Captain License, and is an avid saltwater fisherman while spending summers at Breezy Point, NY.

### **Merit Badges Earned**

Art	Camping*	Canoeing
Citizenship in Community*	Citizenship in Nation*	Citizenship in World*
Communications*	Disability Awareness	Electricity
Emergency Preparedness*	Environmental Science*	Family Life*
Fingerprinting	First Aid*	Outdoor Survival
Personal Fitness*	Personal Management*	Pioneering
Sports	Swimming*	Weather

\* = Eagle requirement

### **Rank Advancement**

Scout	03/12/03	Star	05/26/04
Tenderfoot	05/30/03	Life	03/16/05
Second Class	06/04/03	Eagle	05/22/07
First Class	11/07/03		

### **Eagle Project**



For his project, Carl designed, built, and installed a Trail Map for Onion Mountain Park. Carl enjoys hiking at the Park and wanted to do something to help others enjoy it too. The project included presentations and discussions with the Simsbury Land Trust and Mr. Toner of Simsbury Parks who provided support and encouragement. Carl obtained help from his Uncle Bobby, a professional carpenter, in the design phase. To pay for the project, Carl initiated a "can drive" and his neighbors in Mountain Farms responded with thousands of sticky cans and bottles that Carl collected and redeemed.

Carl would like to thank all those who made this achievement possible. Special thanks go to Mr. Civitillo, Mr. Collins, Mr. Correia, Mr. Toner, and to the Scouts of Troop 174, current and past, who have led by example and also given him the opportunity to lead – without his fellow Scouts, none of this would have been possible.