

# Boy Scouts Collect Food for CHIP-IN



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Members of Boys Scout Troop 165 in Charlton show off just some of the food collected for CHIP-IN during a May 15 food drive.

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CHARLTON – While many were likely enjoying the warm 70-plus-degree weather on Saturday, May 15, a group of local Boy Scouts took the morning to help give back to Charlton’s CHIP-IN Food Pantry.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 165 in Charlton set up a collection site on the town common in front of

the Charlton Town Hall to accept food donations to support CHIP-In and its clients as part of the merit badge requirements for several of the scouts. Daniel Creeron, Assistant Scout Master for Troop 165, said that while three scouts were involved in planning the event for the badge requirements, the troop as a whole came together learning valuable lessons about community

involvement and engagement.

“A few of our scouts are working on their ‘Citizenship in the Community’ merit badges and part of that is to find a nonprofit organization to help so they picked CHIP-IN as the beneficiary and decided to do a food drive,” Creeron said. “This allows the kids to learn more about the town and how to help their fellow

citizens. It’s a good time to give back and help the pantry considering everything that’s gone on with COVID. They’re also outside on a beauti-

ful day and it shows the community that we’re hear for them like they’re always there to support us.”

Creeron added that he

hopes the event allowed the scouts to learn that there are people in need in Charlton and that they can be a part of making a difference in peoples’ lives.

“They’re learning that there are a lot of less fortunate people out there. Whether it’s because of job circumstances or just situations in life there are people out there that need help and the pantry is a big part of that. They’re learning about the resources and that even in a small town like Charlton we have people who need help and assistance. They can be a part of that and give back,” Creeron said.

These lessons and the generosity of the community did not go unnoticed by the scouts involved. Scouts Andrew Heywood, Jacob Creeron and Adam Rydlha, who helped lead the food drive for their merit badges, all praised the generosity of the community.

Heywood put it best, saying, “I feel like it’s very nice of us to do this and I feel like a lot of citizens have embraced it. We really appreciate it and I know they appreciate helping a lot of people out today.”

## QCC’s E-Sports team once again crowned champions in League of Legends Tournament

WORCESTER — Another great season has ended for the fledgling Wyverns League of Legends E-Sports team, and another championship is added to their impressive record. The Quinsigamond Community College team played their final games on April 25, winning handily 3-0 over Bunker Hill Community College in the Region XXI Championship E-Sports game. The Wyverns finished the season with a 5-1 record, echoing the record from the fall 2020 season and even mirroring their fall championship win against Bunker Hill 3-0 in the finals.

“The team of 12 came together this season. Week in and week out, they dedicated time and effort to improving their skills. Each player got a chance to start in a game throughout the season, and each and every player stood out,” said Wyverns E-Sports Coach Nathaniel “Nate” Mello.

“I am so proud of what this team was able to accomplish this year and I hope to continue our success in the future with players new and old,” Coach Mello said.

QCC began its E-Sports team in the summer of 2020, taking part in a League of Legends collegiate competition. This is a highly competitive, fast paced, action-strategy online game. When not in a global pandemic the game is often played in-person, in an arena setting.

QCC’s Athletic Director Lisa Gurnick said the E-Sports team has made a

superb addition to the Wyvern sports teams and Coach Mello has been an important part of the team’s success.

“Coach Mello was fantastic, and he was the ‘sports announcer’ for all three of these final games. He presented the play-by play action. It was great for anyone to follow who didn’t know anything about the game League of Legends but wanted to follow along,” Ms. Gurnick said. “The team has played amazing all season and has worked hard to get where they are. We are incredibly proud of our newest Wyvern team.”

The Wyvern 2021 E-Sports team includes:

- Alexis Fluegel
- Samuel Marshall
- Trevor Dodson
- Alex Vongkhamheuang
- Andrew Boucher
- David Huynh
- Dylan Tang
- Joseph Pauplis
- Monica Doan
- Eric Miller
- Lawrence Loughan
- Gabe Varner
- Head Coach Nate Mello
- Assistant Coach Alec Yorston

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