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Sgt. Devin Taylor watches Dylan Nelson puts a sling on Ryan Way during the practical portion of the Boy Scout's First Aid Merit Badge requirements. Taylor and other medical personnel at Dunham Army Health Clinic taught First Aid to Troops 173 and 146 on Jan. 28. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.

On Jan. 28 volunteers from the Dunham Army Health Clinic medical staff opened their doors to the area Boy Scouts, to teach them valuable

life saving skills.

The Scouts, representing Troop 173 from Carlisle Barracks and Troop 146 from Wellsville, gathered in the clinic atrium to complete the requirements to earn their First Aid Merit Badge.

“The clinic really stepped up to help us,” said Col. Dave Dworak, USAWC faculty member, and assistant Scout Masters for Troop 173.

“Sgt. 1st Class John McLaughlin and Maj. Michael Watson, really stepped up to help us out. These boys aren't just getting a merit badge, but learning skills for life.”

“A first aid merit badge is one of the badges that are required for achieving Eagle Scout,” said Col. Bob Hoelscher, Scout Master for Troop 173.

The medics broke the boys into small groups to teach them first aid for: treating for shock, performing

CPR, heatstroke, dehydration, hypothermia, the proper procedures for treating head, neck and back injuries, the use of a tourniquet, bandaging broken bones, and moving a casualty.

“I thought the training went well,” said McLaughlin. “It gave the Soldiers the opportunity to teach first aid to a group other than the military, and as a good community outreach type program, it was a win-win type of event.”

“The kids were very excited about training with the medics,” said Col. Greg Cantwell, assistant Scout Master for Troop 173. “They (the Scouts) know that this is their job and not just some guy reading out of a book.”

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