



TROOP 9 NEWS

April 2011

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~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- April 2 **Bottle Drive!**
- April 15 **Camp Nobscot Overnight**
- May 13 – 15 **Wompatuck Campout**
- June 3 – 5 **Campout - TBA**

Happy Birthday to the following:



Scott O'Hare	Apr. 2
Mike DiVito	Apr. 4
Anthony Milisi	Apr. 6
Kevin Bruno	Apr. 9
Brian Dumont	Apr. 9
Anthony Palhete	Apr. 9
Nick Ames	Apr. 17
Declan Lawlor	Apr. 20

SPRING CAMPING TRIPS

On April 15th, we will be having a one-night tent camping trip to Camp Nobscot in Sudbury. During the day on Saturday we will hike or bike parts of the Battle Road in Lexington and Concord and see part of the Battle Road re-enactment. We will return to Camp Nobscot for some activities, dinner and a campfire and then return to Pond Plain about 9:00 PM. The only cost for this campout is for food.

On the weekend on May 13-15th, we will be having a two-night tent camping trip to Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Wompatuck is close enough by that scouts are encouraged to come and go from the campout in order to participate in any other activities they may have that weekend**. The only cost for this campout is for food.

On the weekend of June 3-5th, we will be having a two-night tent campout somewhere in the northeastern United States. The PLC is considering several options and will be making a decision by the troop meeting on April 7th. This camping trip will likely have some extracurricular activities (biking, games, swimming) associated with it, so the cost may be more than just food.

***If a scout arrives late, leaves early or comes/goes from a camping trip, he is responsible for coordinating his rides to and from. Troop 9 provides rides on Friday night and the troop return time on Sunday.*

SUMMER CAMP



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CAMP MEETING

An informational meeting for parents about Summer Camp will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 7:30PM in the downstairs room at Pond Plain. This meeting will be especially helpful for any parents whose scout is going to camp for the first time, but any parent is welcome to attend. We will go over the week's schedule, camp and troop procedures, paperwork and gear list. We encourage you to come to the meeting with any questions and concerns you have so that we may answer them and alleviate any concerns.

If you cannot make the meeting on April 7th, let us know and we will figure a time to get together.

SUMMER CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

The discounted fee of \$315 is due by May 12th. After that date, the fee is \$330. Checks should be made payable to Troop 9. Some financial assistance is available, so anyone with financial concerns should contact Tricia Conway, Phil Barthel or Tim Barry prior to May 12th.



Troop 9 is considering a golf outing the weekend of April 30/May 1 for scouts and their parents. If you are interested, be sure to see Mr. Gilardi at any troop meeting in March!



BOTTLE DRIVE!

Save the date! Save your CANS! April 2 from 9 – 1 is our next Troop 9 bottle drive. Tell your neighbors! All scouts are required to work 2 hours per bottle drive. Sign-up sheets will be available at Scout Meetings.



We are looking for a scout (or scouts) and an adult leader to write recaps of our trips and activities. The ideal recappers will possess a sense of humor, a creative imagination and the ability to retell a trip in a humorous way without straying too far from what actually happened. The Past Events section of the Troop 9 Website has some recaps from years ago. Another good trait would be someone not as long winded as the previous recapper.

GEORGES ISLAND CAMPOUT INFO.

As we get close to the Georges Island campout I thought I'd start posting some history on the Fort.

Construction of Fort Warren on Georges Island began in 1833. It was built of granite from nearby Quincy and from Cape Ann. It was already obsolete before it was completed because of several major technological military changes such as high-powered cannons and ironclad ships. Construction was conducted in several stages until the Civil War started. Remember, we will be camping from August 12th to the 14th.

Save a Tree!



If anyone would like to be added to the email list for the newsletter, or if you did sign up and are not receiving it, please email Mrs. Zooleck at soozootoo@comcast.net.



Scoutmaster Minute

I am sure it will come as a shock to many of you, but I have a sweet tooth. I wouldn't spend a few hours on a campout making a Philabuster or baking giant cookies in the Dutch Ovens if I didn't. Put simply, I like cake and maybe it's because I like cake that one of my favorite quotes is "You can't have your cake and eat it too."

Many times scouting presents many of us with a "You can't have your cake and eat it too" scenario, that is the choice between a scouting activity or staying home to participate in another activity, be it sports, band or something else. You have to choose which cake you want. I refer to these scenarios as cake trips.

Part of the allure of a cake trip is that we are limited to when and where we can do them. In Troop 9, we can't hike Mount Washington or raft in Maine in the winter, the US Military Academy Camporee at West Point only takes place in May, ski trips take place in the winter months and the Boston Harbor Islands are open for camping during the summer months. In many sports leagues, the season happens during a set time of the year. A cake trip unfortunately forces a choice.

With cake, there is frosting (otherwise it is just bread), and for me, the sweeter the frosting, the better the cake is. Frosting for cake activities can be the experience, rareness of the activity or just the fun one gets out of participating in it. Everyone decides on what their frosting is.

In the coming months, many of you will choose a Troop 9 activity as your cake and others will choose your activity at home as your cake. That is okay as there are lots of different types of cake and it is up to each of us to decide which cake we want. Just don't be too satisfied with your favorite cake that you never take a chance on trying other cakes. Maybe you'll find you like the other cake better.

That's it. I'm off to get some pie.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster