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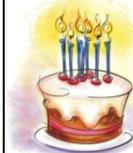
- May 11 – 13 Wompatuck Campout
- May 16 Committee Meeting
- May 19 Cemetery Flags
- June 1 – 3 Campout TBA
- June 16 Bottle Drive

**PARENTS: Please make sure to share this Newsletter with your sons!!!**

**Summer Camp Announcements**

- Camp dates: Sunday, July 1 to Saturday, July 7, 2012
- Cost: \$325 if paid by May 13<sup>th</sup>, \$340 after May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Medical Form "Part C" is due by June 14 and must be signed by doctor
- Merit Badge schedules are available for scouts to pick up and decide which merit badges they want to take at camp.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**



May 7	Bob MacLennan
May 20	Steve Bekerian
May 25	Sean MacLean
May 26	Mark Jaklitsch
May 30	Eric MacLennan

**Advancements:**



Be sure to congratulate the following scouts:

Duncan Campbell	Scout
Matthew Freitas	Scout
Jacob Preble	Scout
Liam Tierney	Tenderfoot
Brendan Pike	Second Class
Tommy Jaklitsch	Second Class

**May 11-13 Campout at Wompatuck State Park**

Our May 11-13 campout will be at Scout Area 1 in Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Scout Area 1 is located in behind the parking lot of the transfer building located across from Mount Blue Spring. Scouts are welcome to come and go from this campout in order to attend their other activities, however, Troop 9 will coordinate rides only on Friday night and Sunday morning when we will be traveling as a troop. So as not to interfere too much with Mother's Day plans, we anticipate returning to Pond Plain close to 9:00 Sunday morning.

**2012 Whitewater Rafting Trip**

In a few weeks, there will be two signup sheets out for interest in a whitewater rafting trip to the Kennebec and Dead Rivers in Maine. One will be for a weekend in August rafting on a Sunday and the other will be for a weekend in September rafting on a Saturday. The signup sheet with the most interest will be when we schedule the trip.



**News- and Noteworthy**



- Congratulations to Dillon Lawlor, Tommy Jaklitsch, Brendan Pike, Paul Bonarrigo, all of whom made the St. Francis Honor Roll this term.
- Congratulations to D'Andre Maziarz, Evan Bekerian, Tommy Jaklitsch, members of the **undefeated** Weymouth U12 soccer team!
- Good luck to Justin Crisafulli as he heads off to Northeastern University in the fall.
- Congratulations to Steven Bekerian who was accepted to the 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference.
- And last, a job well done by Mark Preble. He now is officially certified as "Trained" by the BSA (assuming he survives this weekend's Outdoor Leadership Skills course).

**Service Opportunities**

- On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be helping the American Legion Bean Post replace American flags on the graves of veterans at several of the local cemeteries. Time will be announced, but it is usually about 8:30 in the morning and ends about 10:30.
- The Bean Post has requested our assistance in clearing some overgrowing rhubarb along the little stream behind the post. A small crew can take care of this in about an hour.
- Even though we are not meeting at Pond Plain, we have been asked to cut the grass in the front of the building. If anyone is interested, please let us know. This can count as either service hours or possibly a paying job.

### High Adventure

2013 High Adventure trips are available for First Class scouts who will be 13 and completed the eighth grade, or 14 years old by September 1, 2013. Florida Sea Base has options for summer and December vacation 2013, Minnesota's Northern Tier has canoe treks for summer 2013. Local councils from Virginia to Maine offer a variety of high adventures for the summer of 2013. If you are eligible and interested, nothing is going to happen unless you get off your behind and start pulling together your fellow scouts to decide what you want to do.

### Spring Uniforms

With the spring activities in full swing, we would like to remind scouts coming to troop meetings directly from sports, concerts or other activities to make every effort to continue to wear their scout shirt and Troop 9 hat. If that is not possible, feel free to attend in the uniform of the activity you are coming from. Please remove cleats from feet before entering the meeting hall.

Full scout uniforms are required for Scoutmaster Conferences or Boards of Review.

### Eagle's Nest on Facebook

If anyone is an Eagle Scout of Troop 9 or knows of one, please either sign or have them sign the Eagles Nest on Facebook. There is a link on the Troop 9 Facebook page. Mr. Gallahue is trying to compile a list of Eagles from our troop to honor them.

### Ask Andy Rule #70

Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people look intelligent.....until you hear what they have to say.



### Scoutmaster Minute

I think the key to a good Scoutmaster Minute is to make it relevant with a little embellishment and mystery to get people to think about what the message is. My favorite minutes are those where I can take something that has happened in Troop 9 and completely distort the facts so that people may think they know the event I am talking about, but there is still an element of doubt.

For instance, let me tell you about the time that I observed several scouts from Troop 9 at a camporee offer some encouragement or advice to scouts from another troop. I'm not sure if the Troop 9 scouts had already been through the event or were waiting to participate in the event, but they saw the other scouts struggling and tried to help them by encouraging them not to give up and suggesting another way to complete the task. The other scouts listened, completed the task and then walked off without offering a "thank you" to the Troop 9 scouts. When asked if that bothered them, the Troop 9 scouts said "Nope. We did what scouts should do." Talk about having Scout Spirit.

Think you know what event I am talking about? Come up and tell me and if you are right, maybe I'll give you a wooden nickel.

***Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster***

### POND PLAIN HALL UPDATE

Pond Plain has currently been visited by 5 contractors who have looked at the hall. We are still waiting for them to give estimates to do the roof and walls of the hall. In the meantime we will continue to use the Bean Post as long as we are welcomed.



On Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m., we will be having our committee meeting at the offices of Phil Barthel. I encourage all of the parents to attend this meeting as we will be discussing some of the ideas and suggestions as to what we will do with the Pond Plain Hall. We really need YOUR input as parents and members of the Troop.

Please make room on your schedules and attend this important meeting.

***Yours in Scouting  
Tim Barry  
Committee Chairman,  
Troop 9, Weymouth Ma.***