



TROOP 9 NEWS

December 2011
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~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

- Jan. 7 Bottle Drive
- Jan. 13 – 16 Ski Trip

Happy Birthday to the following:



Joe McKay	Dec. 1
Brian Kelley	Dec. 13
Ed Palmer	Dec. 17

Welcome

Please make sure to welcome **Matt Otero**, Troop 9's newest member.

*****REMINDER*****

The second dues payment for parents who have a second scout is due on December 15th. Dues are \$125.00

Uniform Bank



Troop 9 has a uniform bank where spare uniforms and accessories can be had and/or donated. If anyone has a need for uniform shirts, pants, etc. a list of available items is attached with

this newsletter. Please see Judy Norton if you are interested in any of these items.

Top Popcorn Sellers!!!

Congratulations to Kevin Bruno, Sean Mclean, and Ian Mclean for being the top sellers of popcorn (scouting!!!).



Thank You!

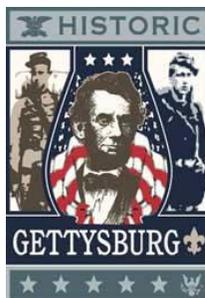
A huge THANK YOU to all of the scouts and adults who helped out during the last month and a half at Troop 9's various service projects. From the Candidate's Night, to the Weymouth Elks' Veterans' dinner, to the Veterans' Day Parade, Weymouth Food Pantry food collection and finally to the yard clean up at Pond Plain, Troop 9 provided some outstanding service to our community and our veterans. While good deeds seldom make the news, please know that every second you spent helping out is greatly appreciated by more people than you will ever realize.

News- and Noteworthy

- Congratulations to Justin Crisafulli for making the honor roll at BC High.
- Congratulations to Steve Bekerian, Mike Conway, and Dan MacDonald for making the honor roll at Weymouth High School.
- Congratulations to Zach Rush for making the Honor Roll at Cardinal Spellman.

Gettysburg

It is official, Troop 9 will be returning to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from Saturday, April 14, 2012 to Wednesday, April 18, 2012. We have reserved the St. James Scout Cabin just outside of Gettysburg to serve as our base camp. The cabin has bunks for 45, a full kitchen and showers, so we will not exactly be roughing it. However, be forewarned that we will be completing the Historic Trails program, which will entail a lot of hiking around the battlefield and the town of Gettysburg. To view the Gettysburg Historic Trails program, go to <http://newbirthoffreedom.org/gettysburg-heritage-trails-program/> and to view the cabin, go to <http://www.gettysburgscouting.org/cabin.html> All scouts and leaders who complete the Historic Trails program will receive the newly redesigned patch (on the left) and medal (on the right). More info to follow next month.



Campout Musts

For all camping trips, scouts are reminded that they should bring their own utensils and their own cup, mug or water bottle good for hot and/or cold liquids. Troop 9 does supply paper plates, bowls and all other paper goods.

Scout Store Sale

For about the next week, the Scout Store at Camp Sayre is holding daily sales on items. Each day, you can check out what is on sale at <http://www.scoutstuff.org/> and the item can be purchased at the store or online. We cannot confirm this yet, but reportedly scout uniform shirts and shorts/pants will be 20% off on Tuesday, December 13th.



Scoutmaster Minute

I am guessing that every one of us at some point has wished for a “do-over”, that is a chance to travel back in time to repeat an event or a day and hopefully change the outcome. Maybe it was the answers you put down on a test, or it was something you said to someone, or a shot you took during a basketball game. Usually, we want a do-over because the outcome was not what we wanted: an F on the test, our words hurt someone, the shot missed and we lost the game.

Unfortunately, we cannot have any do-overs. We have to live with whatever the outcome of our actions and decisions are. The Boy Scout Motto is “Be Prepared” and the Cub Scout Motto is “Do Your Best” and if we follow them (study, think before speaking, practice), we might be able to prevent some of those do-over moments. It won’t always work, but if you are prepared for something and did your best, chances are the outcome won’t be so bad.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all scouts, leaders and families of Troop 9.

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Notes and Announcements From the Committee Chairman

Our next Committee Meeting is scheduled on December 14, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. @ Pond Plain. As always, everyone is welcomed to attend. A big "thank you" to all the scouts and adults who recently spent the time cleaning the grounds of Pond Plain Hall. On behalf of all the members of the Troop Committee we would like to wish to you all and your families a very Joyous and Merry Christmas. And may you have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year

Yours in Scouting

Tim Barry

Committee Chairman, Troop 9