



**~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~**

- Dec. 19 – Troop 9 Court of Honor and Holiday Celebration
- Jan. 3 – 5 – Camp Nobscot in Sudbury which includes a hike to the cabin.
- Jan. 11 – Bottle Drive at PPIA
- Jan. 12 – Matt Norton’s Eagle Court of Honor At Knights of Columbus 1 – 5pm
- Jan. 17 – 20 – Ski Trip to Shawnee Peaks

**Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:**



Joe McKay	Dec. 1
Brian Kelley	Dec 13
Ed Palmer	Dec. 17
Jack Duggan	Dec. 19
Mike Lee	Dec. 27

**Dues Payments**

Dues were to be paid by November 14<sup>th</sup> for all scouts. If you have more than one scout in the troop, you can pay for both scouts at once or one now and the second scout by Dec. 12. ***If you have any questions or financial concerns, please contact*** Tim Barry, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

**SAVE THE DATE**

A ***Jenny Boston Fundraiser*** to benefit the High Adventure Trip will be held at the Hingham store on Wednesday, Jan.15<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9pm at 16 Whiting Street Hingham 02043. Drop in for a visit to this quaint boutique with affordable and unique jewelry.

**First Aid/CPR**

If you are interested in becoming certified or recertified in First Aid and/or CPR, Scott Freitas will be conducting a course in the near future. The cost is \$5.00. Please sign up or speak to Kathy Kelley if you are interested.

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

The next bottle drive is January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 at Pond Plain. We will have reminder post cards available at the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for scouts to give to neighbors, friends and families. Sign-up sheets for both adults and scouts will be available at the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> meetings.



**Ski Trip:** Final payment and paperwork is due Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. See Kathy Kelley for questions.

**Merit Badge Councilors**

The troop is in need of merit badge councilors to help the scouts complete merit badge requirements. This requires a very little of your time. If you have knowledge or interest in particular area or subject you could be a councilor. The following is a list of topics we need merit badges councilors for: Engineering, Music, Bugling, Athletics, Photography, Wood carving, Auto Mechanics, Oceanography, Chess, Bird Study, Energy, Inventing, Graphic Arts, Vet. Medicine, Mammal Study, Computers, Traffic Safety, Journalism, Orienteering, Home Repairs, Forestry, Search and Rescue, Aviation, Sculpture, Golf, Environmental Science, Crime Prevention, Traffic Safety, Robotics, Theatre. If you are interesting in volunteering as a councilor please contact Debbie Bonarrigo at email [dbonarrigo@comcast.net](mailto:dbonarrigo@comcast.net), phone 781-706-3288 or she is usually at the closing announcements at every meeting.

**DINING FOR A CAUSE**

Troop 9 Fundraiser, Dining for a Cause at the ***99 Restaurant*** on Rt. 18 in Weymouth on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. You must bring the flier that was emailed to all scouts and present it to your server. Let Deb Davis know if you need more flyers. This event has been a great fundraiser and fun night for Troop 9 in the past. 15% of your check will be donated to the Troop.

**COFFEE FUNDRAISER**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual coffee fundraiser. Congratulations to Kevin Bruno, D’Andre Maziarz and Kevin Kelley for the top sales in the troop.

**Riflery Merit Badge**

Any scouts that went on the Braintree Rifle Club overnight may qualify for a partial in the Riflery Merit Badge. Please see Mr. Zooleck if you have any questions on what requirements were done at the camp out. REMINDER: you must see Mrs. Bonarrigo to start a merit badge card for Riflery. Then, you need to see Mr. Zooleck to have him sign the blue card as complete for the requirements. The merit badge blue card can then be returned to Mrs. Bonarrigo.

## Reminder to Scouts

**(Parents please share this with your son):** Please review the merit badge requirements for the badges you are working to complete. The current merit badge requirements can be found on the BSA.org website or in the merit badge books you may have received at summer camp or MBU. Our troop Librarian, Colin Ames, also has books on hand. You can see him if you need a particular one.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Three Eagle Merit Badges require 90 day logs to be kept by the scout - Family Life, Personal Fitness, and Personal Management. These logs will need to be shown to the appropriate merit badge counselor to be signed off as complete for this requirement. Please see Mrs. Bekerian if you have any questions about this.

## Did you know?

- In 1984, Troop 9 and the rest of the scouts at Camp Squanto and Camp Cachalot's summer camps were asked to assist in a search party for a 3 year old lost in the Myles Standish State Forest. The girl was found safe by a scout staying at Camp Cachalot.
- Troop 9 High Adventure trips have taken scouts to the southernmost point in the United States in Key West, Florida and the northernmost point on the Appalachian Trail at Mount Katahdin in Maine
- Current New England Patriots wide receiver Austin Collie is an Eagle Scout.
- Alumni of Troop 9 have: saved at least three lives using the Heimlich Maneuver served and/or are serving in the Weymouth and Quincy Fire Departments and the Weymouth Police Department pitched in the college world series

## Great Gift Ideas for Scouts

Trying to think of what to get your scout for the holidays, here's a few helpful ideas:

wool socks for those colder campouts or ski trip  
a stuff sack or pull straps for his sleeping so it packs neatly and is easier to carry  
a camp/backpacker pillow so he doesn't leave his bed pillow in the trailer  
a fork/spoon/knife combo tool so he'll be ready to eat whatever he cooks  
a headlight so he can see what he is doing and keep his hands free  
pack-straps and carabineers to secure things to a backpack  
foam sleeping pad is good for comfort and insulation  
A few things to avoid as he won't need them no matter how much he says he does:  
emergency flares  
snake-bite kits  
machetes  
propane heater  
most BSA-stamped camping items (usually are overpriced)



## Scoutmaster Minute

I've started this Scoutmaster Minute about a dozen times now as there were many topics that presented themselves for a Scoutmaster Minute. I could write about Troop 9 marching in the Veterans' Day Parade and helping out at Care Packs and the impact those activities have for those who serve our country. I could write about the Camp Squanto campout and how scouting can give you the knowledge to be prepared, but it is up to you to use that knowledge. I could write about the upcoming holiday season and how the Boy Scout Slogan of "Do a good turn daily" takes on increased significance. I could recap the highs (many) and lows (a few) of Troop 9's first third of the scout year.

What I've finally chosen to write about is nothing. Instead of me writing this month's Scoutmaster Minute, I'll let each of you think about the topics I listed above and come up with your own Scoutmaster Minutes. Not so much what you think I would have written, but what you would have written in my place.

Best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season and New Year to each and every Troop 9 scout, leader and family.

**Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**

## Committee Chair

The Troop 9 Committee would like to welcome two new adults: Kemal and Nancy Denizkurt have signed up to become active adults in Troop 9's committee. Thank you for stepping up to help. When you see them, please thank them for volunteering. We still need help for our committee. Troop 9 is a large Troop with many different needs for help from the adults in our Troop.



On behalf of all the adult leadership,  
we wish you and your families  
a happy, safe, joyous, and Merry Christmas.  
May you all have a happy and healthy New Year.

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

## **Meet The Committee Member:**

### **Denis Rush**



#### ***How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?***

I have been involved with Troop 9 since my son Jon joined in 2006. Prior to being involved as a father of scouts, growing up I was a Life Scout of Troop 20 Quincy circa 1971-1977.

#### ***Do you have or have you had a scout in the troop?***

My two sons Zachary Rush (Life Scout 2007 - now), and former Troop 9 scout Jon Rush (Star Scout 2006 - 2009).

#### ***What role(s) do you have in the Troop?***

Currently I am the Troop 9 Webmaster and have been a Committee member since 2009. The Troop 9 Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the troop's website and Facebook page.

#### ***What do you like best about Troop 9?***

I am constantly amazed by the young men in Troop 9 and by the support & fellowship of the parents of the scouts.

#### ***What is one of your favorite memories from a Troop 9 event or meeting?***

My favorite Troop 9 trips are the Harbor Island campouts & the Ski Trip and I enjoyed the 2012 Gettysburg Trip.

#### ***What do you do for fun in your spare time?***

I like to golf and occasionally I'll share my golf stories

#### ***What is your favorite movie/TV show?***

The Shawshank Redemption, Last of the Mohicans, Kingdom of Heaven, Saving Private Ryan, Goodfellas, The Departed, any classic old movie and almost any Tom Hanks movie.

#### ***What was your best vacation?***

My favorite vacation was a two week trip to Alaska with my wife Annmarie, sons Jon & Zach and my in-laws.