



TROOP 9 NEWS

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~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

- **Feb. 5** Klondike Derby
- **Feb. 11-13** Camp Nobscot in Sudbury with Hike to cabin on ridge.
- **Feb. 18-20** Winter/Ski Trip
- **Mar. 5, 12, 26** Merit Badge University
- **Mar. 12** Overnight/Lock-in at Pond Plain – Games/Movies!
- **April 2** **Bottle Drive!**

SIGN-UP SHEETS

Due to almost canceling the ski trip because of too many people backing out at the last minute, we are revising our sign-up process for the special trips like the ski trip, Gettysburg, whitewater rafting or any other trip beyond our regular weekend camping trips. There will no longer be any "Interest" sign-up sheets and instead you will sign up for the special trip by paying a deposit to reserve your spot. The deposit will go towards your cost for the trip and will be non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled or you get someone to take your place. The amount of the deposit will depend on the trip.

Our regular weekend camping trips will still have the sign-up sheets at Pond Plain and in the Forum with a deadline date to add or remove your name. The deadline date is 2 troop meetings before the camping trip. If your name is on the sign-up sheet after the deadline date, you are presumed to be going and will be charged for food and any fees even if you do not attend.



Rank Advancements

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| • Justin Crisafulli | Life Scout |
| • Zach Rush | Star Scout |
| • Nick MacLean | 2nd Class |
| • Colin Milch | 2nd Class |
| • Nick Ames | Scout |
| • Anthony Palhete | Tenderfoot |

Please be sure to offer congratulations to each of these scouts!

SUMMER CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you believe that Punxsutawney Phil and other groundhogs and gophers can predict how long winter will last, then spring will soon be here as Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow. So with that promising note and never minding the 3+ feet of snow on the ground, Old Colony Council has announced the fees for Summer Camp this year at Camp Squanto. The early bird fee of \$315 is due by May 15, 2011. After that, the fee for camp will be \$330. Troop 9 is planning on attending camp from Sunday, July 3rd to Saturday, July 9th.

Scouts interested in serving as Troop 9's Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader should notify the Scoutmaster at some point during the month of February. The Camp Kick-Off Meeting for Summer Camp SPLs and Scoutmasters is Monday, March 28th.

The Medical Form for summer camp has been revised once again. The new Form will be available shortly in the Forms section of the Troop 9 Website.

BOTTLE DRIVE!



Save the date! Save your CANS! April 2 from 9 – 1 is our next Troop 9 bottle drive. Tell your neighbors!

WEBSITE UPDATES

The Troop 9 Website is being updated. A Summer Camp Information Flier will be available in the Forms section of the website shortly, along with the new Medical Form when it becomes available. The Photo Album section of the website has been updated recently with pictures from many trips over the last two years. If anyone else has pictures, please copy them to a CD and give it to Mr. Rush so they can be added to the Photo Album.



Scoutmaster Minute

February and March are busy months here at Troop 9 as we have some sort of activity on six out of the eight weekends. In February, we have the Klondike Derby, Camp Nobscot and our ski trip. Merit Badge University takes up three Saturdays in March, two of which also include Pack 9's Blue & Gold Dinner and a Lock-In at Pond Plain. The weekends of February 26-27 and March 19-20 are the 2 weekends with no troop activities and we will not be scheduling any troop activities during them.

Of the activities we have planned, the only mandatory one is Pack 9's Blue & Gold dinner on Saturday afternoon, March 5th. We at Troop 9 think it is important to have all scouts attend the B&G to welcome the Webelos crossing over and to make a positive impression on the Cub Scouts and parents who may be joining Troop 9 in the future. If you have a conflict on March 5th, you need to talk to me soon.

The remaining activities are diverse and each offers unique opportunities for those who participate. Troop 9 is defending a title at the Klondike Derby. Camp Nobscot features a cabin camping trip with 2+ feet of snow on the ground. 26 scouts are signed up to attend MBU and the Lock-In is the only overnight trip we have where we actually encourage electronics. The ski trip is the ski trip.

It is two months I am looking forward to being busy, and I hope you are as well.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster