



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Mar. 2 PACK 9 Blue and Gold
- Mar. 2, 9, 23 Merit Badge University
- Mar. 10 Klondike Derby
- Mar. 30 Bottle Drive
- Apr. 12 – 14 Camp Squanto

Bottle Drive

Our next bottle drive will be Saturday, March 30th, 9a-1p. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to save their bottles & cans! Remember, each scout family needs to volunteer for a day at one of the bottle drives. Mrs. Bonarrigo has the list of who has//has not signed up yet - check with her if you are not sure.

Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:

	Brian Willis	Jan. 7
	Colin Milch	Jan. 19
	Matt Neville	Feb. 7
	Matt Freitas	Feb. 8
	Brendan Pike	Feb. 21
	Mike Dwyer	Feb. 22

Troop Committee Meeting

The next troop committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30. The location will be announced once confirmed. Any parent or guardian is welcome to attend. It's a great way to learn what it takes to keep our troop moving forward. If you have any questions ask any troop leader. If you need a ride, call Carrie MacLean 781-799-9144.

Summer Camp 2013!

- Renew friendships and rivalries (or make new ones); earn merit badges, like archery, riflery, sailing, and swimming; help Troop 9 win its ninth consecutive Apache Relay; and be part of a long-standing tradition of being the best-looking troop during Week 1!
- Troop 9 will be heading to Camp Squanto for our annual summer camp during the week of June 30-July 6, 2013.
- Sign up if you are interested (signup sheets will be available at the troop meetings).
- We are also looking for leaders. If you are interested in running for summer camp senior patrol leader, see Mr. Preble. The election will be held on March 7th.
- And, don't forget those medical forms—including Part C (signed by a health care provider). See Mrs. Jaklitsch if you need a form or have any questions.



HIGH ADVENTURE 2014

Troop 9 has entered a lottery for several Sea Base high adventure trips and we are waiting to hear if we won any of them. Winning does not require us to do a particular adventure, nor does it preclude us from any that may be open after the lottery is finished. Further information and a meeting will be forthcoming when we hear back. Wish us luck!

Future Troop Activities

Troop 9 is looking at the possibility of doing a lock in on March 9 or 23. Further information to follow.

Our April 12 – 14 campout is at Camp Squanto and will be a tent camp out. There will be a conservation project for anyone who needs it for Camping merit badge, and we are also trying for the COPE course that weekend.

Dues Payments

If you have not paid your dues, please see Tricia Conway or Phil Barthel as soon as possible to discuss payment arrangements.

Fundraising

If you are interested in hosting a Silpada (silver jewelry) party, contact Carrie MacLean who will put you in touch with the consultant. It's easy and fun to have a party - last year we raised \$500 for the troop.

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Scoutmaster Minute

I am going to channel Justin Crisafulli for this Scoutmaster's Minute. In his remarks at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Justin mentioned "participate in whatever activities you can because once an activity goes by, it won't happen again." I took a little poetic license in paraphrasing his words, but what he said are great words of wisdom. You never know when an activity is going create a memory that will last for a lifetime, and if you miss it, you miss it. That event, that moment, will never occur again.

Ask yourself who you would rather be: the one telling the story about the amazing thing you did, or the one listening and saying to yourself "I could have done that too." If you have a chance to do something you haven't done before or you may not be able to do again, go for it. Don't regret later on letting the opportunity pass you by. As you get older, you'll look back at your choices and hopefully you'll be saying that you are GLAD you went on this trip or participated in that activity, rather than saying you WISH you went on that trip or that activity.

This doesn't just apply to scouts, as it could very easily be a sporting event, band meet, robotic competition or a family gathering or trip. When you have to choose between two or more, go with what your heart tells you and chances are good you will not regret your choice.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair



I would like to welcome two newcomers to the Troop 9 Committee, Bridget Jaklitch and Deb Davis. Bridget has volunteered to be on the committee and to handle all the Troop medical forms. Deb will help the committee as needed sitting on boards of review and attending troop committee meetings.

I would also like to give you all an update concerning Pond Plain hall. It may not look as if anything has been done from the outside, but inside, the hall is completely gutted out. We have the building plans in place thanks to Patty Fisher and Paul Bonnarigo. Without the donation of their time and expertise we would not be ready for bids from contractors. Hopefully, construction will begin soon.

A very big thank you goes to Bob Beckerian as well who is volunteering his time and energy in making the Pond Plain project move along as it has. His coordination and drive in making sure that the project has moved along in spite of all the red tape has been invaluable. Thank you, Bob.

And finally, thanks to all the scouts and adults who put in their time working on Pond Plain Hall over the past several months. You all truly are helping make our return to Pond Plain a reality as well as contributing to the Weymouth community.

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