



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

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| Feb. 27 | Mandatory Parent Meeting |
| Mar. 1, 8, 22 nd | Merit Badge University |
| Mar. 1 | Pack 9, Blue and Gold |
| Mar. 9 – 11 | Camp Sayre at Blue Hills |
| Mar. 22 | Possible Lock in |

Happy Birthday (some belatedly)
to the following:



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| Brian Willis | 1/07 |
| Phil Barthel | 1/17 |
| Colin Milch | 1/19 |
| Rusty Preble | 1/19 |
| Michael Jaklitsch | 1/27 |
| Ron Zooleck | 1/28 |
| Scott Freitas | 1/31 |
| Matt Freitas | 2/08 |
| Robert Byrne | 2/20 |
| Brendan Pike | 2/21 |
| Michael Dwyer | 2/22 |

Did You Know?

- The only US President to be an Eagle Scout is Gerald R. Ford. The USS Gerald R. Ford will be the US Navy's newest aircraft carrier and its' crest features the ship's motto "Integrity at the Helm" along with symbols of President Ford's past, including the Boy Scout Fleur de Lis as the north point on a compass.
- Troop 9 once owned a cabin on the Uncanoonuc Mountains in Goffstown, New Hampshire
- When World War I broke out, the Boy Scouts of America was the largest "uniformed" organization in the United States. The BSA had twice as many members as the US Army and four times as many members of the US Navy.
- Alumni of Troop 9 have:
 - been named as a reserve for the US Olympic ski team
 - served and traveled as members of the Peace Corp

BOTTLE DRIVE

The next bottle drive is March 29th. We will have reminder post cards available In the meantime, ask neighbors, friends and families to save their returnable bottles!



High Adventure 2015ish

There is interest from scouts to

explore a High Adventure Trip for 2015. After the troop meeting on February 27th, for those scouts interested and their parents, we will hold a brief informational meeting to discuss options for the summer and fall of 2015 and winter of 2015-16. To be eligible to attend a High Adventure trip in 2015, scouts must be at least 13 years old and graduated the 8th grade by the summer of 2015.



Summer Camp News

Troop 9 will be attending summer camp at Camp Squanto Week #1 June 29-July 5. The fee is \$355 if paid by May 15th, and \$370 after May 15th. The Summer Camp SPL election will be held in early March, so scouts interested in running should talk to Phil no later than the troop meeting on March 6th.



Scoutmaster Minute

"You only get out of something what you put into it." Most of you will have heard of this saying, but have you given any thought of what it means? I interpret it to mean that the more effort and commitment that you put into something, the more you'll get out of it. Think of how that applies to sports (more you practice, the better you get, the more you may play), school (the more you study, the better your grades) or work (hard work hopefully gets you more money).

It's a good saying to apply to your scouting experience. If you're active, you'll find yourself advancing in rank, doing things that not a lot of your peers do and maybe challenge yourself or overcome fears as you try something new. In these first few weeks of 2014, we've had scouts hike in weather with wind chills below zero, ski for the first time, cook over a fire pit and sail amongst the Florida Keys for a week. Not everyone did all of these things, but if you want to, the opportunities will be there in Troop 9. Your scouting experience will be what you want to make it.

This weekend, 10 scouts and 4 adults from Troop 9 are heading to the Boy Scouts of America's Florida Sea Base. They're going to spend a week sailing around the Florida Keys in what will hopefully be a lot warmer weather than what we will be experiencing back home. I hope you join me in wishing them smooth seas and steady wind.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

TO ALL PARENTS OF A TROOP 9 SCOUT

The Committee and Scoutmasters of Troop 9 have called for a mandatory meeting with the parents of all of the scouts of Troop 9 to specifically discuss the future and current status of Troop 9. This meeting will coincide with the troop meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2014 and will take place in the back room immediately after the opening.

Again, the Committee and Scoutmasters feel that there are important issues facing Troop 9. This is a mandatory meeting with at least one (preferably both) parent of each scout in attendance.

Please RSVP Tim Barry, Committee Chairman, either by email tbarry3076@aol.com or by phone 1-781-985-5666 as to your attendance concerning this important meeting.

Thank you in advance.

Yours in Scouting,

The Committee and Scoutmasters of Troop 9