



TROOP 9 NEWS

June 2011

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~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

- June 16 Medical forms and payments for camp due!
- June 18 Bottle Drive
- June 23 Court of Honor
- August 12 – 14 George's Island Campout

SUMMER CAMP



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer camp payments are due by June 16th. The fee is \$330. Checks should be made payable to Troop 9. Medical forms are due to the Troop no later than June 16th as well and must include a doctor's signature.

Happy Birthday to the following:



Izaiah Zooleck	June 3
Jim Gallahue	June 8
Malcolm Gurney III	June 10
Ian MacLean	June 11
Colin Denizikurt	June 13
Bob Bekerian	June 15
Tyler Mallon	June 22
Alex Preble	June 25
Bradley Davis	June 27
Paul Bonarrigo	June 30
Patricia Conway	June 30

SPL Candidates Wanted!

Do you have the drive and dedication to want to make things happen for Troop 9? Do you want to challenge your leadership abilities and see the impact you can have on Troop 9? Do you care about what Troop 9 will be doing next year? If you can answer yes to any of these questions and you are a Star or Life Scout, then please consider running to be Troop 9's SPL for the 2011-2012 Scout Year. The SPL election will be held at Summer Camp this year, so if you are serious about running or still just considering a run, please let the Scoutmaster know by the end of the Court of Honor on June 23rd.



Rank Advancements

- Evan Munger Eagle Scout
- Paul Bonarrigo 1st Class
- Colin Milch 1st Class

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

End-of-Year Court of Honor

Troop 9's Court of Honor will take place on Thursday, June 23rd starting at 7:30. The Court of Honor will recognize scouts for the merit badges and rank advancements that they have completed since last June's Court of Honor. In addition, we have several scout spirit and special awards to pass out. There will also be a Friends of Scouting presentation and the Court of Honor will conclude with last announcements for Summer Camp. For refreshments, we will be having a Dessert Extravaganza with "make your own ice cream sundaes" and other desserts. Troop 9 will supply ice cream, toppings, and beverages. We ask that each family contribute their favorite dessert. Email Becky Bekerian with @ capeforchu@aol.com with your dessert contribution!

High Adventure

Interested in sailing/snorkeling in Florida, canoeing in the deep wilderness of Minnesota, hiking the mountains of New Mexico or whitewater rafting, mountain biking and backpacking at any one of another dozen high adventure spots around the country? If you are interested and will be 14 years old next year and at least a First Class Scout, then it is time to stop sitting around and waiting for someone else to plan Troop 9's next high adventure trip. Step up and gather your fellow scouts and start thinking about what you want to do or where you want to go. We can and will make it happen, but only if you scouts take the lead.

Georges Island Campout – August 12 - 14

Don't miss out on a once in a lifetime chance to sleep on Georges Island! See Mr. Gallahue and sign up now! \$10.00 sign up fee for food.



BOTTLE DRIVE!

Save the date! Save your CANS! June 18 from 9 – 1 is our Troop 9 bottle drive. Tell your neighbors! All scouts are required to work 2 hours per bottle drive. Sign-up sheets will be available at Scout Meetings.

Summer Activities

As has been the tradition for the last 30 years, we kick off Troop 9's summer calendar with Summer Camp at Camp Squanto on Sunday, July 3rd. Following camp, we will have a variety of optional activities for scouts to participate in, including Idea Night 2011, advancement nights to work on rank and merit badges, an activity night or two, training nights for those scouts interested in positions of responsibility for next year and finally, what should be the highlight of Troop 9's summer- camping on George's Island. Please be advised that there are no regular troop meetings on Thursday nights during the summer. A summer calendar will be available when we figure dates.



Scoutmaster Minute I

"You get out of something what you put into it." I think many of us would interpret this phrase to mean that the more effort you put into something, the more you will get out of it. In sports, maybe that means the more you practice, the better you get and the more playing time you receive. In your video game worlds, maybe that means the more you play, the higher the levels you reach.

In scouting, it is no different. If all you do is show up at Thursday night meetings, maybe you'll learn a skill and have some fun, but that'll be it. You won't advance in rank and you won't build on the skills that you are learning. You won't experience the adventures that take place away from the troop meetings. After a while, if all you do is show up, it gets repetitive and boring.

To get more out of the scouting program, you have to put more in. Go on the campouts. Be an active member of your patrol. Work on rank or merit badge requirements outside of the troop meetings. Be a leader in the troop and help decide what the troop does. Challenge yourself and others to try something new. The greater the effort you put in, the better Troop 9 will be and the better your scouting experience will be.

Scoutmaster Minute II

As a short bonus Scoutmaster Minute, I just wanted to mention that at tonight's troop meeting (June 9th) two former Troop 9 scouts were in attendance. Chris Adams and Steve Fuller were scouts in Troop 9 when I was many, many years ago. About ten years ago, they started the Chuck Letsche Scout Spirit Award ("CLSSA") in honor of Chuck, another former Troop 9 scout who passed away in 2000 at the age of 29.

Each year, several scouts (must be in the 8th grade and at least First Class) are nominated by various means or accomplishments to be a finalist for the CLSSA. This year's nominees were voted on by the scouts of Troop 9 as to who they felt best met this definition of Scout Spirit: *Scout Spirit is one's willingness to follow the Scout Oath and Law when no scout leader is watching or is around, and to do so with a positive attitude.*

Based on total votes, five scouts made it to the interview round which took place tonight with Chris and Steve conducting the interviews to decide who amongst the five is most deserving of the award. I say most deserving because all five of these scouts (Steve Bekerian, Mark Jaklitsch, Matt Neville, Zach Rush and Zach Zooleck) are worthy of receiving the award, but only one will get it.

I don't always agree with the scouts when they vote on things, but on this vote to nominate fellow scouts for the CLSSA, I think they got it right. Congratulations to the five nominees and I don't envy Chris and Steve in their decision.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster