



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- June 16 Bottle Drive
- June 21 Court of Honor
- July 1 – 7 Summer Camp!

Happy Birthday to the following:



Izzy Zooleck	June 3
Jim Gallahue	June 8
Matthew Comoletti	June 9
Ian MacLean	June 11
Colin Denizkurt	June 14
Bob Bekerian	June 15
Alex Preble	June 25
Paul Bonarrigo	June 30
Patricia Conway	June 30

Advancements:



Be sure to congratulate the following scouts:

Paul Bonarrigo	Star
Daniel Finn	Scout
Dillon Lawlor	Scout
Sean MacLean	1st Class
Trevor Trappier	Tenderfoot

Notes on Rank Advancement and Merit Badges:

Becky Bekerian will be handing out personal history forms for each scout on Thursday night 6/7. Please review these carefully with your sons to make sure everything is in order. If there is any discrepancy or missing data, let her know by 6/14. Also if your son has received a merit badge but there is no record of it on the history form, she will need to see the merit badge card that accompanied the patch. This gives her the date of completion.

Merit badge requirements need to be handed in to Becky Bekerian or Debbie Bonarrigo by JUNE 14th. Any later and these merit badges will not be awarded at the June 21st Court of Honor. They will be awarded at the fall Court of Honor.

Troop 9 Committee Meeting & 2012-13 budget planning

- Wednesday, June 20th
- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- All parents are welcome!

Boy Scout Bottle & Can Drive

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 9am-1pm,
Pond Plain Improvement Hall, 330 Pond St., S.
Weymouth. Please help Troop 9 and donate your graduation party cans & bottles. Contact Debbie at 781-706-3288 for early pick up and large quantities
e-mail blast your family and friends to donate their cans & bottles

Summer Camp Announcements

-Camp dates: Sun., July 1 to Sat., July 7, 2012
-Cost: \$340 due by June 21st.

*****Medical Form "Part C" is due by June 14 and must be signed by doctor*****

-Scouts will be sitting down with assistant scoutmasters the next few meetings to register for merit badges.

*Parents who are planning on staying overnight at summer camp for one or more nights must email Mark Preble at mpreble@umassp.edu with the dates. Parents must also have up to date CORI checks and Youth Protection training before they will be allowed to stay overnight at summer camp.

Summer Activities

In a few weeks, we will be posting a summer schedule of troop activities. There will be no regular Thursday night troop meetings and the locations of activities may not be known right away, so frequent checks of the Troop 9 Facebook page will be necessary. Emails will be sent out, so please make sure we have your correct email address. Most summer activities are optional.

Not a complete list yet, but we will be scheduling Idea Night (lists possible trips and activities for next year) with the accompanying activity, at least one other activity (something fun to do), Advancement Nights (work on rank or merit badge requirements, Scoutmaster Conferences) and Training Nights for scouts planning to be in leadership positions. Pack 9 is having a camping trip to Pond Meadow Park during the summer, so we will be looking for some scout volunteers to attend, help them out and meet some of the future members of Troop 9.

2012-13 Leadership Positions

All current scout leadership positions will be ending on June 21, 2012, so that means no scout leadership positions for 2012-13 have been filled yet.

Scouts interested in running for Senior Patrol Leader next year must talk to me by the end of the troop meeting on June 14th. The election for 2012-13 SPL will take place at Summer Camp. Whoever wins will choose his Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders over the summer.

All other scout leadership positions shall be filled starting in September with the election of Patrol Leaders by the scouts. Leadership positions such as Troop Guide, Scribe, Den Chief, Historian, Quartermaster, Webmaster and a few others will be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader with the Scoutmaster's consent. Junior Assistant Scoutmasters will be appointed by the Scoutmaster with input from Assistant Scoutmasters.

All scouts interested in a leadership position for next year should pick up one of the packets Mr. Preble prepared with the various positions and their requirements and responsibilities. Look them over to see what you may be interested in doing.

Training nights will take place over the summer and it will be mandatory for any scout interested in a leadership position to attend one of the training nights for that position.



News- and Noteworthy

From May 18th until the 20th, I attended the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) youth leadership conference in

Cape Cod. The Weymouth Rotary Club sponsored it and my application was accepted based on community service I have done for the town of Weymouth. It was a fun and exciting experience and one that I'll never forget. The theme of the weekend was breaking barriers. It was about stepping out of your comfort zone and trying new things. The weekend consisted of team building activities and events that revolved around challenging yourself. Some of these activities included a high ropes course, rock climbing, and zip lining. Each activity was followed by a debrief where we discussed how it enhanced our leadership skills. I made many new friends and created some of the strongest bonds of trust I have ever had with someone. This program is offered every year to sophomores and juniors in the town of Weymouth. An application needs to be submitted and the board reviews it and picks candidates. Community service is essential. This is a totally free weekend paid for by the Weymouth Rotary. Further information can be found on the website at:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/youthprograms/rotaryyouthleadershipawards\(ryla\)/pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/youthprograms/rotaryyouthleadershipawards(ryla)/pages/ridefault.aspx)

I encourage you all to apply next year so you can experience this great opportunity. **Steve Bekerian**



Scoutmaster Minute

Scouting over the summer deserves its own Scoutmaster Minute, so here is mine from two years ago followed by a fresh Scoutmaster Minute.

Bonus Scoutmaster Minute June 2010

In a few short weeks Summer Camp will be over and Troop 9 will be in summertime mode. No regular troop meetings will take place, but we will have a series of activities and advancement nights for those scouts interested in participating. The summer is a good time to relax and recharge your batteries. If you want to participate in an activity or an advancement night, great, we look forward to seeing you. If not, that's okay and we hope to see you in September. The only mandatory activity will be for those scouts interested in leadership positions for the upcoming year as we will schedule training times over the summer.

Summer is also a time to reflect on the scout year just past and ask what was good about the year, and what wasn't so good. We'll have a review session at summer camp with the scouts and then the assistant scoutmasters and I will have a meeting with this year's senior patrol to go over what was discussed.

While we look back over the summer, we also need to look ahead to the upcoming scout year and make some decisions. Where we go and what we are going to be doing will be discussed at Idea Night. Scouts will need to decide whether they want to have a leadership position next year. Some scouts will need to decide over the summer if they want to continue to be members of Troop 9 or not, as other obligations or interests may take on more of a priority or the Scout Spirit just isn't there anymore.

Summer, a time for relaxation, reflection, decisions and a trip (or several dozen) to the ice cream store. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Scoutmaster Minute June 2012

When I told people what I was doing last weekend (camping at Normandy Farms), most looked at me with complete disbelief on their faces as if to ask me "Are you out of your freaking mind?" Camping when Mother Nature does not cooperate is perceived by many as crazy, so many of us in Troop 9 may be certifiably insane then.

With usually eight troop tent camping trips a year, it is almost impossible to consistently have perfect conditions. Sure we get lucky sometimes and have a run of campouts with good to great

weather, but we've also been on the flip side with campout after campout having to take what Mother Nature throws at us and She's been nasty at times with us. It is those campouts when Mother Nature is in a bad mood that the body and spirit are challenged, and we see who has what it takes to rise to the challenge.

At Normandy Farms, 27 scouts and 8 adults accepted the challenge as it rained cats and dogs, the wind was howling and temperatures plummeting. The majority lived up to the Scout Motto and were prepared, while a few got by (with some help) and hopefully learned the lesson of what being prepared means. Most took the weather in stride and made the most of the miserable conditions, with few complaints and even some regrets that we were leaving Saturday afternoon. On a day when most people would have been content to stay inside at home, these 27 scouts and 8 adults were challenging themselves to do something out of the norm, something outside a sane person's comfort zone. To them, I say "Well done. Walk with your heads held high and a chip on your shoulder for doing something that most would not do." To say that I am proud of these scouts and adults would be an understatement.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

Ask Andy Rule Numbers 71 and 78

- Procrastination can always be solved...eventually.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, consider that firefighters usually use water.