



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

June 27	Court of Honor
June 30	Leave for Summer Camp



Happy Birthday to the following:

Izaiah Zooleck	June 3
Matt Comoletti	June 9
Ian Maclean	June 11
Colin Denizkurt	June 13
Steven Lee	June 13
Bendan Quinn	June 19
Mark Preble	June 25
Bradley Davis	June 27
Paul Bonarrigo	June 30

Summer Camp 2013!

- Troop 9 Scouts going to summer camp will leave Sunday, June 30. We will be taking a bus down to camp, so parents will simply have to drop scouts off at central meeting place. Details to follow.
- Mr. Preble has emailed a gear list to all scout parents. Please contact him with any questions.



Summer 2013

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, June 30th. Following camp, we will have a variety of optional activities for scouts to participate in, including Idea Night 2013, advancement nights to work on rank and merit badges, some activity nights and training nights for those scouts interested in leadership positions next year. 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.

We need your photos:

Still need people to take photos for the Weymouth News stories. 600 dpi is preferred (largest adjustable setting for jpg files works best)

Super Moon

The biggest, brightest Moon of the year is almost here. On June 23, 2013, a Supermoon will be occurring. What that means is that the Moon will be closer to the Earth than at any other time during the year — in fact, the upcoming Super Moon will be the closest encounter between the Earth and the Moon until August 2014.

The Moon will reach its closest distance to the Earth at exactly 7:32 am EDT (4:32 am PDT) on June 23, but because it will be peaking in the early morning hours, both June 22 and June 23 will put on similar shows. So either day will be a good opportunity to see the larger-and-brighter-than-normal Supermoon.

This year the Supermoon will be up to 14% larger and 30% brighter than a typical Full Moon is. This is a result of the Moon reaching its perigee — the closest that it gets to the Earth during the course of its orbit. During perigee on June 23 the Moon will be “only” about 221,824 miles away, as compared to the 252,581 miles away that it is at its furthest distance from the Earth (apogee). The Moon will actually be at apogee only two weeks after the Supermoon, on July 7. Read more at <http://planetsave.com/2013/06/11/supermoon-2013-super-moon-occurring-on-june-23-2013/#qp4OvxDXpHMrGBtD.99>

Merit Badge Information

Just a reminder to scouts and parents that next Thursday, June 27th is our second and final Court of Honor for this scouting year. At this time we will be presenting the scouts that have earned them, merit badges, rank advancement cards etc. Please make sure not to lose these items as you will need to attach the merit badges to your sash. The cards and certificates (if received) go in the scouts' history books, that they will need for first class rank and above. The Troop will no longer pay to replace lost merit badges, so please put them somewhere safe or hand them to a parent at the end of the Court of Honor. If you have questions about an award/badge your son did or did not receive, please feel free to talk to me at the end of the ceremony or email me at capeforchu@aol.com

Thank you, Becky Bekerian, Advancement Chair
Leadership Positions for 2013-14

All current scout leadership positions will be ending on June 27, 2013, so that means no scout leadership positions for 2013-14 have been filled yet. The election for 2013-14 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. Leadership packets with the various positions and their requirements and responsibilities will be available for scouts to pick up to see what position they 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.

Merit Badge Procedure

- To start a merit badge, see scoutmaster for approval to start a merit badge.
- Once approved he will direct you to see Mrs. Bonarrigo to be assigned a merit badge councilor for the badge you will be working on. Mrs. Bonarrigo will start an Application for Merit Badge (blue card), and pass on information to the Advancement Coordinator, Mrs. Bekerian.
- Scouts may obtain merit badge books from Troop Librarian or view requirements online at www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx.
- Scout will then contact the merit badge councilor assigned and inform them that they are beginning the merit badge and determine how to best communicate with the merit badge councilor.
- Once a scout has completed a requirement, he will seek out the merit badge councilor to be signed off for the requirement completed.
- The councilor (or scout) will obtain the blue card from Mrs. Bonarrigo, sign off the requirement as completed and return the blue card to Mrs. Bonarrigo.

- Mrs. Bonarrigo will pass on the completed requirements to Mrs. Bekerian.
- Once the merit badge is completed, the councilor will sign the blue card as complete, Mrs. Bonarrigo will have the scoutmaster sign as completed and the finished application will be forwarded to Mrs. Bekerian.

All partial merit badge applications (blue cards) will be available at scout meetings. If a scout is having difficulty getting in touch with their merit badge councilor please see Mrs. Bonarrigo for assistance. Many requirements for merit badges may be completed during camping trips so remember to ask councilor to check off the requirement as done at the next scout meeting. Scouts are responsible to set up times to meet with their merit badge councilors, not all merit badge councilors will be at every scout meeting. **" Youth protection guidelines will be followed at all times"**

Partial Merit Badges from Summer Camp or MBU

If a scout obtains a partial merit badge from summer camp or MBU, a Blue Card will be started for him. He will be assigned a new troop councilor to assist him in completed the requirements. It is the scout's responsibility to contact the merit badge councilor for assistance.



Scoutmaster Minute
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Forgive me if I take last June's Minute and tweak it for this month's Scoutmaster Minute and also just repost the Scoutmaster Minute from June 2010. For the reason, you can take your pick of saying this is a busy time of the year with the Court of Honor coming up and then Summer Camp right after that, or that Phil is just being lazy.

When I told people that I was hiking in the Blue Hills during the early June heatwave, most looked at me with complete disbelief on their faces as if to ask me "Are you out of your freaking mind?" This was the same reaction most gave me last June when I told them we were camping at Normandy Farms during the monsoon weekend. Camping when Mother Nature does not cooperate is perceived by many as crazy, so many of us in Troop 9 must be certifiably insane by now.

With usually nine troop 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 downright mean at times. 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 Camp Sayre and the Blue Hills, some 37 scouts and 8 adults accepted the challenge as saying it was hot would be an understatement. Throw a 5 mile plus hike into that weather and you have a real tough challenge. All the scouts and adults lived up to the Scout Motto and were prepared, even if a few got by with some help from their friends. Most took the weather in stride and made the most of the uncomfortable conditions, with few complaints. On a day when most people would have been content to stay inside at home with the AC on high or lounging outside at a pool, these 37 scouts and 8 adults were challenging themselves to do something out of the norm. 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 and the hike will live on in the 2013 Blue Hills Chafer patch they each will receive.

-Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

Bonus Scoutmaster Minute from 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 incorporate what was discussed into next year's calendar.

While we do 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.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster



Pond Plain construction is just around the corner. This past Monday evening, the Weymouth Town Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$80,000 in CPC funds so that the hall would be updated to be handicapped accessible. Thanks to all adults and scouts who took the time to attend this meeting.

That being said, the contractor Martin construction, will be applying for the building permit to start work on the hall. If all goes to plan, you will see the old roof taken off in the next 4-5 weeks and replaced with a new roof and front porch. It has been a long drawn out process with many people involved to get us to this point. Surely there is light at the end of the tunnel. I will keep you updated during the summer as work on the hall progresses.

Have a great, enjoyable, and safe summer.

Yours in Scouting
Tim Barry