



**~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~**

June 14	Bottle Drive
June 26	Court of Honor
June 29 – July 5	Summer Camp

**Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:**



Izaiah Zooleck	June 3
Ryan Buchanan	June 3
Matt Comoletti	June 9
Colin Denizkurt	June 13
Steven Lee	June 13
Brendan Quinn	June 19
Alex Preble	June 25
Bradley Davis	June 27
Jack Byrne	June 30
Paul Bonarrigo	June 30

**Uniform Bank**

Troop 9 has a uniform bank for scouts needing items of clothing. Currently we have Shorts in size YL, 16, 36, and Adult small. We have size 33 pants, a youth large (14/16) Class A shirt, 2 medium and 1 extra large Class B shirt, and switchback pants in 30" length, 32" length and youth 16. If you are interested, email Mrs. Norton at [judi\\_surfer@hotmail.com](mailto:judi_surfer@hotmail.com).

**Summer Camp News**

- The summer camp payment of \$375 is due by June 19th
- Camp dates are Sunday, June 29 to Saturday, July 5
- We will be transporting the trunks/footlockers to camp early Sunday morning, time TBD
- Scouts will be heading to camp by bus, departing Weymouth High School at 11:15ish



**IMPORTANT Reminder:**

All submissions for completed merit badges need to be in by June 19th in order to receive those merit badges at the June 26th Court of Honor. – Mrs. Bekerian

**2014-15 Leadership Positions**

With the end of the 2013-2014 Scout Year wrapping up at Troop 9's End-of-Year Court of Honor on June 26<sup>th</sup>, it is time to look ahead to the 2014-2015 Scout Year and the scout leadership.

**SPL**- Scouts interested in running for Senior Patrol Leader next year must talk to Phil or email him by the end of the troop meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible for SPL, scouts must be at least First Class rank and previously served as SPL, ASPL, patrol leader or troop guide. The election for 2014-15 SPL will take place at Summer Camp. Scouts not going to Summer Camp can vote by absentee ballot at the Court of Honor. Whoever wins will choose his Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders over the summer. There will be mandatory training for the SPL and ASPLs over the summer.

**Patrol Leaders**- There will be a mandatory training night over the summer for all scouts interested in running for a Patrol Leader position for 2014-2015. To be eligible for Patrol Leader, scouts must be at least First Class rank. Patrol Leaders will be elected by the scouts at the first troop meeting of the 2014-2015 Scout Year which will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

**Junior Assistant Scoutmasters** will be appointed by the Scoutmaster with input from Assistant Scoutmasters. Scouts being considered for a JASM position will be notified during the summer and have a meeting with some of the Scoutmasters.

**All other scout leadership positions** shall be filled starting in September. 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. Training nights will take place in September.

Papers with descriptions of each leadership position will be available starting at the troop meeting on June 19th.



## **Scoutmaster Minute**

With Troop 9's End-of-Year Court of Honor on June 26th, Troop 9 will have completed its eighty-eighth year as a Boy Scout troop, and I think it is safe to say no two years have ever been the same. Certainly the 2013-2014 Scout Year was unlike any other as the places we went to, the weather we had and the scouts and adults who attended made our activities different from previous years. I am also confident to say that with trips to New Hampshire, Maine, Florida and Virginia, not to mention a half dozen trips around eastern Massachusetts, Troop 9 put the most mileage into our activities this past year.

The change in youth leadership also adds uniqueness to each year. Sure, some scouts may repeat in a leadership position that they enjoy, but it's not the same as they bring an added level of experience to that position, experience they didn't have their first time. Each September, there is a time of mystery as these youth leaders bring their own ideas and ways of doing things to the running of Troop 9, and a little mystery is usually a good thing.

Sure, the start of Troop 9's eighty-ninth year is still a little ways away, but already its uniqueness is starting to take shape as we already know Troop 9 will be sending a group to the Summit High Adventure base in West Virginia for the first time. As you read this, scouts are deciding if and what leadership position they want to take. Others are thinking of where they want to go and what they want to do.

As bittersweet it is to say good-bye to the 2014-2015 Scout Year, it is with eager anticipation that we should look forward to the 2014-2015 Scout Year.

**Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**

## **Bonus Summer Scoutmaster Minute**

*In a few short weeks Summer Camp will be over and Troop 9 will be in summertime mode. There will be no regular Thursday night troop meetings over the summer. Instead, we will be scheduling an 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. A calendar will be emailed out and posted on the Troop 9 website and Facebook pages when we confirm the dates and places.*

*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 for me many trips to the ice cream store. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.*

**Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**

**Meet The Committee Member:**  
**Jim Gallahue**



**How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?**

**Twelve years**

**Do you have or have you had a scout in the troop?**

**Yes, John. Made Eagle in 2008**

**What role(s) do you have in the Troop?**

**I started as the first Troop 9-Pack 9 Liaison, I have been Secretary, Recruiter, Adult Patrol Leader and Quartermaster.**

**What do you like best about Troop 9?**

**Watching children turn into men. It never ceases to amaze me watching the development in these young men from insecure boys into confident young men.**

**What is one of your favorite memories from a Troop 9 event or meeting?**

**Having the “Dad” pin pinned on me at my sons Eagle court. I have never been happier or prouder to be a member of Troop 9 than then.**

**What do you do for fun in your spare time?**

**I love auctions. This is something I’ve been doing for a couple of years. I also like building things and fixing things. I also have a substantial collection of Boy Scout memorabilia.**

**What is your favorite book?**

**Love Charles Dickens I think his works stand up as well today as when he wrote it. My favorite work by him is “A Christmas Carol”.**

**What is your favorite movie/TV show?**

**I love so many movies but if I had to pick one it would be “Monty Python and the Holy Grail”. Makes me laugh anytime I watch it.**

**What was your best vacation?**

**When I went with my family to Disney World When I was around 20. It was the last family vacation we had before my mother died. I could also act like a kid without anyone saying anything.**

**Do you have any words of wisdom to pass on to the Troop 9 scouts and families?**

**Life is way too short for petty arguments. Scouts, enjoy your Scouting adventure, have as much fun as you can and don’t wait till the last minute to finish your Eagle. Parents, get involved with your Scouts. You will learn more about your son than you could ever know. The time is short and goes by fast, enjoy it.**