



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Bottle Drive June 13
- Court of Honor June 25

Happy Birthday to the following:



Christian Tofteroo	5/03
Garrett Fisher	5/09
Shawn McElligott	5/14
Sean MacLean	5/25
Mark Jaklitsch	5/26
Sebastian Pizzuto	5/26
Brendan McGillivray	5/27
Ayden Doyle	5/28
Zooleck, Izaiah	6/03
Matthew Comoletti	6/09
Scott Guerard	6/10
Colin Denizkurt	6/13
Steven Lee	6/13
Brendan Quinn	6/19
Mark Preble	6/25
Bradley Davis	6/27
Jack Byrne	6/30
Paul Bonarrigo	6/30



Scouts in the News

Congratulations to Steve Bekerian for receiving An Associate of Science in Culinary Arts, Summa Cum Laude from Johnson and Wales University.

Steven Lee is graduating June 12th at the South Shore Music Circus as Valedictorian. Anyone who wants to go is welcome.

Binders

If any scout needs a 3-ring binder to start or continue his Personal Scout History please see Mrs. MacLean or e-mail her at MCarrieJeff@aol.com Remember to include one other adult leader on the e-mail (Two Deep Leadership)

Help Wanted

Adult volunteer to assist Mrs. MacLean with Troop 9 News for the Weymouth News. Must be available to share the work by e-mail. Will work together to finalize documents and share story lines. Please contact Carrie if you have questions: 781-799-9144 or MCarrieJeff@aol.com

High Adventure Car Wash

Troop 9 Car Wash at the 99 Restaurant Main St. S Weymouth this Saturday , June 6th 8-11AM to benefit the High Adventure trip. Please come support the scouts!



Summer Camp Announcements

BSA medical forms need to be filled out and returned to Bridget Jaklitsch as soon as possible. Please do not use old forms. It can be found on the internet by following this link:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>. Download the version that says "Are you going to camp?"

Merit Badge Deadline

Deadline to have completed merit badges turned in to Mrs. Bekerian, in order to be presented at June Court of Honor is Thursday, June 18th.

Bottle Drive

We have one bottle drives remaining on June 13th, and there are approximately 10 families who still need to sign up and participate in a bottle drive. As a reminder, if your family does not participate in a bottle drive you will not receive the \$100 credit. Please see or email Debbie Bonarrigo (dbonarrigo@comcast.net.) or Tim Barry (Tbarry3076@aol.com) with any questions.



Committee Meeting

The Troop Committee will be meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM June 17th. This is our annual important budget meeting. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend our committee meetings.



SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

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.

With Troop 9's End-of-Year Court of Honor on June 25th, Troop 9 will have completed its eighty-ninth year as a Boy Scout troop, and I think it is safe to say no two years have ever been the same. A year ago at this time, I wrote about trips down the eastern seaboard of the United States to Virginia and Florida. This year, we bookended our six Massachusetts campouts with trips north as we whitewater rafted in Maine in September and took on the activities at Gunstock in New Hampshire last weekend. In July, we'll be sending a group of scouts and adults south to West Virginia to try out the BSA's newest high adventure base the Summit.

The change in youth leadership also adds a 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 ninetieth year is still a little ways a way, but already its uniqueness is starting to take shape as we already know Troop 9 is looking to raft the Hudson River in New York in October and then return to West Pont in the spring of 2016. Chances are great that a new high adventure trip will see its planning stages begin. 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 2015-2016 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, and then to look at your role and contribution to things.

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

Thank you Troop 9 Scouts!

Service is a huge part of the Boy Scout program and in my opinion there is no greater service that we can do as scouts than honor our veterans. I'm immensely proud of watching Troop 9 scouts replace cemetery flags, serve as an honor guard for Honor Flight New England or at a veterans' dinner, march in the Veteran's Day parade and stand silently and respectfully as scouts retire worn American flags on campouts. On behalf of myself and the Troop 9 adult leadership, thank you to the scouts of Troop 9 for your service and please know that we appreciate what you do and we are proud of you. I hope I am not the only one you hear that from.

Memorial Day

I've been asked why Troop 9 does not march in the Memorial Day Parade and I'm sorry to say I don't know the exact answer. I suspect that one reason is that we replace the cemetery flags a week before Memorial Day and we have that as Troop 9's organized Memorial Day activity. Another reason would probably be that many of us wouldn't be there for the parade because Memorial Day weekend has become a weekend revolving around family gatherings. I also suspect that many of us observe Memorial Day in our own special, reflective way. Whatever the reason and knowing the Troop 9 families, I am confident that while our physical presence at the parade might be missed, our observances of Memorial Day are not missing.



Committee Corner

A Special Thank You

Thanks to all the Committee Members, Scoutmasters and Parents who have participated and helped during this scouting year. Your time and energy spent helping Troop 9 in campouts, Troop meetings, bottle drives, and all other scout events and fundraisers is greatly appreciated. Through all of your help, Troop 9 shines as one of the best Troops to be associated with because of all of you. The Scouts in our Troop truly benefit from all of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you everyone and have a great and safe summer.

***Yours in Scouting,
Tim Barry
Committee Chairman***

Meet Your Summer Camp Scoutmaster



Mark Preble

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

Do you have or have you had a scout in the troop? Yes. Alex Preble, current Life Scout (Anarchy Patrol).

What role(s) do you have or have had in the Troop? Committee Member (1 year), Assistant Scoutmaster (4 years), Summer Camp Scoutmaster (this will be my 4th year)

What do you like best about Troop 9? Troop 9 has a lot of energy (maybe too much sometimes). Whether it is running the Apache relay at Summer Camp or just teaching a skill during a troop meeting, Troop 9 scouts always give 100%.

What is one of your favorite memories from a Troop 9 event or meeting? Marching through the fields of Gettysburg with the whole troop or sailing the Florida Keys with a small group—both are highlights.

What do you do for fun in your spare time? I like to watch baseball and football. I also spend time (with my brothers) researching our family history. And, of course, I like to cook and entertain.

What is your favorite book? To Kill a Mockingbird by Lee Harper.

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

Jaws is a classic. I also recommend the HBO mini-series John Adams.

What was your best vacation?

New Orleans for Jazzfest and then a cruise down the Mississippi through the Gulf of Mexico to Cozumel.

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

To the scouts: try everything--rock climb, whitewater raft, swim a mile, sleep in a snow shelter you have built yourself ... You will surprise yourself with what you can accomplish.

To the families: One of the methods of scouting is "association with adults." That is supposed to expose young men to adults other than their parents and teachers. But the corollary for us is "association with kids." Where else will YOU have a chance to rock climb, whitewater raft, swim a mile, or sleep in a snow shelter you have built yourself—and see boys, not your own, grow into strong, confident men right before your eyes.

Meet Your Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader



Evan Bekerian

Rank: Life Scout
Age: 15

What is your current leadership position within the Troop?

Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader

What do you like best about Troop 9?

I like how the troop has always been a close-knit group of kids who are willing to help give back to the community.

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

Winning the Apache Relay to begin the next streak of wins.

What do you do for fun in your spare time?

I enjoy playing soccer and spending time with friends

What is your favorite book?

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

The Other Guys

What was your best vacation?

My first trip to Disney

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

Take advantage of every opportunity that is given to you and get as much out of scouting as you can.