



**PARENTS:** Please make sure to share this Newsletter with your sons!!!

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

Mar. 31	Bottle Drive
April 11	Dining for a Cause at the 99.
April 11	Committee Meeting
April 14 – 18	Gettysburg Trip
April 29	Golf Outing

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

	Dennis Rush	March 3
	Becky Bekerian	March 4
	Justin Crisafulli	March 5
	Tim Barry	March 6
	Sean O'Connell	March 13
	Zach Zooleck	March 21
	Gave Montenegro	March 24
	Carrie MacLean	March 25
	Anthony Milisi	April 6
	Kevin Bruno	April 9
	Nick Ames	April 17
	Declan Lawlor	April 20

**Summer Camp Announcements**

- Camp dates: Sunday, July 1 to Saturday, July 7, 2012
- Cost: \$325 if paid by May 15<sup>th</sup>, \$340 after May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Medical Form "Part C" is due by June 14 and must be signed by doctor
- Troop 9 will have an information meeting for new scouts and parents and anyone else on Thursday, April 12. Time is TBD.
- Congratulations to Zach Zooleck on being elected Summer Camp SPL
- Thank you to Mark Preble for volunteering to be Summer Camp Scoutmaster

**Dining For A Cause**

We are doing another fundraiser @ the 99 Restaurant in Weymouth on **Wednesday April 11 from 5-9**. For every sale we bring in the troop earns 15%. Coupons/flyers have been emailed, but see Sherri O'Connell with questions.

**High Adventure**

2013 High Adventure trips are available for First Class scouts who will be 13 and completed the eighth grade, or 14 years old by September 1, 2013. Florida Sea Base has options for summer and December vacation 2013, Minnesota's Northern Tier has canoe treks for summer 2013. Local councils from Virginia to Maine offer a variety of high adventures for the summer of 2013. If you are eligible and interested, nothing is going to happen unless you get off your behind and start pulling together your fellow scouts to decide what you want to do.

**Advancements:**



Be sure to congratulate the following scouts:

**Brendan McGillivray** Scout  
**Garrett Fisher** Scout

**Golf**  **Outing**

Troop 9 is having a golf outing at Lost Brook Golf Course on University Ave. in Norwood on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our first tee time will be at 1:00 P.M. It's open to all Scouts and their parents. The cost will be approximately \$25 for adults and \$20 for scouts. Club rental is \$10 and pull carts are \$4. A sign up sheet is available at the troop meeting. Please see Mr. Gilardi with questions.

**WELCOME!**

Please extend a warm Troop 9 welcome to the following crossovers: Duncan Campbell, John Stackpole, Dillon Lawlor and Ben Belcher (Pack 9), Luke Kettell (Pack 303), Jacob Preble and Matt Freitas (Pack 2).

**2012 Whitewater Rafting Trip**

A whitewater rafting trip is on the agenda for this summer, probably in August. The rivers we can do are the Kennebec and Dead Rivers in Maine, or the Hudson River in New York. Most likely we would be looking at two travel days and one day of rafting, although it may be possible to travel out one day, and then raft and return home the second day after rafting. To save some money, we could put the trip off until a weekend in September. An interest flier will be available soon with some possible dates and pricing information. Interested scouts and parents will decide when and where we go sometime in May.



### Spring Uniforms

With the spring schedules taking effect, we would like to remind scouts coming to troop meetings directly from sports, concerts or other activities to make every effort to continue to wear their scout shirt and Troop 9 hat. Full scout uniforms including scout pants or scout shorts will not be required unless going for a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review. Please remove cleats from feet before entering the meeting hall.

### Eagle's Nest on Facebook

If anyone is an Eagle Scout of Troop 9 or knows of one, please either sign or have them sign the Eagles Nest on Facebook. There is a link on the Troop 9 Facebook page. Mr. Gallahue is trying to compile a list of Eagles from our troop to honor them.



### Scoutmaster Minute

In my Minute last month I gave some insight as to why I am here, and now I turn the questions around to you. Why are you here? Why are you a member of Troop 9?

There are other troops you could be in. There are other activities that you could be doing instead of scouting. Yet, you are a member of Troop 9. Why? Seriously, think about how you would answer that question.

In looking back over my Minute last month, I noticed that I neglected to mention one big reason that I am here, and that reason is that I am having fun. I don't know what your answers to the question would be, but I hope that "I am having fun" is part of your answer. If not, then **why** are you still here?

**Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**

### Ask Andy Rule #3

Don't try to teach pigs how to fly. It wastes your time and annoys the pigs.

### POND PLAIN HALL UPDATE

Pond Plain is now receiving bids for the work that will be needed to repair the hall roof. The earliest any work will begin, if all goes right, will be in the months of May or June.

That being said, it is safe to assume that the earliest that the Troop will be able to return to having the meetings at Pond Plain won't happen until the month of June.

As always, I will keep you up to date as more information becomes available. Thank you all for your understanding.

***Yours in Scouting  
Tim Barry  
Committee Chairman,  
Troop 9, Weymouth Ma.***

