



# TROOP 9 NEWS

March 2011

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## ~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- **Mar. 5, 12, 26** Merit Badge University
- **Mar. 5** Blue and Gold
- **Mar. 12** Overnight/Lock-in at Pond Plain – Games/Movies!
- **Mar. 31** SkyZone 7 – 9:30pm
- **April 2** **Bottle Drive!**

## Gettysburg Trip Update

Due to the fact that Good Friday and Easter Sunday fall during April Vacation week, we have postponed the Gettysburg trip until next year. We hope that this will allow scouts avoid any scheduling conflicts and to insure that all interested scouts have an opportunity to go on a trip in 2012.

## Happy Birthday to the following: (Some Belatedly ☹)



Dan MacDonald	Feb. 3
Matt Neville	Feb. 7
Mike Dwyer	Feb. 22
Mr. O'Hare	Feb. 23
Mr. Munger	Feb. 24
Evan Munger	Feb. 27
Mrs. Bekerian	Mar. 4
Justin Crisafulli	Mar. 5
Mr. Barry	Mar. 6
Mr. Dumont	Mar. 10
Zach Zooleck	Mar. 21
Gabe Montenegro	Mar. 24
Mrs. MacLean	Mar. 25

## SUMMER CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS



A reminder that the fee for Summer Camp is \$315 if paid by May 13<sup>th</sup>. After that, it will be \$330. Payments can be made at any time from now through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone with financial concerns should contact Tricia Conway, Phil Barthel or Tim Barry.

## BOTTLE DRIVE!



Save the date! Save your CANS!  
April 2 from 9 – 1 is our next Troop 9 bottle drive. Tell your neighbors!  
All scouts are required to work 2 hours per bottle drive. Sign-up sheets will be available at Scout Meetings.



We are looking for a scout (or scouts) and an adult leader to write recaps of our trips and activities. The ideal recappers will possess a sense of humor, a creative imagination and the ability to retell a trip in a humorous way without straying too far from what actually happened. The Past Events section of the Troop 9 Website has some recaps from years ago. Another good trait would be someone not as long winded as the previous recapper.

## Golf



## Outing

Troop 9 is considering a golf outing the weekend of April 30/May 1 for scouts and their parents. If you are interested, be sure to see Mr. Gilardi at any troop meeting in March!



### **Scoutmaster Minute**

As we begin the month of March, the size of Troop 9 will increase to over 45 scouts as the Webelos IIs from Pack 9 cross over on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The next few weeks will be an adjustment for these new boy scouts and I ask that all current Troop 9 scouts do their best to make them feel welcome. Introduce yourself and get to know their names. Be responsive to any questions or concerns they have. Invite and encourage them to participate in the activities going on. The first impression you older scouts make is what the new scouts will remember the most. Make it a good one.

On a side note and as a useless bit of trivia, the last time Troop 9 had over 40 scouts was back in the 1960s, and no, I was not around at that time. Troop 9's membership numbers have, and will continue, to go up and down, but the strength of Troop 9 has never been in the number of scouts at any given time. Instead, Troop 9's strength has been in the character and attitude of the scouts and the commitment of their youth leaders. In my opinion, Troop 9 is as strong today as it has ever been in the past.

***Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster***



### **Notes and Announcements from the Committee Chairman**

## **ARE YOU COMMITTED????**

One item that will be put onto the agenda at the Committee meeting will be the commitments of scouts and parents who sign up for a campout or scout trip. All too often, planned trips are jeopardized by last minute cancellations by scout and parents backing out of their commitments at the last minute. These last minute cancellations leave the committee members and scoutmasters scrambling to keep from canceling the trip altogether.

I'm quite sure that any of you parents would not like to cook food for 25 invited guests at your home and find out that all 25 guests canceled. All the costs, planning, time and effort would make a person upset having prepared all that food just to find out nobody was coming. I'm sure that you would be upset. My little example may be extreme but I think you understand my reasoning.

So, at the next committee meeting, the committee will be discussing non-refundable deposits at future campouts and trips. So much time and energy is put into the planning of these events it just does not seem fair to leave the remaining campout participants to pick up the pieces because someone just changed their minds at the last minute by deciding not to go.

If anyone has any thoughts you can share your ideas at our next committee meeting or you can speak to one of the committee members or you can email [tbarry3076@aol.com](mailto:tbarry3076@aol.com) your thoughts to me. I will pass them along to the committee.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2011 7:30 PM AT POND PLAIN

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