



~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

March 22	MBU
March 29	Bottle Drive
April 3	Summer Camp info. Meeting
April 4 – 5	TENTATIVE Overnight Camp out at Wompatuck
April 21 – 25	Quantico Trip

CAMP CARDS

Scouts/families interested in earning funds that can be used for Troop 9 trips, activities and summer camp are welcome to participate in Old Colony Council's BSA Camp Card fundraiser. The Camp Card is a discount card similar to the Entertainment Books. A list of vendors and discounts participating can be viewed at www.saversguide.com. The cards sell for \$5 each with \$2.50 from each sale going to Old Colony Council and \$2.50 going back to the selling scout for deposit in his scout account. This is an optional fundraiser for whoever would like to participate. Please see or email Mrs. Bonarrigo (dBonarrigo@comcast.net) for the Camp Cards.

Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:



Denis Rush	March 3
Liam Tierney	March 4
Becky Bekerian	March 4
Justin Crisafulli	March 5
Tim Barry	March 6
Deb Davis	March 10
Sean O'Connell	March 13
Dan Finn	March 14
Zach Zooleck	March 21
Gabe Montenegro	March 24
Carrie MacLean	March 25

Summer Camp News

Troop 9 will be attending summer camp at Camp Squanto Week #1 June 29- July 5. The fee is \$355 if paid by May 15th and \$370 after May 15th.



2015-16 High Adventure Trip

Scouts and parents interested in a high adventure trip in 2015-16 should plan on arriving at the March 27th troop meeting at 7:00. We will be narrowing ideas and options down so we can start organizing a trip or trips. Those scouts/families who signed up as interested received an email on March 4th with links to various high adventure bases. If you did not receive the email and would be interested in participating in a high adventure trip (14 years old and 8th grade graduate by summer 2015), please let Phil know so he can send you the email.

Did You Know?

- In the early days of the BSA, tracking, trapping and hunting were prominent skills required for rank advancement
- The USS Boy Scout was a US Navy patrol craft with the hull designation SP-53. Built in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1916, the USS Boy Scout was sent overseas and was presumed lost in action during World War I.
- Alumni of Troop 9 have:
 - Served as Chief of the Order of the Arrow's Tisquantum Lodge covering all of Old Colony Council
 - Worked at NASA

BOTTLE DRIVE MARCH 29th

Our next bottle drive is on Saturday, March 29th. All scouts are required to contribute two hours of service at each bottle drive unless excused by the Scoutmaster before the bottle drive. All families (except families with scouts that just crossed over) are required to volunteer at one bottle drive per year to receive the credit for dues. Sign-ups for the scouts and families will be out at the March 27th troop meeting. The scouts who just crossed over are excused from this bottle drive, but are welcome to help out if they would like.



Silpada Jewelry Party to Benefit Troop 9

Sunday, March 30 - Open house 2-5 PM
Carrie MacLean's house, 615 Randolph St, So. Weymouth. Come for some light refreshments, see & try on the jewelry, place an order! All hostess benefits will be converted to money for the troop. For questions e-mail Carrie at MCarrieJeff@aol.com

Congratulations to Steven Lee for earning the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award.



Scoutmaster Minute

For those who don't know, I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 9 as I received my Eagle Scout in January of 1990, shortly before my 18th birthday. I stayed with Troop 9 as an adult leader until I headed to Northeastern University in September, thinking my time with Troop 9 had come to an end. I guess I was wrong about that.

Shortly after starting at Northeastern, my scoutmaster asked me if I could help out with the troop by working with scouts on their final steps toward their Eagle Scout. Looking at a relatively light class schedule Thursday and Friday, I said yes figuring that it wasn't exactly a labor intensive job. Wrong again as while Eagle Advisor wasn't much work, I found other things to do coming my way and before I knew it, it was "When did I commit to this campout?" or "When did I become the go to assistant scoutmaster?" It was kind of like the story of Br'er Rabbit (for the majority of you scouts not familiar with that reference, google it).

Many times over the years as frustration boils over or things in my life change, I ask myself if it is still worth it to stay involved. Each time I find myself asking that question, I think back to my time as a scout and the experiences I had. I think about scouts I knew who benefited from their time as members of Troop 9 if for no other reason than their time at meetings or campouts allowed them to get away from unfortunate family situations for a while. I think about two people I know whose lives were saved by a scout. I think of a friend's family that was comforted by a car full of scouts at a car accident that killed that friend and her dad. I think about the dozens of Troop 9 and Eagle service projects that have been done and the good that they have accomplished. I think about the scouts and leaders in Troop 9 at that time.

Each time, I've asked myself is it worth it, I've decided it is. At some point of time or times, as scouts and leaders, you will find yourself asking if it is still worth your time and effort, and when those times come, I hope you decide that it is still worth it.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

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.

Meet Committee Member:
Deb Davis



How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?

Since March 2011

Do you have a scout in the troop?

Yes, Bradley, Star Scout

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

Committee Member, Driver, Scout Mom, Pack 9 Liaison

What do you like best about Troop 9?

The fact that the Troop is run by the Scouts with the oversight of adults is great. It gives the boys a unique sense of ownership and pride.

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

I love replacing the cemetery flags. There is something about it that makes me feel honored and humble.

What do you do for fun in your spare time?

Travel, hang with the family and explore.

What is your favorite book?

“Metamorphosis” By Franz Kafka and any book I am reading with my kids.

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

“House Hunters International”, I am a dreamer.

What was your best vacation?

Any time with the family, but our summer 2013 trip to England is up there.

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

Each Scout has their own journey, do not measure yourself by what others do or do not. Be true to yourself, your goals and the Scout Law. Remember, you get out of scouting exactly what you put in.