



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Bottle Drive April 2
- Gettysburg April 16-20
- Summer Camp July 3 - 9

Advancement

Congratulations to the following scouts who have been working diligently toward their goals.

Merit Badges:

Snow Sports 1/17/16:

Isaac C., Chase G., Aedan H. and Ryan H.

Camping 2/11/16

Evan B.

Personal Fitness 2/11/16

Colin A.

Citizenship in Community 2/25/16

Colin D.

Sports, Search & Rescue, Emergency Prep.

3/10/16, 3/17/16

Ayden D.

Camping 3/17/16

Jacob P.

Ranks:

Tenderfoot 3/17/16

Scott G., Ryan H.

Life: 3/3/16

Colin A.

Eagle: 3/3/16

Colin M.

1st Gold Palm: 3/3/16

Nick A.

Happy Birthday (Some Belatedly):

March

Sean O'C 3/13

Andri M. 3/19

Addison H. 3/27

Dylan K. 3/30

April

Matthew R. 4/3

Kevin B. 4/9

Charlie D. 4/11

Colin A. 4/16

Nick A. 4/17

Chase G. 4/18

Nicholas M. 4/30

An Important Message From Troop 9 Advancement Coordinator:

Troop 9 Adults....We Need YOU!

I am looking for any adults(18 years and over) to act as **Merit Badge Counselors** They just need to have some knowledge of the merit badge , either as a profession or hobby, and to be youth protection certified (a 20 min online course). There is an application to be filled out, that we will keep on file with the Troop. You are not required to teach the merit badge, or to be available for any other scouts, other than Troop 9. We are simply looking for adults willing to meet with Troop 9 scouts that have started a particular merit badge, and sign them off of any requirements they have done on their own. (This can usually be done at a weekly Troop meeting and takes very little time) Scouts can contact you (and another adult, per cyber safety guidelines) via email to arrange for a convenient time to meet with you. Many of the boys will come back with partials from MBU, and will need to show a counselor what they complete subsequently. Blue merit badge cards can be obtained from me, to show what requirements are left to be done, and to be initialed by the counselors when complete. This is a very easy way to help the scouts with their advancement, and to volunteer some of your time to the Troop.

The [Merit Badges started at MBU](#), that I still need counselors for are as follows:

**Architecture.....Chess.....Climbing
Engineering.....Graphic Arts.....
Landscape Architecture.....Nuclear
Medicine.....Oceanography
Search and Rescue.....Signs and Signals**

There are many other Merit Badges that we need counselors for. To see a complete list visit the BSA site: www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx

Merit Badge Advancement Assistance Needed!

On another note, due to a change in my work schedule, I am no longer able to manage all the advancement as well as the merit badge program. I am looking for someone to take over managing the merit badges, and tracking them in our online Troop Master Program. I am willing to train and assist anyone that can volunteer some time to do this.

Thank you,
Rebecca Bekerian
Advancement Chair
Phone: 781-337-5493
email: capeforchu@aol.com

Summer Camp

Where: Camp Squanto, Plymouth
When: Sunday July 3rd – Saturday July 9th.

WHO'S READY FOR SUMMER CAMP?

Summer Camp is only three months away! New scouts: Summer Camp is great opportunity--

You can:

- Swim every day, row and sail boats, and play water polo at the Waterfront;
- Shoot arrows and rifles at the Ranges;
- Carve things make things at Handicraft;
- Learn about nature and new scout skills at Scoutcraft;
- Meet scouts from other troops (and then beat them in the Apache Relay)!

We have campfires, and we hike, fish, eat (food that we do not have to cook) and, if you want, sleep under

the stars (or in a shelter that you build). You can earn up to three merit badges, including some that are not easily earned anywhere else.

Additional information will be available soon, so sign up!

As a reminder, Scouts interested in serving in a leadership role should contact Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader Steven L.

And, don't forget those **MEDICAL FORMS!** Anyone who has had a physical examination since last Summer Camp can get the necessary information and signatures now. If you are planning to have a physical examination between now and Summer Camp, please let **Mrs. Jaklitsch** know. The BSA medical form is available at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf (Parts A, B, and C are necessary).

Parents: Any questions contact Summer Camp Scoutmaster Mark Preble at mapreble@comcast.net.

Costs for Summer Camp:

\$370 by May 15

\$390 after May 15

For a second brother attending Summer Camp, the cost is \$300

Special Award Opportunities:

Scouts and Parents:

There are many special awards that scouts can earn on their own. Some include requirements that they may have done at school. The following are examples:

NOVA STEM Awards:

The Nova awards are available to all Boy Scouts and are optional. Requirements must be completed while registered as a Boy Scout and before turning age 18. There are four Boy Scout Nova awards (Shoot!, Start Your Engines!, Whoosh!, Designed to Crunch)—one for each STEM area—and a Scout can earn all four. Completion of any Nova award earns a Boy Scout the right to wear the respective Nova award patch.

Completion of each additional STEM Nova award is recognized by a pi (π) pin placed on the patch. Each award builds on the STEM-related topic, involves hands-on activities, and often includes a field trip. For more information, go to the following: www.scouting.org/stem.aspx.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award:

Study the *Boy Scout Handbook* and the *Camping* merit badge pamphlet, and demonstrate to your Scoutmaster or other qualified person the following:

1. Show that you have earned the Totin' Chip.
2. Help a Scout or patrol earn the Totin' Chip, and demonstrate to him (them) the value of proper woods-tools use on a troop camping trip.
3. With official approval and supervision, do one of the following:
 - Clear trails or fire lanes for two hours.
 - Trim a downed tree, cut into four-foot lengths, and stack; make a brush with branches.
 - Build a natural retaining wall or irrigation way to aid in a planned conservation effort.
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World Conservation Award:

You can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

- Environmental Science merit badge
- Either Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge
- Citizenship in the World merit badge

Cyber Chip Requirements:

During the Youth Protection Training, Anthony Gilardi spoke about the Cyber Chip.

Any Scout interested in earning the Cyber Chip should check out this link:

www.netsmartz.org/scouting

A Troop 9 Scout is.....

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

West Point Camporee Update..... We have not received an invitation to West Point, and the deadline for those on the Reserve List has passed....The PLC will be meeting to plan a local Camp Out in May.



Committee Corner

To All Parents of Troop 9

Troop 9 is such a large Troop due to the dedication of all the adults who take the time to help out the Troop.

To keep our service level up to par, our Advancement Chairperson, Becky Bekerian, needs help in the ever-important position of Advancement.

Due to a change in her work schedule, Becky can no longer manage all the advancement as well as the merit badge program. Becky would like someone to take over managing the merit badges, and tracking them in our online Troop Master Program.

Becky will train and assist anyone that can volunteer some time to do this. It would be great to someone step up and help. I always say that many hands make less work. Please show your support to Troop 9 by stepping up to help Becky.

Yours in Scouting,
Tim Barry
Committee Chairman



Scoutmaster Minute

“You only get out of something what you put into it.” Most of you will have heard of this saying, but have you really thought about how it applies to you? Think of how that applies to sports (the more you practice, the better you get, the more you may play), school (the more you study, hopefully the better your grades) or work (hard work may mean promotions and raises). It goes for scouts too as whatever you want from the scouting program, you need to put the effort in to get it.

The key word is “YOU” because YOU are the one that needs to put in the time and effort to achieve YOUR goals in whatever is important YOU. While your parents, coaches, teachers, mentors and scout leaders can advise and support you, that advice and support will only get you so far. The rest is up to you because if you aren’t willing to put in what it takes to reach your goals in sports, school, work, scouts or whatever, you’ll never reach them.

Phil Barthel

Troop 9 Scouts in Action

We would like to acknowledge the many ways that Troop 9 Scouts live the Scout Lawand ways that our scouts are working on personal goals beyond scouting to improve themselves and the community. Have you made Honor Roll? Landed a lead role in the school play? Aced a Robotics Competition? Broke a team record? Debate Club Champion? Started a band? We want to know! ***If you would like to acknowledge a scout's accomplishments or submit a story about how a scout lives the Scout Law in an exemplary manner, please email Mrs. Pizzuto at Ddowd-pizzuto@readscollab.org***

March 2016 :

Troop 9's Scout in Action is: John H.

Please take a few minutes to read John's essay on Americanism.

John's essay was chosen as the 1st place winner for Grades 5-6 in the Weymouth Elks Essay Contest.

John also received a commendation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives for "Promoting Americanism & Love for Our Country".

Congratulations to John!



John H., Grade 6 – Abigail Adams, Ms. Condos/Ms. Williams

Want a shock? There are 500,000-800,000 homeless veterans in the United States in any given year. This is happening in America. In our country. These are the men and women who fought for our country. They need to be honored. They need to be taken care of. One way of promoting love of country, would be to help these veterans. How? Send a care package to someone serving our country. Write a letter to an unknown soldier.

As a Boy Scout, I had the honor of serving lunch to veterans. I got to sit and talk with them and hear their stories. It matters. For them and for us.

Another way? Burn the flag! Wait, what? BURN THE FLAG! The honorable way, that is. As a Boy Scout I learned how to honor the flag, how to retire a flag, and the appropriate way to dispose of a flag. You don't throw it away. You don't stuff it in a closet or let it turn to rags by wind and rain. You honor it. It's a symbol of our country.

According to the U.S. Flag Code: (k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

And lastly, another way of promoting love of country is to show it. Hang an American Flag on your door at home or from a flag pole in your front yard. Live it, but supporting American businesses and buy American-made products. Attend Veteran Day and Memorial Day parades and shake the hands of a Veteran. Thank them for their service. Take pride in your country by respecting its laws.

Those are just a few ways to promote Americanism and Love of Country. The END.