



# TROOP 9 NEWS

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## Author Visit



On Thursday, May 26, Author Jay Schmidt will talk to Troop 9 about his book "Fort Warren - New England's Most Historic Civil War Site". Mr. Schmidt is an expert on the Boston Harbor Islands and especially Georges Island. In addition, he will update the troop on the latest paranormal activity happening on George's Island. Listen carefully so you know what to look for during the camp out in August. Parents are also welcome to attend.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Nick MacLean** Nick for giving a fantastic presentation on tent set-up, take down, backpacking, and camping tips for the cub scouts of Pack. He was asked and answered questions, and was a great representative for Troop 9.

## BOTTLE DRIVE!



Save the date! Save your CANS! June 18 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.

## Committee Meeting

All parents welcome to attend are welcome to attend the last committee meeting before summer. This is a great way to find out what's going on. Feel free to just listen or help out if you feel the call to duty. Meeting is at Pond Plain at 7:30. Exact date to be announced.

## ~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- May 13 – 15 Wompatuck Campout
- May 19 Gym night at Champman Middle School
- May 21 Cemetery flags
- June 3 – 5 Campout – Normandie Farm
- June 18 Bottle Drive
- June 23 Court of Honor

## Happy Birthday to the following:



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| Bob MacLennan   | May 7  |
| Steven Bekerian | May 20 |
| Sean MacLean    | May 25 |
| Mark Jaklitsch  | May 26 |
| Eric MacLennan  | May 30 |

## SUMMER CAMP



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SUMMER CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER**

The discounted fee of \$315 is due by May 12<sup>th</sup>. After today, the fee is \$330. Checks should be made payable to Troop 9. Some financial assistance is available, so anyone with financial concerns should contact Tricia Conway, Phil Barthel or Tim Barry prior to May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Medical forms are due to the Troop no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Georges Island Campout**

On August 12 – 14 Troop 9 will be camping at George's Island in Boston Harbor. Other than exploring this fort, there are many other things to do such as swimming, fishing or just relaxing. Hopefully the weather works out well for us as it has in the past.



## Notes from the Committee Chair

### MANY HANDS MAKES LESS WORK

Usually, I have to work on Saturdays and I miss the Troop bottle drives but I had the opportunity to stop by at our last bottle drive and I was quite impressed to see all the scouts and parents in attendance. The work being down sorting bottles, packing them up for the redemption center and keeping organized really impressed me. It just proved the line "many hands make less work" to be very true. Because of the participation of everyone, we broke a record (over \$1000) for our bottle drive. This is the reason that the Committee asked the parents and their scout to attend at least one bottle drive. Could you imagine sorting out \$1000 worth of bottles? That is what would have been asked of the adult leaders who would come to all the bottle drives and try to do it all themselves with the help of scouts. So, on behalf of the Troop Committee and Scoutmasters, THANK YOU for a great job done.

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

### Announcement from Mr. Barry

Last week, Troop 9 had its meeting without one of its fixtures, Phil Barthel, Troop 9's Scoutmaster. As I announced at last week's meeting, Phil will be away for the month of May. We all need some time to ourselves during our stress filled lives but Phil has always been there meeting after meeting, SPL meeting, campouts, and any other scout related events. He may not seem it but he can get burned out. It is my responsibility to make sure that the leadership volunteering does not get burned out. That being said, I have told Phil to take time off. Not only did he need the time off from scouts but he also has a family issue to attend to. Phil will be back in June. I'm sure that Phil's presence will be missed at our troop events but I hope you all understand that his personal needs must be served first and foremost.

During Phil's absence, Patrick Norton and the assistant scoutmasters will continue to keep Troop 9 running as usual.

## Motivational Minute

**In absence of clearly defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily acts of trivia.**

**Author Unknown**

How many of us actually have a goal? Whether it's to save money for something special, improve a grade in a subject in school, or maybe play an instrument better. For us involved in Scouting, perhaps it's advancing to the next rank.

Without a goal for something, you could end up watching too much TV, surfing the web too much; basically wasting your time. As an adult in my job, I always have to pay attention to giving myself an objective to strive for. Because I am self employed, it's very important because my income is going to be as good as the effort I put into it.

Anyone can be average. Do you want to settle for being average? The world is full of average people. Make yourself a goal- work towards it- make it happen!

**Mr. D**