



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

May 4	Steve Bekerian
	Eagle Court of Honor
May 9 – 11	Camp Norse
May 17	Cemetery Flags
May 30 – June 2	End of Year Campout

**Summer Camp by Bradley Davis**

The first time I went to summer camp with my boy scout troop was in 2011. It was an experience that changed me in many ways. It had a very positive affect on me that I had not expected. I had just turned 11 and while I had been camping before with my troop, I had never been away from home for more than 2 days at once, this was something completely different.

Camp Squanto is a BSA camp in the middle of Miles Standish State Forest in Plymouth, MA. My troop has been attending the first week of camp there every summer for a very long time. Having only crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts in the March of 2011, I was one of the youngest scouts that was going to summer camp.

I went to camp only being concern about bugs and raccoon's, at the time I couldn't see past the terror of "what ifs" that I am sure most first time campers experience. The sleeping arrangements were canvas tents on a metal frame, built on a wooden platform. The tents have flaps at both ends to close it. However there are no screens or netting to keep bugs out, in fact there is no real way to prevent anything from entering your tent when it chooses. To help me get over my fear of bugs crawling all over me I brought mosquito netting. The netting I discovered worked just like a spider web trapping anything that flew near, around or inside of it. Lying in bed staring up at all sorts of creatures entangled in the netting was almost as bad as the thought of them just crawling on you to begin with.

Summer camp turned out to be very fun, I made lots of friends with the kids in my troop that before camp were just faces. I quickly learned how to make the best of camp food by taking everything offered at meal times and trading for the things I like best. I took Swimming, Wood Carving and Fish and Wildlife Merit Badges in the morning and afternoons were spent in troop activities, swimming and playing games. I had a great week at camp and was able to conquer my fears and it felt really good.

I learned a lot about myself at camp. I discovered that I can be strong and independent away from home. I also learned that sometimes you have to figure out a way to make a situation work in a positive manner even if you don't think you can. By the time I left camp I was already thinking about next year and how much fun it would be. During the car ride home from camp before I fell asleep from a week of exhaustion I remember saying to my parents "I just spent a week at camp, I can do anything"

**Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:**



Christian Tofteroo	5/3
Garrett Fisher	5/9
Liam Flanagan	5/15
Brendan Holloway	5/18
John Stackpole	5/23
Sean Maclean	5/25
Mark Jaklitsch	5/26
Ayden Doyle	5/28

**News of Note**

- Michael MacLean has made Honor Roll **every single term** at his middle school. Congratulations to Michael.
- On April 17, Colin Milch took part in "Uplugged"-a performance at Weymouth High School – where he sang and played the guitar.

*\* If you have any accomplishments outside of scouting that you would like to share with the troop in a newsletter, please email Mrs. Zooleck at [soozootoo@comcast.net](mailto:soozootoo@comcast.net)*

**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](mailto:judi_surfer@hotmail.com).

**Summer Camp News**

Troop 9 will be attending summer camp at Camp Squanto Week #1 June 29-July 5. The fee is \$360 if paid by May 15th and \$375 after May 15th.





### ***Scoutmaster Minute***

FBI agents, Secret Service agents, Marines and tourists. What do they all have in common you may ask? At some point during Troop 9's trip to Virginia, at least one person in each of the preceding occupations complimented the scouts of Troop 9 for their behavior and appearance. I think in reality, we received no less than a dozen positive remarks from people, and several outright compared Troop 9 to several of the other youth and school groups in town, especially at Arlington National Cemetery. The scouts should be proud of themselves and proud of restoring people's faith in the younger generation.

Another item to take from our Virginia trip is that anything is possible when you have people dedicated to seeing it happen and willing to commit the time to pull it off. We had that for this trip and a huge THANK YOU for those who made it happen. Who will step up for the next one?

***Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster***

**Meet Committee Member:**  
**Carrie MacLean**



**How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?**

My son Ian crossed over from Pack 9 to Troop 9 in 2007 and I joined the committee in 2009.

**Do you have or have you had a scout in the troop?**

My oldest son Ian was a member from 2007-2013 and my son Sean is currently a Star scout and Troop Guide.

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

I have been a member of the Troop 9 Committee and Publicity Chair since 2009. I write the Troop 9 stories for the Weymouth News along with Bottle drive announcements.

**What do you like best about Troop 9?**

Growing up as a girl scout I can appreciate all the time and effort the leaders put into running the Troop. It's the outstanding commitment of the leaders and parents that keeps me coming back. I have made several friends over the years and I enjoy watching the scouts grow and mature from young boys to fine young men.

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

One of my favorite memories is the trip to Gettysburg in 2012. We hiked, toured and ate together. It was a really great trip.

**What do you do for fun in your spare time?**

I try to walk 5 miles a day. I love to read and spend time with my family. I took up archery after a weekend at Cub Scout camp and have been shooting almost every weekend since 2009. I am a member of the Massachusetts Field Archery Association and have won first place, in my category, at the MFAA 2011 Indoor Championship and the 2010 Baystate games.

**What is your favorite book?**

I read anything by Janet Evanovich.

**What is your favorite movie/TV show?**

My favorite movie is "Bridges of Madison County" and my favorite TV show is "The Big Bang Theory"

**What was your best vacation?**

Any vacation with family and friends—near or far. We spent many summers vacationing with friends in New Hampshire when the kids were little. Those were the best! We also enjoy spending time in Nova Scotia with my husband's parents - our most recent trip was last summer.

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

Have fun and enjoy being in Troop 9. Get involved and meet new people – you won't be sorry you did.