



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Nov. 22-24- Campout at Camp Squanto in Plymouth with Webelos II's from Pack 9
- Nov. 30th- Matt Neville's Eagle Court of Honor
- Dec. 5 – MANDATORY Safety meeting for all participants of Braintree Rifle/Pistol Club overnight.
- Dec. 6 – Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club overnight.
- Dec. 19 – Troop 9 Court of Honor

Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:



Luke Ketell	11/1
William Barnes	11/25
Matt Norton	11/28

PLEASE NOTE- SERVICE HOURS POLICY
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Troop 9 establishes which projects will be designated as community service hours. The following are some examples: assisting on Eagle projects, Veteran's dinners, Care Packs for Soldiers, flag retirement and replacement, parades, grounds cleanups, and assisting community organizations at their request.
- Activities such as bottle drives, attending Blue & gold banquets, and attending Eagle Court of Honors do not count as service hours
- Any scout wishing to obtain service hours not designated as a Troop 9 activity, yet wishing for those hours to be counted towards rank advancement, must fill out a preapproval form with the scoutmaster prior to the start of the activity. These forms can be obtained from Mrs. Bekerian or Mrs. Bonarrigo. The scoutmaster will determine if the activity is acceptable to be counted towards rank advancement service hours, and will sign the form. Once the activity is completed, a signature of the adult organizing the activity is required on the form. The form can then be returned to Mrs. Bonarrigo or Mrs. Bekerian for credit.

Sign-Up Rosters

Troop 9 is a busy scout troop. No scout is expected to participate in every troop activity, but when a scout or a parent signs up for something, we expect them to commit to that activity. It may not seem like a big issue to scouts or parents to back out of an activity at the last minute, but to the scouts and leaders doing the planning, transportation details and buying of food, it is an issue and it costs people and the troop money. When something unforeseen happens, we will be as accommodating as possible, but please realize it is not always a simple matter of crossing a name off the roster.

Each activity sign-up sheet will have a deadline date for scouts and adults to sign-up or remove their names from the roster. If your name appears on the roster after the deadline date and you cannot make the activity, you will be responsible for costs incurred on your behalf. This will include a \$10 site fee paid by Troop 9 and costs for food. Check out Troop 9's 2013-14 Calendar of Events for upcoming events.

Dues Payments

Dues were to be paid by November 14th for all scouts. If you have more than one scout in the troop, you can pay for both scouts at once or one now and the second scout by Dec. 12.

If you have any questions or financial concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Barry, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

SAVE THE DATE

A ***Jenny Boston Fundraiser*** to benefit the High Adventure Trip will be held at the Hingham store on Sunday, November 24th from 2 – 4pm at 16 Whiting Street Hingham 02043. Drop in for a visit to this quaint boutique with affordable and unique jewelry to begin your Holiday shopping!

Support Pack 9

Look for Pack 9 cub scouts (or Mrs. Kelley) selling candy at our weekly troop meetings. Twizzlers, Kit Kats, Reese's Cups, and more!



Did you know?

- When Admiral Richard Byrd made the first two trips to Antarctica and the South Pole in 1928-9, a Boy Scout named Paul Siple accompanied the expeditions. Adam Siple, a descendant of Paul Siple, received his Eagle Scout in Troop 9 in 1995.
- 10 Troop 9 scouts and 4 adults went on Troop 9's first high adventure trip in 1990. They ventured to remote northern Maine to the Khatadin High Adventure base and logged just under 100 miles canoeing across several lakes and rivers and camping deep in the Maine wilderness.
- Alumni of Troop 9:
 - have served as a judge advocate general in the US Army
 - taught and are teaching at Weymouth High School
 - played in the National Football League for the New York Jets and Washington Redskins

Special Awards

Scouts have the opportunity to earn the following awards. ***It is the responsibility of the scouts themselves to pursue these awards*** and to contact Mrs. Bekerian and/or Phil if they feel they have met the requirements.

Leave No Trace

Scout Requirements

1. Recite and explain in your own words the principles of Leave No Trace, and discuss how an ethical guideline differs from a rule.
2. On three separate camping trips with your troop or team, demonstrate and practice the Leave No Trace skills appropriate to the trip.
3. Earn the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.
4. Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project that reduces or rehabilitates recreational impacts. Discuss with your troop or team which recreational impacts were involved with the project.
5. Give a 10-minute presentation on a Leave No Trace topic approved by your unit leader to a Scouting unit or other interested group.
6. Teach a Leave No Trace-related skill to a Scouting unit or other interested group.



Paul Bunyan Woodsman

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 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.



Scoutmaster Minute

The beginning of each scout year is best described as organized chaos. The new senior patrol is getting used

to being in charge. Patrol leaders are learning about their various patrol members. Changes in how we do some things are being discussed and/or implemented. Bear with us as the program is under control even if it may not seem it at the moment.

The organized chaos aside, I feel really good about this year and I expect us to have a great year of scouting. We have a very capable and enthusiastic senior patrol of Kevin, Colin and Brian running the troop. The seven patrol leaders of Mike, Evan, Brendan, Alex, Josh, D'Andre and Tommy are all qualified and looking forward to lead. Several other scouts have eagerly stepped forward to serve in other leadership positions. The majority of adult leaders have returned. Our calendar includes some new trips, some returning favorites and some we haven't been to in a while.

Yes, I believe that there is lot to look forward to and feel good about, and I hope you see it that way too.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

See our new section below, "Meet the Committee Member" to find out more about the people who run Troop 9.

Meet The Committee Member:

Peter O'Hare



How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?

I have been a member of Troop 9 since March 2002.

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

My son Scott crossed over from Pack 9 in February 2001 and became an Eagle Scout and aged out in 2008.

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

I currently serve as the Eagle Project Coach and Committee Vice-Chair. Prior to these positions I was an Assistant Scoutmaster for seven years.

What do you like best about Troop 9?

Troop 9 has been in existence for 86 years and the number of scouts and families that have been a part of it is in the thousands. That is a lot of people that have come together for fun, adventure, camaraderie and service to their community. While I've personally had so much fun on so many adventures, for me the best thing about Troop 9 has been about the friendships I have made and service that we do.

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

I have so many but here are two from some of our many adventures:

1. Waking up one Sunday morning atop a mountain at Camp Bell in Gilmanton, NH and realizing we had survived a winter high adventure trip. The temperature was a balmy 30 degrees below zero with the wind chill factored in
2. Waking up on New Year's morning on the deck of the 83 foot schooner Heritage of Miami anchored off the Florida Keys.

What do you do for fun in your spare time?

I like to kayak and have recently taken up the hobby of birding (Bird watching).

What is your favorite book?

To Kill a Mockingbird

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

My favorite movie is "To Kill a Mockingbird" and my favorite TV show was HBO's "The Wire".

What was your best vacation?

My two week honeymoon to Costa Rica.

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

Not every scout will attain the rank of Eagle but if you do your best, learn some skills, and have fun doing it, you have succeeded.