



~~ Calendar of Events~~

- Court of Honor October 20
 - Pond Meadow Campout October 22
 - *SPOOKTAKULAR October 23
 - *Veterans Parade November 11
 - Camp Squanto Campout November 18-20
 - Gym Night – WHS November 19
 - *Campout TBD December 9-11
 - 90th Anniversary/Holiday Party December 22
 - Bottle Drive January 7
- *Required Participation

Happy Birthday (Some Belatedly):

September

Sean G 9/1
Tommy J 9/11

October

Jonathan S. 10/4
Scott K. 10/9
Paul B. 10/17
Isak M. 10/18
Shane H. 10/21
Ryan H. 10/22
Christopher Mc. 10/26

November

Jacob P. 11/14
Miguel G. 11/16

Rank Advancement

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

Isaac C.	Second Class	8/25/16
Aidan F.	Second Class	8/25/16
Brendan Q.	Eagle	9/9/16
John H.	Second Class	9/29/16
Miguel G.	Tenderfoot	10/6/16
Matt F.	Star	10/6/16
Addison H.	First Class	10/13/16
Ryan H,	Second Class	10/13/16

Welcome New Scouts:

Liam Mc.
Luke Mc.

Merit Badges:

Scouts have been working diligently on Merit Badges...From Astronomy to Lifesaving to Wood Carving.....Collectively there were 75 Completions and 14 Partials during Summer Camp! Very Impressive!

Special Awards:

Many Scouts and Adult Leaders* earned special awards since our last Court of Honor!

C.O.P.E.

(Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

Evan B.	Ayden D.
Colin D.	*Mark P.

Order of Arrow: Election

Shawn Mc.	Jonathan S.
Matthew R.	*Mike Lee

Order of Arrow: Ordeal/Arrowmen

Shawn Mc.	9/17/16
*Mike Lee	9/17/16

Mile Swim

Evan B.	Sebastian P.
Colin D.	Jacob P.
Ayden D.	*Mike Lee
Brendan Mc.	

World Conservation

Paul B.
Shawn Mc.

National Youth Leader Training

Jack D.	8/19/16
Jacob P.	7/3/16

Troop 9 is Celebrating It's 90th Anniversary!

March 13, 2016 marked the start of Troop 9's 90th year of providing a scouting experience to the boys of Weymouth and surrounding communities. It was on March 13, 1926, that the Pond Plain Improvement Association filed for and received the original charter for Troop 9 from the Boy Scouts of America.

While early records of membership and advancement have been lost, available records indicate that there are at least 800 alumni of Troop 9, of which the records indicate that at least 60 attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Troop 9 records located and reviewed to date show that Troop 9 has a distinguished and proud history of accomplishments and service, including:

- During World War II, scouts and leaders of Troop 9 worked with the local air raid wardens scanning the skies for enemy planes, ready to assist with spreading the alarm, if necessary. Troop 9 scouts were designated by the War Department as official messengers and assisted with the collection of scrap metal, rubber and paper to aid in the war effort.
- Troop 9 scouts were, and still are, regular participants in town patriotic observances, including the Veterans' Day Parade and the decorating of veterans' graves with American Flags for Memorial Day. Troop 9 has added Honor Flight New England, veterans' dinner and Carepacks to its annual patriotic and veteran service projects.
- Troop 9's camping activities have always been an integral part of Troop 9's scouting program. For at least 85 of the troop's 90 years, a contingent of Troop 9 scouts have attended summer camp at Camp Squanto, Camp Child or another scout camp. Throughout its 90 years, scouts from Troop 9 have camped in all of the states in the Northeastern United States, climbed the White Mountains of New Hampshire, rafted the wild rivers in Maine, Massachusetts and New York, hiked the battlefields of Gettysburg and Saratoga, visited the FBI Academy and White House and fielded high adventure trips to Florida SeaBase, Summit Reserve in West Virginia, New Hampshire and Maine.

While we can take pride in being part of a 90 year old scouting unit, it is our hope that today's Troop 9 scouts, families and leaders will continue to build on that history so that Troop 9 will be around to provide a scouting experience for many generations to come.

To commemorate this milestone, Troop 9 will be holding a Design Contest for a 90th Anniversary pin/patch. Scouts are welcome to submit their designs up until the troop meeting on November 3rd. The winning design will receive a \$50 Troop 9 gift card good for any trip, activity, Troop 9 clothing or other scout related expense.



Committee Corner

REMINDER: Dues Payments

The \$250 dues payment will be due in full by November 10, 2016.

If you have more than one scout in Troop 9, you may pay for each all at once or pay for one scout by November 10th and the rest by December 8th.

If you will be using funds in your scout's personal account to pay dues, please let us know by the week before the dues payment.

Failure to pay the \$250 dues could also result in your son not participating in certain Troop 9 activities until the dues are paid or arrangements made. ***If you have any questions or financial concerns, or would like to set up a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact any of the three of us:*** Peter O'Hare, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

***YIS,
Peter O'Hare
Committee Chairman***

Summer Camp Story:

Submitted by Steven L., the 2016 Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader, who wrote the following story about Troop 9's adventures at Camp Squanto....

Thirty-Nine Scouts from Weymouth

By Steven LeGere

When you think about it, summer vacation really begins when people begin to plan it. As soon as we check our school calendars we begin to coordinate all the exciting adventures that lay dormant in our minds all winter. For Troop 9 in Weymouth, however, the Spring is all about planning for Summer Camp at Camp Squanto in Plymouth. The fervor of summer camp excitement permeates each and every meeting in April and May. Questions such as "who's in your summer camp patrol?" or "who's your patrol leader?" can frequently be heard. It's not until the morning of the second day of July, however, until you can finally see the excitement epitomized by these thirty-nine Boy Scouts from Weymouth.

This morning is like no other throughout the summer. No other Sunday tantalizes scouts more. This day brings with it the prospect of five contiguous days of pure friendship, learning and union with the outdoors. The scouts, in clothes which days later would be a shade darker from dust, pile their bags by the trailer early in the morning, readily awaiting to hop on the bus later in the morning. I watched as scouts, young and old, scurried back and forth from parent to adult leader, double checking medical forms and equipment. At a distance this scene would appear to be one of maelstrom and utter chaos, but that couldn't be farther from the truth.

This scene in the parking lot of Weymouth High School as a matter of fact was highly coordinated and executed with near-perfect accuracy. How did we, a group of high school age Boy Scouts, aided by adult leaders, plan a near week long itinerary for thirty-nine Boy Scouts? The key to our successful endeavor was leadership and communication. In the spring of 2016, I was elected to be the Senior Patrol Leader for the Summer Camp of 2016. I had the benefit and honor of working closely with Colin Ames and Brendan McGillivray as Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. I also had the privilege of witnessing the leadership talents of Patrol Leaders Lucas Hurley, Sebastian Pizzuto, Sean MacLean, Ayden Doyle and Jacob Preble and the Quartermasters Colin Denizkurt and Evan Bekerian.

Our motley crew of leadership worked closely with Mr. Mark Preble and together, we were able to discover a lot about ourselves and about the qualities of being leaders.

There is no easy way to easily capture the wide array of emotions that one feels at Camp Squanto in the first week of July. Tired, hot and desperately in need of a shower sums it up for many scouts at camp. But excitement and busyness is omnipresent at camp, I think most Boy Scouts at Camp Squanto can attest to this. There is no where you can go amidst those dirt roads and expanses of trees in which there isn't something going on. There is *always* something going on. Whether you're shooting rifles or bows at the range, studying reptilian vertebrae at the nature lodge or even just enjoying the cool AC of the Squanto Museum, there is no time at camp where you can be bored.

The most notable moment for me of summer camp this year was the infamous theme night. This year, the

theme was movies and Troop 9 had decided to pursue Star Wars as our genre to represent. We really got into this theme for summer camp, more so than I've ever seen in years past. I wish George Lucas had been able to meet our troop of Gungans, Jedis and Clones. The most memorable moment of theme night was at colors when the camp commissioner requested a commissioner report from each of the Senior Patrol Leaders. I sent one of our newest scouts, bearing a set of Yoda ears, a green lightsaber, a robe and a walking stick, slowly hobbled to the commissioner in the center of the parade field. He rose his head from his hung hood and sternly said, "All present for and accounted we are" in a spot on Yoda voice.

This is what summer camp is for Troop 9. It's a series of unforgettable events, memories and lessons that define who we are as scouts and as a bunch of kids who are finally out of school for the summer.

I would like to extend the most cordial of "thank you" to every parent, every adult and every leader who helped this budding group of Boy Scouts have the best week of their lives. It's because of people such as yourselves that Troop 9 will continue to have phenomenal summer camp experiences for years, and years to come!

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***

A Troop 9 Scout is.....

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent



Scoutmaster Minute

Unless you've been living in your own little world the last year, you know there is an election coming up. Imagine what it would be like if the candidates and parties actually followed the Scout Law, particularly the trustworthy, courteous and kind points.

As Americans we enjoy the privilege of living in a country where we have the right to vote. The candidates don't always make it seem like a privilege or at all enjoyable, but that is beside the point as it is a right that we can choose to exercise or not. Often, that choice is a topic of discussion in Citizenship in the Nation and Communications merit badges, or as part of the Constitutional rights and obligations requirement for First Class. It is amazing how politically in-tuned scouts are and how disappointed many are that they can't yet vote.

For the adults reading this, I urge you to vote on November 8th, if not for yourself, then maybe for your son who wouldn't hesitate to vote if he could. For the scouts reading this, engage your parents in discussion over the election and urge them to vote. The election can also provide you with an interesting topic to help complete some merit badge and rank requirements. Check with me if interested.

Phil Barthel