



TROOP 9 NEWS



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~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Oct. 7 Pizza Party at Bean Post
- Oct. 22-24 Wompatuck Campout In Hingham
- Nov. 7 Weymouth Elks Veterans' Dinner
- Nov. 11 Veterans' Day Parade
- Nov. 19 – 21 Camp Cachelot campout and Webelos Overnight in Plymouth

Mount Monadnock Trip

Congratulations to the 26 scouts and 8 adults who hiked up and down Mount Monadnock this weekend. All scouts will receive credit for gaining 1,000 feet in elevation on a campout for the Camping merit badge, and those scouts needing the 5 mile hike with compass instruction for Second Class will also receive credit. For the record, the group with mostly younger scouts hiked just under 8 miles and made it to the tree line at about 2,750 feet. The group with the more senior scouts covered about 9 miles and made it to just under the 3,165 foot summit mark before turning back due to time constraints. With no serious injuries to report, it makes for a successful hike, but for future hikes I would strongly suggest that several scouts and adults need to be better prepared with their choice of gear and water rations.

Thanks goes out to Mr. Dumont, Mr. Munger and Mr. Preble who prepared dinner while we were hiking, and thanks also to Mr. Conway for the homemade meatballs and sausages. A great job was done by the scouts for the Saturday night campfire, so all in all it was a great trip to kick off the 2010-2011 scout year.

Our apologies for our late return Sunday morning, but we experienced some mechanical difficulty with the trailer that needed to be taken care of before we could leave the campsite.

Save the date!!!



August 12th to the 14th Troop 9 will be camping out on Georges Island! This may be a once in a lifetime experience so if you want to go save these dates!

*****REMINDER*****

Dues for this scouting year have been set at \$125 and are due by November 4, 2010. If you have a second scout in the troop, payment for the second scout will not be due until December 9th.

Happy Birthday to the following:



Ryan Husband	10/5
Joe Conway	11/8
Mike Conway	11/8

Kernel's Korner

- Popcorn Sale have begun!
- *30% of net sales goes directly to the scouts and can be used to offset any scouting activity.
- We need scouts to sell outside Park Ave Market this Saturday morning from 7-12.
- See Mark Munger if you are interested.
- More information to follow.....

**The previous newsletter incorrectly stated that 70% of sales went to directly to scouts.*

If you have any questions or want to offer assistance you can see me Thursday nights or e-mail me at: borninconn@comcast.net

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR FUNDRAISER, IT BENEFITS YOU AND THE TROOP.





Scoutmaster Minute

I'll be one of the first to admit that I would not have been looking forward to setting up camp in the rain last Friday, but I am reminded that some of our most memorable camping trips have occurred in less than ideal weather. All most of have to remember is your Webelos Overnight with Troop 9 to know what I am talking about. Snow, frigid temperatures, heavy rains and a tropical storm have all been a part of recent Webelos Overnights, but that didn't scare you away.

One of the most memorable trips I was on was to a West Point Camporee in New York where there was torrential downpours while we camped in the fields and nothing escaped getting wet. Troop 9 had two patrols attend the camporee. One patrol spent the weekend sitting in their tents and probably remember the camporee as a bad experience. The other patrol spent the day decked out in rain gear going around to the various events and participating in everything. To a scout, they came back soaking wet and covered in mud, and with smiles from ear to ear. You couldn't shut them up they were so proud of what they accomplished.

While it is said that bad weather, like adversity, builds character, it can also create a memory that will last a lifetime. Whether that memory is good or bad is entirely up to you.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

Notes and Announcements from the Committee Chairman

I would like to start by welcoming back the boy scouts and families of Troop 9. The 2010/2011 scouting year is filled with many events and opportunities, and we know that with your help, it will be a success.

Please join me in congratulating Peter O' Hare on being named Troop 9 Committee Vice Chairman. Peter will act as counsel to Chairman and will perform the duties of the Chairman when I am unavailable. Peter will also remain as the Troop 9 Eagle advisor.

I would also like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all the adults and scouts who attended our September 25 bottle drive. We collected a total of \$823.20!

Our Bottle Drive sign up sheets were nearly filled at the Court of Honor and the last Troop meeting. Thank you to all the parents who have committed to a date for service. Currently, we have 2 openings for the January 8 bottle drive and 3 openings for the June 25 bottle drive. If you have not yet signed up for a bottle drive, you will be assigned to one. Please remember there will be an additional \$100 fee assessed to parents who do not attend their bottle drive. Any questions or concerns may be addressed to me, Troop 9 Committee Chairman Tim Barry at tbarry3076@aol.com.

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

Weather and Campouts



Last Friday, the decision was made to postpone our departure for Mount Monadnock from Friday night to Saturday morning. The decision was made due to high winds, flood warnings and advisories in the Mount Monadnock area and the areas we would be traveling through. It was NOT postponed simply because it was raining. Safety is always the determining factor. As most of you know, Troop 9 camps in all types of weather, so a little rain or wet ground would not have stopped us from heading to New Hampshire Friday night.

At Thursday night's meeting, the latest weather reports had the storm hitting us with heavy rains and winds overnight on Thursday and into early Friday afternoon. The forecasts for the Mount Monadnock area had the storm clearing out by noon on Friday so there was no reason to delay our departure at that time. Obviously that changed when the storm still had not arrived by Friday morning. As we always do, we checked the various weather forecasts and travel advisories, and based on those it was quickly decided that travel conditions Friday night were going to be too dangerous to drive to New Hampshire.

We try to make the best decision at the earliest time possible based on the information we have at the time, knowing it will impact the dozens of scouts and adults in Troop 9 and their families. Sometimes Mother Nature doesn't cooperate with us in order to make the right decision Thursday night.