



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Oct. 29th- Gym Night at the Weymouth High School Gym from 7-9pm
- Oct. 31st- no troop meeting due to Halloween
- Nov. 1-3- Campout at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham
- Nov. 11th- Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 22-24- Campout at Camp Squanto in Plymouth with Webelos II's from Pack 9
- Nov. 30th- tentative date for Matt Neville's Eagle Court of Honor

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for all your best wishes for a safe surgery and speedy recovery. All your emails, cards, and text messages and phone calls will make my recovery much quicker thanks to all your kind thoughts. To all the scouts, adult leaders, and parents - thank you!

***Yours in Scouting, Tim Barry
Committee Chairman,
Troop 9, Weymouth Ma.***

Support Pack 9

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



Happy Birthday (some belatedly)
to the following:



Sean Guerard	Sept. 1
Zach Rush	Sept. 1
Tommy Jaklitsch	Sept. 11
Mark Stackpole	Sept. 19
Mr. Gilardi	Sept. 17
Mrs. Bonarrigo	Sept. 24
Mrs. Jaklitsch	Sept. 27
Paul Bishop	Oct. 19
Mr. Norton	Oct. 26

SAVE THE DATE

A ***Jenny Boston Fundraiser*** to benefit the High Adventure Trip will be held at the Hingham store on Friday, November 15th and Wednesday, January 15th. Details to follow!

Dues Payments

Dues for the year have been set at \$280 per scout. However, as stated in the dues letter that was emailed last month, fundraising participation incentives can reduce that amount to \$150 out of pocket. There will be a \$100 credit given to families who attend a bottle drive. Families who do not attend their bottle drive or are not signed up for a bottle drive will be required to pay the additional \$100 before their son can attend campouts, summer camp, ski trips or other activities. Also, each scout who sells **at least 6 bags** of coffee will receive a \$30 credit off their dues.

We ask that the dues be paid by November 14th. If you have more than one scout in Troop 9, you may pay for each all at once or pay for one scout by Nov. 14th and the rest by Dec. 12th.

If you will be using funds in your scout account or funds raised through coffee sales to pay dues, please let us know by the week before the dues payment. ***If you have any questions or financial concerns, please do not hesitate to contact*** Tim Barry, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

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.

Did you know?

- The Pond Plain Improvement Association was founded in 1911 and its predecessor organization and building was a volunteer, horse-drawn fire fighting company called "Chemical Company Number 5".
- There are 6 other Troop 9's in Massachusetts and approximately 245 Troop 9's throughout the United States.
- Troop 9 scouts have hiked Mount Washington in New Hampshire, Mount Katahdin in Maine, Mount Greylock in Massachusetts and Jerimoth Hill in Rhode Island, the highest point in each of those states
- Alumni of Troop 9 have:
 - climbed Mount McKinley, the highest peak in the United States
 - served as a commanding officer of a bomber squadron on the USS Kitty Hawk
 - captained over three dozen high school football, soccer, cross country, track and baseball teams



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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



In every successful volunteer youth organization, parental involvement is the foundation. Troop 9 is fortunate to have a large number of registered adult leaders and while we enjoy what we do, believe in the benefits of scouting and will do all that we can to deliver a good scouting program, we cannot do it all by ourselves. Many of our registered leaders carry out two or more roles to keep Troop 9 running and when family and work are added to the equation, things can get to be too much and we approach the breaking point.

Some of our adult leaders whose sons have reached Eagle have stayed on in active roles to help this troop. Others are participating with their son or sons and assisting them and all of the other boys on their trail to Eagle Scout. Other leaders were scouts and have returned to give something back to Troop 9. All of these leaders have made a commitment to Troop 9 by continuing to give their time for the benefit of your son and all of the scouts, and for all of these leaders we are thankful. What better way to thank these adults than to help out in some way.

How can you help you ask? We need you to step forward and volunteer to do one or more of the following:

- Committing to drive to and/or from campouts and/or activities
- Attend a campout or day trip
- Assist with the bottle drives or other fundraisers
- Teach a merit badge or a skill class (cooking, woodcarving, etc.)
- Join the committee for monthly committee meetings and occasional boards of review
- Become an Assistant Scoutmaster and help with the indoor and/or outdoor programs

Whatever help you offer to Troop 9 is greatly appreciated and at the same time, you will be part of helping your son on his trail to Eagle Scout.

With a troop of 50 plus scouts, gone are the days when a handful of adults could be expected to do everything, and it is not fair to ask them to do so. We put on what we believe is a good and active scouting program, but we cannot do so without your help. We would rather have you come to us to tell us or ask what you can do to help Troop 9, than for us to say that you must do this. Other troops tie a scout's participation/membership to his parent's involvement, or cancel activities without hesitation,

but we at Troop 9 have been fortunate to avoid these because the parents step up when asked to. We hope this year will be the same.

This 2013-2014 Scouting Year we are going to have approximately 10 campouts, our annual ski trip, a possible April vacation trip to the FBI Academy in Quantico Virginia, several day trips such as the Klondike Derby and Thursday night activities away from Pond Plain, a possible "Lock-In" at Pond Plain or Carabineers, 4 bottle drives and a coffee sale fundraiser. All of this on top of a group of scouts and adults going on a Sea Base High Adventure trip in February.

Along with all the help that is needed to make these activities happen there are positions on the Troop 9 Committee that need to be filled so if you can't commit to a weekend of camping, how about a couple of hours a month attending the committee meetings were your input is greatly needed. With this need of your help, please do not hesitate to come forward and speak to either of us, Vice Chair Peter O'Hare, or any troop adult leader.

If you would like to help right away and make that commitment to one activity, the one that the troop needs urgent help with is the coffee fundraiser. Debbie Bonarrigo is coordinating this troop fundraiser and is in desperate need of help. If you can help contact her at dbonarrigo@comcast.net.

***Yours in Scouting Tim Barry
Committee Chairman,
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