



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Oct. 19-21** Campout at Wompatuck in Hingham
- Oct. 25** Gym Night at Chapman Gym
- Nov. 3*** Weymouth Elks' **Veterans Dinner**
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 16-17** Campout troop shoot at Braintree Rifle and Pistol club

***Tentative Date**

Advancements:



Be sure to congratulate the following scouts:

- Dan Finn- Tenderfoot**
- Michael MacLean- 2nd Class**
- Mike Dwyer- 1st Class**
- Colin Milch- Life**
- Kevin Bruno- Life**
- Kevin Kelley- Life**
- Zach Zooleck- Life**

Dues For 2012 – 2013 Scouting Year

Dues for this scouting year have been set at \$250 per scout. Payment is due by November 8, 2012. If you have a second scout in the troop, payment for the second scout will not be due until December 13th. A \$100 credit per scout will be given to families who have an adult work 5 hours at a bottle drive. A \$25 penalty will be assessed for each month that dues are late and the scout cannot participate in troop activities until parents have spoken to Tricia, Tim, or Phil.

Eagle Scout Project

Scouts and Adults:

Hi , I am beginning my Eagle project this coming weekend, and I could use whatever help you could give me. I am building a storage shed at Pond Meadow Park, at the Braintree entrance, just past the Ranger's office to the right. I will email dates and times as they are scheduled.

Also, shortly I will be selling tickets for a turkey dinner fundraiser for my Eagle project. It will include a 3 course meal for six people prepared and catered by myself, to be served at your home. I would appreciate your support.

Thank you,
Steven Bekerian

Adult Training

All registered Troop 9 leaders have taken the courses in Youth Protection, but many have also taken training courses relative to their respective positions be it as a scoutmaster or member of the committee.

We ask that ALL parents take the online Youth Protection training, just to get everyone on the same page for Youth Protection.

In addition, we encourage those parents who envision going on campouts, other trips or who just want a better understanding of the Boy Scout program, to take the online "Fast Start for Boy Scout Leaders" and "This is Scouting" courses. These courses will hopefully provide you with some insight into why we do the things the way we do and why it is important to place our trust and confidence in the youth leaders of Troop 9.

FUNDRAISING

Troop 9 would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** for everyone's hard work at our Sept. 22 Bottle Drive. It was a huge success and another record breaker! Special thanks also to the families who lent us the use of their pickup trucks.

Popcorn sales will begin Oct 1st. Scouts were given popcorn order sheets at the September 27th meeting. All forms are due back by the October 27th troop meeting.

Fall Fundraiser

Now is a great time to plan a fall fundraiser for the troop. It's easy and fun to do. Host a party at your house; invite your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Offer some refreshments. Get an early start on holiday shopping and may be an item or two for yourself! Last Spring a Silpada party earned \$525 for the troop. If you are interested in hosting a jewelry party contact Christina Matthews Star Leader, Silpada Designs Jewelry, Office Hours 6-8 pm M-W: 617-365-4254

www.mysilpada.com/christina.matthews

Home Parties - Thurs & Fri nights and Sunday afternoons

If you are interested in a Pamper Chef Party contact Carrie MacLean for the consultants name & contact info.

Help make the next bottle drive our best!

You can do your part to help make the next bottle/can drive the best by telling all your friends, family and co-workers when it is. Start about a month before the bottle/can drive with an e-mail "heads up" notifying them of the date and time of the bottle drive. Offer to pick up the bottles/cans so they don't have to keep them. The week before send a reminder and the night before send the last one. Don't forget to send a "thank you" e-mail to everyone after the event!

Sample Message:

Hello!

My Boy Scout troop will be having a can and bottle drive on (insert date here) from 9a-1p at Pond Plain Improvement Association Hall, 330 Pond St. South Weymouth. Please save all your redeemable bottles and cans for us. If you can't make it to the drive, call my family and we can pick up the bags for you. My number is (insert your home number here).

Thank you,

(Your name here)



Scoutmaster Minute

It is not always easy to see scouts following specific points of the Scout Law, but when you do, it is a sight to behold. Some define a "Scout is Brave" as he has the courage to face danger and adversity in spite of his fear or the unknown, and this past weekend's whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River in upstate Maine featured many displays of a "Scout is Brave".

For a majority of the 33 scouts who attended, this was their first time on a whitewater rafting trip. Their first time listening to the safety lectures on what to do and how to survive if they get thrown out of their raft. First time looking down the Kennebec River Gorge as the waves and rapids got wilder and more intense, and knowing they had no option but to continue forward. I know some of the adults were quaking in their wetsuits, so I am sure many of the scouts were having second thoughts, but all 33 scouts overcame whatever fears they had and got into their respective rafts and tackled the Class II, III and IV rapids head on.

Seeing the scouts get into the rafts knowing many were nervous was something to see, but it paled in comparison to the looks on the scouts' faces at the end of the trips. Their enthusiasm and smiles showed the pride and exuberance they felt in tackling the rapids of the Kennebec. That was the sight to behold, seeing their reaction to the realization that they overcame their fear and rafted the river. It makes our time and effort worth it.

Well done to everybody. I am proud of you.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR



Troop 9 would never be the great Troop that it is if we did not have the adult involvement that we have today. It is both the committee members and scoutmasters who put in their time for your son week after week. All with one goal in mind - making your scout's scouting years memorable for years to come.

Troop 9 is ALWAYS looking for parental participation especially on the Troop committee. We are currently looking for parents to join our committee and become active in the troop decision process. Not only will you become involved with the operations of the troop but you will become far more knowledgeable concerning your son in his days as a boy scout with Troop 9. It has been proven that an active parent helps a scout to advance more readily along his scouting trail. Most eagle scouts have an active parent.

Please consider joining the committee. I encourage you to talk to any one of the committee members and discuss with them what goes on with our committee. I also invited you all to attend one of our meetings and see the behind the scenes work and support in action.

Committee Meeting Dates area as follows:

10/24/12	3/13/12
12/05/12	4/24/12
1/16/12	5/22/12
2/20/12	6/12/12

Yours in Scouting

Tim Barry

Committee Chairman,

Troop 9, Weymouth Ma.