



~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

- Camp Sayre Oct. 24 - 26
- Court of Honor Oct. 30
- Spooktakular Fun Run/Walk Nov. 1
- Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11

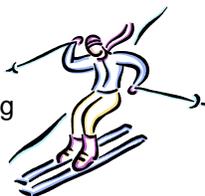
Happy Birthday (some belatedly) to the following:



D'Andre Maziarz	7/3
Jacob Preble	7/17
Kevin Kelley	7/18
Dillon Lawlor	8/9
Trevor Trappier	8/10
Steve LeGere	8/16
Nick MacLean	8/17
Evan Bekerian	8/22
Michael MacLean	8/26
Josh Norton	8/27
Sean Guerard	9/1
Shea Geurard	10/1
Zach Rush	9/1
Tommy Jaklitsch	9/11
Mark Stackpole	9/19
PJ Bishop	10/19

Ski Trip 2015!

The January 16-19, 2015 ski trip to Shawnee Peak deadline for adding or removing your name is October 30th. A non-refundable deposit of \$45.00 is due NO LATER than November 6th. Mrs. Kelley looking into renting a ski lodge for the moms, daughters and younger siblings. If you are interested please let her know ASAP so she can reserve it. Any questions please call or email Kathy Kelley 781-710-5412, kmkelley2@verizon.net. Thank you.



Scouts in the News



Congratulations to **Jacob Preble** on making his Bar Mitzvah.

Congratulations also to **Brendan Pike** for his outstanding performance in the WHS swim meet against Marshfield last month. Brendan placed 2nd in the 500 free style, 3rd in the 200-yard medley relay, and took 1st place in 400-yard free relay, and was one member of the four person team who won first in the 400 freestyle.

Merit Badges

All completed merit badge submissions need to be in to Mrs. Bekerian by October 26th, in order to receive them at the October 30th Court of Honor. She will not be attending the next Troop meeting, so you can see Mrs. Bonarrigo or you can contact Mrs. Bekerian by email at capeforchu@aol.com.



Troop 9's main fundraiser this year will be a 2.25 Mile "Spooktakular" Fun Run/Walk at Pond Meadow Park on Saturday, November 1st. from 9-11 Mrs. Denizkurt needs scout and adult volunteers to assist in this big event.

Participants are encouraged to wear costumes and prizes will be given for best adult and child costume and for 1st place runners in each age group.

Each scout received a pledge packet. Pledges are due by Oct. 30th AT THE LATEST. If you do not wish to walk or run, you may volunteer to help at the run! Scouts will not be charged an entrance fee. **For families and friends - registrations are due by 10/22** to guarantee a t-shirt. Forms will be available at the meeting or you can download one on www.troop9weymouth.com. Please mail forms and payment to Nancy Denizkurt at 33 Circuit Rd. South Weymouth, MA 02190 or drop off at the next Troop Meeting on 10/16.

REMINDER: Dues Payments

Dues for the year have been set at \$280 per scout. However, fundraising participation incentives to reduce that amount to \$180 have changed. Over the last few years it has been difficult collecting dues from some families and for families to attend the bottle drives. Effective this year the **\$280 dues payment will be due in full by November 1, 2014.** 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 1 and the rest by December 11th. Failure to pay the \$280 dues could result in your son not participating Troop 9 activities. When a family attends their bottle drive requirement a dues refund of \$100 will be returned to that family. However, the family can leave the \$100 in their son's personal scout account and use the money as they wish such campout payments, summer camp pre-payment, etc. or take the money as a refund. ***If you have questions or financial concerns, please do not hesitate to contact*** Tim Barry, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

Leadership Opportunities Available

Troop 9 is looking for scouts to be Troop 9 Historians. These positions entail taking pictures of Troop 9 activities, writing a summary of activities and working with a Troop 9 Committee member to write articles on Troop 9 for the Weymouth News.

We are also seeking a scout to assist the Troop 9 Scribe in recording attendance and collecting paperwork and money for activities. Interested scouts should see your Senior Patrol Leader.

Service Opportunities

Troop 9 will be having several community service opportunities in the upcoming weeks and we hope all scouts will assist at some point, although in some situations we expect a scout's participation. Here is what is coming up:

- November 1- Troop 9 Spooktacular Run/Walk-Voluntary, will NOT count for rank advancement, but could count for school hours
- November 11- Weymouth's Veterans' Day Parade-Mandatory for scouts 9:30 to 11:15ish
- Eagle Scout Projects- Voluntary, will count for service time for rank advancement or could count for school hours
- Yard cleanups- two (Knights of Columbus and Pond Plain) and possibly a third (Bean American Legion Post) will be planned and we ask everyone to participate in at least one. Will count for service time for rank advancement and could count for school hours.



Scoutmaster Minute

In George R.R. Martin's Game of Thrones series, the Kingsguard is a group of skilled knights sworn by oath to protect the king and royal family. The Kingsguard's 300 year history is contained in a book called The Book of Brothers and each member has his own chapter detailing his service, battles and feats as a member of the Kingsguard.

Imagine if Troop 9 had a Book of Brothers. It would start in 1926 and contain hundreds of chapters as each scout over that span of 88 years would have his own chapter. Some of those chapters are short, while others are long. Some chapters are filled with riveting adventures, while others are not. Most contain tales of achievements earned, of fears or obstacles overcome, while a few only have a dash between when they joined Troop 9 and when they left Troop 9. Some chapters are heavy on leadership while others focused on comradeship. There is much humor, but also some tragedy and sorrow. While many chapters end on a good note, some don't. Other than maybe a few of the dash only chapters, no two chapters are the same.

About 55 chapters are being written as you read this. A few look to be already done and are just waiting on the final sentence to be typed. Many are just starting a new paragraph and thinking about the paragraphs ahead. Like the hundreds of chapters before, these chapters will be unique as each scout is writing his own tale. What is your chapter going to say about you?

Will it just be a dash or do you want to write more?

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster



Committee Corner

The Troop 9 Committee will be meeting Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting will be at the Lincoln Building conference room downstairs at 160 Old Derby Street, Hingham, Ma. Parents are encouraged to attend and learn more about the behind the scenes work that goes on to running such a large Troop. I would like to welcome our newest committee member Christopher Quinn. If you see him, please pass along your thanks to him for stepping up and serving the troop as a committee member. We always welcome new members on our committee. New and fresh ideas come from parents who become active participants and present different thoughts as to how we can be a better troop. Speaking of fresh ideas, Nancy Denizkurt is currently spearheading the First Annual 2.2 mile Spooktacular Fun Run/Walk at Pond Meadow Park on November 1st. We as a troop have never tried such a large organized fundraising event such as this. Nancy is new to our committee and it's the new ideas and commitment by her and all the parents that have pitched in and helped. I am quite sure this event will be a success. But they cannot do it alone. They need everyone to support them. Please be sure and set some time and volunteer at this event. This will also be a great chance for the scouts to earn money for their passbook accounts which could be used for future scouting costs such as Dues and Summer Camp.

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

**Meet Tim Barry
Committee Chairman and
Charter Representative to Pond Plain Civic
Association**



How many years have you been involved with Troop 9?

21 years with Troop 9 and 4 years with the Cub Scout Pack 9.

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

My son John who crossed over from Pack 9 and went on to become an Eagle Scout in 1999.

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

Currently, I have two roles. I serve as the Troop 9 Committee Chairman and also am the Charter Representative of both Pack 9 and Troop 9. I report directly to our charter organization which is Pond Plain Civic Association.

What do you like best about Troop 9?

What's not to like? This Troop has always tried to make every meeting or campout a learning experience, created a safe environment, and has FUN! We are the envy of many Troops. We have adults who step up and help and commit themselves whenever they are needed. We have scouts who run this Troop with pride. That pride shows itself in many ways. I am proud to be associated with every scout, adult leader, and parent in Troop 9 both past and present.

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

I have countless memories with the Troop. There are two that most come to mind: my years attending summer camp at Camp Squanto reading my book outside my tent hearing the breezes swirl through the pines and seeing the scouts work as a team, and having had the privilege and opportunity to see so many scouts over the years grow up through their scouting ranks and become fine young men and future leaders in our community.

What do you do for fun in your spare time?

I love to read and attend Bruins games.

What is your favorite book?

The Greatest Generation.

What is your favorite movie/TV show?

TV show – The West Wing. Movie – Twelve Angry Men. Gettysburg.

What was your best vacation?

Numerous Bruins road trip across the country with my wife Maureen, with other Bruins fans, and the opportunity to meet other people from other hockey cities that has lead to so many new friendships.

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

Scouts: Make your scouting years count. You're time spent during these years will be judged later in life by no one other than yourself.
Adults: Get Involved. Some of the most wonderful times I can look back on was being with my son at troop meetings and campouts. We both learned the value of scouting together. We still talk about it today.

