



~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~

- Honor Flight New England Nov. 1
- Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11
- Wompatuck Camp out Nov. 13-15
- Gym Night Nov. 19
- Camp Greenough Camp out Dec. 11-13

Happy Birthday (Some Belatedly) to the Following:

- September 1: Sean Guerard, Zach Rush
- September 11: Tommy Jaklitsch
- September 17: Anthony Gilardi
- September 24: Debbie Bonarrigo
- September 27: Bridget Jaklitsch
- October 2: Nancy Denizkurt
- October 4: JP Schiller
- October 9: Scott Kettell
- October 17: PJ Bishop
- October 18: Isak Mahegan
- October 21: Shane Hackett
- October 22: Ryan Hickey
- October 26: Patrick Norton
- November 1: Luke Kettell
- November 14: Jake Peirce
- November 16: Miguel Gonzalez
- November 28: Matt Norton



Cub Scout Uniforms Needed

If anyone has an old Cub Scout Class A uniform (hat, pants, shorts, shirt, belt) they would like to donate to Pack 9 please let me know. There are a couple of young cubs that cannot afford to purchase their own and would be very grateful. With the upcoming Veteran's Day parade it would perfect timing for them to have this uniform. Thank you, Kathy Kelley

CPR Training

A CPR CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION COURSE will be offered in January 2016. Date TBD Sign up sheets will be at the Troop meeting per Kathy Kelley.

Veterans Day Parade

Troop 9 will be marching in Weymouth's Veterans' Day Parade on Wednesday morning, November 11th. The parade itself is from 10:00 to 11:00 and there are ceremonies before and after. We expect all scouts to march in the parade, but this year we will be giving scouts an option to attend one ceremony or the other. If you cannot make it, you will need to talk to Phil and be forewarned it will not be an easy conversation.

Ski Trip 2016!

WHERE- Shawnee Peak Mountain Bridgeton, Maine

WHEN- MLK, Jr weekend Jan.15-18, 2016

WHO- Any scout who has paid their registration dues and has fulfilled their service hours. Any parent/guardian who would like to chaperone and has completed Youth Protection Training

******Due to the size of the lodge, assistant scoutmasters and driver volunteers will determine the amount of people that can attend this trip. LIMIT~ 30 scouts / 10 adults.******

WHY- To enjoy the beautiful mountain air of Maine and earn a Merit Badge

COST- \$45.00 Non-Refundable deposit due November 5th Final Payment and completed paperwork due January 7th ~ NO EXCEPTIONS! A sign up sheet will be out at every Troop meeting~Neatly write your name and BOTH your email and your parent's email. An email with the details of the trip will be sent to you. Any questions please call or email Kathy Kelley 781-710-5412, kmkelley2@verizon.net.

Interest Sheets versus Sign-up Sheets

Just a quick description of the roles Interest Sheets and Sign-up Sheets play in Troop 9. Interest Sheets will be clearly marked with "INTEREST" in red at the top and are just to gauge interest in a particular activity or lets us know how big of a site we may have to reserve for an activity. An Interest Sheet imposes no obligation to attend the activity and does not automatically put a scout on the roster for that activity.

A Sign-up Sheet goes out on a table down the back of the hall several weeks before an activity and is for those who will be going on that activity to put their name down. The Sign-up Sheet will have a deadline date on it by which scouts/adults can add or remove their name from the activity without consequence. As our travel document/logistics and site reservations are based on the Sign-up Sheet right after the deadline date, there are consequences for those whose names are on the sign-up sheet but then do not attend the activity. A \$15 fee is charged to everyone who cancels after the deadline date regardless of the reason for the cancellation. This is so that Troop 9 recoups what it has paid for that person's site and roster fees. If food has already been purchased, they will be responsible for their share of the food costs. Typically activity fees are not fronted by Troop 9, but in the event they are, they will also be responsible for reimbursing Troop 9. All costs should be settled at the next troop meeting.

Any questions, please see Phil.



Scoutmaster Minute

I hope you all read the email I sent out the other day thanking the scouts who assisted at the Elks' Veterans' Dinner as I could not have been more proud of them. In my opinion, the service projects that we do for veterans and our military are some of the most important things we do as a Boy Scout troop. Many organization coordinators have come up to me and said that if the scouts aren't willing to get involved, they would not be able to carry out whatever project or recognition they had planned.

The interaction between scouts and veterans or active service members is a sight that will never get old. It's also a bit ironic in that you have the scouts there for a few hours to recognize men and women who gave years of service to our county, but it is the men and women who served for years who make a huge deal of the scouts being there. It means that much to those men and women that someone cares to give part of their day to recognize them.

Whether it is for Veterans' Dinners, Honor Flight, Veterans' Day Parade, flag retirement projects, cemetery flag projects, Carepacks or when we asked for scouts on a vacation day to be part of an honor guard to salute USMC Sgt. Daniel Vasselian's motorcade as he returned home to Abington after being killed in action in Afghanistan, scouts of Troop 9 have always risen to the task and been there when asked and performed their role with solemnity and pride. For those scouts who have stepped up and been there when we've asked, please know that you have been noticed and your service means a whole lot more than you probably realize. I sincerely thank you on my behalf, on behalf of Troop 9 and on behalf of those men and women you have honored with your service.

Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster



Committee Corner

REMINDER: Dues Payments

The \$250 dues payment will be due in full by November 5, 2015. Dues are to be paid in full November 5, 2015. 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 5 and the rest by December 10th.

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: Tim Barry, Phil Barthel, or Tricia Conway.

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