



TROOP 9 NEWS

September 2010
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Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events

September 9	First Troop Meeting at 7:30
September 10-12	OA Weekend
September 14	Troop 9 Committee Meeting
September 23	Court of Honor Youth Protection Seminar
September 25	Bottle Drive from 9-1
October 1-3	Mount Monadnock Campout and hike

First Troop Meeting of the 2010-2011 Scout Year

Troop 9 will be kicking off its 84th year of Scouting on Thursday, September 9th at 7:30 at Pond Plain. The highlight of this meeting will be the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Patrol Leader elections. The SPL election process will start shortly after the opening ceremony with the candidates giving a short speech, followed by a question and answer session, closing remarks and voting. The Patrol Leader election will follow a similar format. All scouts and adult leaders are asked to wear their full Class A scout uniform to this first troop meeting.

Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader Candidates

Scouts interested in being either the Senior Patrol Leader or a Patrol Leader are reminded that they have to email the Scoutmaster several things before the first troop meeting if they want to be put on the ballot. What those things are and when they are due were given to you already. If you do not receive an email acknowledgement from the Scoutmaster, he has not received anything from you.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Zach Rush (belatedly)	9/1
Mr. Gilardi	9/17
Mark Stackpole	9/19
John Gallahue	9/20



Merit Badge Opportunity

Don't forget that earning merit badges is an essential part of your scouting experience! Some can really be useful later on in life. One that comes to mind is "Communications". You learn to develop and interpret different types of communication skills that will help you in jobs you may consider someday. If you'd like to earn this merit badge, I'd be happy to be your merit badge counselor.

-Mr. Dumont

Court of Honor and Youth Protection Seminar

It has been a busy summer with the scouts earning dozens of merit badges at camp or completing them at one of the Advancement Nights, and there have been at least two rank advancements. To recognize the scouts for their achievements over the summer, we will be holding a brief Court of Honor on Thursday, September 23rd. Refreshments will be served.

While we have parents present, following the Court of Honor we would like to hold a short Youth Protection Seminar to go over the rules that must be followed by scouts, scout leaders and parents. It is important that at least one parent of each scout attend this seminar. Scouts will be present during this seminar as it is important that they know and understand the Youth Protection rules. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the Youth Protection Seminar, they should see Phil Barthel at one of the troop meetings or contact him via email at t9scoutmaster@comcast.net

The Court of Honor will start about 7:40 and the Youth Protection Seminar will start about 8:15. The evening will still end at 9:00.

First Camping Trip of the Year



By decision of the scoutmasters and scouts running for SPL and Patrol Leader, the first troop camping trip will include a mountain hike to complete one of the requirements for the Camping Merit Badge. Taking into consideration the elevation needed for the requirement, hiking level and relative closeness to home (~90 minutes), we are leaning towards going to Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. For those who camp at least one night and complete the hike, this will satisfy requirement 9b(1) of the Camping Merit Badge.

All remaining camping trips will be sorted out by the Patrol Leader's Council after the election and using the results of the Idea Night vote.

OCC Golf Tournament (a/k/a Golfing with the Scoutmaster)

Any adults interested in heckling Phil Barthel as he shanks some drives and botches some putts? Then join him for the Old Colony Council Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 30th. Registration includes a round of golf with cart at the private Plymouth Country Club and dinner following. Also provides a good reason to skip work and be late (or miss) the troop meeting that night. Cost and prize bag are being determined.



Kernel's Korner

- Popcorn Sale starts in October!
- 70% of net sales goes directly to the scouts and can be used to offset any scouting activity.
- More information to follow.....

If you have any questions or want to offer assistance you can see me Thursday nights or e-mail me at:
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REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR FUNDRAISER, IT BENEFITS YOU AND THE TROOP.



Scoutmaster Minute **Phil Barthel, Scoutmaster**

Whenever I find a Scoutmaster Minute written by someone else that is either really good or could be applicable to Troop 9, I like to reprint it, so from Assistant Scoutmaster Mark L. of Troop 160 in Lincoln, California, here is this edition's Scoutmaster Minute:

Subject: Fall sports (etc) are coming

Every fall, football soccer and other non-Scouting activities capture the boys' interest.

Sometimes time constraints make it difficult to get your sons to point a, point b and point c while you still have a life. But...it doesn't have to be that difficult.

Before you force your boy to make a one-or-the-other choice between Scouts and (whatever), keep in mind that our last 20-some Eagle Scouts have played sports.

They played rec or high school football (one is a collegiate football player now). They played soccer. They got confirmed at church. They took part in the 5 month long speech season from Oct to Feb where almost every weekend had a meet out of town. They did hunter safety. They skied (some skied a LOT). They did baseball, or whatever. And they still kept good grades. And they still managed to come back, go camping, attend meetings, lead the troop and earn their Eagle.

We missed them while they were focused on these activities, but they didn't quit or drop out of Scouts. Instead they simply gave more time to in-season activities and sports than to Scouts, and were more involved in Scouts when the season was over. Life is about balance.

Mark