



TROOP 9 NEWS

September 2011
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~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~


- Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 Wompatuck campout
- Oct. 13 Court of Honor/Youth Protection Info. Night
- Oct. 28 – 29 Camp out and Troop Shoot at Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club
- Nov. 4 – 5 Pond Plain Rummage Sale
- Nov. 6 Veteran's Dinner @ Weymouth Elks
- Nov. 10 Activity Night
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 18 – 20 Camp Sayre Campout in Milton
- Dec. 2 – 4 Camp Squanto and Webelos Overnight Campout

Happy Birthday to the following:



Tommy Jaklitsch	Sept. 11
Tony Gilardi	Sept. 17
Mark Stackpole	Sept. 19
Debbie Bonarrigo	Sept. 24
Ryan Husband	Oct. 5
Pat "Chief" Norton	Oct. 26

October Camping Trip:

 On Friday, October 28th, we are planning a campout for one night at the Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club. To make sure everyone is on the same page with what we will be doing, we will be going over this trip with all scouts and parents at the October 13th Court of Honor and Youth Protection night. Strict sign-up, attendance and behavior rules will apply to this trip. There will also be forms to take home and return the following week.

The anticipated plan is to camp Friday night, use the range Friday night and Saturday, and then return to Pond Plain sometime Saturday afternoon. We will be going over the requirements for the Rifle Shooting merit badge at the meeting on Thursday, October 27th and at the range that weekend.

*****REMINDER*****

Dues for this scouting year have been set at \$125 and are due by November 10, 2011. If you have a second scout in the troop, payment for the second scout will not be due until December 15th.



Pond Plain Rummage Sale

Please consider supporting Pond Plain Improvement Association by visiting or donating to their annual Rummage sale on Nov. 4 and 5th. Items can be dropped at troop meetings. This is a good opportunity to help support the organization that is home is to Troop 9. Please consider giving back.

October is "Selling Scouting" Month

As you go about your popcorn sales this year, please remember that you are selling the benefits each sale makes to scouting. Relate how scouting has helped you or tell about the activities popcorn sales will fund: campouts, merit badges, and equipment. Each scout is asked to sell \$150.00 worth of popcorn during the month. Prizes will be given out for the top 3 sellers of the troop. Prizes will also be given out for the top total sales from a patrol.



BOTTLE DRIVE!

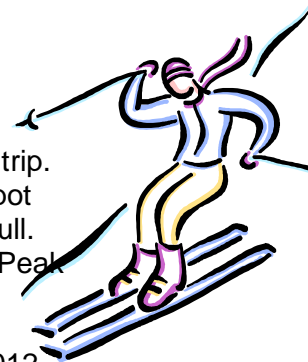


Save the date! Save your CANS! January 7, 2012 from 8:30 – 1:30 is our next Troop 9 bottle drive. Tell your neighbors! All scouts are required to work 2 hours per bottle drive. Sign-up sheets will be available at Scout Meetings

Ski Trip

Thank you for your interest in the ski trip. At this time there is only one scout spot available and all the adult spots are full. The Troop will be going to Shawnee Peak in Bridgton, Maine and staying at "The Loft House" on Moose Pond. Dates are January 13-January 16, 2012. More details to come.

Mrs. Kelley



Sign-Ups

With the exception of this first camping trip to Wompatuck, sign-up sheets for all activities and overnight trips will be out at least 1 month before the event with a deadline date to sign up specified on the sheet. For the most part, the Calendar of Events dates through the end of January are all confirmed, so there should be few surprises as to when we are doing something and we should be able to give sufficient notice of any changes.

Scouts and adults whose names appear on a sign-up sheet after the deadline date will be presumed to be attending and arrangements (car space and site space) will be made to accommodate them. If a name is removed from the sign-up sheet after the deadline date, that person will be required to reimburse Troop 9 for their share of the site fee and other expenses. These must be paid before the person can attend another activity, and very few exceptions will be made to this. If your name is not on a sign-up sheet after the deadline date, then do not plan on attending as we will have made arrangements based on the number of people signed up.



Scoutmaster Minute

It is hard to believe that we are already four weeks into Troop 9's 86th year.

It seems like just last week we were enjoying summer and watching the scouts win their 7th consecutive Apache Relay at summer camp.

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. Summer paperwork is getting caught up on. 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 good about this year and I expect us to have a great year of scouting. We have a capable and enthusiastic senior patrol of Zach, Zach and Kevin running the troop. Scouts have eagerly stepped forward to serve as patrol leaders and other junior leaders. 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

Notes and Announcements From the Committee Chairman

Welcome back to all the scout families of Troop 9. I hope you all had a great summer. I would like to thank everyone who helped at the first bottle drive of the season. We were able to collect over a \$1000 in cans and bottles. That's a lot of nickels!! Again many hands make less work for everyone. Together we can all make Troop 9 the best troop around. I would like to extend to all the parents the opportunity to attend our Troop Committee meetings. We schedule a meeting once a month. We will be meeting on Wednesday nights upstairs at PPIA hall. Time: 7:30 Below is the schedule for this season.

October 19
November 16
December 14
January 18
February 15
March 21
April 11
May 16
June 20 (Budget meeting)

Yours in Scouting

Tim Barry

Committee Chairman, Troop 9