



TROOP 9 NEWS

Summer 2011

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~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- July 14 & 15 Pond Plain Concession Stand (Volunteers Needed)
- July 21 Idea Night and Activity
- July 28, Aug. 11 & 25 Advancement Nights
- August 12 – 14 George’s Island Campout
- Sept. 8 First Troop Meeting of 2011/2012

There may also be another activity night in August



POND PLAIN CONCESSION STAND

On Thursday and Friday, July 14-15, a camp at Pond Plain will be putting on the play “Beauty and the Beast” with a show each afternoon at 4:00 and each night at 7:00. For the past few years, we have run a concession stand to benefit the Pond Plain Improvement Association. Volunteers are needed and all time will count towards service hours for rank advancement and to supplement bottle drive hours so that scouts can attend any special trips (whitewater rafting, ski or Normandy Farms) next year. Ideally, we need 2 scouts and 1 adult for each show. Please email the scoutmaster at t9scoutmaster@comcast.net if you can help out.

2011-2012 SENIOR PATROL LEADER ELECTION

In what was the closest election in my time with Troop 9, Troop 9’s 2011-2012 SPL election was decided by one vote. Zach Rush and Zach Zooleck each were at their best during their speeches and the question and answer session, and more than one scout asked if they could vote for both. It speaks well for Troop 9 that we had two worthy candidates for the most important position in Troop 9 and whichever way the election went, Troop 9 would be in good hands. As it was, Zach Rush received the one vote more and will be Troop 9’s SPL for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Rushey and well done to Zeze. Thank you to you both.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO THE FOLLOWING SCOUTS:

D’Andre Maziarz		July 3
Anthony Gilardi		July 3
Kevin Kelley		July 3
William Loud		August 7
Trevor Trappier		August 10
Nick MacLean		August 17
Mark Preble		August 18
Evan Bekerian		August 22
Michael MacLean		August 26
Joshua Norton		August 27
Zach Rush		Sept. 1



Rank Advancements

- Kevin Bruno- Star
- Kevin Kelley- Star
- D’Andre Maziarz- Tenderfoot
- Colin Denizkurt- Tenderfoot
- Matthew Comoletti- Tenderfoot
- Brendan Pike- Tenderfoot

The following scouts/leaders were selected for the Order of the Arrow: ***Izzy Zooleck, Paul Bonarrigo, Colin Milch, Joshua Norton, Alex Preble, Mark Stackpole, Brian Willis and Patrick Norton***

GEORGE’S ISLAND CAMPOUT

We have a confirmed reservation for a group campsite on George’s Island for August 12-14. Logistics need to be worked out, so everyone interested in attending this trip MUST contact Jim Gallahue immediately at j.gallahue@comcast.net

2011-2012 TROOP 9 IDEA NIGHT

Where are we going and what are we going to do next year? If you want a say in these things, this is your chance to have your voice heard. Go online, check out different areas and camps and activities. Be creative with what you want to do on campouts. We will list any and all ideas that you come up with and then narrow the list down to the top choices. If you cannot make it, make sure you submit your ideas to the scoutmaster at t9scoutmaster@comcast.net.

After the Idea Night, we will depart for an activity. Scouts MUST attend the idea session to attend the activity. The only uniform for Idea Night is your blue Troop 9 T-shirt (however, if you wear a hat, it will be your Troop 9 hat). Depending on numbers, drivers may be needed. Meeting time and activity are to be determined. An email will be sent with more information.

ADVANCEMENT NIGHTS

Advancement Nights are for those scouts who want to have Merit Badge and Rank Advancement requirements signed off. If interested, scouts should sign up for an Advancement Night via email at t9scoutmaster@comcast.net. If no one is signed up by the Wednesday immediately prior to an Advancement Night, that Advancement Night will not be held, so please do not just show up expecting someone to be at Pond Plain.

When signing up, scouts should also state what rank or merit badge they are interested in working on or if they are requesting a Scoutmaster Conference. Scouts working on a particular merit badge with a specific counselor will probably want to check with that counselor to see if he/she will be attending. We will also be offering specific merit badges on certain nights.



Scoutmaster Minute

It's the summer, so I'll keep this brief. Sportsmanship was on display all over Camp Squanto this week. Good and bad, it was seen during the Apache Relay. Mostly great, it was seen during Troop 9's SPL Election. I missed the Water Polo match, but that usually gets pretty ugly. How one reacts to winning and losing says a lot about their character. Who would you rather hang out with: the kid who rubs it in when he wins or the kid who accepts defeat by congratulating the winner? How about between the kid who applauds the competition he just beat or the kid who calls the winner a cheater? We are all competitive by nature, but let's not let that dictate our character.