



~~Current Calendar/ Upcoming Events~~

- Wellfleet June 3rd-5th
- Summer Camp July 3 – 9
- Bottle Drive June 18th
- Court of Honor June 23rd

Happy Birthday (Some Belatedly):

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Garrett F.	5/9	Scott G.	6/10
Shawn Mc.	5/14	Colin D.	6/13
Riley L	5/25	Zach S	6/14
Sean Mc.	5/25	Brendan Q.	6/19
Sebastian P.	5/26	Alex P.	6/25
Brendan Mc.	5/27	Bradley D.	6/27
Ayden D.	5/28	Paul B.	6/30
Eion C	5/29	Jack B.	6/30

Advancement

Congratulations to the following scouts who have been working diligently toward their goals.

Merit Badges:

Ayden D.	Search and Rescue Emergency Prep Fingerprinting
Jacob P.	Camping
Dillon L.	Communication Emergency Prep Citizenship in World
Robert B.	Communication
Jack D.	Communication
Lucas H.	Communication
Brendan McG	Camping
Nicholas M.	Fire Safety
Brendan Q.	Personal Management

Completed at MBU:

48 merit badges (Great Job, Scouts and Thank You Counselors!)

Partials Started at MBU: 48 Merit Badges

Copies of the MBU results were handed out to the scouts at a meeting. The counselor's name that taught the merit badge at MBU is listed. It was announced that scouts that have questions about a particular merit badge should contact the Counselor listed and "CC" Phil and Mrs. Bekerian in all correspondence.

Rank Advancement:

Ryan H.	Tenderfoot	3/17/16
Scott G.	Tenderfoot	3/17/16
Shane H.	Tenderfoot	4/14/16
Addison H.	2 nd Class	4/14/16

Summer Camp

Where: Camp Squanto, Plymouth

When: Sunday July 3rd – Saturday July 9th.

WHO'S READY FOR SUMMER CAMP?

Summer Camp is only weeks away! New scouts: Summer Camp is great opportunity-- You can:

- Swim every day, row and sail boats, and play water polo at the Waterfront;
- Shoot arrows and rifles at the Ranges;
- Carve things make things at Handicraft;
- Learn about nature and new scout skills at Scoutcraft;
- Meet scouts from other troops (and then beat them in the Apache Relay)!

We have campfires, and we hike, fish, eat (food that we do not have to cook) and, if you want, sleep under the stars (or in a shelter that you build). You can earn up to three merit badges, including some that are not easily earned anywhere else.

Additional information will be available soon, so sign up!

As a reminder, Scouts interested in serving in a leadership role should contact Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader Steven L.

And, don't forget those **MEDICAL FORMS!** Anyone who has had a physical examination since last Summer Camp can get the necessary information and signatures now. If you are planning to have a physical examination between now and Summer Camp, please let **Mrs. Jaklitsch** know. The BSA medical form is available at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf (Parts A, B, and C are necessary).

Parents: Any questions contact Summer Camp Scoutmaster Mark Preble at mapreble@comcast.net.

Costs for Summer Camp:

\$370 by May 15

\$390 after May 15

For a second brother attending Summer Camp, the cost is \$300



Scoutmaster Minute

Every now and then I get writer's block when trying to come up with a Scoutmaster Minute, and I reach back to one I did before and update it. This is one of those times.

I'm a fan of the Game of Thrones, both the book and the TV series. In the past, I wrote about The Book of Brothers which chronicles the history of the Kingsguard, a group of skilled knights sworn by oath to protect the king. Each member of the Kingsguard had his own chapter detailing his service, battles and feats as a member of the Kingsguard.

If Troop 9 had a Book of Brothers, it would start in 1926 and contain well over one thousand chapters as each scout since 1926 would have his own chapter. Some chapters are filled with riveting adventures of trips taking, achievements earned and fears or obstacles overcome. Other chapters are little more than a dash between when a scout joined Troop 9 and when they left Troop 9. Today, about 65 chapters are being written as you read this. 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?

I didn't intend to regurgitate that whole minute, but once I got going, bonus minute!

For this minute, let's focus on loyalty, which is a key theme in Game of Thrones- loyalty to house Stark, loyalty due to an oath as a member of the Night's Watch or Brienne honoring her promises. On the flip side of loyalty is betrayal, pretending to be loyal before showing true colors, which is also a key theme in Game of Thrones- the Freys and Boltons breaking their pledge to the Starks, Tywin Lannister breaking his word if it favors his family or Littlefinger doing what is in his best interest at the expense of everyone else. Actions show loyalty or betrayal.

In scouting, we have "On my honor" to start the Scout Oath and "A Scout is Loyal" as the 2nd point of the Scout Law. We say the words, but what do our actions say? Are we there when our patrol needs us, or do we bail and let our patrol fail? Do we support and help our patrol leader, or do we work to undermine him? Can we be counted on to be there or do something when we say we will? Is our word our bond? Extend these questions beyond scouting to family, school, sports and whatever.

Loyalty and honor helps to define one's character and reputation in a huge way. Anyone can say they are loyal or honorable, but it is one's actions that show loyalty and honor. What do your actions say about you? Are you loyal Edd or traitorous Ollie of the Night's Watch?

Phil Barthel



Committee Corner

I would like to welcome Maryann Foley to our Troop 9 Committee. Maryann answered the call for help in our advancement program and to be a committee member. Maryann will be working on the merit badge advancement program working with our Advancement Chairperson Becky Bekerian. When you see Maryann, please thank her for helping out and for coming forward. We are always looking for adult help in our Troop. Many hands WILL ALWAYS make less work for everyone. It is the help by many of the adults in our troop that makes us the great Troop that it is. So, if you are on the sidelines, please consider getting involved with our Troop.

On behalf of all the Scouts, Parents, and Adult Leaders, thank you for joining and helping out Troop 9.

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

Troop 9 Scouts in Action

We would like to acknowledge the many ways that Troop 9 Scouts live the Scout Lawand ways that our scouts are working on personal goals beyond scouting to improve themselves and the community. Have you made Honor Roll? Landed a lead role in the school play? Aced a Robotics Competition? Broke a team record? Debate Club Champion? Started a band? We want to know! ***If you would like to acknowledge a scout's accomplishments or submit a story about how a scout lives the Scout Law in an exemplary manner, please email Mrs. Pizzuto at Ddowd-pizzuto@readscollab.org***

A Troop 9 Scout is.....

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

This month's Scout in Action is Evan B., who wrote the following story about Troop 9's adventures at Camp Squanto....for anyone who needs some convincing to attend summer camp....this is a great read!

Another Year, Another Week By Evan B

Looking back to the first week of July....

Weymouth Boy Scout Troop 9 had just begun the "short week" of summer camp at Camp Squanto located in Plymouth. Due to the heavy snowfall this past winter, Weymouth and other towns had to extend the school year. That meant that high school kids had to take finals on the Monday and Tuesday of camp week. So, to fix the issue, scouts were allowed to return home Sunday night to finish up school and come back to camp on Tuesday afternoon, when school ended.

It is Sunday, June 28th and everyone is still tired from the early morning equipment drop-off, but everyone is on the bus by 11:00 a.m. ready to start his own personalized adventure. As everyone gathers together after the bus ride to Plymouth, we head into the dining hall to wait in the exhausting line where everyone's medical forms will be checked out. After the long check-in process, we all walk down to the Pioneer campsite--our home for the next week. A crew of scouts and adults has already set up things like the gateway to our campsite and they make sure the site is in mint condition. With half the troop away Sunday night, the rest of the scouts head to the Camp Squanto opening campfire. When the campfire is over, the scouts go back to the campsite and get to bed early knowing that tomorrow is the first day of their personalized adventure.

It is Monday, June 29th and the Senior Patrol gets up to haul everyone out of bed nice and early. The patrols then begin their morning duties: sweeping the campsite, cleaning the latrines, and cleaning the fire rings. Then the whole troop "falls in" to listen to the early morning announcements. We conduct our own flag ceremony in our campsite and then head up to the parade field dressed in our Class A uniforms. "Colors" are where the whole camp raises important flags, like the American and State flags. Troop flags are also put up. We are dismissed to the dining hall where breakfast is served and we eat in the "pine grove," which is a Troop 9 tradition. During the rest of the morning scouts go to merit badge classes of their choosing and learn the requirements to get such badge.

But this year it was a little different for the older scouts in the troop. Instead of participating in merit badge classes, we participated in a service project, by clearing an overgrown nature trail. In the afternoon, after lunch, free time or siesta is available for the scouts. Then the troop has activities that everyone is a part of. First, we always have troop swim every day, the other activities are things like C.O.P.E (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience), boating etc. We have this daily routine except for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Tuesday afternoon, the scouts that left on Sunday night returned to camp, now that school is over! Tonight is theme night, where everyone dresses up to coincide with the camp theme; it is also a camp-wide competition by campsite. This year's theme was "World Fair" so everyone dressed up to represent a country of their choosing. The gateway was composed of two columns and an archway. The path leading up to the gateway was lined with a huge amount of flags representing many countries. That night was a lot of fun, going throughout the camp, playing different games and winning fake money that would be used in an auction.

The long awaited Wednesday is finally here and all the scouts are excited-- not only for the Apache Relay Race, but also about seeing their family, as it is Family Night. Chores are completed and merit badge classes seem to go by slow as the afternoon draws near. Soon all the parents have arrived and everyone feasts on what families brought for dinner. After dinner the scouts head to their stations or positions as the Apache Relay Race starts. This is camp wide competition that includes running, rowing, swimming, archery, fire building and pie eating. Troop 9 came in first place again this year and everyone was extremely happy to start up another winning-streak.

Thursday goes by all too fast, as it is just another normal day and before everyone realizes, it is Friday and the vibe from the troop is sad, as they all know it's the last day. But the troop enjoys going through classes and activities. The older scouts also finished clearing the nature trail, for which they received the Hometown USA Award. I will be the first to say it was not easy work. The trail was very overgrown and it was extremely hot out, but the scouts did a great job.

Now it's Saturday, July 4th, and parents travel to Plymouth to pick up their sons, tired but content. The same thing is going on in everyone's mind as they look back at the famous Camp Squanto gate, "It feels like it was just Sunday."

I would like to thank the crew who helped me prepare for the week as Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader. So much goes on behind

the scenes and it really is not just me planning. A special thanks for my Assistant Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leaders: Colin D and Brendan Q . Also the adult leaders: Mark P, Rusty P, Phil B and Zach R were extraordinary in helping before camp and throughout the week. Bridget J did a phenomenal job organizing and preparing medical forms and thank you to any other adults who helped. Huge thanks to all the adults: Dr. J, Mark P, Patrick N, Phil B, Rusty P, who attended camp and the scouts, for whom all our efforts are for.

This story was written by Evan B who was voted in as the Summer Camp Senior Patrol Leader. He is a Life scout and is a sophomore at Weymouth High School. If you would like to learn more about Troop 9 please visit our webpage www.Troop9Weymouth.com or check out our Facebook page by looking for Troop 9 Weymouth.