

Troop 9 News

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Scouts Look Forward to Spring Camping

After a winter that seemed as though would never end, Spring has finally arrived in aggressive style. Our Troop has had a very educational experience in cold-weather camping and hiking, but now it is time to enjoy some moderate camping conditions. So, we've got a couple great trips on the horizon to take full advantage of warmer weather. The first will be an adventurous journey to New York on May 14–16. As you read this, regis-

trations have closed and we hope you are on board for our visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, our tour of Howe's Caverns, and our overnight camping at Henderson Scout Reservation.

In June, we'll venture to Cape Cod for a weekend of biking on the Cape Cod Rail Trail. The dates have been changed to accommodate another Scouting event that our adults are committed to, however. So the



dates for the bike trip are June 25–27. Registration forms will be made available later this month, and the trip cost is a mere \$75.00, all expenses included!

Registration deadline will be Thursday, June 17th, so don't miss out on this one!

Scout Birthdays This Month;

- Stephen Wessels
May 12
- Nick Ritacco
May 20
- Ben Montague
May 23

Happy Birthday to all !

Beaver Day Service Project Help Needed

This Saturday, May 8 Troop 9 will gather at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland, MA to assist them with preparations for the 2010 Spring and Summer

camping seasons. There is much to be done and many hands will make light work. The Troop will install a new sign near the camp entrance, which will complement two

previously installed signs by our Troop. Please join us for this event beginning at 8:00 AM. For further details refer to the flyer distributed at the May 6th meeting.

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Troop 9 at Summer Camp in 2009
Oak Ridge Campsite
at Yawgoog Scout
Reservation

Summer Camp Requires Preparation

Before you know it, summer camp will be around the corner. But from a planning perspective, the time is now to begin our preparations. There are several important dates and expectations coming up that everyone is responsible for complying with in order to ensure that every Scout has a great experience...

Payment deadline: All

Scouts are expected to complete payment of the total camp fees due no later than THURSDAY, MAY 27th. Please verify your balance with Mrs. Dunn if uncertain.

Camp Health Form:

Each Scout must submit this form, completed and signed by the Scout, his parent and physician, NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd. This form

is quite complicated, so please do not wait until the last minute.

Pre-Camp Outing: This will be held on a weekend day in June, to be announced separately.

Summer Camp Clothing Order: This form will be released soon, with orders and payment due NO LATER THAN Thursday, June 10th.

Scouts should begin NOW to plan to have enough of the proper Class 'A' uniform shirts, socks & shorts for summer camp!

Donations Sought For Key First Aid Item

As many in the health care field will attest to, the importance of having the right lifesaving resources on hand can make all the difference in the event of an emergency situation. It is precisely for this reason that Troop 9 is seeking to acquire a portable

AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This is a tool that has proven itself in the field countless times and saved many lives. To have this equipment available to us on camping trips, far away from home, makes simple common sense. We would like to have

this items before Summer camp this July, with cost being the only obstacle. We have established a fund and would appreciate any donations that you can either make directly or secure through your company's donation program. See Mr. Atlas with any input

Trip to Naval Base a Memorable One



Scouts on the bridge of the Coast Guard Cutter Willow

Our March trip to the Newport Naval Base was full of fun and adventure. There were so many things to do that not only involved touring the base but also some great athletic opportunities...in the swimming pool, the bowling alley and the gymnasium. We also consumed a great deal of wholesome navy grub (capped off by a delicious meal at Wright's Chicken Farm). One of the highlights of our tour was a visit aboard the USCG Cutter *Willow*. We were treated to an informative tour and talk by Ensign Dan Halsig, who in addition to his many accomplishments is an EAGLE SCOUT! Afterwards, he

sent along an email to me, part of which he asked me to share with the Scouts;

Mr. Atlas Sir,
Thank you again for coming on-board USCGC WILLOW this morning. I hope the tour was both informative and enjoyable for your scouts and their leaders. As promised to the group this morning, I wanted to provide some contact information in case any of them had questions about the Coast Guard or my time in Scouting. The best way to contact me is via my

CG E-mail account at daniel.p.halsig@uscg.mil. Thank you for giving me Mr. Sisson's name. I will try to get in contact with him this week and hopefully get in touch with a nearby troop so I can help pay forward to current scouts the lessons and leadership I was given by the many adult Scouters who helped me get where I am today. Yours in Scouting,

Very Respectfully,
ENS Dan Halsig
Public Affairs Officer
USCGC WILLOW (WLB 202)