

Troop 9 Pawcatuck News

December 2011 & January 2012

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Troop Meetings: Dec. 7, 14, 21 & Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Pawcatuck Middle School

Troop Committee Meetings: Dec. 22 & Jan. 31 St. Michael's Convent from 7 p.m. until business is done. *Note the change in date for the December meeting.*

Dec. 2 - 4 : Campout & Turkey Cookout Scouts camp for the weekend at Camp Kitchtau in Lower Pawcatuck. Troop and Webelos families invited to join us for a turkey dinner about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

Jan. 6 - 8 : Campout at Keegan Cabin Scouts will camp at Yawgoog at Keegan Cabin. Drop-off on Friday about 5:30 p.m., pick up Sunday about 8:30 a.m. Shooting and archery activities at the Whewell Farm on No. Anguilla Rd. on Saturday.

Jan. 14 : Eagle Court of Honor Michael Pauly will receive his Eagle at a Court of Honor to be held at 6:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church on Park St., Westerly. All scouts and families are encouraged to attend to honor our newest Eagle Scout.

Feb. 3 - 5 : Klondike Derby Annual Klondike Derby and campout. Troop will camp at Yawgoog and the Derby will be on Sat., Feb. 4th. More details in the next newsletter.

Feb. 8 : Troop Court of Honor Troop will hold a Court of Honor to recognize scouts for their accomplishments during the year. Families are encouraged to attend.

February : Service Project for Pack Troop will do our annual service for our Cub Pack by preparing, serving and cleaning up the dinner for the Pack 9 Blue & Gold. Details in next newsletter.

Sea Scout Boating Course : Westerly Sea Scouts are offering a Safe Boaters Course to scouts (Boaters License for operating a boat or Jet Ski). If interested, you can get more info at peteshenanigans@gmail.com or ask George Werrbach. Sign up Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m. at Westerly Yacht Club. The course will be taught on Sundays and last for a few weeks.

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Dec. 2 - 4 : Webelos Campout & Turkey Cookout - Camp at Camp Kitchtau with Troop 9. Webelos families invited to join us for Turkey Cookout about 5:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 3rd

Dec. 18 : Pack Meeting - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Hall

Flag Placement & Food for Scouting - Pack 9 participated in the Food for Scouting on Nov. 5th and then joined Troop 9 in replacing flags on the graves of veterans in St. Michael Cemeteries. The following Pack members participated in the Food Pick Up:

Tigers - **Trevor Gentile, Charlie Morrison**; *Bears* - **Adam Bryant, Joe Gentile, Aaron Reck**; *Webelos 1* - **Jacob Cannon, Nicholas Diamanti, Rylin Fowler, Daniel Robinson**; *Webelos 2* - **Glen Moffitt, Logan Sasportas, Austin Serio**
Participating in Flag Placement: *Bears* - **Adam Bryant, John Cunningham, Aaron Reck**; *Webelos 1* - **Jacob Cannon, Nicholas Diamanti, Rylin Fowler**; *Webelos 2* - **Glen Moffitt, Logan Sasportas, Austin Serio**

Congratulations, John : On Oct. 30th **John Cunningham** was presented with his Light of Christ award at a Mass celebrated at St. Michael Church. The Light of Christ is the highest religious emblem that can be earned by a Catholic Cub Scout.

For additional information on Pack 9, please contact **Ed Moldenhauer** (ejmoldy@sbcglobal.net) or **Pam Cannon** (jcannon28@comcast.net)

Troop 9 Alumni News

Troop and Pack 9 History - We're still waiting for you to gather up those old photos and mementoes and get ready to share your stories. If you'd like to contribute material, memories or stories, please contact **Larry O'Keefe** (LOKeefe@aol.com).

Interviews with Troop 9 Alumni - Over the next few months our troop historian, **Zach Capizzano**, will be contacting some of you to interview you about your memories of Troop 9, the weekends at the cabin, and the leaders who were such a strong influence on our lives. If you'd like to volunteer to share your memories with Zach and his interviewing crew, contact us as soon as possible.

Awards and Recognitions

Congratulations to Michael Pauly on his Eagle Board

On Nov. 10th **Mike Pauly** earned his Eagle Scout rank at a Board of Review held at St. Michael Convent. His Court of Honor has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Park St., Westerly. We hope all our scouts and families will attend to honor Mike. Mike turned 18 the morning after he submitted his Eagle Application and is now registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster in the troop.

Rank Advancements

Star: **Alton Jones** * *Eagle:* **Michael Pauly**

Merit Badges

Michael Pauly: *Personal Management, Family Life*
Caleb Whewell: *Shotgun Shooting*
Ian Whewell: *Citizenship in Nation, Shotgun Shooting*

Interim Committee Chairman - We want to thank **Mike Murphy** for offering to serve as our interim Troop Committee Chairman for the next few months while our regular chairman, **Ray DiPaola**, will be working out of town.

New Patrols Now Have Names - The new patrols have selected patrol names:

Flying Squirrels (**Alton Jones**, PL) * *Magic Conch* (**Seth Burger**, PL)

Moose (**Ian Whewell**, PL) * *Fellowship of the Rings* (**Nick Robinson**, PL)

Service Projects - Sat., Nov. 5th, the troop participated in two service projects. We spent a number of hours collecting, sorting and organizing bags for the Scouting for Food program, and then delivered the food to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.



Then we went to St. Michael Cemeteries and replaced the flags on the graves of all of our veterans. The following weekend we returned to the cemetery and did the annual clean up, removing and disposing of all the old grave decorations.

Bike Trip in Narragansett (Oct. 21-23) ***by Nick Robinson***

On Friday the 21st of October, Troop 9 Pawcatuck gathered at Camp Aquapaug for a weekend biking trip. I myself couldn't join them until the next day because I had previous engagements. As I recall, only a few scouts from the troop couldn't make it to the trip at all. My friend, **Keegan Reck**, was coming on Saturday with me. He had just been introduced to the troop and it was his first trip with us. When I arrived on Saturday, I went to the start of the bike trail. The morning was cold, an unusual temperature for October, but it got progressively warmer. Everyone from the troop arrived in Narragansett around eleven o'clock. I myself had been there since ten, riding around and making my final preparations with my bike. When everyone arrived, they did the same.

All the scouts put up their kickstands, or leaned the bikes against a tree to check their brakes, handlebars, gears, seat cushions and the other parts of their bikes to make sure everything was in order. Previously our SPL had given us a lecture on proper bike care and gear, so we were set to go. I talked with friends and had snacks from my lunch while everyone got ready. I was told that I would be in the "fast group." Apparently there was a slow group, and then fast. Anyone who got stuck in the middle spontaneously created the intermediate group. We started off fast, with the cold wind blowing hard in our faces. The scenery was extraordinary, with a forest leaning around us and marshes and streams glittering on the paths on our sides. I was able to keep up with the fast group. Anyone

who got caught with the intermediate was pushed back to slow.

The trail brought us across the main road and into a little neighborhood, then turned into the forest again. The entire trail was marked with vibrant yellow lines, so getting lost wouldn't be very easy. After we reached the halfway point, which was already ten miles, we split up, the fast group going to Point Judith and the slow group returning back to the start of the trail. I joined the fast group, taking a route that would cost me another ten miles out and ten more miles back, a total of thirty miles in all by the end of the day. We started off, leaving the trail completely and going on the main road for the trip. We were under a strict policy. Either we kept up or we went home. Also, we had to be in single file the whole time. Narragansett poured out in front of us. Its beautiful beaches glittered on our sides, giving us an exquisite panoramic view of the ocean. We went very fast and when we reached Point Judith, we stopped for lunch. The lighthouse was right next to us and I sat on a bench on a hill overlooking the beach and the crashing surf.

The journey back was easier. We stopped at a playground on the way and had some snacks. With the five miles we had left, we were racing each other to see who could make it back first. The wind blew in our faces and we began to see the familiar scenery from the morning. Finally, when the fast group returned we hung out. We later rejoined our "scoutmates" and friends for the ride back to Aquapaug for a night of well-cooked food and a manhunt game. The trip couldn't have been better.

Work Weekend at Keegan Cabin - An article about this campout should be in the next newsletter.

Ad Altare Dei - There are nine scouts who are working on the Ad Altare Dei Catholic Scout Award: **Zach Capizzano, James Costa, Christian Curioso, Nick Lindholm, Andrew McCauley, Drew Murdock, Ryan Murphy, Will Robinson, Caleb Whewell.**

Fundraisers: **Car Wash** - Sat., Oct. 8th we had a car wash at St. Michael School parking lot. We washed 35 cars and received \$453.16 in donations. The following scouts earned funds for their scout accounts: **Seth Burger (32.80), Christian Curioso (32.80), John Drago (19.68), Alex Gomes (29.52), Rees Harold (19.68), Alton Jones (27.88), Spencer Jones (27.88), Andrew McCauley (26.24), Drew Murdock (31.16), Ryan Murphy (27.88), Adam Nadeau (22.96), Patrick Nadeau (22.96), Noah Pereira (32.80), Willy Robinson (29.52), Nick Robinson (21.32), Dylan Ruddock (32.80), Caleb Whewell (10.36), Ian Whewell (4.92).**

Popcorn Sale - In progress. Final accounting will be in the next newsletter. We want to thank the many parents and leaders who have worked to make our fundraisers a success.

Senior Patrol Leader's Minute

As SPL, I do feel it is my job to at least mention that scouts need to be extra careful with clothing as we enter winter. The dead of winter is no time to experiment with clothing to see which is warm and what leaves you with sympathies for an ice cube. However, the cold can be fended off with some of the activities we have planned coming up, so don't chicken out of camping trips. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the delicious meal prepared for us by the wonderful cooks at the turkey cookout. Another thing to note is that another court of honor is drawing near. Any unfinished merit badges that you want to earn, you should finish up, and any of you who want to fit in more can go to merit badge college. Until then, stay warm.

Caleb Whewell, Senior Patrol Leader

Troop 9 Pawcatuck**2011 - 2012 Program**

(Revised 12/7/11)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Troop Meetings</i>	<i>PLC Meets</i>	<i>Troop Comm.</i>	<i>Outdoor Activities</i>	<i>Special Activities</i>
Sept	14, 21, 28	25	27	Sept. 23 - 25 Camp at Aquapaug Fort Adams & Cliff Walk in Newport, RI	Sept. activity is a joint troop & Webelos event.
Oct	5, 12, 19, 26	23	25	Oct. 21 - 23 Bike Trip Camp Aquapaug	Oct. 1 & 2: Show & Sell Popcorn Sales at McQuade's Oct. 8: Car Wash
Nov	2, 9, 16, 30	20	29	Nov. 18 - 20 Camp Yawgoog Keegan Cabin Work Party	<i>Scouting for Food</i> - Nov. 2: Bag distribution - Nov. 5: Food pickup Nov. 5: Flags at Cemeteries Nov. 12: Cemetery Clean-up, 9AM
Dec	7, 14, 21	18	22	Dec. 2 - 4 Camp Kitchtau Turkey Cookout	Dec. 3: Webelos & troop families invited for cookout and turkey dinner
2012 Jan	4, 11, 18, 25	22	31	Jan. 6 - 8 Camp at Yawgoog Keegan Cabin	Jan. 7: Shooting & Archery at the Whewell Farm, No. Anguilla Rd.
Feb	1, 8, 22, 29	26	28	Feb. 3 - 5 Klondike Derby Camping at Yawgoog	Feb. 8: Court of Honor and Friends of Scouting Feb. __: Pack 9 Blue & Gold (4 - 6 p.m.)
Mar	7, 14, 21, 28	25	27	Mar. 2 - 4 Ski /Snowshoe Trip Ragged Mt, N.H.	Pawcatuck River Duck Race (Sales are Feb. - April)
Apr	4, 11, 18, 25	22	24	Apr. 20 - 22 Whitewater Rafting	Pawcatuck River Duck Race (Sales end in April) Cemetery Clean-up
May	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	20	29	May ____ Campout with Webelos - Kitchtau	May __: Webelos Crossover May 23: Flags at Cemetery
June	6, 13, 20	24		June 1 - 3 Fishing Trip Camp Kitchtau	June 27th: Meeting to prepare for summer camp
July	No troop meetings	11	11	July 8 - 15 Summer Camp	Summer Camp at Yawgoog Scout Reservation
Aug	No troop meetings	26	28	Aug: _____ (Activity to be determined later)	

Current information is posted on the troop Website: www.Troop9Pawcatuck.com
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