# PINE SPILLS Summer 2005

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# Look inside for tips on successful recruitment!

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# Message from the President

I would like to start out by thanking everyone for being patient while the Pine Tree Council moved operations into the new Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette Service Center. This was a very busy and labor-intensive project, but was worth all of the effort. The end result is that the Pine Tree Council can now better serve the youth & adults involved in Scouting.

I would like to give special thanks to the Pine Tree Council staff for all of their hard work during this move. They all put in a lot of "overtime" to help make the transition as smooth as possible. This is a tribute to the dedicated staff at the Pine Tree Council!

As the summer months approach, we can look forward to much better weather, and a busy camping season! I would encourage all the Packs, Troops, Posts, and Crews to take advantage of the great camping program opportunities that the Pine Tree Council provides. It is very important for all new Scouts, recruited during the spring, to experience a camping program early on. Statistics show these kids will stay in Scouting longer.

It is also important that your Unit is looking forward to the fall and "Race to Scouting". It is very important that every unit has a plan in place to have a successful recruiting effort. Not only is it important to recruit new youth, but also you need to recruit and train new adult leaders. These are all essential components to healthy and successful Scouting programs.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Spellman Pine Tree Council President

# Message from the Council Commissioner

First, I would like to thank all of the commissioners for their committed work on this year's re-chartering and Unit inventories. Your efforts really are appreciated. We also had over 30% of our units use the online re-chartering which was wonderful, especially since this was the first year that this option was available. We hope that this year's success will convince more units to try it next year.

By the time this issue of Pine Spills reaches you, our summer camp program will be just about getting started. Please commissioners; remember that this is probably the best time to visit your units. A visit to your units, either at Boy Scout camp or possibly at Webelos camp will give you an ideal opportunity to visit and talk to both the leaders and the Scouts in a relaxed and great Scout setting. If you don't know what week your unit is attending camp, contact your District Executive.

A final thought is on this fall's "Race To Scouting". This recruiting effort is shaping up to be one of the best ever. There is already great support on the national level from General Motors Corporation. In Pine Tree Council we have the support of both VIP Auto Centers and Oxford Plains With these three sponsors Speedway. backing a racing theme for recruiting, how can we not be winners. All of our commissioners should be contacting their units to offer any advice, guidance and especially any and all help that the units need to fully take an active part in this great recruiting effort. With these great sponsors, our terrific units and the commissioner's hard work, we have the opportunity to bring the greatest youth program in the world to hundreds more youth in southern and central Maine. Make sure that you attend your District Commissioner's meetings to get the full details on this great recruiting effort. Enjoy your summer months and get rested up for a great "Race To Scouting".

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Coffin Pine Tree Council Commissioner

# Membership - Race to Cub Scouting

This year the Boy Scouts of America is hoping that you are getting ready to Race To Scouting. This year's recruitment program will work with chartering organizations to bring in more kids than ever to the Scouting program. Every child should be invited to join Scouting.

Start preparing now for late spring and fall recruitment by asking a unit leader to organize everything from the location of the recruitment night to the publicity that will be placed in the local paper inviting kids to join. It is very important that we have your Race To Scouting time, date, and location in the Pine Tree Council office by mid August so that there will be plenty of time to print recruitment flyers for your sign-up.

More information will be distributed at roundtable and program launches in the coming months on how to hold a successful recruitment event. Don't forget that when the kids join the Scouting program, the parents need to come along. Most parents will help if asked. Big and small tasks need to be completed for your unit this year, and identifying parents early will help your unit run smoothly.

We are pleased to announce that Bill Ryan, owner of Oxford Plains Speedway, is our honorary chairman for the Race To Scouting program. Bill is working on some special incentives for new scouts to help promote this year's sign-up.

Our major Race To Scouting sponsor for 2005 is NAPA Auto Parts. NAPA will provide every new Cub Scout that joins between May 2005 and October 2005 a coupon for a free Pinewood Derby car that they can redeem at a local store. Coupons will be sent out in late October and early November so it is very important to get those new applications into the Pine Tree Council as soon as possible.

# Camping

### Cub Scouts ~ Join us at Summer Camp and become a Knight in Akela's Kingdom!!!

Join us for a Funpack Weekend, an overnight camping experience for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub!

> **2005 Funpack Dates** At Camp Hinds: July 9 & 10 July 16 & 17 July 23 & 24 July 30 & 31 Aug 6 & 7 Aug 13 & 14



Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond!

### 2005 Webelos Schedule 4 Day Resident Camp

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Session 1	Aug. 14 - 17
Session 2	Aug. 17 - 20

Day Camps run 8:30 to 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2005 Cub Day Camp Dates *Abnaki District* Camp Gustin - Aug. 1 - 5 *Casco Bay District* Scarborough - July 18 - 22 Camp Hinds - July 25 - 29 *Downeast District* Union Fair - July 11-15 Topsham Fair - July 18-22 *Kennebec Valley District* Camp KV - Aug. 1 - 5 *York District* Camp Nutter - July 11-15, July 18 - 22, July 25-29

See more Cub Scout camp information with registration forms on our website at www.pinetreebsa.org

# Trailblazer Day coming again in October

Cub Scouts and families, mark your calendar for October 1st for Pine Tree Council's next Trailblazer Day! The Trailblazer Day will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond in conjunction with the Sportsman Alliance Association and will be a fun filled day filled with activities like BB and archery, fishing, wildlife groups and more! Trailblazer Day is designed as a family activity for new Cub Scouts and their families to see and experience a day at camp! Cost for this program will be \$5.00 per person and will include a BBQ lunch, all program equipment and free prizes and patches for all youth attending! Registration forms for Trailblazer Day can be downloaded from our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org.



# Pack Award

Calling all Cub Scout Packs to Keep Scouting • going all summer long!

Packs can earn the Summertime Pack Activity Award by planning pack activities during the summer months. Need some ideas?

- · Host a birthday party to celebrate the 75th · birthday of Cub Scouting! ·
- March in a parade!

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- · Do a good turn project in your community!
- Attend a FunPack Weekend as a group!
- Work on earning the Cub Scouting 75th Anniversary Award!

- Send your Scouts to Day Camp or Webelos Resident Camp!
- Have a picnic at the beach and identify shells!
- Take a nature hike!
- · Go stargazing and identify constellations!
- Build birdhouses and install them around your homes!
- · Go to a Sea Dogs baseball game!
- · Hold a rain gutter regatta or space derby!

There are lots of great ideas and activities for Cub Scouts and families to do all summer long! Make sure your Pack makes the most of this summer and earns the Summertime Pack Activity Award!

# **Cub Scout Program Training Specifics**

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training: An intensive overview providing job/position related information to Cub Scout Leaders. Specific training is offered to the Cubmaster and Assistants; Pack Committee Chair and Members; Tiger Cub Den Leaders; Cub Scout Den Leaders and Assistants; and Webelos Den Leaders and Assistants.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO): This training provides a hands-on learning experience designed to give leaders the outdoor skills and planning techniques they need to conduct age-appropriate parent/son overnight camping with their packs. At least one leader must have BALOO in order to take the Pack camping!

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT): A session that is conducted in an outdoor setting where Webelos Den Leaders will receive information on the outdoor skills they will need in working with Webelos Scouts. Required by Webelos leaders before they can take their den camping

# Membership - Race to Boy Scouting

Every year, the local Cub Scout Packs across the council recruit over 1500 new kids to the scouting program.

As a Boy Scout Troop, there are many opportunities to bring more Boy Scout age youth into the program with a little effort.

Here are some simple suggestions on how to recruit Boy Scouts.

1. Hold an open house and have flyers distributed into the local school inviting boys to attend and possibly join. Have a hands-on activity for new youth to be involved in that night.

2. Invite a friend to Scout night. Challenge each Boy Scout already involved in the Troop to bring a friend to a

meeting specifically designed to get them interested. 3. Take a prospective youth on a camporee with you. Prospective youth are covered by Boy Scout insurance so they do not have to be registered to attend this function.

4. Make sure that your Troop visits the local Cub Scout Pack so that when crossover time comes for the Webelos, they have already made the connection to your Troop.

5. Have your Troop members serve as Den Chiefs for the local Cub Scout Pack.

As a reminder, Bill Ryan, Jr., owner of Oxford Plains Speedway and the Oxford Plains Snow Tubing Park, has agreed to donate a free one-day pass to all new scouts that sign up this fall to go snow tubing.

# **Camping** Provisional Week at Summer Camp for Boy Scouts!

Boy Scouts — are you not able to attend summer camp the week your troop is attending? Do you need merit badges? Would you like to attend camp for a second week? Or go with a friend from another troop? Every week of summer camp is open for provisional Scouts to attend camp. All Scouts attending camp without their own troop leadership will be in the provisional troop with the camp Scoutmaster!

This is a great way for Scouts to attend summer camp, earn merit badges, make new friends and enjoy the summer! Provisional Scout reservation forms are available on our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org.

# PTC Contingent Crew Set to Sail at the Florida Sea Base

Pine Tree Council will be sending a crew for our 1st council contingent to attend the Florida Sea Base for February 2006! Just a few openings remain for Feb. 18 - 25, 2006 (school vacation week) in the P.T.C. crew for the "Sea Exploring Adventure" on a seventy foot tall ship in the Florida Keys. The crew will learn how to sail and work with the boat's captain on operating their vessel.

Maine Rock Gym
127 Marginal Way Portland, ME 04101 www.merockgym.com
Boy Scout Merit Badge Program We are the only climbing center in Maine qualified for this program
<u>Group Bookings</u> Packs & Troops of up to 35 people can have private use of gym Discounted charge for scout troops <u>Birthday Parties</u> Minimum 6 climbers
<u>Climbing Teams</u> Come and learn to advance your climbing skills Competition climbing is an option Sessions January-March & April-June
5000 sq. ft. Indoor Rock Climbing Gym 22 top rope stations Exciting new bouldering area
25ft Mobile Climbing Wall Available for any Pack or Troop event
<u>Spring &amp;Summer Climbing Camps</u> Spend a week learning new skills. Climbing is both indoors and outdoors
Outdoor Guided Climbing Join us in New Hampshire, Arcadia etc.
Extended opening hours at school vacation times
<u>Telephone 207-780-6370 for details of these</u> and our other programs

Openings in this high adventure program are available for currently registered Venturers, Sea Scouts or Boy Scouts interested in becoming Venture Scouts and who will be at least 14 years of age by 9/1/06.

Four adult leaders will accompany the crew! All participants must be strong swimmers and able to easily pass the BSA Swimmers Test.

### Activities to include:

- Sailing a Tall Ship over 70 foot long
- Learning onboard navigation
- Snorkeling & exploring the Florida Key's reefs
- Salt-water fishing
- Sailing with dolphins and sharks
- Day visit to Key West
- Escaping a week of winter in Maine!

During the weeklong odyssey you will snorkel several reefs as you sail the Florida Keys, along the way enjoying salt-water fishing for barracudas and mahi-mahi, learn on board navigation, studying the stars, and enjoying the warmth of the Keys! Join us for this once in a lifetime experience! Anticipated cost for this program is approximately \$1000.

Do you want to be part of this rugged voyage on a large vessel? Call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 x 14 to reserve your spot! 

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# The Turtle Speaks

News from Madockawanda Lodge 271

A couple of reminders from the lodge: Please remember that the Annual Meeting and election of officers for Madockawanda lodge will be held during the Lodge Leadership and Development Weekend ("LLD"). The LLD is a series of training sessions, activities, chapter competitions and shows culminating with the annual meeting on Sunday morning. Save the weekend of October 28-30th for this great annual event. Members should watch for the special LLD registration flyer during September.

Secondly, later this fall, please watch for the flyer for the Lodge Family Banquet scheduled for December 3, 2005 and hosted by Abnaki Chapter.

Congratulations go out to Lodge Officers Paul Froman, Dan Warner, Tom Kester and Kirk Gagnon, as well as Matt Randall, Mike Mirisola and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger for completing the trek to New Jersey to complete the National Leadership Summit this past April.

# bsa.org/lodge.

who helped with the organization, setup and training at the University of Scouting held this past March. The program was excellent and the learning experiences and fellowship was great. By the way, who were those masked men?

# Sea Scouts Receive Awards

Sea Scout Ship 12 of South Portland recently held their first "Bridge of Honor" ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in South Portland. Former Undersecretary of the Navy James F. Goodrich was present to hand out awards and serve as the evening's

keynote speaker. Secretary Goodrich shared stories of his youth as both a Boy Scout and Sea Scout to the group, explaining that his Scouting experiences had given him the tools necessary to achieve his successes later in life. The evening was a resounding success

as three Sea Scouts advanced in rank and others were presented with badges of office and other achievements. For more information about Sea Scouting, contact Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Remember, all lodge information is in the latest issue of Turtle Soup, the lodge newsletter, and updated schedules and locations are posted on the lodge website at www.pinetree-And finally, thanks go out to the 30 lodge members

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# Offering Group Discounts!

- Rafting Trips Include Lunch
- Various Trips on the Kennebec or **Penobscot Rivers**

Our guides have the most experience of any rafting company in the region and we use state-of-the-art self-bailing rafts and duckies.

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# **FUNTOWN**/ SPLASHTOWN USA

Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. The prices for the 2005 season are as follows:

> Funtown Pass.....\$16.50 Splashtown Pass.....\$13.50 Combination Pass.....\$21.50

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center May 15 through August 15, 2005. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can be used anytime during the 2005 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 x10.



# The New and Improved Scout Shop

If you have not taken a trip to the new Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette Service Center to visit the new Scout Shop, you do not know what you have been missing. The new and improved Scout Shop is all about serving you, the valued customer. The size increase of the retail area allows for a substantial increase in inventory, so we can have more items on hand. It also allows us to carry a wide variety of items. The following is a list of the much improved product lines:

*Camping equipment* There are several new items now available. There is even a tent display on the floor!

*Clothing* There is now a line of Pine Tree Council logo clothing including denim shirts, polar Tec vests, sweatshirts, golf shirts, windbreakers, fleece blankets, and more!

*Arts & Crafts* You will not believe all of the new selections of arts & crafts items that are perfect for all your Den, Pack, and Troop meetings.

*Scout Uniforms* We now have more sizes and more in stock!

*Recognition* We have everything you need to recognize your volunteers, parents, and scouts.

*Awards & Insignia* A more comprehensive line for your unit needs.

Another exciting feature of the new Scout Shop will be the ability to offer activity and training sessions. These two-hour sessions will be held on selected Saturday's, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Scout Service Center. The idea behind these activities is to provide training, as well as program ideas (free of charge) to all volunteers. We encourage you to gather folks from your unit and come out and take advantage of these great opportunities. The following is a list of activities that will be taking place:

# July 16, 2005 Cub Scout 75th Anniversary Birthday Party

Come learn about the history of Cub Scouting, gather some great ideas for a den meeting, participate in traditional Birthday party games, enjoy some birthday cake, and meet some new friends.

August 13, 2005 Map & Compass Training

A comprehensive training of map & compass skills, techniques, etc. so you can take it back to your unit.

### October 22, 2005 Leave no Trace

We will be discussing and demonstrating the principles of Leave No Trace and how adult and youth leaders can apply it, as well as Troops, Crews and even Packs.

November 5, 2005 Good Turn for America, Scouting for Food

Stop by the Council Service Center and drop off the food that your Unit collected.

January 21, 2006 Music Magic

Come to the Service Center and listen to and make some music yourself.

*March 25, 2006* Backpacking Training Learn all of the tips, techniques, safety tips, and general knowledge of backpacking in the outdoors.

### April 22, 2006 Our Feathered Friends

Learn about birds that are common to Maine. Come to the Scout Service Center and make a bird feeder or birdhouse.

June 17, 2006 Climbing Wall

Come to the service center and learn rock-climbing techniques. You will have a chance to climb on the portable climbing wall.

Be on the lookout for more information at Roundtables and at the Council Service Center. For more information please contact Debbie Sparks at 797-5252 ext. 22.

# Welcome to new Pine Tree Council Staff Member

Please extend a warm welcome to Debbie Sparks, the new staff member of the Pine Tree Council. In her new capacity, Debbie will be working in the Scout Shop and helping coordinate the new Scout Shop Special Activity days.

Debbie is very outgoing and energetic and has plenty of retail experience. Debbie will do a great job in helping customers find everything they need!

Debbie also has an impressive Scouting background, having held volunteer positions of Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cub Roundtable Commissioner, New Scout Unit Commissioner, Training Committee Member, Day Camp Director, and more! Please give Debbie a warm welcome when you see her. 

# Training at a Glance - Upcoming Dates

### September

17	York	New Leader Essentials for Boy Scouts with SM and ASM Leader Specifics
24	Downeast	New Leader Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics
24	Abnaki	New Leader Essentials & Basic Leader Training

### October

1 K- Valley New Leader Essentials wi		New Leader Essentials with Cub Leader Specific Training
8	Casco Bay	New Leader Essentials with Cub Leader Specifics and Troop Committee Challenge
12	K-Valley	New Leader Essentials
15	Casco Bay	BALOO and Webelo Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT)
22	Downeast	Boy Scout Leader Training
22	York	New Leader Essentials with Cub Leader Specifics
21-2	23 PTC	Outdoor Leader Training at Camp Hinds

### November

5	Casco Bay	New Leader Essentials with Cub Leader Specifics and Troop Committee Challenge
9	K-Valley	New Leader Essentials
10	Downeast	New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Specific Training Part 1
17	Downeast	New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Specific Training Part 2
		(Both 10th and 17th required to complete training)
12	Casco Bay	Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training

For more information on training, contact your District Executive at 797-5252 and use the extensions listed below:AbnakiExt. 33Casco BayExt. 23DowneastExt. 28K-ValleyExt. 27YorkExt. 24ExploringExt. 34

# Youth Leader Training

Pine Tree Council 2005 National Youth Leader Training Conference Weekend Course August 12-14 & 19-21 Cost \$175.00

New for 2005, Youth Leader Training has been transformed into the National Youth Leader Training Course!! Still the same great leadership training course with more emphasis on the skills needed for junior leaders to run their troop!

Your youth leaders will participate in "The Life in the Month of a Troop" and learn first-hand the skills needed to empower them to become stronger leaders! New additions include handson GPS skills and the eleven skills needed in the troop setting!!

NYLT is perhaps that most powerful Boy Leadership teaching tool available in Scouting! Lord Baden-Powell once said, "Train your Scouts to do the job, then let them do it!"

New for 2005, NYLT is a six-day course split over two weekends to make it easier for youth to attend and still meet summer job commitments. NYLT is a leadership-training course intended for a Troop's current and future boy leaders. This is full of fun and hard work that will provide the participants with a working knowledge of the leadership skills that have been proven successful in Scouting over the years.

To qualify for admission to NYLT, a boy must be recommended by his Scoutmaster, be 13 years of age as of 8/10/05 and First Class or above. Scouts are expected to have the camping and cooking skills through 1st Class! The fee is \$175.00 for the course and will be held at Camp KV in Readfield. Camp KV offers a beautiful site with 65 acres, a sports field, lodge and other amenities for this course.

Participation is limited to only 2 Scouts per troop with enrollment capped at 32 Scouts. This popular course fills up quickly. If openings are still available after June 1st – more than 2 Scouts per troop may attend!

For more information, call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org or NYLT Course Scoutmaster, Al Warner, at 729-7761 or email Al.Warner-jr@biw.com

# Wood Badge NE-1-237 is coming to Pine Tree Council this Fall!

Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce that the Boy Scouts of America's premier training program called Woodbadge, open to all registered scout leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, Varsity) is being offered this coming fall 2005! The course will be offered in two 3 day weekends on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16,17,18 and October 14,15,16, 2005.

It is definitely a commitment on you part to attend all six days and also meet the registration fee of \$200.00, however, this is the one training that you will never forget. The skills learned in this National BSA training program are skills that you will use not only in your scouting position, but also in your home, job and any other group to which you may belong. You must be a registered scout leader, have completed the Basic Leader Training for your scouting position, and receive an invitation to attend the training. The uniform for the course will be the standard full field uniform for your registered scouting position.

If you wish to receive an invitation or would like an invitation extended to someone in your unit, please send your request including name, address, telephone number, scouting position, and scout unit by mail or e-mail to Woodbadge Scoutmaster Dick Morris, 698 Bath Road, Wiscasset, Maine 04578 or survival@gwi.net

# 2005 Trail's End Popcorn Sale

The 2005 Trail's End Popcorn sale has some exciting changes for 2005, and your unit will not want to miss out. The prize program is improved, the incentive program has improved, and there is another popcorn product that has been added to the product mix: The Cheese Lovers Tin (21oz. Of Gourmet Cheddar Cheese Corn).

Remember, statistics overwhelmingly show that people will buy popcorn if they are asked. There are thousands of people that never get asked to buy popcorn. Motivate your Scouts to get out there and ask as many people as possible to support Scouting by buying a great product.

Once again, take advantage of the following incentives for your unit:

• 32% commission for Units

• New Units (Units that did not sell in 2004) receive an additional 2% bonus

• \$10 in Scout Bucks for EVERY take-order form completely filled out (Unit Kernel must sign off on each one)

• Over and Above incentive

Packs & Troops can choose extra 5% profit over prize program

• Every Scout that sells \$1,500 will receive \$50 in Scout Bucks or a BSA, Wal-Mart, Toy's-R-Us, Games and Gadgets, or Coleman gift card

• Every Scout that sells over \$2,500 will be entered into the scholarship program (6% of gross sales will be credited to Scholarship account)

• District Stretch Goal Incentive

### What's New?

• 21oz. Cheese Lovers Tin

• National Fill Up Order Form Incentive- Each Scout that completely fills up 1 take-order form will receive a commemorative patch and certificate.

• New Scoutstuff.org Gift Card from BSA Supply Division

• Every unit that attends District Kick-Offs and participates in the Take-Order sale will be entered into a drawing to have a chance to meet Boston Bruin Hockey Great Ray Bourque.

To make sure you have a successful 2005 Popcorn sale, and to have a chance to be entered into the drawing to meet Ray Bourque, make sure your Pack or Troop has a representative attend your District Popcorn Kick-Off at the location listed below:

*Abnaki* August 24th @ 6:00PM at the District Program Launch (Location TBD)

Casco Bay August 13th @ 3:00PM at Beechridge Speedway in Scarborough

*Downeast* August 20th @ 4:00PM at Wiscassett Speedway

*Kennebec Valley* August 17th @ 6:00PM at Goodwill Hinckley School

*York* August 28th @ 2:00PM at Camp Nutter Be on the lookout for a mailing with further details.

### Important Popcorn Sales Dates

August 26-October 24 Take-Order sale

*October 21* Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline

*October 26* Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC

*November 4* Payment due for early-pay bonus of 2% for Show-N-Sell

*November 12* Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM

November 18 Additional orders due

December 2 All money due & accounts settled

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Jason Agren, Council Popcorn Campaign Director, at 797-5252 ext-21.

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NEWS

# New Square Knot for Volunteer Unit Organizers

The new William D. Boyce New-Unit Award recognizes volunteers who organize one or more new traditional units. Celebrating Boyce's organizing spirit, the award consists of a silver square knot on a background of yellow, green, and red—representing the traditional Scouting programs' colors.

### **Award Requirements**

1. With the approval of the district committee chair, serve as the organizer and complete the successful organization of one new traditional unit.

2. Organize the unit by following all procedures as published in the New Unit Organization Process, No. 34196, ensuring that new unit leadership is trained, program is organized and begun, the new unit committee is functioning, a unit commissioner is assigned, all paperwork is processed, and the unit charter is presented to the chartered organization.3. Only one volunteer can be recognized as the organizer for each new unit.

4. Three program devices can be earned and worn on the new-unit organizer knot for each additional new traditional unit organized. Each program device represents the type of unit organized. Multiple program devices from the same program may be earned and worn.

5. The new-unit organization award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after March 1, 2005.

Recognition items, in addition to the square knot, include a new-unit organizer certificate and lapel pin.

# **Boston Museum of Science**

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!! Boston Museum of Science Spring Date: Sat., April 22, 2006 - 450 SLOTS

It's time to start planning for the 2006 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$44.00 per person. (Please note: The Museum will be charging a fee of \$5 per car for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In.) **The event is limited to CUB SCOUTS and ADULTS. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend – no exceptions!** In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Boston Museum trip, please follow these guidelines.

### Boston Museum of Science Drawing

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Contact Name\_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone #\_\_\_\_\_Pack #\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Town, State & Zip\_\_\_\_\_

\_#Cub Scouts \_\_\_\_#Adults x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_Enclosed

### Application Procedure

Each Pack must submit a deposit of \$10 for each person who plans to attend. Please send a check made payable to Pine Tree Council, along with the registration coupon below. Phone applications **will not** be accepted.

All applications must be received at the Pine Tree Council by the end of the business day on November 10, 2005. Please do not request reservations for more slots than you actually plan to use (for those who are selected, deposits are non-refundable.) A drawing will be held on November 11th . Those who were selected from the drawing will be notified, and the remaining payment and confirmation of number of participants (cannot exceed original allotment) will be due at the Pine Tree Council by January 13, 2006, end of business day. Any reserved slots not paid in full by this date will be lost and offered to those on the waiting list (again, the initial deposit is non-refundable.) Those Packs not selected will also be notified and deposits will be returned.

Once participants are confirmed, the Pine Tree Council is required to pay for those spaces. It is the policy of the Boston Museum of Science not to grant refunds to anyone who does not participate in the Camp-In, unless the MUSEUM cancels the event.

This program provides the youth with a wonderful learning experience in science. Don't delay – Start planning today! Call Jo at 797-5252 x10 for more information.

District Chairman VACANT District Commissioner Dale Hutchinson 224-7354 dhutchin@tcmhs.org District Executive Matt Mower797-5252 ext. 33 mmower@bsamail.org Abnaki Web Address www.abnakidistrict.org

# Abnaki District News

### Membership

Those of you that have recruited new Scouts to your units please turn in applications for any new members. Scout Troops remember to submit membership applications for those boys crossing over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

### Training

Thank you to all who joined us for our April Training. The next basic training hosted by Abnaki District is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at the "Green Church" on Route 2 in Mexico. The next Abnaki District Basic Leader Training after that will be on January 21st of next year, followed by a training in April. Please consult Pine Spills for other training opportunities in Pine Tree Council.

### Program Launch and Kick-off Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

We will be having only the August Kick-off this year on August 24th. The August kick-off last year was a huge success and we hope to do just as well, if not better, this year.

We will not be having a Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat Clinic in June. These are available at the University of Scouting and Camp Hinds Summer Camp. Also, you can contact Matt Mower to arrange getting the training for your leaders.

### **Good Turn for America**

Larry Thibault is our new District Good Turn for America Chair. For more information on service project opportunities, how to log your service projects online or how to best get your unit involved with community service you can contact Larry at 783-6860 or dltibault@yahoo.com. Also check our GTFA page on www.abnakidistrict.org.

### Annual Commissioner Staff Assignment Evaluation

If you haven't already, we would like you to complete our survey asking what you have for your current unit assignments. Every year we review commissioner assignments to make sure every unit is receiving quality unit service, and to evaluate how we as a Commissioner staff can improve what we do. We hope to have assignments out to commissioners by the beginning of the summer camp season.

### **New Duties**

Clyde Cavender is our new Western Zone ADC, Peter Lajoie is our new Eastern ADC. Thank you to both for accepting this opportunity to serve Scouting.

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# **Casco Bay District News**

### **District Dinner and Awards Night!**

The Casco Bay District will be holding a district dinner on Sunday, August 28th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. All district Scouters and their families are invited to attend. We will be announcing this year's District Award of Merit recipients, as well as honoring other distinguished Scouters. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get together with fellow Scouters and their families to relax, have fun, and acknowledge each other's contributions to Scouting. In addition, this year we will be complimenting our usual program with an array of family fun activities for all Scouters and their families to participate. Registration forms are available at the Pine Tree Council. Any questions should be directed to Peter Curran at 655-3648 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

### **Popcorn Kick-Off**

It's that time of the year again! The annual district popcorn kick-off is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th at Beechridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough. This event is for the individual unit kernels to learn about all the new and exciting products and incentives associated with this year's sale. Tickets to the race on the 13th will be provided to the Unit Kernels, plus three guests. Why have multiple fundraisers when a successful popcorn sale can cover all your program needs? For more information, contact District Kernel, Brian Hazelwood, at 885-5943 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org.

### Race into Scouting 2005!

This year's All Out for Scouting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 22nd. Please take some time and sit down with your unit committees to decide which date works best for your unit, as well as determining where you will be holding your sign-up night. Try to choose public places that most members of your communities will be familiar with, like schools or recreational centers.

Also, you might want to coordinate with other units in your community to centralize your recruitment efforts and offer a combined citywide sign-up. Let's start the planning process now and make this a record year for sign-ups so that we can offer our programs to more kids than ever and make an even greater difference. Once you have chosen your date and location for sign-up, please contact Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or at jwidmark@bsamail.org.

### Cub Scout Day Camp 2005!

Not sure what to do this summer? How about putting on your suit of armor and joining the Knights of Akela's Kingdom for a magical quest through an enchanted medieval world. This year's day camp theme promises to be an exciting, action packed experience for Cub Scouts of all ages.

Casco Bay District is hosting two weeks of Day Camp this year. The first session will be held July 18th-22nd at Ingalsides Recreational Area in Scarborough and the second session will be held July 25th-29th at Camp Hinds in

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Raymond. We are still looking for volunteer staff members to fill a variety of positions. Remember, it will only cost \$10.00 for your son to attend if you volunteer for the week. Call now, we are waiting to hear from you!

Raymond Session-Kathleen Durost-892-7516

Scarborough Session-Missy Bell-839-8421

Pine Tree Council-Jonathan Widmark-797-5252 ext. 23

### Webelos Woods Weekend When: September 23, 24, 25, 2005 Where: Camp Hinds

This is exactly what your Webelos Scouts have been waiting for all these years, your very own camporee. Camp out at Camp Hinds and participate in all sorts of activities designed to help you along your path towards Cub Scouting's highest award, The Arrow of Light. At the same time, you will pick-up all sorts of useful skills for your transition to Boy Scouting; but most importantly, you will have lots and lots of FUN! Registration is limited, so sign-up soon for a weekend of adventure, discovery, and fun! Any questions should be directed to Sherry Beety at 642-2991 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

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# **Downeast District News**

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### From the District Executive

Summer is upon us and it is time to wind down with the scouting experience until fall. Thank you for all you have done to help shape the lives of youth in Maine. At times it may seem like a thankless job, but the impact that you have on boys is unmatched. I strongly encourage all of you to attend Day Camp, Boy Scout Camp, Fun Pack Weekend and Webelos Camp. There are plenty of opportunities for your boys to advance during the summer, so it is important to recognize their accomplishments in September at a Pack Meeting or Court of Honor. Strive to achieve the Summertime Pack Award and plan for a successful fall kick-off of the scouting program. I would like to thank the Downeast Committee and Commissioner Staff for all of their hard work this past year as this district would not be as strong as it is without them. The individual Pack, Troop and Crew program may be done for a couple of months, but we know that scouting takes place year round for most of us. Take some time for your families and enjoy what Maine has to offer. I am looking forward to the fall and what we can accomplish and provide for the thousands of youth we serve. Have a great summer and I will see you at camp.

### **Calling All Knights**

The Day Camp staff has been working hard the last couple of months to put together a program that will be sure to impress your Cub Scout. If you have not registered your son for camp, there is still time to do so. The cost for a week of day camp is \$90.00, which includes a camp T-shirt and patch; fun is included at no extra cost. The Camp Staff for both Union and Topsham bring years of Cub Camping knowledge to our programs. Camp will begin each day at 8:30am and will continue until 4:30pm. Union Day Camp will run from July 11-15 with Topsham following during the week of July 18-22. There are several staff positions available and an application can be requested from the Council Service Center. If you choose to be on staff, your son will attend camp for \$10.00. To register for camp, contact the Service Center or download a form from www.pinetreebsa.org. Wiscasset Raceway To Host District Popcorn Kick-Off In the past, we have had a barbecue to signify the start of our Popcorn Campaign. This year we have teamed up with the Wiscasset Raceway to offer an exciting and enticing kick-off program. It will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at 4:00pm. The raceway will be giving tickets to each Unit Kernel and 3 guests to attend the races that evening. We will meet at 4:00pm to review materials, incentives and new product lines for this popcorn sale. After the Popcorn Training, we will then enter the raceway to enjoy the evenings festivities. You must be present at the training to get your tickets for the race. Additional tickets may be purchased if you have others joining you. For more information, contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28 or by email at: jlucas@bsamail.org.

### All Out For Scouting - Fall Recruitment

We are proud to announce that the Downeast District has not lost a single unit this past recharter year. What does this mean? It means that young men and boys in the midcoast region are benefiting from the best youth serving program in the nation. What can we do to help this movement? We can do our best to ensure that every boy ages 7 through 17 has been invited to join scouting. The number one reason why boys do not join scouting is because they are not asked. The dates for All Out For Scouting are September 20 and 22, 2005. We encourage your unit to complete your recruitment on or before these dates. The Membership Committee encourages you to host your recruitment night, as early in September as possible to ensure that Scouting is one of their first choices of activities. Each unit will receive a packet with applications and information for new scouts and parents. Flyers and other recruitment materials are available; please get your dates to Jeremy Lucas or Marc Liberman. For more information or questions, contact Marc Liberman at crabbesend@aol. com.

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# **K-Valley District News**

### **Thank You**

A big "thank you" goes out to all the volunteers and leaders who help make this organization so wonderful. What a great year - keep the energy up for the summer. A special thanks goes out to the District Committee, headed by Charles Matthews and Lynn Corson, along with the whole district committee team. We would also like to express our thanks to Al Warner, Mitch MacArthur, Steve Mudie, Troop 586, Troop 479, Scott Adams, Pack 471, Scott Haney, and all the other people who have worked so hard to provide such wonderful programming activities for our youth. Luanne Chesley, the popcorn team, Chip Clary and the FOS presenter team, Roger Pomerleau, John Marden, and Paul LePage also need praise for their help in the fundraising efforts for this district. I am sure we have forgotten a few folks - there are so many to thank. It has been a great year so far – let's keep it going!

### Program/Popcorn Kick-Off

August 18th, at Goodwill Hinkley in Hinkley, Maine will be the date of our district program and popcorn kick-off. Arrival time will begin at 5:30 pm, with the program beginning at 6:30 pm. This event is designed for all units to send a representative for attendance, so you can begin the year with all the vital information you will need, as well as be able to ask the District Leadership questions. There will be a discussion of upcoming events, as well as an informative presentation on how selling popcorn will benefit your unit. It is a great event and should surely not be missed by any unit who wants to have a smooth year of scouting. 

### **District Staff**

Our program in the Kennebec Valley District will only get better with additional help. Most of what happens in a year for the youth in KV is thought up, planned, organized, run, and wrapped up by volunteers – many of whom retain strong affiliations with their local units. As the saying goes "many hands makes light work." The KV district needs "many hands." You need not have a certain number of years under your belt with regards to experience, and you need not have prior experience in planning and running district level events. All you need is a desire to learn and a willingness to help the youth we serve. Requests for assistance vary from singular tasks to being involved in a committee. All aspects of our district operations can use help – training, advancement, finance, program/activities, public relations, Commissioner Service, and membership – all need more help.

If you are at all interested in learning more, please contact Matthew Randall at the council office, 797-5252 x27, at home, 725-9760, or on the internet, Honors\_pride@hotmail. com.

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# York District News

### **Popcorn Time Again**

Calling all unit Popcorn Kernels, mark Sunday, August 28, 2005 at Camp Nutter as the date for York District's Popcorn Kick-Off. A Family Barbecue has been planned. This is a Free Event. Please register before Wednesday, August 24, 2005 so supplies can be purchased.

If your unit has not sold popcorn in the past, please consider it as your major fundraiser for your unit. Some of our packs use the popcorn sale as their ONLY fundraising event for the year. The popcorn is an easy product to sell and has repeat customers from year to year. The Show-N-Sell Popcorn Program is a great way to get started selling popcorn or add to your Take Order Popcorn Sales. Some units do both programs and have great success with them.

For more information about the Trail's End Popcorn program, check out their website at www.trails-end.com. Please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 for more information.

### **Friends of Scouting**

THANK YOU to all the York District Packs, Troops and Scouting Families that participated in the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign this year. Through the generosity of the Scouting Families in York District, we raised over \$30,000.00, and the money will go a long way to ensure that the quality programs in York District and the Pine Tree Council will continue for present and future scouts.

Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time and talent in giving presentations to the units in York District.

### First Annual York District Scouter Show-N-Do

Mark September 30 - October 2, 2005 at Camp Nutter as the date and place for the First Annual York District Scouter Show-N-Do. This event is open to ALL leaders, Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing, who are interested in experiencing scouting the way our Boy Scouts do.

The Patrol Method will be used throughout the weekend where each participant will become part of a Boy Scout Patrol and have the opportunity to experience camping, cooking, leadership and other areas of scouting that a scout in our program experiences.

This would be a great opportunity for Webelos leaders to get a better understanding of how the Boy Scout program functions before their Webelos cross over into a Boy Scout Troop. More information will be available over the coming months. Hope to see you there.

# **Exploring/LFL District News**

### Welcome Maine State Credit Union Business Explorer Post!

On the evening of Tuesday, May 24th, the Maine State Credit Union conducted its open house for local youth. The Maine State Credit Union is the second financial institution to provide opportunities for youth to investigate careers in business/finance through the Exploring program. TD Banknorth Explorer Post advisors were also in attendance at this open house and shared their experiences with the adult leadership at the Maine State Credit Union. Thank you TD Banknorth for your support of our expanding Business/Finance Careers Explorer Programs.

### **Explorer Law Enforcement Academy**

During the week of June 20 through June 24, youth interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement will be attending the 2005 Maine Explorer Law Enforcement Academy being hosted by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. For some students, this experience will provide them with their first serious glimpse into the physical, mental and academic challenges inherent to careers in law enforcement or military career fields. This year, we also have participants from Katahdin Council and from an out of state Explorer program.

### Learning for Life/Exploring Golf Tournament at Prout's Neck Country Club

Polish up your irons, grab that big dog and put on your spikes! The Maine Chapter of Learning for Life, Exploring is having a golf tournament on September 28 at the prestigious Prouts Neck Country Club. This represents a unique opportunity for Explorers and members of the Maine business community to play this very private course: a course that has been called "excellent...with

### exceptional greens and difficult but forgiving fairways".

Explorer Posts will be offered a very competitive, discounted rate if they sign up and pay before June 30th. Sales to the General Public will commence on July 1, 2005. Proceeds from the tournament will support the Scarborough Police Explorer Post and the Learning for Life and Exploring district.

Post registrations will be taken through the June 30, 2005 post signup deadline. For more information, contact Michael Dyer at 797-5252 x34 or midyer@lflmail.org.

### **Outstanding Municipal Service Award**

Congratulations to Scarborough Police Explorer Post 883 for being awarded the Outstanding Municipal Service Award from the Town of Scarborough. A citation from this award reads as follows: "Your dedication to learning about the profession of law enforcement has led your Explorer Post to be recognized as a "Post of Quality." Additionally, you have performed admirably in national competition. These results are in keeping with the professional and committed approach you have taken with respect to your responsibilities within the Scarborough community.

Explorer Post 883 was awarded this recognition because of their value to their community. Three arrests, one for shoplifting, a second for driving to endanger, and a third involving a stolen vehicle, have all resulted, in large part, from their efforts. The Learning for Life and Exploring district congratulates Scarborough Police Explorer Post 883 for this prestigious recognition.

# Fall Property Rentals Open September 1st

Reservations for the fall of 2005 and 2006 winter camping rentals open September 1st. Scouting groups wanting to reserve space should complete a Property Use Form and submit it to Pine Tree Council. All of our camps, including Camp Hinds, Nutter, Gustin, Bomazeen and Camp KV have rentals available. Units that camp at four of the properties over the course of one year can earn the Council Camping Award.

What's available? Everything from the Training Center that comfortably sleeps 45 people indoors, to cabins holding 12 to 32 people and rustic campsites. Stay a weekend, one night, or more!

As of September 1st, there are new property rental rates. There is an increase for the Training Center and campsite fees, but the cabin rentals remain the same. Property Use Forms are available on our website at www.pinetreebsa.org

### Hinds Rotary Training Center Gets a Facelift!

As part of the continuing Capital Campaign for improvements to the Pine Tree Council properties, the Training Center, under the direction of the Properties Committee, has received some much needed improvements. Ranger Bob Gosselin, and his work crews have done most of the work over the past few months. Updates include re-shingling parts of the roof, complete renovations of the bathrooms, which includes handicap access, replacing the old furnace and hot water system and adding handicap ramps inside.

More improvements coming in the future include outside handicap access, refinishing the hardwood floors and improvements to the sleeping bays!

# **Boys Life Subscription Rate**

Beginning September 1, 2005, the Scout subscription of Boy's Life Magazine will increase to \$12 for 12 issues; the non-Scout rate will increase to \$24 for 12 issues; and postage outside the United States will increase from \$18 per year to \$21 per year.

The fee increase is necessary due to rising paper prices, postage rates, and production costs, and the extra pages

incurred by the three demographic editions of Boy's Life.

Boy's Life is the best value in the youth magazine market. Even with the new fee increase, the subscription cost to Scout subscribers is still one-half to one-third the cost of other youth magazines, while the quality of Boy's Life continues to be second to none.

# **Updates on Camp Bomazeen**

Plans are continuing as Pine Tree Council works on the transition of Camp Bomazeen into a Cub Scout family camp! The Properties Committee has been hard at work making final plans on moving the camp road out of the main program areas and campsites to provide better camp access, safety and security. The current road offers a high concern of safety as it has vehicles traveling through the main areas of camp.

A new access road has been planned to skirt the perimeters of the camp. The road design is being done by Sebago Technics of Westbrook and will include a new camp entrance and gateway, a large parking lot and access to our neighbor's properties. The Department of Environmental Protection has given tentative approval for the new road, but we need to go through the permitting and final approval process.

Once final designs, and permit approval for the road are granted by the town of Belgrade and the DEP, the National Engineers of the BSA approve the final camp layout of program areas and campsites! Watch for more news in the near future for this exciting project!

# **Scouting For Food**

As we get ready for summer and the numerous camping opportunities that await us, it is difficult to not look forward to the future. The Boy Scouts of America nationwide have been providing an invaluable service to the country and most importantly, the hungry. The new initiative; Good Turn for America, through the National Boy Scouts, has provided all of us an opportunity to be recognized for the thousands of hours of community service that we provide. Included in this initiative is Scouting for Food, which is a program that has helped local food banks and pantries throughout the Pine Tree Council service area. Last year, all of the scouts in the council collected over 140,000 containers of food. We would like to better our efforts and help more people with this year's food drive. The great thing about Scouting for Food is that all of the food items collected remain local to the area where they were collected, benefiting our communities. Bag distribution is scheduled for October 29, 2005 with collection of the items on November 5, 2005. On November 5, we will have several Salvation Army trucks, along with media coverage at the Pine Tree Council Service Center, as we hand over collected food items. We invite units to bring their food items to this drop off location. Scouting for Food report forms are available when you pick up your bags. When your report sheets are completed, please mail or fax them to the Pine Tree Council Service Center so that we can tally the total numbers of containers collected.

For more information about Scouting for Food and the Good Turn for America Program, log onto www.goodturnforamerica. org.

# **Catholic Committee on Scouting**

Annual Camporee Retreat September 23-25, 2005 St. Gregory's Campground 24 North Raymond Road, Gray, Maine

Each year the Maine's Roman Catholic Diocesan Scouting Committee holds a weekend Camporee Retreat. This year's treat will be held at St. Gregory's Parish Campground in Gray. Scouts have a choice of sleeping in A-frame cabins or tents.

The retreat theme for this year is "Finding Truth in Faith." Scouts will explore the Luminous Mysteries, which will give them a deeper understanding of their faith. The Camporee/Retreat starts on Friday, September 23, with registration beginning at 5:00pm. The evening consists of a Christian rock concert, a talk with a Maine's children author, icebreakers, games, snack (cracker barrel), and the evening is concluded with the rosary prayer and a short movie.

Saturday is a day full of activities and fun. It includes sessions on the Luminous Mysteries, free time for games, making new friends or sitting by the lake. Mass is celebrated outside (weather permitting), followed by a BBQ. The evening is topped off by a campfire and skits, and a friendly game of Manhunt (hide-and-go-seek in the dark). The evening concludes with the Last Supper experience. Scouts leave for home on Sunday morning.

The Roman Catholic Diocesan Scouting Committee welcomes Catholic Cub, Boy, Venture, or Explorer Scouts in addition to Girl Scouts in grades 5 to 12. The fee for the weekend is \$35.

For additional information or to receive a Camporee newsletter and registration form, please contact: Office of Catholic Scouting, P.O. Box 21, Auburn, Maine 04212-0021, Phone: 207-782-8096 ext. 108 or e-mail: jmailhot@aubcath.org.

