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ABNAKI

October 5 District Committee
11 Roundtable at Auburn Middle School
25 Commissioners Meeting
28 Scouting For Food Bag Distribution

November 4 Scouting For Food Bag Collection
7 District Committee
8 Roundtable at Auburn Middle School
29 Commissioners Meeting

December 5 Annual Business Meeting
13 Unit Recharter Clinic

January 2 District Committee
10 Roundtable at Auburn Middle School
27 Klondike Derby
31 Commissioners Meeting

CASCO BAY

September 6 Commissioners - 6pm
Roundtable - 7pm
OA - 7pm
13 District Committee - 7pm

October 4 Commissioners - 6pm
Roundtable - 7pm
OA - 7pm
11 District Committee - 7pm
13-15 Fall Camporee

November 1 Commissioners - 6pm
Roundtable - 7pm
OA - 7pm
8 District Committee - 7pm

December 6 Commissioners - 6pm
Roundtable - 7pm
OA - 7pm
13 District Committee - 7pm

DOWNEAST

October 4 District Committee
11 Roundtable/OA
28 Scouting For Food Bag Distribution

November 1 District Committee/Annual Meeting
4 Scouting For Food Bag Collection
8 Roundtable/OA

December 6 District Committee
13 Roundtable/OA

January 6 District Committee
13 Roundtable/OA
15 Unit Charters Due
27 Klondike Derby

KENNEBEC VALLEY

October 4 Commissioner Meeting
4 District Committee
11 Roundtable/OA
21 Training
25 Unit Inventory Day
28 Scouting For Food Bag Distribution

November 1 Commissioner Meeting
1 District Comm./Annual Business Meeting
4 Scouting For Food Bag Collection
8 Roundtable/OA

December 6 Commissioner Meeting
6 District Committee
13 Roundtable/OA

January 3 Commissioner Meeting
3 District Committee
10 Roundtable/OA
13 Training
27 Klondike Derby

YORK

October 5 District Commissioner Meeting/
Roundtable / OA
12 District Committee Meeting
13-15 District Camporee

November 2 District Commissioner Meeting/
Roundtable / OA
9 York District Annual Business Meeting
District Meeting
10 York District Popcorn Order Picking at
Hussey Seating in North Berwick from
5:30 PM until all the orders are picked
11 York District Popcorn Pick-up at Hussey
Seating in North Berwick from
8:00 - 11:00 AM

December 7 District Commissioner Meeting/
Roundtable / OA
14 District Committee Meeting

January 4 District Commissioner Meeting/
Roundtable / OA
11 District Committee Meeting

LFL/ EXPLORING

October 18 District Committee

November 15 District Committee

December 20 District Committee

January 17 District Committee



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Fall 2006

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CENTENNIAL

Quality Awards Program



"To Improve the Quality of Program in Every Unit in America"

Our 100th anniversary is only four years away....

The excitement of celebrating a century of fun and adventure, citizenship, patriotism, and good character is truly an opportunity for America to salute the Boy Scouts of America.

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Message from the President

Paul Spellman

I would like to address my comments for this edition of the Pine Spills to our new parents and leaders. We would like to thank you for your time and dedication, and welcome to our programs. What is Scouting? In short, it is the most successful youth program in American history. It is different from many other programs, being a proven combination of fun, adventure and values. Scouts grow up to be better, stronger members of their community and nation. Scouting serves all races and creeds, and how much money you have is not a factor. It does not care if you are athletically gifted. Scouting is opportunity — the opportunity to succeed.

Parents, there is a way to dramatically improve your child's chances of making better choices, succeeding in life and becoming a leader. And, he or she can do it all while having a whole lot of fun! You don't have to look any further — you've found it, here in Scouting.

It's true that Scouting programs are focused on boys, but we want the whole family involved. Dads AND Moms can serve as leaders of Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops or Venture

Crews. All we ask is that you take part in leadership and youth protection training that we provide. Young women 14-20 have an opportunity to explore in Venturing.

In short, Scouting makes families stronger. How? Consider these findings by the firm Louis Harris & Associates:

At least 90% of parents surveyed said that because of Cub Scouting, they share time with their sons by:

- Working on projects together 95%
- Going places together 91%
- Talking together 90%

Scouting also provides structure to bring parents and boys together for projects and activities. 85% of teenagers in Venturing said they talked with their parents about things they learned in the program.

In the end, the most important part of Scouting projects and activities is not the projects or activities themselves — it is the valuable gift of time spent between a Scout and his or her parents. Thanks for taking the time to spend quality time with your child and the other scouts in the unit you are involved in.

Message from the Council Commissioner

By the time you read this, our new scouting year will be going full force. I want to thank all of our commissioners for their great efforts in the Council's "Race to Scouting" recruiting efforts. Your continued efforts in recruiting really do make a difference in both the life of Pine Tree Council and, more importantly, in the life of the young people that we serve. We must now all follow through with our units to assure that each of our newly recruited scouts are registered with Pine Tree Council. This is of the highest importance to assure that each youth is able to receive all of the benefits of scouting including all the great programming, advancement and the insurances.

All of our scouting districts are now at some stage of the rechartering efforts or will be shortly. As commissioners, we must remember that rechartering is one of our major rolls and duties in the service to units that we accepted when we became commissioners. I urge you to make the contacts with each unit that you serve to assure that each unit is well prepared for the rechartering process and recharters accurately and on time. Remember that on time rechartering is a major step in becoming a quality unit. Last year, approximately forty per cent of Pine Tree Council Units utilized

the on-line rechartering option. These units found the on-line process to be very user friendly and provided a very favorable means of rechartering. Using the on-line method assures that the unit's information is accurately recorded and reported, and is done with a higher degree of accuracy than the old paper version. I urge each commissioner to work with your units and assist them when necessary to have as many units as possible utilize this great method of rechartering.

A final thought goes out to all adult volunteers in Pine Tree Council. If you truly want to help to bring the great benefits of the scouting program to as many youths as possible, please consider volunteering to serve as a commissioner. Our dedicated Commissioners work directly with our units to assist them in delivering the promise to the youth of our Council. To volunteer or to get more information on the Commissioner Service, contact your District Commissioner. Their telephone numbers are listed in the district sections of Pine Spills.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

Exploring/LFL District News (continued)

Nurse, Teacher, Engineer, Psychologist, Doctor, etc. to volunteer an hour of your time this year to do a classroom presentation. By visiting a classroom and sharing your career with a student, you can make a difference in the life of a young person. The earlier a young person learns what he/she wants to do in life, the more time he/she will have to prepare for that career path. Please call Michael Dyer at 797-5770 and we will keep your name on file should your profession be requested in the classroom. We hope that you will call today.

LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARACTER-BUILDING AND CAREER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Learning for Life offers a comprehensive character-building and career discovery program to schools. Our programs are for children and youth in grades K-12. Learning for Life also offers programs ideal for after school and extended day with an abundance of activities included. Learning for Life also has a curriculum for special needs elementary students and for senior high special needs students in transition. If you are an educator or a community organization that is in need of comprehensive curriculum/activities for your classroom or after school program, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

EXPLORER PROGRAMS IN YOUR AREA

The following is a list of Explorer Programs in your area. If you are interested in joining any of these programs, please call Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

Winthrop Law Enforcement Explorer Program
Anson-Madison Fire Explorers
Scarborough Law Enforcement Explorer Program
Cumberland Fire & Emergency Services Explorer Program
Kennebunk Fire and Rescue Explorer Program

Maine State Credit Union Business Explorer Program
Knox County Law Enforcement Explorer Program
Waterville Area Public Safety Explorer Program
Durham Fire and Rescue Explorer Program
Pittston Fire Explorer Program
York Fire Explorer Program
Maine Medical Center Explorer Program
TD Banknorth, N.A. Business Explorer Program
Yarmouth Fire Service Explorer Program
Freeport Fire and Rescue Explorer Program
Lovell Fire Explorers
Sheepscot Valley Fire Explorer Program
Monmouth Fire and Emergency Services Explorer Program
Saco Law Enforcement Explorer Program
Bridgton Law Enforcement Explorer Program

CHALLENGE TO PROFESSIONALS

If you are a professional Electrician, Plumber, Graphic Designer, Computer Technician, etc., and enjoy challenging youth, we would like you to consider offering an Exploring program for senior high school students. This program not only introduces young people to career knowledge, but also encourages them to become involved in the community through service. Exploring also helps develop leadership qualities in young people and provides a great foundation for an ethical workforce. Exploring is about helping young people experience success in their personal and professional lives. This is a great opportunity to help shape tomorrow's workforce and keep it competitive. For information, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at: midyer@lflmail.org. More information on the Exploring and Learning for Life programs can be obtained through our national website at www.learning-for-life.org.

Scout Shop Fall Uniform Promotion

Your uniform survived summer camp, but will it actually survive another year of hiking, camporees, and other rugged events? If you have that concern and you dread the thought of buying a new uniform because of all the patches that you have to sew on, then the Scout Shop has the solution for you.

Purchase a new uniform (which includes uniform shirt, trousers or shorts, official web belt and buckle, neckerchief with matching slide, and Cub Scout

or Boy Scout hat and uniform socks, and you will receive a free Badge Magic Kit.

Badge Magic holds all your insignia in place without sewing. Your patches stay on wash after wash, but will release if your uniform is dry cleaned. Check out the special flyer in the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop for details and for all of your Scouting needs this fall.

York District New (continued)

POPCORN SALE 2006

By now, everyone should have received all the information for a successful Fall Popcorn Sale. If you need any additional forms, please stop by the Pine Tree Council Service Center to pick up the information you need. As a reminder, the York District Popcorn Pick-up will be again at Hussey Seating in North Berwick on Saturday, November 11th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. We will need volunteers on Friday night, November 10th from 5:30 PM until all the orders are picked. You can then take your order home with you. Please contact our District Kernel, Juanita Reed at 363-2273 if you can help or need any ideas for your popcorn sale.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual York District Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the Saco City Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, including all Unit Charter Organization Representatives who are the unit's voice on the operation of the District Committee.

Come see what is in store for York District in 2007.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The time has arrived for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fund raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keeping camp fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2006 will be available again in 2007. Over \$2,000.00 went back to York District units in 2006. If you have not scheduled your unit's Family presentation, or would like to help give a presentation for a unit, please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

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Exploring/LFL District News

DENTAL EXPLORER PROGRAM

This fall, Learning for Life/Exploring will be working with dentists in the Augusta area to create a Dental Careers Exploring program. Students interested in careers in dental hygiene, dental assistant, dental office manager, general or specialized dentistry or dental related industries are encouraged to participate in this program. This is a year-round program with a fee of \$7.00 per youth. The Exploring program is for high school students ages 14 through 20. Students must have graduated from the 8th grade to participate.

RUMFORD FIRE & RESCUE EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Rumford Fire Department will be chartering a Fire and Emergency Explorer program in September. Students interested in Fire and Emergency services are encouraged to apply. Students must be between the ages of 14 through 20 and must have graduated from the 8th grade. This is a coeducational program. If you live in Dixfield, Rumford, Mexico or a

community near Rumford, you are welcome to join this post. The fee for an entire year is \$7.00 per student.

MAINE STATE CREDIT UNION BUSINESS EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Maine State Credit Union in Augusta offers a Business Careers Explorer program. If you are a student in Augusta or a nearby community, you will want to consider joining this program. Last year, the Maine State Credit Union offered a scholarship to a student participating in this program. If you are interested in either of the above programs, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 for further information regarding participation.

SCHOOL SPEAKERS

Each year, Learning for Life works with schools to introduce careers to students so that young people have a greater awareness of career opportunities available to them following high school or college. We would like to invite individuals that work as a

FALL RECRUITMENT

New Scouts joined your Pack in September and all applications have been turned in to the Pine Tree Council, but what do you do now? You shouldn't think that you are done yet. There are still more kids out there that would like to join Scouting, but they happen to be playing soccer in September and couldn't

make it to the sign-up night. Make sure that you don't stop talking to families about joining the scouting program. Scouting is a year round program, so why not encourage new kids to join all year round instead one month a year. Families need the positive program that scouting provides, but they need to be invited.

Bobcat Badge to start all programs

Starting this fall the Bobcat Badge will be the first badge that all Cub Scouts will earn. This changes the program slightly for Tiger Cubs. Instead of working on the Tiger Badge from day one they will work to

achieve the Bobcat Badge requirements from their first day. Please remind your new Tiger Leaders to work on the Bobcat requirements before starting the rest of the Tiger program.

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!!

Boston Museum of Science

Spring Date: Saturday, April 21, 2007
400 SLOTS

It's time to start planning for the 2007 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$46.00 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 the guidelines below.

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 9, 2006. 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 10th. 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 12, 2007, 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.

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

Winter Camp 2007

During the deep snows of February school vacation, Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2007 February 18th – 23rd at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds.

Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in quizees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A

variety of merit badges will be offered ranging from winter sports to woodworking to wilderness survival in the winter.

Join Winter Camp Scoutmaster, Matt Randall, and his staff for a great week of fun! Cost for Winter Camp is \$220.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited! What a great way to spend school vacation! Download the registration form from our web site and send into Pine Tree Council with your \$25 registration fee.

Order of The Arrow Elections

We are asking all Scoutmasters to pay special attention to the following dates – January 2nd, 2007 and May 4th, 2007. These are the beginning and ending dates for the Order of the Arrow election season.

The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America's honor fraternity. All scouts who are First Class or above at the time of your election, 13 years of age, have completed 15 days and nights of camping (of which only one week-long resident camp may be counted), as well as have the approval

of the Scoutmaster are eligible for acceptance. This organization is designed to enhance the leadership skills of your youth and enriches the program that your unit provides to your scouts.

In order for an election to occur, your unit must contact the Order of the Arrow and arrange for an election team to visit at one of your troop meetings. For more information, or to set up an election date, please visit the Pine Tree Council website, or contact the Lodge Advisor, Bruce Rueger, at 872-5920.

Operation Fly 1st Class - April School Vacation

Operation – Fly 1st Class will be expanding to two sessions in 2007 to allow for more Scouts to attend! Operation Fly 1st Class is a Pine Tree Council program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13, Tenderfoot rank to First Class! This four-day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April school vacation with other Scouts under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

Program Features to include: Cooking, Woods Tools, 1st Aid, Camp Gadgets, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Native Plants & Wildlife, an Overnight Outdoor Adventure, Orienteering, Service Project, Flags & Ceremonies, Scout's Own Service, and plenty of Scout Spirit!

Program Requirements: Be a registered member of a Boy Scout Troop, up to age 13, have permission from parents & Scoutmaster and have a Class 1 & 2 health form which requires a doctor's physical within the past 3 years.



2007 Dates are:

Session 1- April 14th – 17th
Session 2 – April 18th – 21st

Operation Fly 1st Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$150 per Scout and includes all meals, program equipment, and accommodations in the Training Center, experienced adult

& older boy leadership! The program will be set up like a real troop with patrols and adult leadership. The staff will fill the roles of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders to insure a great quality program. Program is limited to 32 Scouts per session and filled up early last year! Download a registration form from the PTC web site and send in with your \$25 registration fee/deposit.

Questions??? Call Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org.

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K-Valley District Web Address: www.kv-scouts.org

K-Valley District News

DAY CAMP AND FUN PACK WEEKEND

The Kennebec Valley District would like to express it's gratitude to John Berryman, Sheila Adkins, Leslie Ellis, and everybody else who took the time to staff our various camping programs during the summer. Each of these people went "above and beyond" the call of duty in order to provide quality experiences for our youth. We thank each of you for taking the time to make a positive impact on the life of a youth this summer. Your efforts will be rewarded with time.....

TRAINING

New Leaders Essentials, Scout Leader Specific, and Cub Leader Specific training will be held in Augusta on October 14th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. For more information, please contact Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable will be conducted the second Wednesday of each month at the Mountain View Church in Oakland from 7 to 9 pm, and every third Tuesday of September, January, April, and June at the Strong Consolidated School from 7 to 8 pm. If school is cancelled due to storms in either Oakland or Strong on the date of the Roundtable, then the

roundtable will be cancelled as well. For further information, please contact Scott Bernier at 873-4310 or Lynn Corson at 549-5069.

DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The District Annual Business Meeting, when new officers are elected for the 2007 year, will happen on November 1st, from 7:15 to 9 pm at the Manchester Community Church. All Chartered Organization Heads and District Committee Members are encouraged to attend in order to vote.

UNIT INVENTORY DAY

October 25th is the Kennebec Valley Unit Inventory Day. Please send a paper or electronic copy of your current youth roster to Lynn Corson or Matthew Randall by this date. This process is conducted in order to ensure that your youth are registered in the BSA and are protected by the BSA Insurance Plan, as well as being eligible to gain tenure and rank.

KLONDIKE DERBY

The Kennebec Valley Klondike Derby will be held on January 27th. For more information, please visit the Kennebec Valley Website (www.KV-Scouts.org) or contact Mitch MacArthur at 453-4095.

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York District Web Address: www.yorkdistrict.org

York District News

YORK DISTRICT CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2006

We had another successful Day Camp season at Camp Nutter in 2006. York District had over 180 Cub Scouts search the many countries at Camp Nutter for Akela. Thank you to Diana Vermette and Tony Beaumier and the entire adult volunteer staff that put on an awesome program. Without the volunteer help, we could not put this program together. Thank you again for your help. See you again in 2007.

YORK DISTRICT 2006 FALL CAMPOREE

Hike-O-Ree is the theme for the York District 2006 Fall Camporee to be hosted by Troop 320 in Shapleigh. The event will take place on October 13-15, 2006 somewhere in York District. We had this Hike-O-Ree event a couple of years ago and it was very popular. Whether you were a Road Dog, Trail Dog or a Mad Dog, all who attended had fun. So put your hiking shoes on and get ready to hit the trails. More information will be available at the upcoming roundtables.

Casco Bay District News (continued)

culminating with the presentation of the Awards of Merit.

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 11, 2006 from 8:00am-11:00am is the date to pickup your popcorn orders. This year, we will be doing our popcorn distribution at Barber Foods at 56 Milliken Street in Portland. As usual, we need help separating popcorn orders on Friday night, November 10th. Any unit that assists in this process can take their popcorn order with them that evening. Please contact Brian Hazelwood at 885-5943 or Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25 with any questions.

DISTRICT RE-CHARTER TIME

As winter looms, we find that it is re-charter time again. The majority of Casco Bay units re-charter in January and February so it is important that you contact your Unit Commissioners and work together with them to insure that your charters are filled out correctly and completely and on time. It is essential that all our scouts are officially registered and on your charters, so as to insure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. Also, we encourage you to use the on-line internet re-chartering! If you have any questions regarding the re-charter process feel free to contact District Commissioner, John Hume at 797-2154 or Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25.

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Downeast District News

VOLUNTEERS

The Downeast District is in search of a few good scouters to help the district committee. Over the past year, people have moved on and your help is needed. From fundraising, to training new leaders, to working with units on the Commissioner staff, the district needs extra support.

If you have the time, we can use your help. Let us know what you can do and we will work to put you in the right spot. Contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsamail.org or call 797-5252 ext. 28 if you want to help the district operate smoothly.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As the year winds down, the district is working on cleaning up the fundraising campaign. If you were not given the opportunity to donate or want to make that end of the year contribution, please contact the Pine Tree Council. We are also preparing for the 2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please plan to include your FOS presentation at your Blue/Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. Contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsamail.org or call 797-5252 ext. 28.

DAY CAMP 2006

The Downeast District would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with this year's Day Camps. Over 150 Cubs Scouts enjoyed two weeks of fun and adventure as they explored different countries at Downeast District Day Camps. Special thanks go to our camp and program directors, Jen Whitehill and Deb Thibodeau on the outstanding leadership they provided to the program.

FALL CAMPOREE

Come learn the ways of the Maine Lumber Jack this year at the District Camporee. Join fellow Scouts from Downeast, Kennebec Valley, and Abnaki Districts competing in activities that will teach Scouts about the life and work of the Maine Lumber Jack. The Camporee will be October 6, 7 and 8 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. The price is \$10 per participant. For more information contact Chairperson Beth Froman at [email:bfromaway@hotmail.com](mailto:bfromaway@hotmail.com); District Activities Chairperson, K-Valley, Mitch MacArthur at [email:shaggy55@adelphia.net](mailto:shaggy55@adelphia.net) or at 453-4095; Committee Member, Abnaki, Al Warner at [email:altroop109@wmconnect.com](mailto:altroop109@wmconnect.com); Committee Member, Downeast, Freida Carpenter at [email:carpenters3ofclarryhill@hotmail.com](mailto:carpenters3ofclarryhill@hotmail.com).

Eagle Palms

There has been a lot of confusion in the process of earning an Eagle Palm. Once a scout earns the rank of Eagle Scout, he may earn Palms by completing the following requirements:

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 3 months after becoming an Eagle Scout or after the award of your last Palm.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Make a satisfactory effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.
4. Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required

for Eagle or last Palm.*.

5. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
6. Complete your board of review.

You may wear only the proper combination of Palms for the number of merit badges you earned beyond the rank of Eagle. The Bronze Palm represents 5 merit badges, the Gold Palm 10, and the Silver Palm 15.

*Merit Badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used to meet this requirement.

Please complete proper advancement forms. This information must be verified before Eagle Palms will be distributed.

National Youth Leadership Training Conference

Congratulations to the 30 Boy Scouts that attended the Pine Cone National Youth Leader Training conference at Camp KV in August! NYLT is the new name for Junior Leader Training! The Pinecone National Youth Leader Training Conference is conducted by volunteers from the Pine Tree Council and the scouts attending come away with great experiences that will help them in their roles and responsibilities as leaders.

Our hats off to the great NYLT staff: Dave Sinclair, Scoutmaster; and Assistant Scoutmasters, David Collins, Don Esson, Warner Reed and Dana Wade. The youth staff was led by Tom Esson as SPL and Ian Hanley as ASPL and included, Matt McAdam, Frank Gilcreast, David LeClaire, Jon Eddy, Paul Johnson, John McLean and Tom Rubino! Our thanks to all the staff for going above and beyond the call of duty to make this program a success!

2007 Council Camporee

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in England, the Pine Tree Council will be holding a Council Camporee in October of 2007. This camporee will bring together Scouts and Scouters from all over Maine to participate in many activities revolving around the 100th anniversary theme! The camporee

committee is hard at work shoring up details of the program and schedule of events, there will be something for everyone!

So mark your calendar for Oct. 19th - 21st, 2007, as this will be an event you will not want to miss! Watch our web site for more camporee information!

Recharter Reminder

Does the recharter of your unit seem overwhelming? Why not make it faster and easier by using the online recharter process. You can download the unit roster from the Pine Tree Council records and edit it in the comfort of your home. Please remember that if you do not recharter your

unit on time, you cannot be a quality unit and your scouts are not covered by insurance. Please contact your unit commissioner or district executive if you need help to get the paperwork done on time.

Dirigo Award

Starting January 2007, your unit can work toward achieving the Dirigo Award from the Pine Tree Council. This award will take your unit a year to receive because of the many qualifying ingredients, which include selling popcorn, Friends of Scouting and camp to name a few.

After your unit has achieved this award, you will receive 30% off advancement emblems for the following year, and

other special discounts/early bird specials on select scout shop items throughout the year. The 30% off is limited to the following rank badges: Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life.

Find more information about the award at www.pinetreebsa.org or your roundtable.

Training at a Glance - Upcoming Dates

September		
30	York	BS ONLY NLE and SM/ASM Training (Indoor Coursework only) at Camp Nutter
October		
6-8	York & CB	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and WLOT
11	Abnaki	Part I: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics
14	York	BALOO and New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics and Troop Committee Challenge
14	KV	New Leaders Essentials with Scout Leader Specifics
21	Downeast	New Leaders Essentials with Boy Scout Leader Specifics
21	York	NLE, CS-LST and Troop Committee Challenge at Camp Nutter
28-30	York & CB	ITOLS and WLOT at Camp Hinds (CB & York to sponsor but open to the whole PTC)
November		
4	Casco Bay	New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics and Troop Committee Challenge
8	Abnaki	Part II: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics
11	Casco Bay	Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training
December		
13	Abnaki	Part II: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics

For more information on training, contact your District Executive at 797-5252 and use the extensions listed below:
Abnaki Ext. 33 Casco Bay Ext. 25 Downeast Ext. 28 K-Valley Ext. 27 York Ext. 24 Exploring Ext. 34

University of Scouting 2007

Mark your calendars for another great University full of valuable courses for all Scouters! The University will be held on March 24th at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn and will feature classes for Cub Leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing, Commissioners, Explorers, the Order of the Arrow and much more!

This year's college president will be our own

Council Commissioner, Bill Coffin, who along with his staff of instructors are working hard to bring to you the best Scouting has to offer!

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship with great Scouting Resources. Look for the University catalog coming soon to our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org/university.

Woodbadge – 2007

Pine Tree Council will again be offering a Woodbadge Course in the fall of 2007. Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting careers!!! Wood Badge Training offers a unique opportunity for learning and for leadership. Participants live and work together in a patrol with other Scouters, while they learn about the skills of leadership. The skills of Wood Badge will help you in your personal and professional life along with Scouting!

Who can attend? All registered Scout Leaders who have completed basic training for their position. The course content benefits Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders as well as Council and District leaders.

The dates are Sept. 14-16, and Oct. 12-14, 2007

and the cost is \$220 which includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?

- Problem solving techniques for adults & youth
- Management of Youth Programs
- Leadership Skills
- Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
- Managing Conflict and Change
- Team Development
- Communications
- Leading to Make a Difference
- The Outing in Scouting

Questions? Contact Course Director, Lance Eschholz at leschhol@ime.net



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Casco Bay District News

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS

We would like to get a head start on Friends of Scouting presentations this year. If you would look at your calendars and discuss with your unit committees when would be the best time to schedule a FOS presentation starting in January, it would be most helpful. The preferred presentation time is at a Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. Without the support of all of our units with Friends of Scouting, we won't be able to deliver the same level of quality programming that has become synonymous with Scouting in the Casco Bay District. Please contact Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25 to book your presentation or with any questions.

FALL CAMPOREE!

This year's Casco Bay District Fall Camporee will be held October 13th through the 15th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The theme is "Gilwell Games" and Troop 800 is hosting. Don't miss

this opportunity to participate in a fun filled and exciting weekend that is sure to leave everyone with lots of great stories to share and memories to keep. Registration materials will be available at roundtable or at the Pine Tree Council. Any questions should be directed to Tom Wiley at 655-2048 or Paul Conley at 838-7054.

AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS HONORED

Four Casco Bay District Scouters were presented the District Award of Merit at the Casco Bay BBQ on August 27th at Camp Hinds. Linda Klein of Troop 151, Jim Fisher of Pack 800, Chuck Thorp of Troop 35, and Greg Foster of Crew 85 were each presented with the Award of Merit, the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. The entire evening was a resounding success beginning with an array of family activities, followed by a delicious BBQ dinner and a campfire where numerous district scouters were recognized for their contributions to scouting, and finally

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Abnaki District News

RACE INTO SCOUTING

Please turn in all registration forms for new Scouts and adult leaders as soon as possible following your fall recruitment.

Remember, recruitment is a year-round endeavor and does not end after your fall recruitment night. Scouts can join throughout the year and will if given the chance. Use your local schools, municipal offices, publications, churches, and other public venues as a resource for getting information out about your Scouting program and how to join. Also, Matt Mower is available to help you with any follow-up recruitment efforts you would like to do.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST

Available at www.abnakidistrict.org. Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the list.

FALL CAMPOREE

Come learn the ways of the Maine Lumber Jack this year at the 3 district Camporee. Join fellow Scouts from Downeast, Kennebec Valley, and Abnaki Districts competing in activities that will teach Scouts about the life and work of the Maine Lumber Jack. The Camporee will be October 6, 7 and 8 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. The price is \$10 per participant. For more information, contact Chairperson Beth Froman at email: bfromaway@hotmail.com; District Activities Chairperson, K-Valley, Mitch MacArthur at email: shaggy55@adelphia.net or at 453-4095; Committee Member for Abnaki, Al Warner at email: altroop109@wmconnect.com; Committee Member for Downeast, Freida Carpenter at email: carpenters3ofclarryhill@hotmail.com.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FAMILY PRESENTATIONS

Please sign up now for a Friends of Scouting presentation at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. The presentation is brief and gives parents and leaders a great opportunity to invest in the Scouting program. Friends of Scouting helps keep the Scouting program affordable for everyone.

To sign up, contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33.

RE-CHARTER

Kits are going out to units starting around the end of October. The kits will include instructions for Internet Chartering (new, advanced and optional). Remember to fill out applications for Quality Unit Award, Summertime Pack Activity Award and any other awards your unit qualifies for.

There will be a re-chartering clinic at Auburn Middle School at 7pm on Wednesday, December 13th (December Roundtable). This is a great way to get your charters in on time and work out any issues you need help with.

If you do your recharter online, please remember that you still have to print off a copy and have it signed off by the Unit Leader and the Chartering Organization's Executive Officer. All new youth and adults need applications completed and sent into the Pine Tree Council along with the recharter paperwork.

Please complete your charter by December 15th! Please contact your unit commissioner or Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33 if you need any assistance.

OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping

The Pine Tree Council will again be offering our popular OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping program in January and February. OKPIK (ook' pick) is the Inuit name for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol of the official Boy Scouts of America cold weather camping program.

OKPIK is run out of the Training Center at Camp Hinds in Raymond and offers:

- *Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew
- *Snowshoeing, back woods skiing, shelter building and winter survival skills and meals
- *Hundreds of acres at and around Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine
- * Cold weather first aid and camping training
- * Equipment sleds, skies, snowshoes, and other cold

- weather camping gear
- * Supplemental cold weather clothing and sleeping systems
- * Emergency radio communication
- * OKPIK Maine participant patches
- *Shower facilities in our heated lodge
- * Trading Post
- *Crew leader packet with detailed information about the program

The 2007 OKPIK program will run for 6 consecutive weekends starting Jan 12-14 through Feb. 16-18. Reservations fill quickly for this program, so contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Camping Administrator at 797-5252 x14 or cgosseli@bsamail.org for more OKPIK information.

Pine Tree Council Annual Business Meeting

On December 14th the Pine Tree Council will hold it's annual business meeting at the Portland Office. We will be looking back at the 2006 year in scouting and looking ahead to the challenges of 2007. The slate of officers for 2007 will be installed and we will again offer Charter Representative Training starting at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 25 if you plan to attend the 6:00 PM Charter Representative Training.

Friends of Scouting

Would you still be involved in the scouting program if it cost \$100 a year just to register. Your Scout wouldn't enjoy going to summer camp without tents to sleep in or archery equipment to use, would they?

This time of year is critical to the Pine Tree Council and to the families that are involved in the program because we are in the process of scheduling Friends of Scouting presentations at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor.

Friends of Scouting allows families to make a tax-deductible donation which helps keep the scouting program affordable to every youth that wants to be involved. It also helps pay for camp equipment, pay for upgrades at camp, and provide leadership support for your unit leaders.

If you have not talked to your District Executive or the district Friends of Scouting Chair, please give them a call as soon as possible to schedule your presentation.

Remember, if you are looking for a program with the values that your youth will receive in Scouting, you will pay a lot more with other organizations. If you are looking for an example, compare the cost of one week at either Cub Scout camp or Boy Scout camp with other camps that your children attend. That value is available to you because of your Friends of Scouting contributions. Plan to donate this spring.

Sign up now and support the largest youth organization in the world as we prepare for our 100th anniversary.

Jamboree on the Air

What is the biggest annual Scouting event in the world? When is it? How can I participate?

The biggest event in Scouting happens every third full weekend in October. It literally happens all around the world, it does not cost anything, and YOU can participate!

It is called Jamboree on the Internet, and Jamboree on the Air. JOTI and JOTA for short! It is sponsored by the World Scouting Organization, and you will be able to talk, meet, type and "chat" interactively with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts all over the world.

To familiarize more people with the event, on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 we are planning on creating an opportunity for individuals, dens, patrols, or whole units to come to the PTC Service Center to participate and even learn how to get hooked up at home.

More details will be available at the September and October Roundtables. PATCHES for the JOTA and JOTI events will be on sale in the Scout Shop for all who participate either from home or at the Service Center location.

National Family Week

The week of Thanksgiving provides families the opportunities to honor connections that support and strengthen families. The theme is Connections Count and it embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are

strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks (like Scouting), and services.

Family is and always will be important to Scouting. For more information on National Family Week: Connections Count, visit nationalfamilyweek.org.

Scouting For Food

Every day thousands of families in the Pine Tree Council walk to their local food pantry to have food for their family. Where does this food come from you ask? The Scouts of the Pine Tree Council do the annual Scouting For Food Collection drive in October and November. Many local food pantries rely on this event for the holiday season.

Thousands of pounds of food will be collected on November 4th. Please pick up the information form at the October Roundtable or contact your District Executive for the information sheet. This year we ask that you use recycled bags to do your local food drive. Please report your totals to the Pine Tree Council by November 18th and don't forget to report your unit activity on the Good Turn For America Website.

Silver Beaver Recipients '07

Each year the Pine Tree Council has the opportunity to present the Silver Beaver Award to outstanding volunteers that go above and beyond to see that the youth of the council have a great program. Nomination forms are available at the Pine Tree Council Service Center, and

your district roundtable. All nominations are due in the Pine Tree Council Office by Feb. 1 2007.

If there is a registered adult who seems to do everything for your unit, district and/or council, please take the time to nominate them for this high level award. Awards will be presented at the Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet in April.

The Price of Freedom Leadership Conference

February 15-18, 2007 is the date for the Price of Freedom Leadership Conference at Valley Forge. This conference is limited to young men and women currently enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 who are active in the Scouting program and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team, Venturing Crew,

or Sea Scout Ship, and who meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements: Eagle Scout, Silver Award, Quartermaster Award.

View the Freedoms Foundation website at www.freedomsfoundation.com for more information.

The Turtle Speaks

• Thirty Brothers of Madockawanda Lodge attended the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference held from July 29th thru August 3, 2006 at Michigan State University. At the largest NOAC ever, the lodge also captured the 2006 NOAC Spirit Award, one of only 18 lodges out of the 307 that attended who earned all of the requirements for this award! Congratulations to all who attended.

• All members and their guests are encouraged to attend the 2006 Annual Lodge Banquet. This year, Casco Bay Chapter is our host and the event will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Recognition and presentation of the Vigil Honor Certificates for the 2006 recipients, a recap of the 2006 lodge year, and the presentation of the Founders' Award comprise part of the



festivities at this great annual event. Watch for the registration flyer in early November in the mail and on the lodge website!

• The lodge again was well represented and served honorably at the 2006 Section NE-1A Conclave held at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca in Northwood, New Hampshire. Not only did Paul Froman get re-elected to a second term as Section Chief, both the lodge website and Turtle Soup, the lodge newsletter won best

in section awards. The lodge also took home the Silver Tomahawk Award as the lodge providing the most service to its council. Over 40 brothers attended the rather rainy weekend of fun and fellowship!

• Speaking of Vigil, congratulations go out to the 2006 Vigil Honor Recipients who were tapped out and completed their Vigil during July at Camp Hinds: Tom Kester, Noah Lemire, Steve Craig, Mitch McArthur and Wyatt Carpenter.

2006 Summer Camp Season a Success!

Pine Tree Council has just finished off another great summer camp season offering programs and activities for Scouts of all ages! In order for a camp program to be successful, it takes many hands and lots of volunteers! Thanks to all of our many Scouters and parents who helped out by bringing scouts to camp!

A huge thanks to this year's directors for offering great leadership for our summer camps and their districts! Thanks to Matt Mower and Wayne Holden for taking over the reigns of leadership at Camp Hinds!

Our district Day Camps and FunPack Weekends were overseen by the following:

Abnaki: Scott Verrill, Heather Dow and Mary Jane Vachon.

Casco Bay: Missy Bell, Kathleen Durost, Grace Everest, Tammy Grondin and John Trott

Downeast: Deb Thibodeau, Jen Whitehill and Steve Saucier.

K-Valley: John Berryman, Sheila Adkins and Leslie Ellis.

York: Diana Vermette, Tony Beaumier and Tracy Grogan.

Pine Tree Council 2007 Scout Family Ski Days

The Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce that we will be offering the ever-popular Scout Ski Days for the year 2007. We have once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, Shawnee Peak, and Mt. Abram to offer discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals.

Do not miss out on the great times Scouts and their families have on the slopes of Maine's most popular ski resorts. Please be on the lookout for more information that will be mailed out to registered Scouts and Scouters.

Scout Nights with the Pirates

\$9 Main Deck tickets
(a savings of up to \$8.50 per ticket)
November 18th @ 7:05 vs. Lowell Devils
January 13th @ 7:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack
April 15th @ 4:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

With each ticket purchased,
each Scout will receive a
Commemorative Pirates Scout Day Patch!

Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center
\$18 Main Deck tickets including
a night of activities

March 3rd @ 7:05 vs. Manchester



Offer is available to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Venturers and their families and friends.

To order your tickets, call Rob Slaughter at (207) 828-4665 x 312 or visit www.portlandpirates/BoyScouts.

Only a limited number of tickets available, so order yours today!!