

# PINE SPILLS December 2008



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## President's Message

As we close out another year, we must stop and give thanks and gratitude for our health, families and friends. We must also look back at the memories we have for 2008! Being involved in Scouting gives us all an opportunity to make lifetime memories with the youth and families that we serve in Scouting! So thank you to all of our leaders, parents and volunteers that gave un-selfishly of their time and resources throughout this past year!

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Whether you helped out on a troop or pack committee, attended summer camp or a weekend camp out with the scouts, participated in a good turn such as Scouting for Food, worked on an Eagle project, or donated to the Friends of Scouting campaign your efforts are appreciated and help us fulfill our mission to help instill good strong values in young people.

As we look forward to 2009, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Clint Staples as the new Council Commissioner. Clint is a long-time Scouting volunteer in the York district. Clint is taking over the position from Bill Coffin who has recently moved on to serve as the Area 1 Commissioner for the Northeast Region! Our thanks and gratitude to Bill for all of his past service to the Pine Tree Council!

May you all have a safe and happy holiday season! I look forward to more great Scouting alongside of you in 2009!

Yours in Scouting,

*Pete*

**WOODBADGE— LEADER TRAINING**  
**Coming in the fall of 2009!**



### What is Wood Badge?

**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 is Woodbadge for?** 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.

**Dates: Thursday - Saturday ~ Sept. 24 - 26, 2009 & Oct. 8 - 10, 2009.**

Arrival will be on Thursdays at 8:30 AM with departure on Saturdays at 5 PM.

**Cost: \$240 per person and includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!**

#### What does Woodbadge Provide?

Problem Solving techniques for adults and youth  
Leadership Skills  
Managing Conflict and Change  
Communications  
The Outing in Scouting

Management of Youth Programs.  
Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills  
Team Development  
Leading to Make a Difference

**Woodbadge Questions?** Contact the Course Directors: Bruce Rueger @ [rueger@roadrunner.com](mailto:rueger@roadrunner.com) or 872-5920 or John Hume @ [jhume@maine.rr.com](mailto:jhume@maine.rr.com) or 797-2154



# COUNCIL NEWS



Volunteers work to put a new roof on the dining hall at Camp Hinds!

## Camp Hinds Dining Hall gets a start on a New Roof!

Thanks to some dedicated volunteers, the re-shingling of the dining hall roof at Camp Hinds has begun! During some of the very cold weekends in November, lots of volunteers, under the direction of Ranger Bob tore off the old shingles and laid down new shingles along with ice and water shield!

Volunteers from Troop 329, Crew 116, the Order of the Arrow, and a work crew from Sappi Paper led by Steve Craig, along with others were busy doing their good turn at Hinds!

The project is half done with the most of the main dining hall being completed. A huge thank-you goes out to those that helped, as having a great volunteer work force helps us stretch our dollars donated for projects!

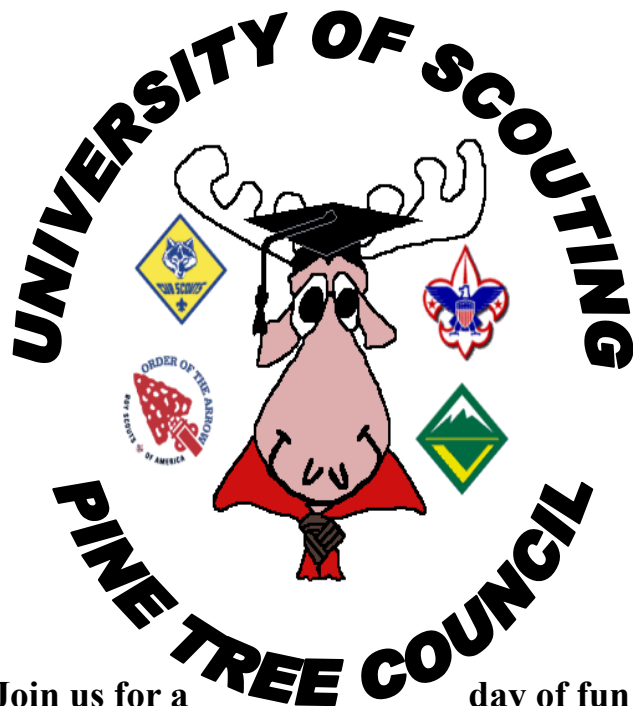
Work on the kitchen roof will be done in the spring! Watch for spring work day announcements in early spring to help join in the fun!

## 2008 Pine Tree Council 3rd Quarter Eagle Scouts ~ Congratulations to our newest Eagles!

AB	T-130	Christopher	Dowling
AB	T-137	Christopher	Schenk
AB	T-7	Roland	Chabot
CB	T-155	James	Russell
CB	T-156	Keegan	Eldridge
CB	T-30	Leopold	Ledman
CB	T-315	Nathan	Smith
CB	T-315	John	Trott, III
CB	T-45	Griffin	Day
CB	T-58	Samuel	Kern
CB	T-81	Peter	Johnson
CB	T-817	Thomas	Mathieu
CB	T-86	Nicholas	La Rochelle
CB	T-93	Thomas	Doherty
CB	T-99	Daniel	Levesque
DE	T-201	James	Richardson
DE	T-206	Benjamin	Ward
DE	T-220	Derek	Pomerleau
DE	T-621	Bryan	Rattleff
DE	T-634	Sean	Gelwick
KV	T-454	Brandon	Michaud
KV	T-497	Christopher	Grenier
KV	T-497	Dylan	McNally
KV	T-606	William	Wilson
KV	T-613	Nathaniel	Chadwick
KV	T-622	Wade	Davis
KV	T-622	Michael	Lachance
KV	T-622	Ian	Nichols
KV	T-622	Nolan	Poulin
YK	T-307	Joseph	Ruocco
YK	T-310	Lance	Courtois
YK	T-324	Nikolas	Earnest
YK	T-338	Walter	Hanson
YK	T-338	Samson	King

# Special Events

Join us for the 5th Annual  
University of Scouting at the  
Central Maine Community College  
Saturday, March 21, 2009



Join us for a \_\_\_\_\_ day of fun  
and fellowship with  
*Great Scouting Resources!!!*

**The University's Catalog of Courses will be coming soon and offers classes for leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Commissioning, the Order of the Arrow and much more!**

**Watch the registration form and catalog of classes for Pine Tree Council's *University of Scouting*. It's for all leaders, committee members, and parents.**

**Start your planning now!  
Save the date— March 21st!  
See you there....**

## 2008 -2009 Scout Nights with the Pirates



**\$10.00 Main Deck Tickets  
(a savings of \$7.50 per ticket)**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05 vs. Philadelphia  
January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05 vs. Springfield**

**Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center  
\$22 Main Deck tickets including  
a night of activities.  
(Skating and a Movie)  
February 28th vs. Hartford 7pm**

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

To order tickets call Ryan Delaney at (207) 828-4665 x 309

If you would like to have your unit do the flag ceremony for a game or you know someone who would like to perform the National Anthem, please contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23

# Boy Scout News



## Operation – Fly 1<sup>st</sup> Class during April School Vacation

Operation Fly 1<sup>st</sup> Class is 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 past 3 years.

2009 dates for Operation Fly First Class are: April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Operation Fly 1<sup>st</sup> Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$160 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.

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

## Winter Camp 2009

During the deep snows of next February school vacation, 32 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2009 February 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 quinzees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A variety of merit Badges will be offered including some Eagle required ones.

Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation! Registration forms are on the web site at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

### PINE TREE COUNCIL

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### OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping

2009 OKPIK DATES

Jan. 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-2/1

Feb. 6-8, 13-15, 27-3/1

PRICES AND PAYMENT

SCHEDULE

**Reservation for the popular OKPIK program should be made as early as possible. We do fill up! You can make a reservation by phone. Call Pine Tree Council at (207) 797-5252 ext. 14 or reservations.**

Fees for 2009

**\$75.00 for PTC youth and adults**

OKPIK Maine offers:

- \*Backpacking style trail food.
- \*Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew.
- \*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
- \* OKPIK Trading Post



# 2010 BSA National Jamboree

*The countdown has begun to the 2010 National Jamboree!*

*Reserve by 1/15/09 to ensure your spot!*



The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of four troops with a total of 144 Boy Scouts and 16 leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BSA!

This jamboree promises to be

**“The best, most exciting, fun-filled jamboree ever!”**

**Come Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with us!** The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of four troops with a total of 144 Boy Scouts and 16 leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BSA!

**Registration must be done online! Visit the Jamboree web site at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) to sign up and for more info!**

## **What is There to Do at the Jamboree?**

You name it! The jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting—physical fitness, environmental conservation, our national heritage, and the true spirit of Scouting. See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to try.

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

**JAMBOREE DATES July 21 – Aug. 4, 2010**

**TOTAL COST \$1800 +/-** (depending upon final travel costs) for Scouts

**Reservation fee \$100 with application which must be done online at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org)**

## **SCOUTMASTERS – PROMOTE THE JAMBOREE TO YOUR TROOP-**

A 2010 National Jamboree DVD is available at the Pine Tree Council. Troops can sign it out to show at a patrol or troop meeting. Reserve it by calling 797-5252 x 10 or pick up at the front desk at PTC.

**TRAVEL PLANS** The Pine Tree Council jamboree contingent will leave Camp Hinds on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and travel to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C., ample time will be allowed to tour the Smithsonian Institution, the White House, and many more of the federal offices and local sites. Plans also include a trip to a local amusement park! We will camp at the jamboree until the morning of August 4 and then return by bus to Maine.

**ORGANIZATION** The jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come basis. After our 4 troops have been filled, a stand-by list of alternates will be established. Scouts will be assigned to a jamboree troop consisting of 36 Scouts and four adult leaders.

## **WHO CAN GO?**

### **Boy Scout Qualifications**

You can only go with the council contingent, not on your own! **Each Scout must** be at least a First Class Scout; Have completed sixth grade *or* be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached his 18th birthday by August 3, 2010. Have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010 and be approved by his Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

Questions on the Jamboree- contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Jamboree Advisor at 797-5252 x 14 or email at [cgosseli@bsamail.org](mailto:cgosseli@bsamail.org)



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### Pinewood Derby

This year's Pinewood Derby will continue the tradition of fun and excitement for Cub Scouts. We are looking at the possibility of a change of venue and will keep you informed. The Derby will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Each Pack will be allowed to send the 4 top racers from their local Derby Race and 1 alternate to run in the event of a no-show. Registration will be \$5 per racer/ \$25 per Pack with a full slate. We will follow the Official Rules and Regulations.

### Venture Quest 2009

Recently elected Area 1 Venturing President Lee Morin and Vice President Nick Bouyea of Venture Crew 116 Lewiston are gearing up for the 2009 Venture Quest next Spring. We now have 6 active Crews in Abnaki District; Crew 101 Bethel, Crew 116 Lewiston, Crew 120 Hillview, Crew 124 Lisbon, Crew 137 Auburn, and Crew 597 Canton, as well as Sea Scout Ships 741 Lewiston. Each of these Units is eligible to participate in the preparations for this very exciting opportunity.

For more information contact District Venturing Chair Nick Bouyea at [drumlinehs@yahoo.com](mailto:drumlinehs@yahoo.com) or 576-7499.

### Klondike Derby

Don't miss the Abnaki Klondike Derby... It's A Dog's Life! This Klondike will be hosted by Troop 109 of the Lisbon Falls and held January 30, 31 at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. There will be a number of challenging events. Registration begins at 8am and closing Campfire at 6pm. The schedule includes overnight opportunities Friday & Saturday for those who wish to brave the winter snow.

For more info contact Scoutmaster Allen Ward 576-6016 or [allenward109@gmail.com](mailto:allenward109@gmail.com)



What a great year! We have witnessed the start of 5 new Units, among them our first Sea Scout Ship! We had excellent attendance at all of our camps and each District Event has been exceptional. There is a new sense of community and pride sweeping the District as we prepare for another year of Scouting. The countless hours that each of you contribute to Scouting does not go un-noticed, or unappreciated. The result is found in both the quantity and quality of the youth that are impacted by the programs that you provide. The work you are doing now is changing the future of our communities, our District, our Council, and our State.

As we move into a New Year, we look forward to continued growth and excitement. The Scout Law Showcase in November highlighted Scouting to a new audience and was supported by the local media including the Twin City Times and the Lewiston Sun. The feature article in the December Boy's Life (Boy Scout Edition) that follows Troop 007 on their trip to the Curling Club is the first time in many years that a Pine Tree Council Unit has been covered. The Best Is Yet To Come! As we move forward the scale and visibility of our District will increase and we will achieve our goal of making a quality Scouting program available to all the youth of Oxford & Androscoggin Counties.

Thank you for your tireless service and dedication to Scouting.  
Scott Verrill, Abnaki District Executive

### Sea Scouts

We are very excited about the new Sea Scout Ship that has been active now for over 6 months. They have been meeting at the Basilica in Lewiston and have been sailing in Rhode Island. They have also come into possession of a 22' Catalina and a fleet of 7 small sailboats. We will be watching as this new venture takes shape and begins participating in sailing expeditions and competitions. Community support for the new Ship has been exceptional, from the Chartering Organizations themselves, to donations of numerous small crafts, storage and use of yacht club facilities, and cooperation with recruiting efforts. Many organizations have come together in this venture and made progress a reality. If you are interested in joining the Sea Scouts please contact Gus LeBlanc, Skipper of Lewiston Basilica Ship 741 at 786-8755 or [9leblanc@lewistonpublicschools.org](mailto:9leblanc@lewistonpublicschools.org) & Ray Frechette, Skipper of Auburn VFW Ship 1603 at [ray@gfboat.com](mailto:ray@gfboat.com) or (207) 786-6998.

### Merit Badge College

We are very excited to bring you March Madness Merit Badge College. This is an opportunity to work on key Merit Badges every Wednesday for the month of March. We are securing the Auburn Middle School for this event and will close with a Graduation Ceremony and Ice Cream Party on the last night. The list of Merit Badges will be available at the December Round Table as well as other Details. There will be a \$5 registration fee due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Registrations mailed after that date but before February 25<sup>th</sup> will cost \$8 and registration at the door will cost \$10. This will provide us with program materials and the funds for our Graduation.

For more information contact Scott Verrill 592-8077 or [strictly@megalink.net](mailto:strictly@megalink.net)

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### Fast Tracks

Remember that Cub Program and advancement can be easy as a mouse click. Check out Fast Tracks at:

<http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/FastTracks.aspx>

### Training

Flyers are available for this fall's trainings.

For more information on Trainings please feel free to Contact Jen Rondeau, Cub Scout Training Chair at 583-6580 or Jim Thomas, Boy Scout Training Chair at 829-9235.

January 10/2008 NLE / YP / Cub Leader Specific and TCC with Part one of District Merit Badge College. 8 am to 4 PM at the Windham Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



### Klondike Derby 2009

Will be held at the Acres of Wildlife campground in Steep Falls, Maine on January 31, 2009. This year's theme will be go Hawaiian. More information will be available at the December and January Roundtables and you can also contact the Trotts via email at [trottj@roadrunner.com](mailto:trottj@roadrunner.com) or via phone at 512-4708.

### Commissioner's Staff Needed

If you know of anyone who was an active Scouter and would like to get involved with Unit Service, District Commissioner Irene Leclaire is looking for a few good Scouters to serve as Unit Commissioners. Done well, this job should require no more than three hours a month. Commissioners are friends to units who help with re-charter and program. For more information about Commissioner Service, please contact Irene Leclaire at 893-0565 or via email at [ialbel@aol.com](mailto:ialbel@aol.com) or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or [abessey@bsamail.org](mailto:abessey@bsamail.org).

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**The Downeast Klondike Derby** will be held at Beaver Lodge in Hope on January 31, 2009. The event will start at 9:00 AM. Every Troop participating must construct a catapult with lashings, that can be transported by Scouts and launch potatoes. For more information and registration please attend Roundtable.

### Friends of Scouting ~

If you have not all ready scheduled to have a Friends of Scouting presentation in your unit please contact Steve Saucier. Court of Honors and Blue & Gold banquets are great opportunities to learn about the Pine Tree Council and give families the chance to support the Scouting program.

### Re-Charter Time!

It is time for all Downeast Units to re-charter; you can pick up your packets at Roundtable. The re-charter needs to be done by the end of January. There will be a re-charter workshop at the January Roundtable.

### Roundtable ~

Do not miss out on the Downeast District Roundtables, the second Wednesday of every month at the Wiscasset Middle School, at 7 PM. Come learn new things, meet other leaders, and find out what is happening in the district and Council.

### Upcoming Leader's Training ~ February 7, 9 AM, Damariscotta LDS Church

Training will include New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Specific, Scout Master Training, Troop Committee Challenge, Venture Leader Training and Den Chief Training



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### **PINEWOOD DERBY**

Look out for information on our District Pinewood Derby coming up on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Windsor Elementary School.

For more information you can contact District Activities Chair Karen Douglas at [kdouglas@augustaschools.org](mailto:kdouglas@augustaschools.org) or 623-7298.

### **KLONDIKE DERBY**

Troop 479 will be once again hosting our annual Pine Wood Derby in China on Saturday, January 31st. We will again be doing programming for both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Activities will just for the day.

Troop 479 Scoutmaster Scott Adams will be soon distributing information. If you have any questions you can reach him at 968-2787.

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS**

OA elections begin the 1st of Jan. and run until 15 April. A packet will be sent out to all units just before the start of the election season which will include the Form and all other information that will be needed.

For more info you contact Tracy Wiggin at [twig271@roadrunner.com](mailto:twig271@roadrunner.com)

### **SPRING & FALL CAMPOREE**

As this article is being written we do have a lead on who will hosting our Spring Camporee on May 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. When the District Committee approves the plan we will be sending out more information.

We are looking for a host for the Fall Camporee on [October 16-18, 2009](#).

For more information you can contact District Activities Chair Karen Douglas at [kdouglas@augustaschools.org](mailto:kdouglas@augustaschools.org) or 623-7298.

### **CHARTER DISTRIBUTION**

We will be handing out Recharter Kits at our January Roundtable (Our regular Roundtable is every second Wednesday of the month from September to May at 7pm at Blessed Hope Advent Christian Church in Waterville) If you cannot be there to pick them up please contact your commissioner or Matt Mower.

Let get those charters finished and in by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Remember, we're here to help you if you need it.

### **DISTRICT NEWS EMAIL**

If any of you are looking for a quick and easy way to get up-to-date information on K-Valley happenings write this email address down: [moxiemanager@zwi.net](mailto:moxiemanager@zwi.net). If you send Scott Bernier a note at this address he will add you to the district email list.

### **THANK YOU FOR SERVICE**

District Chairman years Charles Matthews will be stepping down at the end of 2008 so he can dedicate more time to his growing Boy Scout Troop. We will still see him around at Scouting events, and he will also serve as one of our FOS Community Campaign Captains. Charlie has served over 6 years in this position giving countless hours in service of the program all over K-Valley District, and he has been a dedicate Scouter for over 40 years. Please join me in thanking Charlie and his wife Rachel for letting us have him.

### **DISTRICT STAFF, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER**

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on our District Committee and Commissioner Staff to help us with the following duties that are important to the success of Scouting in this area... Building Membership, Activities & Program, Advancement, Fundraising, Training, Unit Service, And more... If you have an interest in serving Scouts in Kennebec, Franklin & Somerset Counties please let us know and we'd be happy to talk with you.

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**.2009 York District Pinewood Derby: The Official 2009 Pine Tree Council Pinewood Derby Rules** are available on the YD website and will be e-mailed to all CS leaders. Please make sure all individuals making cars has a copy of the rules so there will not be any questions regarding the race. A letter was sent out around November 21, 2008 to all **NEW** registered scouts with a coupon for a **FREE** pinewood derby car. The new scouts will be able to redeem the Pinewood Derby Car coupon through **March 30, 2009** at their local NAPA Store. The actual date and location for the York District Pinewood Derby will be known by the end of January, 2009.

### Attention All Boy Scout Troops:

As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February. The troop charters will be passed out to the commissioners in December and you will be contacted to set a date to get the re-charter paperwork to you. Please note that in 2009 ALL re-chartering will again be done via the ON-LINE re-chartering program. There are **NO** Re-chartering forms in the re-chartering packets. A BLUE sheet listing the unit's On-line Re-chartering Access Code is in each packet. The On-line re-chartering is very easy, quicker and you can do it anytime of the day. You will still have to print out the final re-chartering information, have it signed by your charter organization and unit leader. After all that is done, it must be passed into the PTC Service Center with the proper money due.

**Popcorn:** Thank you to all the packs and troops that participated in the popcorn sale this year. A HUGE THANK YOU to Shannon Belfance who was the District Kernal for the York District this year. Her help was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to the folks at Hussey Seating who had most of the orders picked before anyone came to help pick the orders. Thank you again for all your help. York District units sold over **\$135,000.00** in popcorn (**up \$10,000 from 2007**). Great job to all involved.

### Klondike Derby 2009: Mark Saturday, February 7, 2009

on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby which will be held somewhere York District. NO information on location was available at this print date. As always, Dave and his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. For any last minute

Information, please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 or [dmwade@metrocast.net](mailto:dmwade@metrocast.net)

**Friends of Scouting:** Time is fast approaching for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign. FOS is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouts, their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. In 2008, York District exceeded its Family FOS Goal. Let see if we can do it again in 2009. This fundraising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keep camp registration fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. The FOS Honor Unit Program used in 2008 will be used again in 2009. Any unit that qualifies will receive all cloth badges of rank from the Council service center free of charge. To schedule your unit's Family Presentation, please contact Frank with your date and time.

**Tribute Fund Gifts made in memory of Dr. Otis Tibbetts:  
Frances Dyro  
Louis & Dawn Winkler, III**

**Tribute gifts made in the memory of John P. Messer:  
Judy & Jeff Kane**

Your gift to the Tribute Fund is your recognition of a special occasion and/ or person. It can be used to recognize a job promotion, presentation of the Eagle Award or the Silver Beaver, to honor an outstanding Scout leader, or in memory of a family member or good friend.

Please mail your tributes to: Pine Tree Council, BSA c/o Tribute Funds, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102.

# Tribute Gifts



# Learning For Life District

Michael Dyer 797-5770 [midyer@lflmail.org](mailto:midyer@lflmail.org).

## Youth Leadership Development Conference

The second annual Youth Leadership Development Conference is scheduled for Saturday, 10 January, 2009. If you have a high school student you will definitely want them to attend this event. This conference will assist students with the development of their personal and group skills. Within these categories the following courses are offered: Time Management, Meeting Management, Communications, Decision Making, Goal Setting, Team Building, Effective Group Management, Managing Through Others, Motivating and Analysis and Evaluation. This is a top quality conference. Our key speakers last year were Congressman Tom Allen and Acadia Insurance Past President, Bill Thornton. More information will be available in the coming months. In the meantime, our contact information is: Michael Dyer, Learning for Life, 797-5770 or you can email me at

## Pine Cone Conference ~

### National Youth Leadership Training

**June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

*The Pine Tree Council will be hosting the newly developed National Youth Leadership Training from June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Camp Hinds in Raymond.*

**NYLT is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their Leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop!**

#### Course Objectives:

Teach concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW and what he must DO.

Teach leadership elements with a clear focus on HOW TO.

#### Give Scouts a "Toolbox of Skills"

- Guide through 4 stages of team development Forming/Storming/Norming/Performing
- Team and personal development
- Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law
- Use the Patrol Method and PLC.
- Experience Scouting at it's finest.

Scouts must be at least 13 years old and be approved by their Scoutmaster.

Cost of the program is \$250.00 for the week!

Limited space available, only two spots per troop allowed unless space is still open after May 1, 2009!

#### Scoutmasters:

Your Scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win win for you, for them and for your Troop! Perhaps the troop can help pay for your boys to go! Reserve your troops spots now!

For more information call NYLT SM, Dave Sinclair at 646-2394-or email:

[scout356@earthlink.net](mailto:scout356@earthlink.net) or PTC Field Director Matt Randall at 797-5252 x 21 or email [mrandall@bsamail.org](mailto:mrandall@bsamail.org)



NYLT Reservation Form

Please reserve my spot for NYLT!

Enclosed is a \$50.00 deposit.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, BSA  
131 Johnson Rd.  
Portland, ME 04102



## Pine Tree Council 2008 Popcorn Sale a Huge Success!

Thanks to the generous support of all the many people who purchased popcorn over the past few months, the Pine Tree Council is proud to report the following figures to you all :

**Total Unit Commissions: \$276,925**  
**Total PTC Commissions: \$252,876**  
**Total Popcorn Commissions: \$529,801**

We, at the Pine Tree council, wish to thank you for your participation in the 2008 popcorn sale! Your help has raised over half a million dollars in support of our programs and the youth we serve! Thanks to all the units that help by selling popcorn and took home some great commissions for their unit treasuries!

With the profits from the 2008 Popcorn Sale, the PTC was able to help Scouts with camperships, support property improvements such as the new roof on the dining hall at Camp Hinds, provide Scoutreach programs for disadvantaged youth, help with membership and unit service, purchase program equipment and much more! The popcorn sale provides valuable dollars to help support the youth of the Pine Tree Council.

**We look forward to your continued support in 2009!**

## Congratulations to our top Popcorn Sellers!

Abanki- Jacob Bussiere from Pack 109 ~ \$2735  
 Casco Bay ~ Evan Kane from Pack 47 ~ \$2889  
 Downeast ~ Isak Potter from Pack 200 ~ \$6054  
 K-Valley ~ Noah Berlew from Troop 613 ~ \$2300  
 York ~ Alexander Gerlach from Pack 311 ~ \$2523

And to our top seller for the Council ~ Isak Potter of Pack 200!  
 And to our top selling unit ~ Pack 47 in Casco Bay District!

Great job by all!



## 2008 Trails End Popcorn Commission to Units

### \$5,000 to \$10,000 Profit

Pack 116	Pack 41	Pack 47	Pack 648	Pack 97
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### \$2,500 to \$5,000 Profit

Pack 47	Pack 110	Pack 102	Pack 109	Pack 805
Pack 86	Pack 145	Pack 566	Pack 37	Pack 874
Pack 250	Pack 201	Pack 639	Pack 142	Pack 200
Pack 401	Pack 646	Pack 610	Troop 479	Troop 613
Pack 311	Pack 301	Pack 428	Pack 500	Pack 647
Pack 350	Pack 254	Pack 338		

### \$1,000 to \$2,500 Profit

Troop 109	Troop 111	Troop 130	Troop 139	Pack 111
Troop 45	Troop 580	Pack 187	Pack 139	Pack 137
Troop 47	Troop 51	Troop 83	Troop 805	Troop 875
Pack 85	Pack 70	Pack 66	Pack 36	Pack 13
Pack 135	Pack 149	Pack 151	Pack 375	Pack 800
Pack 206	Pack 213	Pack	Pack 621	Pack 633
Pack 403	Troop 672	Troop 654	Troop 460	Troop 436
Pack 404	Pack 410	Pack 419	Troop 500	Troop 603
Pack 599	Pack 585	Pack 517	Pack 479	Pack 453
Pack 605	Pack 622	Pack 654	Pack 684	Troop 301
Troop 327	Troop 317	Troop 313	Troop 310	Troop 308
Troop 338	Pack 304	Pack 306	Pack 308	Pack 310
Pack 355	Pack 349	Pack 330	Pack 318	Pack 313
		Pack 369		

### Up to \$1000 Profit

Troop 565	Pack 600	Troop 518	Crew 390	Troop 155
Troop 149	Pack 24	Pack 130	Pack 698	Pack 455
Pack 30	Pack 271	Troop 678	Troop 446	Pack 609
Pack 302	Troop 213	Pack 316	Troop 201	Pack 446
Pack 82	Pack 340	Pack 482	Troop 684	Crew 101
Pack 315	Troop 621	Troop 329	Pack 567	Troop 315
Troop 199	Pack 150	Troop 345	Pack 445	Troop 433
Pack 580	Pack 471	Pack 113	Troop 546	Crew 597
Troop 142	Pack 485	Pack 603	Troop 254	Troop 544
Troop 116	Troop 110	Troop 23	Pack 215	Troop 41
Pack 60	Pack 133	Pack 444	Troop 497	Troop 648
Pack 22	Pack 525	Pack 245	Pack 356	Pack 613
Pack 532	Pack 196	Pack 312	Troop 453	Troop 399
Troop 633	Pack 399	Troop 800	Pack 125	Troop 317
Pack 48	Pack 503	Troop 349	Pack 207	Pack 157
Pack 10	Troop 7	Troop 432	Pack 426	Pack 699
Troop 216	Troop 150	Troop 207	Troop 403	Troop 508
Troop 356	Troop 246	Troop 647	Troop 320	Pack 321
Pack 642	Troop 401	Troop 81	Crew 137	Troop 428
Troop 375	Troop 133	Troop 86	Troop 206	Troop 610

# PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

Toll free: 1 (877) PTC-SHOP Visit the PTC Scout Shop Online @ [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri. - Open 9am to 5pm Thur. - Open 9am to 8pm Sat. - Open 9am to 2pm

Closed Sundays and Holidays

**“Supplying all of your Scouting needs”**

## HOLIDAY GIFTS ~30 ITEMS UNDER \$25

**NEW FOR CHRISTMAS 2008** - Wright Brothers Bat Kit (\$6.99) – Bushnell 8X Binoculars (\$24.99) – Hohner Kazoo (\$9.99) – Rainy Day Camping Magnetic Game (\$15.99) – Scouting for Boys Book (\$19.99) – Juggle Balls (\$11.99) – Arrowhead Slide Kit (\$2.99) - L.E.D. Cap Light (\$9.99) – The Unofficial Official Handbook for Boys (\$20.00) – Cub Scout Flyer (\$4.99) – Seven-In-One Adventure Plus (\$24.99) – Canoe Paddle Slide Kit (\$2.99) – Scouting Along with Burl Ives CD (\$9.99) – 100 Years Universal Emblem Cap (\$14.99) – Boy Scout Flyer (\$4.99) – Camping Skills Card Game (\$9.99) – Marbles (\$4.99) - 2009 Collector’s Cap (\$21.99) – Scout Hand Slide Kit (\$2.99) – Eagle Scout Coin (\$9.49) - BPA Free Camelbak Water Bottle (\$8.95)

**OLD FAVORITES** - Klutz Book of Knots (\$10.95) – Down and Derby DVD (\$14.99) – Gerber Pocket Knife Sharpener (\$2.49) – Starter 1-2-3 Compass (\$11.99) – Follow Me Boys DVD (\$19.99) – Camp Out! Book (\$11.95)

**Craft Stocking** – A Christmas stocking filled with craft projects and a paintbrush set. - \$19.95

**Pinewood Derby Stocking** – Pinewood Derby accessories to help your car go faster - \$19.95

**Outdoor Stocking** – Camping accessories to improve that hike or camp experience - \$19.95

## LET THE RACES BEGIN

The official Pinewood Derby kits, accessories, and awards are now in stock. The Scout Shop has a complete selection of accessories to customize your racecar.

## DECEMBER CUB SCOUT THEME ~ HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Star of Bethlehem, the Miracle of the Lamp, the Morning Star that enlightened Buddha, the bonfires of Yule: many holiday traditions this month involve lights. Share your holiday traditions with your pack and den: lights on a Christmas tree; candles on a Menorah for Hanukkah or on a Kinara for Kwanzaa. Boys can be stars this month by brightening someone’s holiday season with a gift of compassion. As a pack or den, visit a nursing home, pre-school, or children’s ward and sing holiday favorites. End your outing by sharing cookies that the boys decorated. Help those less fortunate with a service project or toy drive. How about a holiday campfire at your pack meeting? This is a great month to work on the Language and Culture belt loop and pin or the Heritages belt loop and pin.

### Den Meeting in the Box \$ 37.49

This kit follows the monthly theme that CS Program Helps recommends with the December theme of **Holiday Lights**. Each kit contains, 10 Holiday Lights pamphlets, 10 Holiday Lights embroidered patches, 1 – 10 pack kit for Stik Star Ornaments, 10 Parent note cards, and 1 Local Tour Permit. All the materials a Den Leader needs to produce four weeks of meetings are in a 12.5" x 12.5" x 4" box.

### Holiday Lights Emblem \$ 1.19

Recognize your Cub Scouts for participating in the monthly theme activities with this embroidered patch.

Scout Shop Holiday Closings:

Thursday	December 25	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop Closed
Friday	December 26	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop Closed
Saturday	December 27	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop <b>Open</b>
Thursday	January 1	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop Closed
Friday	January 2	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop Closed
Saturday	January 3	Council Office Closed	Scout Shop <b>Open</b>

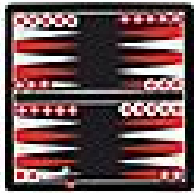




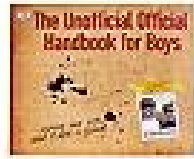
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 131 JOHNSON ROAD  
 PORTLAND, ME 04102  
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 FAX: 207-878-9472



# HOLIDAY GIFT HEADQUARTERS



Rainy Dad Camping



The Unofficial Official Handbook for Boys



Binocular



100 Years of Scouting Cap



Patch Vest



Compass



Leather Bag Kit



Juggling



Holiday Ornament



Water Bottle



Vitt-L Kit

## GIFTS FOR CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, AND LEADERS



Monopoly BSA Edition



Basket Kits



Follow Me Boys DVD



Backpack with Chair



Bird House Kit



Trail Light



Cub Scout



Science Kits



Pinewood Derby Speed Secrets Book

### CRAFT STOCKING

A Christmas stocking filled with craft projects and paint brush set.

**\$ 19.95**

### PINEWOOD DERBY STOCKING

PWD accessories to help make your Pinewood Derby car go faster.

**\$ 19.95**

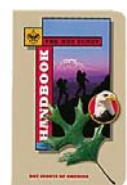
### HIKING STOCKING

Camping tools and accessories to improve that hike or camp experience.

**\$ 19.95**



Memorabilia Box



Handbook

**AND MUCH MORE!**



## **Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Pine Tree Council held its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. Nearly 400 individuals attended this year's gala which honored both the Past Presidents of the Pine Tree Council and the United States Military. Interspersed throughout the audience were members of all five branches of the military allowing Scouting and those in attendance to honor the brave men and women in uniform on that Veterans Day evening.

The highlight of the evening was an inspiring keynote address given by Colonel David Hunt of Scarborough. Colonel Hunt has over 29 years of military experience, including extensive operational experience in Special Operations, Counter Terrorism and Intelligence Operations. Most recently, Colonel Hunt served as Tactical Advisor in Bosnia where he facilitated all national intelligence matters for the Commander in Chief, as well as coordinating a \$350,000,000 national security program for the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency in 1997. He currently serves as the FOX News War and Terrorism, and is a frequent guest on the Howie Carr Show.

Overall, it was a wonderful evening that raised \$175,000 to support the Scouting program here in the Pine Tree Council. Thank you to Co-Chairman Peter Ventre and Peter Moore from Corporate Finance Associates for their tireless effort. We also like to thank our committee members Alan Atkins, Tom Cattell, Tom Dunham, Horace Horton, John Newcomb, Bill Sipperly, Paul Spellman, and Bill Thornton.



## **PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP WIN A \$ 50 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

The Scout Shop is giving away three \$50 Gift Certificates! To enter, just come to the Scout Shop, fill out an entry slip, and drop it into the contest box. No purchase is necessary. This contest ends on December 31, 2008.

While at the Scout Shop, check out the new Boy Scout Centennial Uniform. Also see what's new in camping equipment and outdoor books. The Scout Shop also has games, craft kits, scrapbook supplies, science kits, educational games and lots of Scout stuff to help with your Christmas shopping.

# Ski Days

Please copy this form, mail copy with check or M.O. to:  
**Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Rd, Portland, ME 04102**

Call the after-hours Ski Days Hotline at 797-5252 ext. 29 for updates, cancellations, etc.

Please check  the box  of the Ski Day that you wish to attend. Please fill out a separate form for each ski day that you wish to attend. Remember to fill out the Registration Form at the bottom of this page\*

Sunday River  
 Sunday, February 8th, 2009

Sugarloaf USA  
 Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

**Registration Deadline: Monday, February 2nd, 2009**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, January 26th, 2009**

Learn-to-Ski/ Board Lessons begin promptly at 9AM.  
 at 9:30 AM.

Learn to Ski Board Lessons begin

There is a second lesson at noon. (Remember distribution ends at 10am.) For lessons please arrive at the mountain at least an hour early.

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$29	# _____	= \$ _____
Adult Tickets	@ \$38	# _____	= \$ _____
Ski Rental	@ \$24	# _____	= \$ _____
Snowboard Rental	@ \$24	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Ski (ages 7-14)	@ \$42	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Snowboard (ages 7-14)	@ \$42	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Ski (15 & over)	@ \$50	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Snowboard (15 & over)	@ \$50	# _____	= \$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$29	# _____	= \$ _____
Adult Tickets	@ \$39	# _____	= \$ _____
Ski Rental	@ \$25	# _____	= \$ _____
Snowboard Rental	@ \$25	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Ski (ages 7-14)	@ \$39	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Snowboard (ages 7-14)	@ \$39	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Ski (15 & over)	@ \$47	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Snowboard (15 & over)	@ \$47	# _____	= \$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Shawnee Peak  
 Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (MLK Day)

Shawnee Peak  
 Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

**Registration Deadline: Monday, January 12th, 2009**

**Registration Deadline: Monday, February 23rd, 2009**

Learn-to-Ski/ Board Lessons begin at 9:30 and 10:30AM. For lessons please arrive at the mountain at least an hour early.

Mt Abram  
 Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Registration Deadline is Monday, March 2nd, 2009

Learn-to Ski/ Board Lessons Begin at 10:30AM

For lessons please arrive at the mountain at least an hour early.

5 and under tickets FREE	@ \$0	# _____	(Still need to register)
Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$22	# _____	= \$ _____
Adult Tickets	@ \$27	# _____	= \$ _____
Ski Rental	@ \$20	# _____	= \$ _____
Snowboard Rental	@ \$20	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Ski	@ \$40	# _____	= \$ _____
Learn to Snowboard	@ \$40	# _____	= \$ _____
Snow Tubing	@ \$13	# _____	= \$ _____
Pizza Lunch Deal	@ \$9	# _____	= \$ _____
(2 slices of pizza, chips, fruit, fountain drink)			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>= \$ _____</b>

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**FOR ALL SKI DAYS**

Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Crew # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2009 SCOUT FAMILY SKI DAYS

*Treat your family and  
friends to some great  
skiing!*



The Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America, is pleased to announce these exciting ski offers. Do not miss out on the great times Scouts and their families have on the slopes of Sunday River, Sugarloaf/USA, and Shawnee Peak. The Pine Tree Council greatly appreciates the generosity of these ski resorts for offering our Scouting families these outstanding skiing discounts.

Please use the registration forms to order your tickets.

## **Ski Day Rules:**

- We will not sell tickets to walk-in participants.
- Distribution of tickets runs from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Tickets are non-refundable, but are transferable to other people.
- Tickets may be used on the scheduled dates only.

**In the event of a cancellation we will post a message on our After- hours Ski Days Hotline, and we will contact each registered group with information on a make-up date or ski vouchers depending on what we and the resort decide to do.**

Learn to Ski or Learn to Snowboard packages include limited lift ticket (learning area only), equipment rental, and lesson.

Learn to Ski/Board lesson times are listed for each mountain. You will want to be at the Mountain at least an hour ahead of time to get your tickets, rentals and to be at the lesson on time.

Family and individual registrations are preferred; however, unit registrations are accepted. Payment by check or money order.

**After-hours Ski Days Hotline 797-5252 ext 29**

***PTC E-List* ~the easy way to stay informed!**

Sign up at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

Sign up for electronic newsletters!

Stay up-to-date with district and council events and activities!



## *Why do we do Family Friends of Scouting?*

With the upcoming Friends of Scouting season quickly approaching, I often hear the question, “Why do we do Family Friends of Scouting?” Well, there are a lot of reasons. The most obvious answer is that it allows those that benefit directly from the Scouting program the opportunity to support it financially. The word “opportunity” may be the most important word in that answer. I know that I take great pride in being able to support charities. I personally feel it is my duty as someone that can give, to give. I try to instill those same values in my son and daughter. That is why I use the word “opportunity”. Giving is truly an opportunity to make one’s mark, or leave a lasting legacy. It is important to all of us, and everyone should be given the opportunity to do so!

Family FOS also affords the District another opportunity. That is the opportunity to get out and tell the Scouting story. Many families don’t see the big picture of Scouting. They see Scouting as a church basement or a Legion hall. When in fact, there is an entire world of Scouting beyond that. More informed families will make better families for you to work with. When they realize the full scope of this movement we call the Boy Scouts of America, they are more apt to understand the need for, and value of, volunteering at the local level. No one has enough volunteers!

So we do Family FOS to help fund the program, but also to help you identify those in your own unit that may be prime for more involvement. In the coming weeks, you will receive a call from your District Family FOS chairperson asking to make an appointment for a FOS presentation. Let’s make sure we give all of our family’s the opportunity to hear the story, and decide what they can do for Scouting!



**Happy Holidays to all!**

**The Pine Tree Council staff would like to extend our thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters and wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season! Our volunteers help make our season bright!**

**May 2009 bring you peace, happiness and good wishes to you and your family!**