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Message from the President

Changing of the Guard

I would like to take this time to introduce you to your new council president! Peter Ventre was inducted as our new Pine Tree Council President at the December annual business meeting. As the president, Peter will oversee the Executive Board and it's officers to help bring the best programs to our Scouts and leaders!

Peter is an Eagle Scout and long time volunteer on our Executive Board, serving as the treasurer. He is also a Webelos den leader for his son's Webelos den! As a senior partner of Corporate Finance

Associates, Peter has a great background in business that will serve him well in his new position! With Peter's experience and background, he brings a strong foundation for us to move forward.

Thank you for your support over the past three years, when I have served as your president! I have met many great people along the way and have thoroughly enjoyed my time! The volunteers in Pine Tree Council help bring the best in Scouting to our youth!

Paul Spellman
Past Council President

Message from the Council Commissioner

Winter is upon us. Actually it has been upon us for quite some time now! It's actually snowing while I write this article. With winter come many great Scouting opportunities. We are blessed here in Maine with many opportunities that other Scouts from around the country are not. Whether it is OKPIK, Winter Camp, Snow Tubing, Skiing, Snow Boarding, or just enjoying the scenery, Maine provides the perfect backdrop for Scouting. Unfortunately, with all these opportunities, also comes danger. So go out and have some fun with the boys this winter, but remember to always insure that the boys are prepared for the elements.

We are also right in the middle of recharter season. You will notice that all units are being asked to recharter online. Our hope is that by doing so we will be able to cut down on

the amount of time it takes you to recharter, as well as helping to limit the number of mistakes made. The system simply will not allow you to make a mistake, and downloads your membership directly from the database at the council office. This allows you to know for sure which boys you need to turn in applications for, and keep you and your boy's safe. We hope you find this new system useful.

Finally, I want to thank our commissioners for a great 2007! We ended 2007 serving more youth than we did in 2006. The growth of the Scouting Movement is what keeps the program strong. Thank you all for your work!

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner



Exploring/LFL District News

2008 EXPLORER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The 2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for the week of June 23 through June 27, 2008 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. Applications have been mailed out to Law Enforcement Explorer Posts. If you have not received applications at your post please let us know immediately. The cost for this year's academy will be \$250.00. The Exploring district invites all youth in posts and in the general school population who are interested in pursuing careers in either law enforcement or the military services to apply for this academy experience. Trooper Michael Chavez of Troop B, Maine State Police, will again coordinate this academy. We hope that Scouts in traditional scouting programs will be interested in applying. Scouts provide great leadership at this academy.

ANNUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE AUCTION AND BENEFIT

The Learning for Life Auction and Benefit is being held the evening of May 21, 2008. This event is being held on a Wednesday and is an opportunity for a great workweek break. If you would like to receive an invitation to this event or would like to be a sponsor or item contributor, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770. This event helps us pay for the character-building curriculum and services we provide to schools annually.

Learning for Life serves 10 counties and over 9800

youth through its school and work-based programs. An added service this year was the First Annual Youth Leadership Development Conference held in Portland this past January. Success in our fundraising events will greatly enhance our ability to serve more youth in underserved areas of our state.

PROUTS NECK GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Prouts Neck Golf Tournament is again being held at Prouts Neck Country Club. This year's tournament will be held Tuesday, 23 September 2008. If your company is interested in putting together a foursome for this tournament, please give Michael Dyer a call at 797-5770. If you do not have a company but you enjoy golf, you can put together a foursome as well.

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

Silver Beaver nominations were due at the Pine Tree Council on 31 January 2008.

SPEAKERS APPRECIATED

Learning for Life is always looking for speakers to share their careers with students. We normally call upon a volunteer speaker one time during the school year. Adult Scouting volunteers represent a vast array of professional career fields. Students in schools we serve would very much appreciate hearing about your career specialty. Please give Michael Dyer a call if you would be interested in doing a classroom presentation this school year.



Scoutmaster of Troop 329, Ray Bishop, poses with his troop after finishing a weekend project at Camp Hinds to put a new roof onto the Tenny Cabin. They stripped the shingles off, replaced the roof sheathing and fascia boards, and installed new ice and water shield and shingles! Great Job Scouts!

Other groups interested in doing service projects at our camps should contact Ranger Bob at gosselinbob@hotmail.com.

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K-Valley District News

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

If you haven't made an appointment yet for a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit, please contact Kirsten Hand at 778-5232.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Look out for information on our District Pinewood Derby coming up on April 12.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS

Election Season has been moved up! You can hold an election as early as Jan. 1, 2008! Elections will be conducted 1/1/08 through Tax day (4/15/08). Please contact Tracy Wiggin (twig271@adelphia.net) to schedule an election in your troop.

TRAINING

On February 16, 2008, more details to follow, but we will be offering training for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders alike. For more information please call Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone in the district for warmly welcoming me along with my wife Erin

during these last few months. It's refreshing to see the strong support for Scouting at both the district and local unit levels in this area, and it is my intention to return the favor by offering whatever I can do to help as needed.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.
Matt Mower

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: moxieman@gwi.net. If you send Scott Bernier a note at this address he will add you to do the district email list.

Also, Steve Mudie also puts the news from the updates on the K-Valley website: www.kv-scouts.org.

EAGLE SCOUT THANKED FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Students from the Cape Cod Hill School in New Sharon gathered to thank Andrew Mudie.

Cape Cod Hill School Principal Cheryl Pike, and a first-grader, Lucas Haines, presents a thank-you card from teacher, Sherry Ames' class to Andrew Mudie, 18, of Chesterville, for the outdoor classroom he, his parents, Terri and Steve, and fellow Boy Scouts in Troop 586 of Farmington built for the school as his Eagle Scout project.

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Downeast District News

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

The Downeast District Advancement Committee will be offering a Merit Badge College in March. The College will be offered at the Topsham Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, every Thursday in March from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Boy Scouts will be able to choose two of the following merit badges, First Aid, Personal Management, Communications, Citizenship in the Nation, Environmental Science, Railroad, Radio, Space Exploration, Genealogy, Crime Prevention and Cooking. Merit Badges offered may change. For more information contact Rodney Gagnon at 373-1139 or rodneygagnon2@yahoo.com.

LIFE TO EAGLE CONFERENCE

The Downeast District Advancement Committee is conducting the annual Life to Eagle Seminar on February 7, at 7:00 PM, at the Damariscotta Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This seminar will help scouts through the process of applying for Eagle Scout, the Eagle Scout Project, and preparing for the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Learn how to avoid the pitfalls and mistakes that can otherwise delay your advancement to Eagle. Get started on the right foot as you climb that final trail to Eagle. The seminar is free, but we're asking you to bring a healthy snack to share with you fellow scouts. Please mail, fax, or email your pre-registration

so we'll have an idea of attendance numbers for handouts and logistics. See you on the trail!!!

DOWNEAST LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER

Come celebrate the 2007 year in Scouting with fellow Downeast Scouters. The dinner will be held on March 14 at the Rockland American Legion. The district will be presenting the 2007 District Awards of Merit, Distinguished Scouters, and Rookie of the Year, Unit Scouters, and Chartered Partner of the Year. Please get nominations in for District Award of Merit, Distinguished Scouter, and Unit Scouter to District Executive Steve Saucier by March 5th. Nomination forms, and criteria can be picked up at Round Table.

WEBELOS TO BOY SCOUT TRANSITION

Second year Webelos will be finishing up their Arrow of Light in these upcoming months, let us keep their Scouting career moving. Scoutmaster should be making contact with all Second Year Webelos families. Cubmasters and Den Leaders should be following up to make sure Webelos know what Troops are in their area. If Scoutmasters need a list of Webelos eligible to cross over, or if Cub Scout leaders need contact information on local Scout Troops, please contact District Executive Steve Saucier.

Message from the new Scout Executive

Dear Scouters,

Let me introduce myself to you. I am Tony Rogers, the new Scout Executive of the Pine Tree Council. I am honored to serve you, the families, and the chartered organization as its executive director. I never imagined that in 1965, when I first became a Cub Scout, that over 40 years later I would be serving as Scout Executive of the Pine Tree Council, one of the leading councils in the Northeast Region. As a boy growing up in Pennsylvania, Scouting made a difference in my life, just as you make a difference in the lives of the youth throughout this council.



You may never have a boy come up to you to say thanks for volunteering as his scout leader, but never doubt the fact that what you do as a scouting volunteer truly makes a positive difference in the life of all the youth and families in your community. If you ever doubted or questioned why you do you do what you do for Scouting, just look around. Look at the Cub Scouts and families at your Pack meeting, or Scouts and families at your Court of Honor, walk the trails of Camp Hinds when summer camp is in session or on a weekend of camping when Scouting is a buzz all around. Visit your district's Day Camp, or see the Order of the Arrow members doing cheerful service during an Ordeal weekend at Bomazeen. As a leader your work is important...its more than important...its worth while work, the kind that changes lives.

We grow hope, produce community minded individuals, develop leaders, and provide America a future full of promise. So as we go about our den

meetings, roundtables, camping weekends, Fun Pack weekends, popcorn sales, know this...every act builds a better child, a better community, a better America, and it begins with you and that one unselfish act as a volunteer.

You continue the legacy of Scouting and insure our future. I believe the legacy we shape speaks directly to who we are. The legacy and history of Scouting in this council, the legacy passed on through my scout leaders who shaped my character and helped to make me the person I have become. What is your legacy? What will people remember about you?

As volunteers and staff members of the Pine Tree Council, we are in a position to create a legacy that strengthens our efforts to serve youth and provide leadership to our council. We have a great responsibility to carry on the vision of a strong and solvent council, so that not only the youth who are currently participate in the Scouting program will benefit, but also for those youth who will come behind them.

I ask you to join with me to do the following: Remember the mission of Scouting; work to implement the mission and vision of Scouting; share the vision and spirit of Scouting with others; desire to do our best; pray for others, this council and its leadership. Together we can make a positive difference in the lives of young people while we deliver the promise of a quality Scouting program in our council.

Tony Rogers
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council
Boy Scouts of America

New Boy Scout Rank Requirement Changes Announced!

The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

Tenderfoot Rank

Revised requirement 9:

Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. De-

scribe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

Second Class Rank

New requirement 8b:

Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.

First Class Rank

New requirement 12:

Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.

The changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Operation – Fly 1st Class during April School Vacation



Operation Fly 1st 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, 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 past 3 years.

2008 dates for Operation Fly first Class are: April 21st – 24th

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.

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

CAMP HINDS SUMMER STAFF WANTED

Camp Hinds is looking for motivated and high-energy individuals with a love for teaching and the outdoors! Are you interested in spending your summer away from home, teaching Scout skills, and making new friends and memories of a lifetime while earning a paycheck? Then give us a call! There are great opportunities for students, schoolteachers and retired folks!

Positions are available for ANYONE age 16 and up. Adults/retirees are encouraged to apply! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature

area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more! The high adventure programs at Camp Hinds are looking for trek guides at least 21 years old, with a strong outdoor background, and junior guides age 18 and older!

CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE: www.pinetreebsa.org, or contact Steve Saucier, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 28 or email ssaucier@bsamail.org

PROVISIONAL WEEK AT SUMMER CAMP FOR BOY SCOUTS!

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

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

CAMPERSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Individual campership applications must be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC on the web site at www.pinetreebsa.org or call PTC at 797-5252 and ask for a campership application. The campership application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

York District News *continued*

at 698-5977 or e-mail fhellis@comcast.net or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

Derby is Saturday, February 9, 2008.

ATTENTION ALL PACKS AND TROOPS:

As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and the packs re-charter in March. Re-chartering in 2008 is available to do on-line via the Pine Tree Council website. You will need an access code number in order to re-charter online which is included in your re-charter packet. If you use a Packmaster or Troopmaster software program, please submit your roster information on a floppy disc with your re-charter. It will make the data entry easier for the registration office. If you have any questions about your charter please call Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

KLONDIKE DERBY 2008:

Mark Saturday, February 2, 2008 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby. The location for the Klondike Derby will be somewhere in York District and will start @ 8:00AM. This will be a serious sledding event in the woods of York District. Klondike Pete and his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. More information will be available at the January 2008 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike

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Casco Bay District News

CASCO BAY DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

Arrrrgh Mateys! You've gone off on a quest for booty, but in yer search for treasure you've sailed way off course! Too far north, far from the warm seas of the Caribbean to where the winter winds blow. Yer stranded in a cold and bitter land, a land of ferocious beasts and frostbite, a land of cold winds and harsh sunlight. But what kind o' pirates would yeh be if yeh didn't search fer treasure anyway? Yer only chance is to dismantle yer ships and build sleds. Take whatever provisions yeh can carry and set off in search of the lost treasure of Long John Trott! Do yeh think yeh have what it takes? Danger awaits yeh 'round every corner. You'll have to fight the elements and ward off mutinies if yer to have even a snowball's chance o' finding the treasure. So hoist the Jolly Rogers and put yer backs into it! Good luck to yeh! X marks the spot, mateys. All Troops and Webelos Dens are welcome to join us on February 2, 2008 at Point Sebago Resort in Casco, Maine. For more information on this event feel free to contact John Trott at 642-2373 or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

This year we have some great volunteers to work on the campaign with us. Every unit in the district will be contacted to schedule a presentation. Please help support our efforts by having a date already scheduled with your unit committees. This is the single most important fundraising endeavor in the District. This year the Pine Tree Council is revamping our FOS presentations to include, shorter presentations, revamped unit incentives, and incentives for everyone to participate regardless of their level of giving. Look for the Casco Bay Game, which gives everyone present at an FOS presentation the opportunity to earn a patch just for participating.

For more information about these changes, or to schedule a presentation feel free to call Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

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. 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. This year we are encouraging all units to participate in the on-line rechartering process. If you have any questions regarding the re-charter process feel free to contact District Commissioner, Mel Montpelier at mmontpel@maine.rr.com or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS

The Order of the Arrow election season will be from January 1st until April 15th, 2008. For a youth to be eligible for membership in the Order of the Arrow they must be a registered member of the BSA, hold the rank of First Class as a minimum and have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two year period prior to election. The 15-day period must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. All Troops should contact John Trott at 642-2373 or Nate Smith at 625-3884 to schedule elections as soon as possible.

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Abnaki District News

NEW DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR THE ABNAKI DISTRICT

Due to the moving of Al Warner this early fall, Clyde Cavender has been selected as the new District Commissioner for Abnaki District. We wish Al all the best in his new job and state, and we welcome and look forward to working with Clyde and his team of Unit Commissioners in the years to come.

DISTRICT RECHARTER

The annual District Recharter will come to an end on December 1st, 2007. Every unit is required to have their recharter paperwork submitted to the Pine Tree Council by this date. This can be done by A) Requesting and mailing a paper copy of your recharter paperwork – with all monies, signatures, and any applications for new youth and adults (simply putting their name on the recharter WILL NOT register them into the BSA with out an application), or B) completing the recharter ONLINE and mailing only the signature piece (printed out upon completion of the online process), monies, and any applications needed for new members.

You also need to submit any applications you have for youth participating in your program, with the necessary monies to the Pine Tree Council ASAP. Any youth participating in program who has not yet submitted an application to the Pine Tree Council ARE NOT covered by insurance and MAY NOT earn rank, awards, or Tenure.

If you have questions regarding either of these topics, please contact Clyde Cavender or Matthew Randall (797-5252 x21 or Mrandall@bsamail.org).

ROUND TABLE NEWS & THE DISTRICT E-MAILER

All units are encouraged to have one representative at the monthly Round Table meetings held by the Abnaki District Committee. These meetings are held at the Auburn Middle School, from 7 to 9 pm each month on the SECOND Wednesday. The only exception to this rule is that if school has been cancelled for the AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Round Table will be cancelled as well. These gatherings are a crucial opportunity for your units to A) get up to date news about Scout programs and

events, B) acquire materials and trainings to help you and your unit leaders serve your youth, and C) talk to other leaders and share information.

You are also encouraged to get on the District E-Mail list. If you want to be on this mailer, call or send e-mail to Clyde Cavender asking to be added. Folks with e-mail addresses on this list get instantaneous updates and information about Scouting in the Abnaki District and the Pine Tree Council on a bi-monthly basis.

PINE WOOD DERBY AND SPRING CAMPOREE

This year's Pine Wood Derby for 2008 will again be hosted at the Vineyard Church in Lewiston, with Pack 007 acting as the organizers. The date will be announced in an upcoming issue of Pine Spills and at Round Table.

Troop 580 of Rumford, Maine, will host the Spring Camporee for 2008. The theme for the Camporee will be Olympics/Scout Games. The location, date, and program for the Spring Camporee will be announced at Round Table and in upcoming issues of Pine Spills.

WEBELOS CROSSOVERS

In preparation for our Spring Recruitment drives, all Troops are strongly encouraged to take this time to create a dialogue with your local pack. You want to find out A) how you can help them out, and B) how you can help with their cross over ceremony in the winter/spring. This is a Troops #1 method for attaining new members.

On a side note, understand that any Webelos that crosses over into a Troop WILL NOT automatically have their registration transferred over by the Pine Tree Council. A BOY SCOUT application for the former Webelos to join the Troop must be filled out and submitted to the Pine Tree Council with the necessary monies. Any Webelos crossing into a Troop with out filling out an application WILL NOT be covered by insurance and WILL NOT be able to gain rank or tenure.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this, please contact either Clyde Cavender or Matthew Randall.

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York District News

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING:

The time has arrived for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising 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. If you have not scheduled your unit's Family presentation, or would like to help give a presentation for a unit, please contact Fred Chellis

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CAMP HINDS BOY SCOUT 2008 DATES & PROGRAMS



Join us at Camp Hinds for the best in Boy Scout resident camping! Camp Hinds, now in its 82nd year, will have special activities and events awaiting you. NEW this year, we are offering SCUBA weeks with PADI certification and a second week of Trail to Eagle! You can also try your hand at geocaching, high adventure treks, climbing and COPE, sailing, night hiking, camping with your patrol on our island in Little Sebago Lake, and more! Don't miss out on camp! Sign up with your Scoutmaster to attend with your troop or come as a provisional camper for a second week of camp!!!

WEEK 1 June 29 – July 4

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- Trail To Eagle Advancement Week

WEEK 2 July 6 – 11

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
- High Adventure Trek Programs

WEEK 3 July 13 – 18

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- High Adventure Trek Programs
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
- NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification

WEEK 4 July 20 – 25

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
- High Adventure Trek Programs

WEEK 5 July 27 – August 1

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks running Weeks 5–7
- High Adventure Trek Programs
- NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification

WEEK 6 August 3 – 8

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks running Weeks 5–7
- High Adventure Trek Programs
- Trail to Eagle Advancement Week

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2008 Camp Hinds CD, on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14.

www.pinetreebsa.org

TRAIL TO EAGLE ADVANCEMENT WEEK

Camp Hinds will again be offering it's popular Trail To Eagle week during Week 1 and Week 6 this summer! This program is only open to Scouts 13 + year old, and who are a minimum of 1st Class Rank. Trail To Eagle Scouts will select from Eagle-required merit badges in this intensive program. Trail To Eagle Scouts will also participate in a daily Leadership Seminar – learning communication, teamwork, and leadership skills. The seminars will also include a service hour to camp in order to put their lessons to practical use.

Merit Badges included in Trail To Eagle week

include: Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Swimming, Lifesaving, First Aid, Environmental Science, and Emergency Preparedness.

Scouts can attend Trail To Eagle and stay with their own troop if they attend that week or by coming as a provisional Scout, where they will be assigned to a Trail To Eagle Provisional Troop. Trail To Eagle Provisional Scout applications are available online at www.pinetreebsa.org or on the PTC Camp '08 CD sent out to all Scoutmasters!

Do you have what it takes to Trek???

OLDER SCOUTS, EXPLORERS & VENTURE CREWS –

Are you looking for something different this summer? Are you ready to break away from your troop's traditional week at a camp?

Try a week of High Adventure Treks, with opportunities such as the 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek, or "Survivor Island" with sea kayaking off the coast of Maine!

Webelos Crossing to Boy Scouting - How to go to Summer Camp

2nd year Webelos customarily cross over to a Boy Scout troop in the spring and often wonder how to go to summer camp. A troop traditionally chooses a week to attend summer camp together as a troop with the Scoutmaster and other leaders or parents going along to provide leadership. Sometimes a troop can't attend together and Scouts can go as a provisional camper to any week of camp where the camp provides a provisional Scoutmaster with assistants to provide camp leadership!

As a new Boy Scout, check with your Scoutmaster to see what plans the troop has made to attend summer camp so that you can be part of the fun! Information on Camp Hinds can be found at www.pinetreesa.org

WINTER CAMP 2008

During the deep snows of February school vacation, Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2008 February 17th - 22nd 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 \$230.00 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 deposit.

Sea Scout Ship #12 is Looking for Crewmates

Scouting offers the prospect of being OUTSIDE and doing "stuff" that's fun. The primary principles of Sea Scout Ship #12 are to learn about boats and safety on the water, gain some nautical knowledge, learn and practice leadership ... and have fun.

Sea Scouting is for males AND females, ages 14 to 21. You may not realize that you can participate in more than one Scouting program at once; Scouts call it "Dual Registration," but for you it simply means "I can do more stuff and different stuff with more people."

Presently, there is just one Sea Scout Ship in Maine. The Sea Scout program is almost as old as Scouting itself - and has a rich history of success and fun for youth and leaders alike.

What have the Sea Scouts done? Well, among many other activities:

- ◆ Sailing in Casco Bay - for fun and for training
- ◆ Tours (and in some cases, taking the helm) of Coast Guard ships
- ◆ Overnight camping on a Casco Bay island
- ◆ Visits to ME Maritime Museum and Adm. Perry's home on Eagle Island
- ◆ Nautical training and skills assessment
- ◆ Boat building
- ◆ Regatta racing
- ◆ Tug boat races and the Portland Harbor Parade of Lights
- ◆ Winter camping at Camp Hinds
- ◆ An overnight stay on the Battleship Massachusetts ... and much more.

Check out the Sea Scout website below and/or call the contact person below and find out more about being a Sea Scout OR a Sea Scout Adult Volunteer.

You do not need to quit your Troop or the Lodge to participate - it is simply one more option for you to enjoy as a Scout. Plus - about \$50 A YEAR is all it takes to participate (\$10 annual application/insurance fee and \$1/week dues -- OR a special Sea Scout annual dues of just \$40) - most other fees (such as trips, admissions, etc.) are paid for though fundraising!

Sailing, boating, adventure, and fun! We're sure if you try it, you'd like it! Find out! For more information, please visit the website and/or contact:

Dan Davidson
767-4682
danprpro@awi.net
Seascouts.org

PINE TREE COUNCIL PHILMONT TREK 2009

As in 2007, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2009. We will be sending 24 participants including leaders on the trek from June 25-July 7, 2009. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2009.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont

Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required by 4/18/08 to secure a reservation for this trek. After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

Scout Night with the Pirates!

January 12th @ 7:05 vs. Providence Bruins
April 5th @ 7:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center \$19 Main Deck tickets including a night of activities. (Skating and a Movie)

March 8th @ 7:05 vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers

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

To order tickets call Cameron Cestaro at (207) 828-4665 x 312 or order online at: <http://www.portlandpirates.com/tickets/scouts/email.asp>
Only a limited number of tickets are available, so order yours today.

2008 SCOUT FAMILY SKI DAYS


Sunday River

Saturday, February 9th, 2008
Sunday, February 10th, 2008

Registration Deadline: Mon., Feb. 4th, 2008

Registration Deadline: Mon., Feb. 4th, 2008
Learn-to-Ski/ Board Lessons begin promptly at 9AM. There is a second lesson at noon. (Remember distribution ends at 10am.)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	\$27
Adult Tickets	\$36
Ski Rental	\$24
Snowboard Rental	\$24
Learn to Ski (ages 7-14)	\$37
Learn to Snowboard (ages 7-14)	\$37
Learn to Ski (15 & over)	\$45
Learn to Snowboard (15 & over)	\$45



Monday, January 21th, 2008 (MLK Day)
Sunday March 2nd, 2008

Registration Deadline: Mon., Jan. 14, 2008
Registration Deadline: Mon., Feb. 25, 2008
Learn-to-Ski/ Board Lessons begin at 9:30 and 10:30AM.

Junior Tickets (ages 6-17)	\$22
Adult Tickets	\$27
Ski Rental	\$19
Snowboard Rental	\$19
Learn to Ski (All ages)	\$36
Learn to Snowboard (All ages)	\$36



Sunday, March 9, 2008

Registration Deadline is Mon., Mar. 3, 2008
Learn-to-Ski/ Board Lessons Begin at 10:30AM.

5 and under tickets FREE	\$0 (Still need to register)
Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	\$22
Adult Tickets	\$27
Ski Rental	\$19
Snowboard Rental	\$19
Learn to Ski	\$36
Learn to Snowboard	\$36



Sunday, February 3rd, 2008

Registration Deadline: Mon., Jan. 28th, 2008
Learn to Ski Board Lessons begin at 9:30 AM.

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	\$27
Adult Tickets	\$36
Ski Rental	\$24
Snowboard Rental	\$24
Learn to Ski (ages 7-14)	\$37
Learn to Snowboard (ages 7-14)	\$37
Learn to Ski (15 & over)	\$45
Learn to Snowboard (15 & over)	\$45

Please arrive an hour early for all lessons.
Call 207-797-5252 for more information

THE PTC INVITES YOU TO THE
2008 **Maineiacs**
Scout Night

Saturday, February 16th at 7pm
at the Lewiston Colisee
Please wear your Scout uniform!

Tickets for the event are \$10!

Each ticket includes:
• Admission to the game

- A Maineiacs Pin to be presented on the ice during intermission!
- Admission to the Post Game Skate with Maineiacs Players
- Skates will be available for rent at the Colisee for \$3

All skaters will need to have ready a release form signed by a parent or guardian.
Forms are available at Pine Tree Council as well as at the Colisee.

Tickets are available ONLY through the Pine Tree Council.
Please call 207-797-5252 ext.10 Sign up now!
Registration must be received by Monday, February 11th





FRIENDS OF SCOUTING FAMILY CAMPAIGN

One of the ways the Pine Tree Council works to raise the necessary dollars to run the Scouting program each year is by asking each unit to pick a time when a Friends of Scouting presenter can come to speak at one of your meetings. Ideal opportunities include Courts of Honor and Blue and Gold banquets. Even if your unit comes from a small town or you feel that you give to Scouting in other ways, we still are asking for the opportunity to come and speak in front of the parents. Not only are FOS presentations a great chance for us to interact with your unit membership, but every dollar raised is another dollar we can use to help send a youth to camp, buy supplies, or train adult volunteers.

Each unit will be contacted by a volunteer staff about scheduling a time for a presenter to arrive at one of your meetings – by email, phone, or at Round Table. If you are not contacted, please call your District Executive. Any unit not participating in the FOS campaign by having a presenter come and speak will be put on our Phone-A-Thon list, to be contacted by a volunteer corps in the late winter/early spring.

A presentation should be scheduled at the BEGINNING of your program for the meeting, and we promise that the presentation will take NO MORE than eight (8) minutes.

Thank you for your support of Scouting, and we look forward to visiting you at one of your meetings in the near future.

Congratulations to our Top Sellers in Popcorn!

The Pine Tree Council once again had a tremendous year with the Trail's End Popcorn Campaign with Packs, Troops, Crews and Explorer Posts selling more than \$823,000 in support of their unit programs. The Pine Tree Council wishes to extend its gratitude and congratulations to the district top sellers. Leading the way was our council top seller from Downeast District, Isak Potter from Pack 200 in Rockport, who sold an astounding \$17,723 worth of Popcorn. Isak will be receiving a Nintendo Wii as the council top seller. Other district top sellers were:



Abnaki District: Jacob Busierre (\$2,719)
Casco Bay District: Evan Kane (\$5,128)
Kennebec Valley District: Jason Goggin (\$8,860)
York District: Owen Reus (\$2,559)

Each of the district top sellers will receive their choice of a \$100 gift card to L.L. Bean or \$100 Scout Bucks. Jason Goggin also won the "Super Drawing" for the second Nintendo Wii. Congratulations to all!



Cub Scouts ~ Join "Super Scout" and his super hero friends while you earn new powers and wisdom at our super Cub Camping Programs!

Dear Cub Scouts, Leaders and Parents,

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Then sign up for a Cub Scout camping program! Our programs will use the fun filled theme of "Super Heroes" to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

Join us for a FunPack Weekend – "Everyday Heroes are Super" an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! Comes complete with a campsite for your pack, tents and cots, and a fun filled weekend program!

2008 FunPack Dates At Camp Hinds:

July 5 & 6
 July 12 & 13
 July 19 & 20
 July 26 & 27
 Aug 2 & 3
 Aug 9 & 10

The FunPack weekend fee is \$25 per person.

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

2008 Webelos Schedule

4 Day Resident Camp
 Session 1 Aug. 10 – 13
 Session 2 Aug. 13 – 16
 Webelos Camp Fee \$160.00

MORE CUB CAMPING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL CUB SCOUTS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PTC WEB SITE AT www.pinetreebsa.org

"Super Hero" Day Camps –run 9:00 to 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2008 Cub Day Camp Dates:

Abnaki District:
 Camp Gustin July 28 - Aug 1

Casco Bay District:
 Pride's Corner School- Westbrook – July 21 – 25
 Camp Hinds – July 14 – 18

Downeast District:
 Union Fair – July 7 - 11
 Topsham Fair – July 14 - 18

Kennebec Valley District:
 Camp Bomazeen - July 28 - Aug 1

York District:
 Camp Nutter - July 7 - 11
 Camp Nutter - July 14 – 18

Day Camp Fees
\$110 per week

Early bird discounts are available for camp programs.

Information on registration forms!

FREE BLUE & GOLD PLACEMATS

Again this year, Pine Tree Council will have B & G placemats available free to Packs! The placemats use the "Super Hero" theme to help tell families about summer camp programs like Day Camp, FunPack Weekends and Webelos resident camp! The placemats have puzzles and games on them to help entertain your Cubs during your Blue & Gold! Please contact your district executive to reserve them for your pack and to make arrangements to receive them!

2008 Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2008 Council Annual Dinner to be held on April 25, 2008, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge located on Outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

This will mark the fourth year that the Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at this event along with the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts.

This event will also recognize over 110 youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2007. Thousands of hours of volunteer service have been completed under the direction of these scouts and this recognition is very much deserved.

Registration is from 5:30 -6:30 PM. The dinner starts at 6:30. Cost of this year's dinner will be \$20.00 per person. There will be no cost for the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts' meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge and also no cost for the 2008 Silver Beaver recipients. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

Once again this year all 2007 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. This shoulder strip will also be available to purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and adult volunteers as we celebrate the accomplishments of these leaders.

2008 Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet Registration

Name: _____

_____ Please check if 07 Eagle Scout or 08 Silver Beaver Recipient
(Class of 07 Eagle Scouts and 08 Silver Beaver Recipients attend at no charge)

Number of guests (not including 07 Eagle Scout or 08 Silver Beaver)

_____ X \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

_____ Please check here for vegetarian dinner or advise of special food considerations.

Make check payable to: Pine Tree Council

Mail registration form and payment to: Pine Tree Council
131 Johnson Road
Portland, ME 04102

TURTLE SPEAKS

The lodge hosted another very successful Lodge Leadership and Development weekend (LLD) at Camp Hinds and On Sunday at the LLD, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting and election of officers for 2008. Congratulations go out to our new 2008 slate of officers, including our new Lodge Chief, Caleb Frederick from York Chapter, our Vice Chief Ian Hanley and our Treasurer, John Knowlton, both from Casco Bay Chapter, and returning for a second year as Secretary, Matt Allaire, also from York Chapter. We'd like to thank our outgoing lodge officers for their service during 2007, another banner year for Madockawanda Lodge in terms of membership growth and service to our council.

The lodge membership approved a major change to the election process for our lodge at the LLD weekend. Specifically, the election "season" has been increased by an additional two weeks in 2008. Elections can now be held beginning on January 1st (instead of the former start date of February 1st) but ends a bit earlier on April 15th. By the time this is published in Pine Spills, we'll be well underway. Fret not Scoutmasters...if you haven't scheduled your 2008 Unit visitation and election, please contact your chapter advisers!

Speaking of 2008, please remember to pay your dues for this new Lodge year. A dues coupon was mailed to all active brothers in the November-December issue of Turtle Soup, and a coupon can be

found on the downloads page of the Lodge Website: www.lodge.pinetreebsa.org. It is the single most important thing a brother can do to support his membership in this great Order.

In addition to the election period and the upcoming Spring Ordeal season, the lodge will be an active participant in ArrowCorps5. Considered the largest service undertaking in the history of the Order of the Arrow, ArrowCorps is a joint service project between the US Forest Service and the BSA. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America that will be the focus of our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests. Our lodge has chosen to send a contingent of 25 scouts and Scouters to the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. The dates for this event are July 26th thru August 2, 2008, although we are looking at the possibility of adding a couple of days for additional exploration of that area prior to the beginning of this ArrowCorps session. There is also a great deal of recreational activities at each site, which at the Bridger-Teton site include whitewater rafting, canoeing, hiking, and water skiing. We have a few spots left open, so if you are interested, deposit coupons are available on the lodge website.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Prepare for the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet with supplies from the Scout Shop. Decorate the tables with Cub Scout Table Covers, Napkins, Plates and Centerpieces. Use Blue and Gold Cub Scout Balloons to trim the room. Serve treats and dessert made using Cub Scout Cookie Cutters and Candy Molds. Present each Cub with the new Blue and Gold emblem. Check out these items and more at the PTC Scout Shop.

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 including: Carving templates and decal sets, Derby flat weights, Replacement wheels and axles, Paint sets, Pinewood Derby tools and tool kits, new Racer and Pit-Crew Emblems, and lots more. Come to the Scout Shop and have your car weighed on our digital scale or pick up a free copy of the Pinewood Derby rules.

