## Pine Tree Council Scout Shop

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- Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 9 A.M.- 5 P.M.
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- Saturday: 10 A.M.- 2 P.M.
- Closed Sunday

### November
- **16** Fall Camporee
- **17** Roundtable/Order of the Arrow- Window Jr./Capital
- **17** Eagle Board of Review- Roberts Learning Center, UMF Farmington @ 9 PM

### December
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From left to right: Michael King, J. T. Dabbs, and Bill Coffin. This summer, the Pine Tree Council had several volunteers attend the Philmont Training Center. Bill Coffin, Council Commissioner, Michael King, Board Member, and J. T. Dabbs, Scout Executive served on faculty for the District Operations session in July. (See photo.)

Serving as the national training center for the Boys Scouts of America since 1950, the Philmont Training Center (PTC) provides a unique environment for the training of volunteer and professional leaders. Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and family members attend PTC. Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. Invitation to these conferences is upon recommendation of the local council or a national committee.

There are many outstanding training opportunities available for many of you. Please contact your District Executive if you would like an invitation to attend the highlight of volunteer training, the Philmont Training Center. For more information go to www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc.

Friends of Scouting

Would you still be involved in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Exploring program if your yearly membership fee was $100 or more? Would you enjoy going to camp if you didn't have a tent to sleep in or a beach to swim at?

Starting January 1, 2004, a short (10 minute) Friends of Scouting presentation will be held at your unit meeting. This is your opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scouting program. By donating to the Scout program, you keep the program affordable for every youth to join and participate.

Please encourage all of the parents in your unit to participate in the Friends of Scouting program. Your donation helps keeping the cost of Scouting affordable for every child. If you have questions, or don't want to wait until the new year to make your donation, contact the Pine Tree Council Office at 797-5252.

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and without your support, many youth will not be able to learn and grow in a positive environment.

CORRECTION: PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION INCORRECT IN THE LAST ISSUE OF PINE SPILLS

We are pleased to announce that the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop WILL BE open on November 29th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
The winter months are fast approaching and that means it is almost time to hit the slopes! The Pine Tree Council is happy to announce long ticket lines. We look forward to seeing all of you out on the slopes!

We are also offering various weekend get-away packages for both Sugarloaf U.S.A. and Sunday River. All packages will include discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals. Take advantage of these greatly reduced prices and avoid those long ticket lines. We look forward to seeing all of you out on the slopes!

The ski dates for the year 2004 are as follows:

One Day Ski Trips:
- **Sugarloaf U.S.A.**
  - Sunday, February 8, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 21, 2004
- **Sunday River**
  - Sunday, January 4, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, January 18, 2004
- **Shawnee Peak**
  - Monday, January 19, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 14, 2004
  - Saturday, March 7, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 14, 2004

Note: Please look for the mailer we will be sending to every Scout, which will include dates, prices, and more specific information. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.

### Weekend Get-Away Information:

#### Sugarloaf U.S.A. Ski Resort:

- **Condos:**
  - $159 per Adult
  - $99 per Junior/Senior/Student
  - Adapter - $10 per Adult
  - Dorm - $108 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

#### Sunday River Ski Resort:

- **Snow Cap Inn:**
  - A traditional New England style inn. Each room has two queen-size beds and a private bath. There are two fitness lounges where guests can relax after a day of skiing. Amenities include a hot tub and exercise room. The Snow Cap Inn is within walking distance of the lifts and is continuously serviced by our on-mountain trolley.

- **Snow Cap Ski Dormitory:**
  - The only on-mountain group facility of its kind in New England. Featuring four wings, each providing lodging for 47 people. Each wing features five 8-person rooms with two beds, two 5-person rooms with single beds, and a single room with private bath. Prices include two breakfasts and one dinner!

### Value Weekends Include:

- **December 12-14, 2003**
  - Condos - $119 per Adult
  - $99 per Junior/Senior/Student
  - Dorm - $108 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

- **January 9-11, 2004**
  - Condos - $119 per Adult
  - $99 per Junior/Senior/Student
  - Dorm - $108 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

- **January 23-25, 2004**
  - Condos - $99 per Adult
  - Condos - $148 per Adult
  - Dorm - $108 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

### Select Weekends Include:

- **December 19-21, 2003**
  - Condos - $189 per Adult
  - $99 per Junior/Senior/Student
  - Dorm - $150 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

- **January 6-9, 2004**
  - Condos - $169 per Adult
  - $99 per Junior/Senior/Student
  - Dorm - $108 per Adult/Student/Senior
  - Dorm rate based on a group size of 40-45 guests

### Important Popcorn Sales Dates:

- **September 30, 2003:**
  - Take-Order deadline
  - Payment due for early-pay bonus of 2% for Show-n-Sell
  - Sunday River Ski Resort:
    - Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline
  - Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
  - Additional orders due
  - December 5

### Take advantage of the new incentives for your Units:

- **32% commission for Units (up from 30% in 2002).**
- **$10 in Scout Bucks for EVERY take-order form completely filled out.** (Unit Kernel (must sign off on each one).)
- **Over and Above incentive**
  - **Every Scout that sells over $2,000 will be entered into the scholarship program.**
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For more information on the sale, or for any general information, please contact your District Kernels.
District Activities
The Abnaki District Fall Camporee will be held at Camp Guin (Guin) the weekend of October 24-26, 2003. The theme for the Camporee is "A Great Year Ahead". Please watch the Tour Guide for more details. The cost will be $10.00 per person. All re-charter packets are due by December 15th.

Popcorn Distribution
Popcorn distribution will take place at Federal Distributors in Lewiston on March 16th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Please call our office to place your order during regular business hours. The price for popcorn will be $5.00 per bag. All orders must be picked up on March 16th. The Abnaki Council Service Center is located at 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103.
Winter Camp 2004

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 2004 February 15th to 20th.

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.

Cost for Winter Camp is $195.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign up. Contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 to sign up! For more information or to sign up for Winter Camp Staff contact Cathy Cosselin at 655-3648 or Winter Camp Director Paul Fisher at 729-6429 or email fisherwt@uscom-maine.net

Friends of Scouting Presentations

We would like to get a head start on Friends of Scouting presentations this year. If you would look all at your calendars and discuss with your unit committees when would be the best time to schedule a FOS presentation started in January, it would be most helpful. The preferred time to do these are Blue and Gold Banquets and Court of Honor. Please contact Dennis Worster at 892-1126 or dworster@msn.com to schedule a presentation for your unit. Any other questions can be directed to Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsaim.org

Scout Show!

The previous date of February 8th for the Scout Show has been changed to February 1st at the Cumberland County Civic Center. All units are highly encouraged to participate by setting up a booth to demonstrate "what Scouts do." This event is open to the public and will be a wonderful time for all. Please contact Bruce and Sherry Beety at 642-2991 to sign up for your booth.

Merit Badge Program 2003-2004

This year's merit badge program will be taking place on Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 17th, and Jan 14th at the Central Square Baptist Church in Portland. The badge being offered will be Personal Management, Family Life, Citizenship in the World/Nation/Community, and Communications. More information will be available at the district roundtable. Any questions should be directed to Larry Levesque at 854-2379 or 233-7119.

Fall Camporee 2003!

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Designate, It makes the difference. Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America

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In the Pine Tree Council, many United Ways continue to support the local council by passing on to the council those financial donations that have been designated to the Boy Scouts of America. We encourage you to participate in your companies United Way Campaign, but make sure you fill out the pledge card you make a note that you want your gift designated to the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America. If there is not a place to designate, make sure you write it on the pledge card anyway.

Thank You to the Community!

Thank you to the many donations from area businesses for making sure we had the finances to make great crafts, a couple free treats, and recognition to the leaders. A little chocolate goes a long way in feeling appreciated. Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club, Hannaford Bros., the Firemen of Scarborough Fire Dept., Deb Doveur and Sheila from UNE Marine Science Dept., Nancy Becker and Mitchell from Portland Fencing (www.portlandfencingcenter.com; 856-1048), the recruiting offices of the United States Air Force, Marines, Army and Navy for supplying the laynards, Dr. Stephen Mills DDS for the tooth chests, Dr. Stephen Kirsch, Lloyd Snyder, Homan’s Associates, Ron Forrest and Sons for the wood, and Casco Bay Tackle. Thank you to the Scammoon family for allowing us to use Ingallsides Recreation Area. The site was immaculate, and they were always available. The Cub Scouts showed incredible behavior and I was proud to have spent the week with them. I look forward to finding fun ways to spend the week next year.

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The Following United Ways Designate Monies to the Pine Tree Council

Portland United Way, Mid-Coast, Mid-Maine, Sea Coast, York County, Andover/Agawam, & Valley, Greater Portland

If you want the full value of your gift to go towards the Boy Scouts of America, then we suggest that you make your pledge directly to the Pine Tree Council, and not to the United Way. That way 100% of the money you donate is used for Scouting programs.

MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE CAMPING DEPARTMENT AT PINE TREE COUNCIL 797-5252 EXT. 14.

~ OKPIK ~

Winter Survival Course

OKPIK is the Indian name of the white snowy owl that lives deep in the woods! OKPIK is also the official name of the Boy Scouts of America winter survival course.

OKPIK participants start with learning winter survival skills, safety requirements of the outdoors, along with food and clothing basics. The camp provides complete sets of gear and clothing before the crew's head out for their overnight on cross country skis or snowshoes. Snow shelters are built and patrols settle down for a comfortable night in often sub zero weather. Can your unit handle the challenge?

Everyone completing the OKPIK program will receive an official OKPIK patch!

Pine Tree Council will be offering two OKPIK options this year:

Four “traditional OKPIK” weekends offering a trained guide, all weather gear and equipment along with food and a program offering cold winter weather training and knowledge.

For Pine Tree Council Troops and Venture Crews wanting to do an OKPIK weekend with their own trained leadership, but needing some help with equipment and winter camping information, the OKPIK equipment consisting of trail sleds, outdoor clothing, snowshoes and/or cross country skis, and cooking equipment will be available to rent for use at Camp Hinds on weekends when the OKPIK traditional program is not being offered. A training guide on cold weather camping and survival will be available to use as a training resource at unit meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend.

The OKPIK staff invites you to join the staff for an energizing winter get-away!

2004 Traditional OKPIK DATES

OKPIK - Weekend 1 Jan. 23 - 25
OKPIK - Weekend 2 Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
OKPIK - Weekend 3 Feb. 6 - 8
OKPIK - Weekend 4 Feb. 13 - 15

Cost for the “traditional OKPIK” weekend is $75.00 for in council Scouts and $90.00 for out-of-council Scouts.

For Units wanting to do OKPIK under their own leadership~

1st - Check to see what weekend cabin rentals and equipment are available.
2nd - Reserve space and equipment, an equipment rental form is available with cost outlined based on the amount of equipment needed.
3rd - Using your PTC OKPIK planning guide, organize and plan unit meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend including food preparation, cold weather survival techniques, equipment needs and more!

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Cub Scout Roundtable gives Leaders a head start on next month’s program

"This training provides new leaders with background in youth development, the goals of Cub Scouting, program organization and planning, and much, much more," according to District Commissioner Susan Kennedy.

* Union Cub Leaders take Roundtable reins from retiring Veteran Ann Wonder. All will have all new exciting programs, fellowship, and fun. Roundtables are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Wiscasset Middle High School, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

** Boothbay. Please be sure to have enough vehicles for the amount of popcorn that your unit has sold. All orders will be pre-sorted and ready for distribution. News. Distribution will begin at 8am sharp and will be done by 11am. Please review your unit's account and call if you have any questions. New Leader Essentials & Cub Leader Specific Training Being Offered

Local training for new Cub Scout leaders is being conducted by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:

- On Saturday, October 18, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Rockland, Maine.  (Details to follow)
- On Sunday, October 19, at the Kennebec County Law Enforcement Academy in Augusta, Maine.

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POPCORN
If your Unit has not sold popcorn in the past, please consider it this year as your major fundraiser. It is an easy product to sell, since folks want to support scouting and the holidays are close at hand. Plus, if you try the Show-N-Sell program, it is a great way for customers to see the product and is therefore harder for them to resist purchasing. Show-N-Sell and Take Order Popcorn Sales have been successful in many Units - why not make it happen for your Unit? There are new incentives, new products and great prizes for 2003. Popcorn monies can help your unit fund camp, badges, food, transportation, uniforms, and much more for your units. Visit the Trail's End Popcorn website at www.trails-end.com, and then contact Luanne Chesley at 923-3883 regarding the district popcorn sale.

The District Executive's Soap Box
Thank you to all for your hard work and flawless support of our district while I was on “remote assignment” at Camp Hinds. Plus, special thanks to Bunny Wiggins and John Berryman for running outstanding Cub Scout camping programs for our youth during the summer of 2003!!

I would ask all of you to keep the following in mind as we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another:

• Get your boys camping - District, unit, council, or national events - camping is the event that for most scouts keeps them in the program for longer periods of time.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD
It is the time of year when we lend a hand to our neighbors as we collect food for the Scouting for Food program. Scouts will drop-off bags on Saturday, October 25th and return to pick them up on Saturday, November 1st. The food items will be taken to area food pantries for distribution to families in need of assistance. The Exploring Division will be doing their Exploring for Goodwill at the same time. Please do what you can to help with this Good Deal. The bags are available in limited quantities in each District this year, so please take only what you need for yourself and your Scout.

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2004
As in 2003, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. We will be sending 24 participants, including leaders, on the trek from July 17-29, 2004. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2004. There are a few spaces still available.

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. Those interested in more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast Philmont staff advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

York District

Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Webelos Activity Badges
The monthly theme for October is “once Upon a Time.” The activity badges are Showman / Crewmen. For the month of November, the theme is “Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock” and the activity badges are Adam Farmer / Scientist. The monthly theme for December is “A Cub Scout Goes Goodwill” and the activity badges are Craftsmen / Scientist. You can obtain more information about these in the Scout Shop.

Popcorn Pick-up
Mark Saturday, November 8, 2003 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM to separate the pop-corn and take it to your district popcorn pickup. If you are done helping, you can take your order with you that night. Call Tim Dunn at 985-9206 or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 if you can help.

York District Fall Training Schedule
New Adult Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the York District Committee. ALL New Leaders that have signed up since the Spring Training course are required to be trained for the upcoming year. This training is for Boy Scout and Cub Scout program leaders. The fee will cover both New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training programs. The fee for this training is $4.00 per person.

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training (WLOT) is scheduled for October 11 & 12, 2003 at Camp Nutter. The cost will be $15.00 per person and payment is required into the PTC Service Center by October 8, 2003. The fee will cover the use of the facility, cost of food and insurance for the weekend.

BALO Training will be held at Camp Nutter on Saturday, October 11, 2003 starting at 9:00 AM. The fee for this training is $25.00 per person and payment is required into the PTC Service Center by October 8, 2003.

Pre-registration is required for all courses to ensure that supplies and staff are available for all who attend.

Friends of Scouting
As a reminder, York District’s Fall Unit Inventory will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2003. At this time, our Unit Commissioners will be contacting ALL the units in York District to see if the Scouts listed in your unit matches up with the names in the Pine Tree Council Service Center. We want to make sure that ALL scouts are registered so they can advance, have insurance coverage, and can buy their Life magazines up to date. Thanks for your help. For further information, please contact the York District Commissioner, Clint Staples at 636-1597.

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The fee will cover the use of the facility, cost of food and insurance for the weekend. More information for all training courses is available on the York District website www.yorkdistrict.ptc.org or call George Fecteau at 439-5043.

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York District Annual Business Meeting

The date for the York District Annual Business Meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2003. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will be held at the Saco City Hall. The meeting will include the election of York District Committee Members and we will also discuss the state of our district. Your input is very important to us and we hope you will join us for this meeting. All Charter Organization Representatives, District Committee Members and District Members-at-Large should mark your calendars for this date. For more information please contact Frank Gilcret at 797-5252 ext. 24.

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York District Fall Training Schedule

New Adult Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, from 8:00 AM to 3:00PM at the Saco City Hall. ALL New Leaders that have signed up since the Spring Training course are required to be trained for the position they hold in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture program. The course will cover both New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training. The fee for this training is $4.00 per person.

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training(WLOT) is scheduled for October 11 & 12, 2003 at Camp Nutter. The cost will be $15.00 per person and payment is required into the PTC Service Center by October 8, 2003. The fee will cover the use of the facility, cost of food and insurance for the weekend. BALOO Training will be held at Camp Nutter on Saturday, October 11, starting at 9:00 AM. The fee for this training is $25.00 per person. Pre-registration is required for all courses to ensure that supplies and staff are available for all who attend.

Boy Scout Outdoor Training

Mark October 24-26, 2003 as the date for Boy Scout Leader Course "Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills", this is the MANDATORY Outdoor Training course for ALL Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. If you have taken the boy-scout and venture training, you must also take this outdoor course to be fully trained. The course will start on Friday night and run until Sunday afternoon and will take place at Camp Nutter. The cost of the course is $25.00 per person if paid into the PTC Service Center by Monday, October 20, 2003 or $23.00 per person if paid at the door. The fee will cover the use of the facility, cost of food and insurance for the weekend. More information for all training courses is available on the York District website www.yorkdistrict.ptc.org or call George Fecteau at 439-5043.

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K-Valley

POPCORN

If your Unit has not sold popcorn in the past, please consider it this year as your major fundraiser. It is an easy product to sell, since folks want to support scouting and the holidays are close at hand. Plus, if you try the Show-N-Sell program, it is a great way for customers to see the product and is therefore harder for them to resist purchasing. Show-N-Sell and Take Order Popcorn Sales have been successful in many Units - why not make it happen for your Unit? There are new incentives, new products and great prizes for 2003. Popcorn monies can help your unit fund camp, badges, food, transportation, uni-forms, and much more for your units. Visit the Trail’s End Popcorn website at www.trails-end.com, and then contact Luanne Chesley at 923-3883 regarding the district popcorn sale.

The District Executive’s Soap Box

Thank you to all for your hard work and flawless support of our district while I was on “remote assignment” at Camp Hinds. Plus, special thanks to Bunny Wiggin and John Berryman for running outstanding Cub Scout camping programs for our youth during the summer of 2003!!

I would ask all of you to keep the following in mind as we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another:

• Get your boys camping - District, unit, council, or national events - camping is the event that for most scouts keeps them in the program for longer periods of time.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

It is the time of year when we lend a hand to our neighbors as we collect food for the Scouting for Food program. Scouts will drop-off bags on Saturday, October 25th and return to pick them up on Saturday, November 1st. The food items will be taken to area food pantries for distribution to families in need of assistance. The Exploring Division will be doing their Exploring for Goodwill at the same time. Please do what you can to help with this Good deed. The bags are available in limited quantities in each District this year, so please take only what you need.

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2004

As in 2003, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. We will be sending 24 participants, including leaders, on the trek from July 17-29, 2004. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2004. There are a few spaces still available.

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. Those interested in more information, please contact Frank Gilcret Philmont staff advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.
University of Scouting

University of Scouting 2004
TRAINING AT IT'S BEST!

The first University of Scouting is coming this March and this one day event offers exciting workshops, fellowship, and fun for all adults interested in Scouting and youth! The University debuts Saturday, March 27, at Central Maine Community College and promises to be a wonderful addition to the Pine Tree Council programs.

Exciting and informative workshops focusing on youth development, Scouting programs, outdoor activities, and unit operations will be the menu at Pine Tree Council's first University of Scouting. All Council Scouters, Scouting parents, and friends are invited to attend.

"This is going to be a tremendous continuing education event that will benefit unit leaders and committee members, parents, district committee members, and commissioners who want to learn more about how to help their Pack, Troop, Crew and Scouting!" says University President and Council Training Chairman Erland "Bud" Hedblom of Brunswick. "We have some real advantages bringing everyone together for a council-wide University and the ultimate beneficiaries are our Scouts and communities."

According to Hedblom, some of those advantages are:
• Using the best presenters for power packed presentations on numerous topics.
• Offering workshops not generally available in basic training and with more depth than at Roundtable.
• Bringing together for lively, knowledgeable discussion the wonderful volunteers that make Scouting happen all over Maine and beyond.

The University is set up in colleges covering Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Adventure Scouting, Commissioning, and General Studies. The College of Cub Scouting, also called Pow Wow, will be just the right springboard into the summer activities and the next year's programs incorporating all pertinent topics, as well as the daunting transition into Boy Scouts. The College of Boy Scouting is an exciting collection of ideas, skills and opportunities in Boy Scouting that promises to polish and challenge your Troop's performance. The College of General Studies will present in depth topics that will fill in the blanks we all find from time to time as we work the program. The College of Adventure Scouting will provide workshops on working with older youth, young men and women, in Venturing and in Boy Scouting. Additionally, there will be a midway of displays and exhibits and a fully stocked Scout Shop and Bookstore.

More information on this exciting program and how to participate will be distributed at the November Roundtables. See you in March!

Scout Days with the Portland Pirates

The Portland Pirates are teaming up with the Pine Tree Council to promote Scout Days with the Pirates. November 29, February 7, and March 6 are event dates for this season.

Game times will be 7:05 PM for the November and February games and the March game will start at 2:05. Plans are in the works for skating opportunities, giveaways, and a limited edition Pine Tree Council/Portland Pirates Hockey Puck.

Tickets will be available at the Scout office and more information will be available at the Council Service center, roundtable, and on the Pine Tree Council Web site when final details are scheduled. For more information, contact the Pine Tree Council Office at 797-5252.

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"This training provides new leaders with background in youth development, the goals of Cub Scouting, program organization and planning, and much, much more," according to District Commissioner Susan Kennedy.

The September program will feature program ideas for the October theme "Once upon a time" as well as the Showman and Citizens Webelos badge workshops. In addition, we will have the introduction of the Downeast District Trading Post. We will have a variety of literature, program materials and advancement recognition available.

**By Popular Demand!**

Cub Fall Rally, October 4, Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay.

Registration will begin at 3:45 pm with games; trail activities, and crafts beginning at 4:00 pm. There will be a brief snack period followed by an exciting campfire program at 5:30 pm.

**Return Engagement!!** Cub Scout and Webelos Fall Rally, Saturday, October 4, 2003 at Camp Knickerbocker, Barter's Island Road, Boothbay. Join with other Cub Packs from Downeast District in a Cub Scout Rally!

Remember the fun we had at last fall's rally! Save the date and drive to Boothbay. Camp Knickerbocker is easy to find. Please pre-register by September 30, so we will have plenty of craft materials and snacks.

The theme is Wild West/Frontier/Rodeo! Please encourage your Cub Scout to dress as such. As always, please have them wear either their Scout uniform or a Scout t-shirt! (This is a great photo-op for your local paper!) The rally will be held rain or shine. The registration fee is $3.00 per Scout and adult, $7.00 for a family of 3 or more, please make checks payable to the Pine Tree Council. A pre-registration packet will be mailed to all registered Cub Leaders.

Contact: Susan Kennedy, District Activities Chairman - 786-7920 or scouter@blazenene.net. Directions to Camp Knickerbocker: Take Route 1 to Route 27 South. Drive 9.6 miles to the monument in Boothbay. Go to the right of the statue, then straight for 3/10 mile to the camp.

**Webelos Leader Outdoor Training**

Training for Webelos Leaders and Bear Leaders (Be prepared for your Webelos Den next year!)

**Date:** October 4, 2003 **Cost:** $5.00

Time: 8:00 a.m. (Registration) **Sessions Run 8:30 a.m. on.**

Place: Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay, Maine until 3 p.m. Other classes will be offered if interest is requested, but please be sure you attend the first training class, a kit, a camp stool, a 4 ft. length of rope! Be prepared for the weather. Webelos Leader Outdoor Training - your chance to get acquainted with the basic camping skills, outdoor activities, and health and safety issues that encompass the outdoor program for Webelos Scouts - the foundation for the next, higher step in Scouting.

Values of the Outdoor Program, Woods and Knots, Planning Overnight Campouts, Naturalist and Forester Activities, First Aid, Campfire Planning and much more!

This training is required for all your Webelos Den Camping. To Pre-Register or for more information, please contact Susan Kennedy, District Activities Chairman or the Local District Commissioner.

### **Write down the dates!!!**

#### **October 4, 2003**

- **Place:** Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay, Maine until 3 p.m.

### **October 5, 2003**

- **Place:** Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay, Maine until 3 p.m.

### **October 11, 2003**

- **Place:** Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay, Maine until 3 p.m.

### **October 12, 2003**

- **Place:** Camp Knickerbocker, Boothbay, Maine until 3 p.m.

**POPCORN DISTRIBUTION**

We hope all of you have a very successful popcorn sale. Popcorn distribution will take place on Saturday, November 8, at Lincoln County News. Distribution will begin at 8am sharp and will be done by 11am.

**New Leadership Training**

Local training for new Cub Scout leaders will be offered by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:

- **Saturday, October 18,** at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Rockland. Basic training for new Cub Scout leaders will be conducted by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:

- **Saturday, November 15,** at the St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Rockland. Basic training for new Cub Scout leaders will be conducted by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:

- **Saturday, November 22,** at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Rockland. Basic training for new Cub Scout leaders will be conducted by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:

- **Saturday, December 13,** at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Rockland. Basic training for new Cub Scout leaders will be conducted by the Downeast District Training team at two more locations this fall:
**Winter Camp 2004**

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 2004 February 15th to 20th.

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 qunizees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Cost for Winter Camp is $195.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign up. Contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 to sign up! For more information or to sign up for Winter Camp Staff contact Cathy Cassell at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or Winter Camp Director Paul Fisher at 729-6429 or email fisherwt@suscom-maine.net

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**OKPIK ~ Winter Survival Course**

OKPIK is the Indian name of the white snowy owl that lives deep in the woods! OKPIK is also the official name of the Boy Scouts of America winter survival course.

OKPIK participants start with learning winter survival skills, safety requirements of the outdoors, along with food and clothing basics. The camp provides complete sets of gear and clothing before the crew's head out for their overnight on cross country ski's or snowshoes. Snow shelters are built and patrols settle down for a comfortable night in often sub zero weather. Can your unit handle the challenge? Everyone completing the OKPIK program will receive an official OKPIK patch!

Pine Tree Council will be offering two OKPIK options this year! Four “traditional OKPIK” weekends offering a trained guide, all weather gear and equipment along with food and a program offering cold winter weather training and knowledge.

For Pine Tree Council Troops and Venture Crews wanting to do an OKPIK weekend with their own trained leadership, but needing some help with equipment and winter camping information, the OKPIK equipment consisting of trail sleds, outdoor clothing, snowshoes and/or cross country ski's, and cooking equipment will be available to rent for use at Camp Hinds on weekends when the OKPIK traditional program is not being offered. A training guide on cold weather camping and survival will be available to use as a training resource at unit meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend.

The OKPIK staff invites you to join the staff for an energizing winter get-away!

2004 Traditional OKPIK DATES

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Cost for the “traditional OKPIK” weekend is $75.00 for in council Scouts and $90.00 for out-of-council Scouts.

For Units wanting to do OKPIK under their own leadership ~

1st - Check to see what weekend cabin rentals and equipment are available.
2nd - Reserve space and equipment, an equipment rental form is available with cost outlined based on the amount of equipment needed.
3rd - Using your PTC OKPIK planning guide, organize and plan unit meetings to prepare for your OKPIK weekend including food preperation, cold weather survival techniques, equipment needs and more!

MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE CAMPING DEPARTMENT AT PINE TREE COUNCIL 797-5252 EXT. 14.

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**Friends of Scouting Presentations**

We would like to get a head start on Friends of Scouting presenation this year. If you would look at your calendars and disscuss with your unit committees when would be the best time to schedule a FOS presentation started in January, it would be most helpful. The preferred time to do these are Blue and Gold Banquets and Court of Honor. Please contact Dennis Worster at 892-1126 or dworster@mns.com to schedule a presentation for your unit. Any other questions can be directed to Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org.

Scout Show!

The previous date of February 8th for the Scout Show has been changed to February 1st at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

All units are highly encouraged to participate by setting up a booth to demonstrate “what Scouts do.” This event is open to the public and will be a wonderful time for all. Please contact Bruce and Sherry Beety at 642-2991 to sign-up for your booth.

Merit Badge Program 2003-2004

This year's merit badge program will be taking place on Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 17th, and Jan 14th at the Central Square Baptist Church in Portland. The badges being offered will be: Personal Management, Family Life, Citizenship in the World/Nation/Community, and Communications. More information will be available at the district roundtable. Any questions should be directed to Larry Levesque at 854-2379 or 233-7119.

Fall Camporee 2003!

You guessed it; it is that time of the year again. Our district activity folks have been busy all summer putting together a guaranteed fun filled time for all at this years fall camporee. The theme is orienteering and there is no doubt that it will test the knowledge of even the most seasoned scouts. Troop 76 will be hosting this year's event at Kivascan Beach on Route 25 in Standish on October 17-19. Cost is $7.50 per person. For more information contact, Bruce Beety at 642-2991 or visit the web site http://w3.ime.net/~bctbeety/

Designate, It makes the difference.

**Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America**

Many of you will be asked to support your local United Way Agency this fall as they kick off their Annual Giving Campaign. The Boy Scouts of America has had a long history with the United Way. As a founding agency of the United Way, the Boy Scouts of America greatly appreciates the support that has been extended to Boy Scout councils across the country. For many decades, United Way funding has helped the BSA bring the Scouting programs to underprivileged youth, introduce new programs, and broaden the existing program.

Every United Way is led by a board of local volunteers who help set policies and make funding decisions. The decision to continue funding the Boy Scouts program is made individually by each United Way.

In the Pine Tree Council, many United Ways continue to support the local council by passing on to the council those financial donations that have been designated to the Boy Scouts of America. We encourage you to participate in your companies United Way Campaign, but make sure you fill out the pledge card you make a note that you want your gift designated to the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America. If there is not a place to designate, make sure you write it on the pledge card anyway.

The Following United Ways Designate Monies to the Pine Tree Council:

Portland United Way, Mid-Coast, Mid-Maine, Sea Coast, York County, Androscoggin, & Valley, Greater Portland

If you want the full value of your gift to go towards the Boy Scouts of America, then we suggest that you make your pledge directly to the Pine Tree Council, and not to the United Way. That way 100% of the money you donate is used for Scouting programs.

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**District Executive**

Jonathan Widmark
jwidmark@bsamail.org
797-5252 ext. 23

Fall 2003

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Pine Spills
Abnaki District

School Night for Scouting
Please turn in all registration forms you received through your recruiting efforts. The Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy of the Pine Tree Council only covers youths and adults who are registered. Please do not wait to turn in registration forms in December.

Popcorn Distribution
Popcorn distribution will take place at Federal Distributors in Lewiston on Saturday, November 8. Please observe the traffic pattern so that you do not block in cars that are leaving. The District Popcorn Team will be busy pulling and loading your order, so please be patient. Please contact Norm Martin at 783-9432 or Mike Fournier at 786-8566 if you have any questions.

Re-charter Clinic
The December Roundtable is a very busy one. Not only do we offer Roundtable activities for you, we also offer a Re-charter Clinic. The purpose of the Re-charter Clinic is to give you a chance to sit down with a Unit Commissioner to go over the information and fees you are turning in. Please remember that anyone you see with a red pen is a person that needs to go through training for their role in your Unit. If they are marked on the form, they will be dropped at re-charter time and will need to fill out another application and go on your overflow sheet. They still need to go through training. Please keep in mind and remind them to go to training prior to December. All re-charter packets are due by December 15th.

Silver Beaver Recipients 2003
Each year the Pine Tree Council has the opportunity to present the Silver Beaver Award to outstanding volunteers that go above and beyond to see that the youth of the council have a great program. Nomination forms are available at the Pine Tree Council Service Center, and your district Roundtable.

If there is a registered adult that seems to do everything for your unit, district and/or council, please take the time to nominate them for this high level award. Awards will be presented at the Pine Tree Council Annual Business Meeting in December. Nomination forms are due to the Pine Tree Council office by October 30, 2003.

The Turtle Speaks
• Just a reminder to all Brothers that they should be watching for the special flyer that will announce the 2003 Lodge Leadership and Development ("LLD") weekend scheduled for October 24-26, 2003 at Camp Hinds. Beyond the usual training sessions, this is the weekend the Lodge elects its officers for 2004. Take part in the Lodge training and fellowship that happens during this weekend of training and inter-chapter activities!
• Right after the LLD weekend, flyers for the Lodge Annual Banquet will be mailed and this year looks to be another excellent celebration of the lodge’s commitment to the Order and to Council camping. Hosted by K-Valley Chapter, the banquet will be held at Big Senator Inn in Augusta on Saturday, December 6, 2003 at 1:00 PM. This is also the weekend that the lodge recognizes it’s Honor Chapter and Founders’ Award winners, so please make sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful event!
• The lodge would like to pass on its sincere thanks to Andrew Buckley and Tim Curtis, who were the youth chairmen for the 2003 OA Service Hour Programs at both Camp Hinds and Camp Bomaazene. Andrew ran the program at Camp Bomaazene, while Tim did the same at Camp Hinds. Watch for the final statistics and head counts for participation in the November-December issue of Turtle Speaks, or on the lodge website: www.pinetreesea.org/lodge.
• Finally, Brothers should be looking forward to the 2004 Lodge Year, our 60th Anniversary! A special 60th Anniversary Service Award is being planned for all brothers to be eligible to earn, and festivities during the year will also include the re-dedication of the original Lodge council building. Watch this space for more information on planning these events through the recently created 60th Anniversary Committee, Chaired by Dan Warner of Abnaki Chapter.

ATTENTION ALL CUB SCOUT PACKS!!!

BOSTON SCOUTING WEEKEND

Spring Dates: Saturday, April 17, 2004 - 300 SLOTS Friday, April 23, 2004 - 125 SLOTS

It’s time to start planning for the 2004 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is $42.00 per person. Please note: The Museum will be charging a fee of $3 per car and $15 per bus for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In. The event is open for a maximum of 300 Leadership and Adults. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend - no exceptions! In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Museum Boston trip, please follow the guidelines below:

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

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PICTURE TREE COUNCIL 2004 SKI DAY TRIPS AND WEEKEND GET-AWAYS

The winter months are fast approaching and that means it is almost time to hit the slopes! The Pine Tree Council is happy to announce that we will be offering the ever-popular Ski Day trips with Sugarloaf USA, Sunday River and Shawnee Peak for the year 2004. We are also offering various weekend get-away packages for both Sugarloaf U.S.A. and Sunday River. All packages will include discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals. Take advantage of these greatly reduced prices and avoid those long ticket lines. We look forward to seeing all of you out on the slopes!

The ski dates for the year 2004 are as follows:

One Day Ski Trips:
- **Sugarloaf U.S.A.**
  - Sunday, February 8, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 21, 2004
- **Sunday River**
  - Sunday, January 4, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, January 18, 2004
- **Shawnee Peak**
  - Monday, January 19, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 14, 2004
  - Saturday, March 7, 2004
  - Make-up date: Sunday, March 14, 2004

Note: Please look for the mailer we will be sending to every Scout, which will include dates, prices, and more specific information.

Weekend Get-Away Information:

**Sunday River Ski Resort:** The following packages include lift ticket, lodging, taxes and gratuity. Lodging is based on maximum occupancy. The group leader will receive one complimentary package including lift ticket, lodging, taxes and gratuity for every 10 paid guests. Junior ages 6-12; Adult ages 13-64; Seniors ages 65+ Rates are subject to change without notice until initial deposit has been received.

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The 2003 Trail’s End popcorn sale was officially kicked-off when Governor John Baldacci purchased the first tins of popcorn for the 2003 sale. The Governor, having been a Scout himself, wished success to all Scouts in the Pine Tree Council in their efforts with this year’s popcorn sale.

We hope that your unit is finding success in the Show-n-Sell and Take-Order sales! All popcorn sales materials have been distributed and mailed to all of the Packs, Troops, and Crews. If at any time, you find that your Unit is running short on materials, please contact the Pine Tree Council and we will send them out to you immediately.

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Governor John Baldacci (center) purchases the first Trail's End popcorn products for this year's sale. Standing behind the Governor are Cub Scouts from Pack 47 in Scarborough and Pack 86 in Gray.
Philmont Training

From left to right: Michael King, J. T. Dabbs, and Bill Coffin

This summer, the Pine Tree Council had several volunteers attend the Philmont Training Center. Bill Coffin, Council Commissioner, Michael King, Board Member, and J. T. Dabbs, Scout Executive served on Faculty for the District Operations session in July.(see photo)

Serving as the national training center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950, the Philmont Training Center (PTC) provides a unique environment for the training of volunteer and professional leaders. Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and family members attend PTC.

Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audio-visuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. Invitation to these conferences is upon recommendation of the local council or a national committee.

There are many outstanding training opportunities available for many of you. Please contact your District Executive if you would like an invitation to attend the highlight of volunteer training, the Philmont Training Center.

For more information go to www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc.

Friends of Scouting

Would you still be involved in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Exploring program if your yearly membership fee was $100 or more? Would you enjoy going to camp if you didn't have a tent to sleep in or a beach to swim at?

Starting January 1, 2004, a short (10 minute) Friends of Scouting presentation will be held at your unit meeting. This is your opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scouting program. By donating to the Scout program, you keep the program affordable for every youth to join and participate.

Please encourage all of the parents in your unit to participate in the Friends of Scouting program. Your donation helps keep the cost of Scouting affordable for every child. If you have questions, or don’t want to wait until the new year to make your donation, contact the Pine Tree Council Office at 797-5252.

Today’s youth are tomorrow’s leaders, and without your support, many youth will not be able to learn and grow in a positive environment.

CORRECTION: PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION INCORRECT IN THE LAST ISSUE OF PINE SPILLS

We are pleased to announce that the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop WILL BE open on November 29th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
Welcome to Scouting

The Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America would like to welcome you to the Scouting experience for 2003-2004. The Scouting family in Maine consists of 15,000 youth and over 3,000 adult volunteers. Your year in Scouts will consist of meetings, roundtable, training, and other events. Please take the time to attend as many events as you can. The more involved you are in the program the more you will learn and enjoy. Please take the time to enjoy the many great opportunities that will take place this year. Always remember that the more people involved in the program the more resources that will be available to you. Make sure to share your knowledge and experiences with other Scouting families.

Your son has the opportunity to learn skills that will help him for the rest of his life. What adults may not know is that according to a Harris Interactive survey, volunteering has a positive impact on areas of personal values, communication skills, leadership, survival skills, and management skills.

Adults that participated in the recent Harris survey said that they volunteer more because of the training that they receive in the program. Some parents say that they have more fun than their kids do on unit hikes and campouts. Fun is a major part of the Scouting program so enjoy yourself.

As an adult with a youth in the Scout program you will be asked to help on various occasions. Please take the time as a family to enjoy the many great opportunities that will take place this year. Always remember that the more people involved in the program the more resources that will be available to you. Make sure to share your knowledge and experiences with other Scouting families.

During the year, your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew will probably take advantage of the discount ticket opportunities and special promotion events that are offered in the Pine Tree Council. If you are not aware of these activities, please attend a district roundtable meeting or check the council web site at www.pinetreesbsa.org for more information. We hope that you have an outstanding year of fun.