The Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. This program began in 1930 and has grown very successful over that time and it is time to celebrate its success.

The official celebration begins with the start of the program year in September 2004 and continues through December 2005. Special awards are available for youth, adults, and families.

This year your program should highlight this celebration of accomplishment at each Pack meeting and especially at your Blue & Gold Banquet. We suggest your Pack conduct a community-wide service project or other event to highlight the anniversary celebration. Make sure that you publicize this anniversary for your banquets, meetings, and events by doing press releases to your local media outlets.

The 2004 - 2005 Cub Scout Program Helps include anniversary celebration ideas for each monthly theme. A new Cub Scout Outdoor Program Award will be available for boys to earn and place on their Cub Scout shirt.

Watch your roundtable meetings and district events for more info and we wish you a Happy Anniversary as you go through this special year.
**2004 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale**

The 2004 Trail’s End popcorn sale has officially started! 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 at 797-5252 ext. 21 and we will send them out to you immediately.

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

**Important Popcorn Sales Dates:**
- **September 1-October 22:** Take-Order Sale
- **October 15:** Show-N-Sell product return or transfer
- **October 22:** Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC
- **October 29:** Payment due for early-pay bonus of 2% for Show-N-Sell
- **November 13:** Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM-11:00 AM
- **November 19:** Additional orders due
- **December 3:** All money due & accounts settled

**For more information on the sale, to request additional materials, or for any general information, please contact your District Kernels.**

**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, 2005, 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 Scouting 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. 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.

**2005 National Scout Jamboree**

Only ten months left until National Jamboree 2005! Pine Tree Council will be sending four troops with leaders to attend! If you would still like to go, call Pine Tree Council to get on the waiting list!

Our troops will be leaving from Camp Hinds on July 20th and traveling to Washington, D.C. for three days of touring and then will attend the Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia and return to Maine on August 3rd. Over 50,000 Scouts and leaders will be attending this event, which happens once every four years! More 2005 Jamboree information, including registration forms, is on our web site www.pinetreebsa.org.
Pine Tree Council Camping

OKPIK

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. Pine Tree Council offers a winter camp experience at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

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 crews 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!

Four OKPIK weekends offering a trained guide, all weather gear and equipment along with food and a program offering cold winter weather training and knowledge. The OKPIK staff invites you to join them for an energizing winter get-away!

2005 OKPIK DATES

OKPIK - Weekend 1/Jan. 21 - 23
OKPIK - Weekend 2/Jan. 28 - 30
OKPIK - Weekend 3/Febr. 4 - 6
OKPIK - Weekend 4/Febr. 11 - 13

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

Winter Camp

Pine Tree Council offers a winter camp experience at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

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 2005 February 20th to 25th.

Winter Camp is a week-long 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 $220.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign-up. For more information or to sign-up for Winter Camp, contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org.

Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

2004 Camp Season a Great Success!

Over 5,000 Scouts, leaders and family members visited our camps this summer! Pine Tree Council would like to thank all of the camp’s staff members for all of their hard work and dedication to the Scouts!

Special thanks to the camp leaderships for leading their teams in creating memories that will last a lifetime for all the Scouts who attended!

Thanks to the Day Camp directors! At Abnaki Day Camp - Mary Jane Vachon and Heather Clark; at Casco Bay Day Camp - Missy Bell, Laura Higgins and Tracy Murphy; at Downeast Day Camp - Melissa Fortuna, Lori Pendleton, Paulette Mitchell, and Mike L’Abbe; at KV Day Camp - John Berryman and Bunny Wiggin; and at York Day Camp - Lisa Winfrey, Diana Vermette and Janet Spiller!

For outstanding FunPack Weekend leadership - Yvette Tremblay, Tracy Grogan, Sherry & Bruce Beety, John Trott, John Berryman, Mary Jane Vachon and Leslie Ellis!

And thanks to the Camp Hinds staff led by Matt & Anne Randall and Matt Mower!

Good Turn for America

Community Service is one of society’s benchmarks for health. When people are personally involved in supporting their neighborhoods, the outcome is a renewed sense of unity and civic pride. Volunteerism is a hallmark of American society, and helping other people is an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America. The Good Turn for America initiative will focus on three areas of service: food, shelter, and healthy living.

Last December, every Unit was given their Unit ID and directions on how to log in their service hours at the Good Turn for America website. To review: visit the website at www.goodturnforamerica.org, click on the "tell us about your service project" button and follow the screen instructions. If you do not have your Unit ID, please contact Jason Agren at the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext 21. You can report any type of community service project that your Unit participates in.

Every Unit that logs onto the Good Turn for America website and inputs their information will receive a ribbon for their Unit flag and will be eligible to purchase the "Good Turn for Maine" patches at the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop. Congratulations to the following Units that have logged onto the site and entered projects:

Pack 111 - Auburn
Troop 800 - Raymond
Troop 367 - Baldwin
Troop 497 - Jackman
Pack 301 - York
Pack 306 - Waterboro

By logging onto the website and reporting your projects, you will help us tell the story of what Scouts are doing to improve our community. Are you one who will make a difference?

For more information, please contact Jason Agren at 797-5252 ext 21.

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food bag distribution will be October 30, with the collection of the bags taking place on November 6, 2004. Once again, we will be providing bags to all of our Units. The bags and report forms will be available at your October Roundtable meeting. This initiative provides over 40,000 containers of food to local pantries and food kitchens. The Scouts of the Pine Tree Council help every year to ensure that needy families will have enough food to live comfortably. The Boy Scouts of America realize the importance of community service and strongly encourage every Unit to participate. The National Office launched a new program called ‘Good Turn for America’ earlier this year and the Pine Tree Council followed with a more localized program titled ‘Good Turn for Maine’. Your Pack, Troop and Crew’s efforts can be counted towards total community service time when you log onto www.goodturnforamerica.org Each Unit should have received a password, which you will need to enter. For questions or bags, please contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28 or jlucas@bsamail.org.

Cub Scouting 75th Anniversary Emblem

Clip and Return to the Pine Tree Council

Name: ____________________________ Phone #: ________________

Shipping Address: __________________________

Please send me _____(qty.) of the Cub Scout 75th Anniversary Patches

Total Patches ordered x $3.50 each = Total Due: _______

(make checks payable to: Pine Tree Council)

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 04103

Order due by 10/31/04. Will ship by 11/15/04.
Cubs will join their brother CubScouts by wearing the complete blueCub Scout uniform with appropriateTiger Cub insignia. (The orange T-

Two Championships in a Row!
The State Fire Muster and Championship was held during the first weekend of August. Fire Explorers from York, Anson-Madison and Fairfield competed in an assortment of fire skillscompetitions that resulted in Fairfield Fire & Rescue Post 400 claiming the State Championship for the second year in a row. This was the 11th year of this event, during which a state record was broken by a significant margin by Meagan Breau, Training Officer, at Fairfield Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 400. Below are the statistics of this year’s event.

Profile of a Fire Explorer
In this edition of Pine Spills, we’d like to introduce you to Meagan Breau of the Fairfield Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 400. On Saturday, August 7th, 2004, Meagan broke the state record in the “Quick Dress” competition at the State Fire Muster and Championship. Her time in this event was 21.23 seconds. This broke the previous record of 25.31 seconds set in 2000. She also claimed second place in S.C.B.A. donning at this event. Her time was 31.38 seconds.

Fall Camporee
Abnaki and KV Districts have joined forces for our Fall Camporee which will be held in Farmington. The Camporee will offer Boy Scouts and Venturers the opportunity to earn merit badges (to be determined), go on a canoe trek, go on a mountain hike, participate in Jamboree in the Air among other activities, including a special surprise.

The Camporee will take place on Friday, October 15 through Sunday, October 17. More information will be out soon. If you are interested in helping, you can contact Mitch MacArthur at 453-8031 or Al Warner at 729-7761.

Cub Rally
Abnaki District will be holding a Cub Rally on Saturday, October 22. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614. More information will be coming out to Cub Leaders soon.

Training
Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Come to training and learn more about Scouting, effective techniques in running a quality program and HOW FUN SCOUTING CAN BE. For more information on Cub Leader Training, contact Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614. For more information on Boy Scout Leader Training, contact Mike Limerick at 998-3410.

Roundtables
Come learn even more about running an effective quality program by joining us for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtables on the second Wednesday of every month. September through June from 7-8:30pm (December Roundtable will be a Re-chartering Clinic). Share ideas, meet other leaders and have fun!

The September and June Roundtables will be at Oxford Hills High School and the rest will be at Auburn Middle School.

For more information, you can contact Cub Roundtable Commissioner Debbie Sparks at 946-2305 or Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Jim Keene at 933-3985.

Welcome Back
I hope everybody enjoyed their summer. I know some of you took a breather from Scouting and some of you joined us for a great camping season. Either way, I look forward to the program year to come, and I want to thank you for all you do for Scouting.

Let’s make this a great year for all the young people in Scouting!

A New "Look" for Tiger Cubs
Beginning August 1, 2004, Tiger Cubs will join their brother Cub Scouts by wearing the complete blue Cub Scout uniform with appropriate Tiger Cub insignia. (The orange T-shirt may be worn by Tiger Cubs as an activity shirt and will continue to be the official uniform for adult Tiger Cub part-

The change, announced at the Boy Scouts of America’s 2004 National Annual Meeting, is part of the Scouting movement’s continuing effort to promote Tiger Cubs as an integral part of the Cub Scout Pack.

For more information about the new Tiger Cub uniform, please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252, or to purchase the uniform, please visit the Scout Shop at 125 Auburn Street in Portland.

S.C.B.A. donning at this event. Her time was 31.38 seconds.
Popcorn Pick-up

Mark Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM as the date to pick up your popcorn at Hussey Seating Company, 38 Dyer St., North Berwick, ME. We will need help on Friday night, November 12 to separate the popcorn orders. When you are done helping, you can take your order with you that night. Call Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 if you can help.

Scouting for Food

On Saturday, November 6, 2004, the Annual Scouting for Food Drive will conclude with the pick-up of the bags that were delivered by Scouts in their neighborhoods on Saturday, October 30, 2004. This annual food drive is a great way for our Scouts to help those less fortunate in our communities. All food collected goes to food pantries located in the communities served by our Scouting units. Thank you to all the Scouting families who gave of their time and energy to make this great event a success.

York District Fall Training Schedule

New Adult Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004 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 Leaders Essentials and Leader Specific Training. The fee for this training is $4.00 per person payable at the door.

York District Annual Business Meeting

The date for the York District Annual Business Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2004. 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 Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24.

Friends of Scouting Presentations

We would like to get a head start on Friends of Scouting presentations this year. If you would look at your calendars and discuss with your unit committees what would be the best time to schedule a FOS presentation starting in January, it would be most helpful. The preferred time to do these is Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor. Without the support of all of our units with Friends of Scouting, we wouldn’t be able to deliver the same level of quality programming that has become synonymous with Scouting in the Casco Bay District. Please contact Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org to book your presentation or with any questions.

Fall Camporee

This year’s Casco Bay District Fall Camporee will be held October 15th through the 17th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The theme is Mountain Man and Portland’s own Troop 19 is hosting. Don’t miss this opportunity to participate in a fun and exciting weekend that is sure to leave everyone with lots of great stories to share and memories to keep. Registration materials will be available at roundtable or at the Pine Tree Council. Any questions should be directed to Bruce and Sherry Beety at 642-2991 or bbeety@protov.net. Also, don’t forget to check out the new district website at www.cascobayptc.org.

M sideline A. Preston Jr. Merit Badge Program 2004-05

This merit badge program will be taking place on October 20th, November 17th, and January 12th at the Central Square Baptist Church in Portland. The badges being offered will be Personal Management, Family Life, Citizenship in the Nation and Community, Communications, and Metalwork. More information will be available at the district roundtable. Any questions should be directed to Larry Levesque at 854-2379 or 233-7119.

Award of Merit Recipients Honored

Four Casco Bay District Scouts were presented the District Award of Merit at the Casco Bay BBQ on August 27th at Camp Hinds. Stephen Turner of Pack 56, Tracy Murphy of Pack 47, Adam Gonzalez of Troop 99, and Brian Hazelwood, District Vice Chairman were each presented with the Award of Merit, the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. The entire evening was a rewarding success beginning with a delicious BBQ dinner, followed by a campfire where numerous district scouts were recognized for their contributions to scouting, and finally culminating with the presentation of the Awards of Merit.
Friends of Scouting

Thank you to all who participated in our 2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign. We will be calling you all this fall in order to begin scheduling Friends of Scouting presentation dates for the winter. Please contact your unit committee and set a date when you can visit us. Blue and Gold banquets, Courts of Honor, and any other special event that has parents present are preferred. Remember, the Friends of Scouting campaign helps keep the cost of membership, camp, and many more things low so every Scout in the Pine Tree Council has a fair chance of benefiting from the Scouting Program.

All out For Scouting

Fall is the time to go out and recruit boys. Every child that we recruit to "give scouting a spin" is one more person that will be involved in our Scouting program for years to come. To help you with this mission, we will be offering several opportunities to make money. This year, the 2004 Fall Camporee will be a wonderful event — we will be co-hosting the event with Abnaki District, so we’ll have twice the action this fall. If you have any questions, please contact the K-Valley Program and Activities Chair, Mitch MacArthur, at 453-4095.

With the conclusion of summer, comes the end of another great summer camp season. Wild West Frontier Days Have Come and Gone

The Downeast District had over 175 Cub Scouts take advantage of our Day Camp Programs in Union and Topsham. The Downeast District would like to thank Melissa Fortuna and Michael L’Ambe for their leadership as Camp Directors, as well as Lori Popham and Paulette Mitchell for their creativity as Program Directors. Enthusiastic and knowledgeable scouts who deserve our gratitude staffed both camp programs. Because of these individuals your Cub Scout received a great program by a Nationally Accredited Camp. We are already planning for next year and if you are interested in a position on Day Camp Staff, please contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center.

Pine Tree Council, BSA National Eagle Scout Association

The Pine Tree Council NESA Committee would like to know: Are you an Eagle Scout? Please tell us about yourself.

Name: ___________________________________________ Year Eagle Earned: ____________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________ Home Phone: ________________________

City: ___________________________ Zip: ______ Email: ___________________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Employer’s Name: ___________________________

Employer’s Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ______

Employee’s Phone: ___________________________ Work Phone: ___________________________

Work Email: ___________________________ Home Email: ___________________________

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Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is a great way to raise money for your unit and help bring in new families into your program. The Friends of Scouting will help you complete the paperwork and make sure you get your order requests in early! If you have any questions, please contact Luanna Chelsey, the Kennebec Valley Popcorn Chair, at 923-3883. Popcorn helps give you the money unit needs to make dreams a reality for your youth.

Roundtables

Roundtables will be held the second Wednesday of every month at the Winslow Middle School, at 7 p.m. These meetings are the best way for your unit to be informed about what is happening in the District and in the Council for the 2004 - 2005 year. They are fun, educational, and informative. Please be sure to pencil them in to your monthly Scouting Schedule.

Training

The following training opportunities will be available in the fall for you to attend. Remember that every youth deserves a trained leader. Training makes Scouting successful and fun, for you and your unit.

- All Leader Essentials and Leader Specific training will be offered on October 9 in Brunswick at St. Charles Church on McKenney Street. This cost for this training is either $5.00 (Troop Committee) or $7.00 (ISM & AGM) with registration beginning at 7:45am. For more information contact Jeremy Lucas at 793-5227 ext.28 or by email, jluca@bsamail.org.
- The Boy Scout Training team will be hosting a weekend of “Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills” on October 23 & 24 at a location to be determined. This course is for Scoutmaster's and their assistants who wish to develop their knowledge of scout skills and camping. Look for a flyer with training information in the mail and at Roundtable.
- New Leader Essentials and Cub Leader Specific training will be offered on Saturday, October 16 at the Union Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is encouraged and the cost will be a $5.00 with registration beginning at 7:45am. To register, please contact Richard Fortuna at 785-5669 or rf101@midcoast.com.
- Friends of Scouting Update

The Downeast District had another successful fundraising year thanks to all of the packs, troops, crews and families that participated in our efforts. The district is still over $3,000 from reaching our Family FOS Goal, but we are still on the ball. All of the funds received directly benefit the scouting program in the Downeast District. We are wrapping up the 2004 Fundraising Season and would love to still see any gifts that have still not been contributed. We are sure to get your order requests in early! If you have any questions, please contact the District Membership Chair, Rick Lees, at 923-3185. All out for Scouting will be held on the 14th and 16th of September, and applications can be dropped off at the Farmington, Waterville, Augusta, and Skowhegan Subway Restaurants on the 16th of September from 6 to 9 pm.

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Employee’s Phone: ___________________________ Work Phone: ___________________________

Work Email: ___________________________ Home Email: ___________________________
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The award's objectives developed by the National Council and the National BSA Health and Safety Committee, are as follows:

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- Encourage physical fitness among Scouts by enhancing their awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Reduce the rate of stress- and fitness-related incidents throughout Scouting.

For more information, go to www.scouting.org/pubs/19-327 or call 972-580-2448 for a copy of the To Be Physically Fit, BSA brochure (Bin No. 19-327) and Leaders Fitness Card (Bin No. 19-326)

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To reduce aquatics accidents, we must know and follow Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.

Chapter 2 of the Guide to Safe Scouting is dedicated to aquatics safety. Give yourself a refresher course before going on your next water activity. The life you save or the injury you prevent may be your Scout's. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat save lives!

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University of Scouting- Central Maine Community College

Mark your calendars! The Pine Tree Council will again offer a University of Scouting on March 19, 2005 at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn!

The Pine Tree Council held its first University of Scouting on March 27, 2004, at CMCC and it was a great success. It was the largest gathering of adult leaders in the Pine Tree Council since the early 1990s! Quotes from participants from the 2004 U of S - "I really enjoyed myself and learned a lot. It was impressive to see so many Scout leaders in one area. The support and organization is a God-send for someone like me who was never a Scout." "Practical advice." "A wonderful vision." "All the presentations were excellent. Each presenter had a depth of experience and was well-prepared."

The University of Scouting will have supplemental training for all levels of Scouters! Colleges to include: College of Commissioner Science- with great new courses and people helping skills. Our oldest college is back with new vigor. College of Boy Scouting- with workshops to run the best troop, relieve stress, and get outdoors. From novice to veteran, you'll find what you are looking for. Pow-Wow College of Cub Scouting- Pow-Wow returns with exciting, energizing program offerings and targeted pack administration courses. Something for everyone from Den and Pack Leaders, to committee chairs, and parents too.

College of General Studies- If you are on the unit committee or just want to know more about administration, recruiting, health and safety, getting boys to Eagle, or becoming financially worry free. High Adventure Institute- with everything for working with young men and women in your Scout Troop or Venture Crew. If you work with young adults, this is where to set your sights.

Class listings and sign-up forms will be out soon! Watch your mail and the web site for more information! www.pinetreesba.org

Cub Scout New Leader Kit

How many new leaders have walked into that first Den meeting wondering what to do and if they are doing the correct things? We hope to make that a little easier for them this year. If you have or had a new leader register with your pack since September of this year, they should have received the Cub Scout New Leader Kit in the mail.

Every new Cub Scout leader that completes an adult leader application will receive an information packet in the mail. These kits include: CD Rom of Fast Start Training, Welcome New Den Leader information sheet, Program ideas for their first month of meetings, fall 2004 Program Helps, Outdoor program ideas and a list of trainings that are available to them.

It is important that the new leader applications be turned in as quickly as possible so that they receive their kit. Some of the materials can be passed on to your leaders for the next year also.

If you are a new leader and haven't received your kit, make sure that your application has been submitted to the Pine Tree Council before contacting the office. We have a limited supply, and need the registration info before mailing these kits out.

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 for the year 2005. We have once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, and Shawnee Peak to offer one day ski trips which include discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard rentals, 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 2005 are as follows:

One Day Ski Trips

Sugarloaf U.S.A. Sunday, February 13, 2005 Make-up date- Sunday, March 20, 2005

Sunday River Sunday, January 9, 2005 Make-up date-Sunday, January 30, 2005

Shawnee Peak Monday, January 17, 2005 Sunday, March 6, 2005

Note: Please look for the mailer or 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.

Pine Tree Council 2005 Ski Days

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!!

Spring Date: Saturday, April 23, 2005 - 450 SLOTS

It’s time to start planning for the 2005 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 $5 per car and $15 per bus for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In.) The event is limited to CUB SCOUTS and ADULTS. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend - no exceptions! In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Boston Museum trip, please follow the guidelines below.

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All out For Scouting
Fall is the time to go out and recruit boys. Every child that we recruit to “give scouting a spin” is one more person that can benefit from the world’s premiere Citizenship Development Program. Please meet with your unit committee and set a place, time, and date for a recruiting effort in your community. These can be as complex as meeting at a school or simply having fun activities available for children at a regularly scheduled meeting. When you have a date, or if you have any questions, please contact the District Membership Chair, Rick Lees, at 923-3185. All out for Scouting will be held on the 14th and 16th of September, and applications can be dropped off at the Farmington, Waterville, Augusta, and Skowhegan Subway Restaurants on the 16th of September from 6 to 9 pm.

Popcorn
It’s time for POPCORN! Read your popcorn kick-off packets and take advantage of all the great opportunities for your unit to make money that will help you for the rest of the year! Be sure to get your order requests in early! If you have any questions, please contact LuAnne Chesley, the Kennebec Valley Popcorn Chair, at 923-3883. Popcorn helps give you the money your unit needs to make dreams a reality for your youth!

Roundtables
Roundtables will be held the second Wednesday of every month at the Winslow Middle School, at 7 pm. These meetings are the best way for your unit to be informed about what is happening in the District and in the Council for the 2004 - 2005 year. They are fun, educational, and informative. Please be sure to pencil them into your monthly Scouting Schedule.

Training
The following training opportunities will be available in the fall for you to attend. Remember that every youth deserves a trained leader. Training makes Scouting successful and fun, for you and your unit.

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K-Valley District
This year, the 2004 Fall Camporee will be a wonderful event - we will be co-hosting the event with Abnaki District, and it will be a weekend of fun and adventure for all scouting youth in the area.

Fall Abnaki/Kennebec Valley Camporee
Fall Abnaki/Kennebec Valley Camporee will be held October 8th & 9th with activities beginning at 7:45am. For more information contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5525 or by email at jljucas@bsamail.org.

Roundtables
Roundtables will be held the second Wednesday of every month at the Winslow Middle School, at 7 pm. These meetings are the best way for your unit to be informed about what is happening in the District and in the Council for the 2004 - 2005 year. They are fun, educational, and informative. Please be sure to pencil them into your monthly Scouting Schedule.

Training
The following training opportunities will be available in the fall for you to attend. Remember that every youth deserves a trained leader. Training makes Scouting successful and fun, for you and your unit.

Belgrade Center for All Seasons, October 2nd, 2004 from 8 am - 4 pm, New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training will give you the knowledge necessary to be an effective part of your unit. All of these people should be trained so that they have a better understanding about the Scouting program and our Methods, Aims and operations. Every scout involved in your unit deserves to have a positive experience when they come to a meeting. All of these people will be trained so that they have a better understanding of how to train our adult volunteer leaders. Whether you are new to scouting or have changed positions within your pack, troop or crew, New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training will give you the knowledge necessary to be an effective part of your unit.

Out for Scouting
The Downeast District had another successful fundraising year thanks to all of the packs, troops, crews and families that participated in our efforts. The district is still $5,000 from reaching our Family FOS Goal, but our team feels confident that we will make it. All of the funds received directly benefit the scouting program in the Downeast District. We are wrapping up the 2004 Friends of Scouting, please approach any gifts that have still not been submitted. We hope that the support that we have received this year speaks highly about the people involved with scouting. It reinforces that thousands of families share the same core values as scouting. The campaign would not have been as successful had it not been for the efforts of many individuals. The Family FOS Team would like to thank Freda Carpenter, District Family FOS Chair, for her hard work with the units and scheduling presentations. The District Leadership would also like to thank Johnny Rang and Austin Tremloy for spearheading the Community FOS Campaign. These two men helped to develop our donor base while requiring a team to support scouting. Thank you to all of the units and individual supporters that participated in our FOS Campaign.

Wild West Frontier Days Have Come and Gone
With the conclusion of summer, comes the end of another great summer camp season. Thank you to all of the scouts and leaders who attended Camp Hinds. The Downeast District had over 175 Cub Scouts take advantage of our Day Camp Programs in Union and Topsham. The Downeast District would like to thank Melissa Fortuna and Michael L’Ambe for their leadership as Camp Directors, as well as Lori Power and Paulette Mitchell for their creativity as Program Directors. Enthusiastic and knowledgeable scouts who deserve our gratitude staffed both camp programs. Because of these individuals your Cub Scout received a great program by a Nationally Accredited Camp. We are already planning for next year and if you are interested in a position on Day Camp Staff, please contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center.

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Fall 2004
Popcorn Pick-up
Mark Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM as the date to pick-up your popcorn at Hussey Seating Company, 38 Dyer St., North Berwick, ME. We will need help on Friday night, November 12 to separate the popcorn orders. When you are done helping, you can take your order with you that night. Call Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 if you can help.

Scouting for Food
On Saturday, November 6, 2004, the Annual Scouting For Food Drive will conclude with the pick-up of the bags that were delivered by Scouts in their neighborhoods on Saturday, October 30, 2004. This annual food drive is a great way for our Scouts to help those less fortunate in our communities. All food collected goes to food pantries located in the communities served by our Scouting units. Thank you to all the Scouting families who gave of their time and energy to make this great event a success.

York District Fall Training Schedule
New Adult Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2004 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 Leaders Essentials and Leader Specific Training. The fee for this training is $4.00 per person payable at the door.

York District Annual Business Meeting
The date for the York District Annual Business Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2004. 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 Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24.
A New "Look" for Tiger Cubs

Beginning August 1, 2004, Tiger Cubs will join their brother Cub Scouts by wearing the complete blue Cub Scout uniform with appropriate Tiger Cub insignia. (The orange T-shirt may be worn by Tiger Cubs as an activity shirt and will continue to be the official uniform for adult Tiger Cub partners. These would be ordered as requested.)

The change, announced at the Boy Scouts of America's 2004 National Annual Meeting, is part of the Scouting movement's continuing effort to promote Tiger Cubs as an integral part of the Cub Scout Pack.

For more information about the new Tiger Cub uniform, please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252, or to purchase the uniform, please visit the Scout Shop at 123 Auburn Street in Portland.

Two Championships in a Row!
The State Fire Muster and Championship was held during the first weekend of August. Fire Explorers from York, Anson-Madison and Fairfield competed in an assortment of fire skills competitions that resulted in Fairfield Fire & Rescue Post 400 claiming the State Championship for the second year in a row. This was the 11th year of this event, during which a state record was broken by a significant margin by Meagan Breau, Training Officer, at Fairfield Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 400. Below are the statistics of this year's event.

Profile of a Fire Explorer

In this edition of Pine Spills, we'd like to introduce you to Meagan Breau of the Fairfield Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 400. She took a breather from Scouting and some of you joined us for a great camping season. Either way, I look forward to the program year to come, and I want to thank you for all you do for Scouting.

Let's make this a great year for all the young people in Scouting!
OKPIK is the Indian name of the white snow owl that lives deep in the woods! OKPIK is also the official name of the Boy Scouts of America winter survival course. Pine Tree Council offers a winter camp experience at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

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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 2005 February 20th to 25th.

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 $220.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign-up. For more information or to sign-up for Winter Camp, contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgossei@bsamail.org

Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

2004 Camp Season a Great Success!

Over 5,000 Scouts, leaders and family members visited our camps this summer! Pine Tree Council would like to thank all of the camp’s staff members for all of their hard work and dedication to the Scouts!

Special thanks to the camp leaders for leading their teams in creating memories that will last a lifetime for all the Scouts who attended!

Thanks to the Day Camp directors! At Abnaki Day Camp - Mary Jane Vachon and Heather Clark; at Casco Bay Day Camp - Missy Bell, Laura Higgins and Tracy Murphy; at Downeast Day Camp - Melissa Fortuna, Lori Pendleton, Paulette Mitchell, and Mike L’Abbe; at KV Day Camp - John Berryman and Bunny Wiggin; and at York Day Camp - Lisa Winfrey, Diana Vermette and Janet Spiller!

Four OKPIK weekends offering a trained guide, all weather gear and equipment along with food and a program offering cold winter weather training and knowledge. The OKPIK staff invites you to join them for an energizing winter get-away!

2005 OKPIK DATES
OKPIK - Weekend 1/Jan. 21 - 23
OKPIK - Weekend 2/Jan. 28 - 30
OKPIK - Weekend 3/Feb. 4 - 6
OKPIK - Weekend 4/Feb. 11 - 13

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

Cub Scouting 75th Anniversary Emblem

Clip and Return to the Pine Tree Council

Name: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________

Shipping Address: __________________________

Please send me (qty.) of the Cub Scout 75th Anniversary Patches

Total Patches ordered x $3.50 each = Total Due: __________

(includes S & H)

Make checks payable to: Pine Tree Council
Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 04103

Order due by 10/31/04. Will ship by 11/15/04.

Scouting for Food bag distribution will be October 30, with the collection of the bags taking place on November 6, 2004. Once again we will be providing bags to all of our Units. The bags and report forms will be available at your October Roundtable meeting. This initiative provides over 40,000 containers of food to local pantries and food kitchens. The Scouts of the Pine Tree Council help every year to ensure that needy families will have enough food to live comfortably. The Boy Scouts of America realize the importance of community service and strongly encourage every Unit to participate. The National Office launched a new program called ‘Good Turn for America’ earlier this year and the Pine Tree Council followed with a more localized program titled ‘Good Turn for Maine’. Your Pack, Troop and Crew’s efforts can be counted towards total community service time when you log onto www.goodturnforamerica.org Each Unit should have received a password, which you will need to enter. For questions or bags, please contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28 or jlucas@bsamail.org.
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Important Popcorn Sales Dates:
September 1- October 22 Take-Order Sale
October 15 Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline
October 22: Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC
October 29 Payment due for early-pay bonus of 2% for Show-N-Sell
November 13: Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM
November 19: Additional orders due
December 3: All money due & accounts settled

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October 2004’s Trail’s End Popcorn Sale

Your Unit’s 12% commission for units (up from 30% in 2002)
• New Units (Units that did not sell in 2003) receive an additional 2% bonus
• $10 in Scout Bucks for EVERY take-order form completely filled out. (Unit Kernel must sign off on each one.)
• Over and Above incentive
• Packs can choose extra 5% profit over prize program
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• District Stretch Goal incentive

For more information on training, contact your District Executive at 797-5252 and use the extensions listed below:

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October
2 York New Leader Essentials - Cub & Boy Scout Leader Specific
2 K-Valley New Leader Essentials, Cub/Scout/Committee Specific Training, and Youth Protection
2 Casco Bay New Leader Essentials - Cub & Boy Scout Leader Specific
16 Camp KV BALOO & WLOT

November
11&18 Down East New Leader Essentials - Cub & Boy Scout Leader Specific
17 K-Valley Friends of Scouting Presenter Training
13 Casco Bay New Leader Essentials - Cub & Boy Scout Leader Specific
20 Casco Bay Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Specific Training

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The Pine Tree Council’s Popcorn Program is excited for the 2004 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale. The Fundraiser has officially started! 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 at 797-5252 ext. 21 and we will send them out to you immediately.

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

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Or call Jason Agren, Council Popcorn Campaign Director at 797-5252 ext. 21.

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The Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. This program began in 1930 and has grown very successful over that time and it is time to celebrate its success.

The official celebration begins with the start of the program year in September 2004 and continues through December 2005. Special awards are available for youth, adults, and families.

This year your program should highlight this celebration of accomplishment at each Pack meeting and especially at your Blue & Gold Banquet. We suggest your Pack conduct a community-wide service project or other event to highlight the anniversary celebration.

Make sure that you publicize this anniversary for your banquets, meetings, and events by doing press releases to your local media outlets.

The 2004 - 2005 Cub Scout Program Helps include anniversary celebration ideas for each monthly theme. A new Cub Scout Outdoor Program Award will be available for boys to earn and place on their Cub Scout shirt.

Watch your roundtable meetings and district events for more info and we wish you a Happy Anniversary as you go through this special year.