**Pine Spills**

Winter 2003

Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America

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**Jan. - Feb. - Mar. Pine Tree Council Calendar**

### Maine

#### January
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA
- 20 District Commissioner Meeting

#### February
- 3 District Committee Meeting
- 6 PV Community Campaign Kick-Off
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA
- 25 District Commissioner Meeting

#### March
- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 7 Roundtable
- 7 OA
- 21 District Commissioner Meeting

### Valley

#### January
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA
- 25 District Commissioner Meeting

### Casco Bay

#### January
- 7 Commissioners Meeting
- 7 Roundtable
- 7 OA
- 14 District Committee Meeting

#### February
- 1 Casco Bay District Scout Show
- 4 Commissioners Meeting
- 4 Roundtable
- 4 OA
- 11 District Committee Meeting

#### March
- 3 Commissioners Meeting
- 3 Roundtable
- 3 OA
- 10 District Committee Meeting

### Downeast

#### January
- 3 District Meeting
- 11 Charter Clinic (South)
- 14 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
- 15 Unit Charters Due
- 18 Charter Clinic (Central)
- 31 Klondike Derby

#### February
- 4 District Meeting
- 11 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
- 28 New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific Training

#### March
- 3 District Meeting
- 6 Baloo Training
- 10 Roundtable
- 13 Life to Eagle Conference
- 13 New Leader Essentials/Cub Leader Specific Training

### K-Valley

#### January
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 14 FOSS Kickoff
- 14 Winslow Roundtable
- 18 Phone-A-Thon
- 27 Strong Roundtable
- 24 & 25 Klondike Derby

#### February
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 11 Winslow Roundtable
- 28 New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific Training

#### March
- 3 District Committee Meeting
- 10 Winslow Roundtable
- 16 Strong Roundtable
- 27 to 4/17 Bowl-A-Thon

### York

#### January
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting
- 8 Roundtable/OA
- 10 Cub Scout Leader ONLY Training at the Notre Dame Parish Hall in Springvale, ME
- 15 District Committee Meeting

#### February
- 4 District Commissioner Meeting
- 5 Roundtable/OA
- 7 Klondike Derby
- 12 York District Committee Meeting
- 14 Storm Date for Klondike Derby

#### March
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting
- 5 Roundtable/OA
- 16 Adult Leader Training at the Saco City Hall
- 17 Strong Roundtable
- 31 Klondike Derby

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Check inside for 2004 Summer Camp Dates & Info!
Scout Executives Corner

2004 kicks off the Boy Scouts of America National Good Turn effort called, Good Turn for America. This effort will coordinate Boy Scout Councils throughout this country as they encourage and empower local districts and units to exemplify in daily life the concept of do a good turn daily. This effort will conclude with the 100th anniversary of Scouting in 2010.

As we prepare for this effort and our other opportunities in 2004 and beyond, I think it important that we stop for a second and give thanks for what we have done and what accomplishments we have made. With your good work, thousands of new youth joined scouting this year, and even more participated in weekly meetings, and every month went on a camping trip. In fact, as a council, we had over 6,000 youth and parents attend one of our camping activities. These activities and monthly outings did not happen by accident. They happened because caring adult leaders like you wanted to make a difference. Thank you for making that difference.

In 2003, we saw the tragedy of the space shuttle Columbia, the liberation of a people far from home, and the death of soldiers from Maine and elsewhere. Through it all, throughout the ups and downs of the economy, the uncertain future, Scouting continued, meetings were held, activities happened, and the groundwork was laid for the coming years.

We have so much to be grateful for, our continued success in so many areas, the possibility of great improvements to our camp and properties as the result of our capital campaign, and a renewed sense of hope as we do what is important, making the difference in the life of a child. To all of you who support the Pine Tree Council and our local economy, and thanks for supporting our local councils and our state leaders, that we focus on what is important, serve the youth of Maine, and keep the values of Scouting stronger than ever.

Support your council camping programs. Sure, you can go out of state, or somewhere else, but why not join us in 2004 in participating in our great summer camps, day camps, and high adventure programs. Those of you who support the Pine Tree Council camps each year, thank you for your dedication and leadership, and thanks for supporting our local council and our local economy.

Finally special thanks to each parent and volunteer leader for your service in 2003. Also, thanks to our executive board, and to Bill Thornton our board President and Bill Ryan our Capital Campaign Chairman. You two gentlemen certainly made a difference and prepared the way for our future.

Pine Tree Council 2004 Ski Days

Sunday River
Sunday, January 4, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date: Sunday, January 18, 2004
(Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 23, 2003)
Junior Tickets (ages 6-18) @$24
Adult Tickets @$32
Ski Rentals @$22
Snowboard Rentals @$22
Learn to Ski (9-12) @$34
Learn to Ski (13 & over) @$40
Learn to Board (7 & over) @$49

Shawnee Peak
Monday January 19, 2004 & Sunday, March 7, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date (for both ski days): Sunday, March 14, 2004
(Registration deadlines: Monday, January 12, 2004 & Monday, March 1, 2004)
Junior Tickets (ages 6-18) @$19
Adult Tickets @$25
Ski Rentals @$18
Snowboard Rentals @$23
Learn to Ski (7 & over) @$32
Learn to Board (7 & older) @$32
Barbecue Lunch @$7

Sugarloaf U.S.A.
Sunday, February 8, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date: Sunday, March 21, 2004
(Registration deadline: Monday, February 2, 2004)
Junior Tickets (ages 6-18) @$24
Adult Tickets @$32
Ski Rentals @$22
Snowboard Rentals @$22
Learn to Ski (ages 7-12) @$34
Learn to Ski (13 & over) @$40
Learn to Board (7 & over) @$49

Please register for Ski Days using the registration form you receive in the mail.
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The following is a list of the Top individual and Unit sellers:

**Abnaki**
- Pack 160 $21,957
- Jared Lussier Pack 160 $3,571

**Casco Bay**
- Pack 315 $12,214
- Chad Kapise Pack 60 $2,802

**Downeast**
- Pack 200 $9,412
- Zachary Kimble Pack 200 $1,703

**K-Valley**
- Pack 601 $10,337
- Benjamin Berlew Pack 601 $3,102

**York**
- Pack 338 $10,082
- David Higgins Pack 318 $2,303

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**Special Discounts to Youth and Scout Groups**

Whitewater Rafting on the Kennebec River
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- 12 yrs and older $59.00 includes BBQ and Wetsuit Rentals

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**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.

We hope that you will help keep the cost of the scouting program low by donating to the Friends of Scouting campaign. 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.

**Units that have a presentation where over $500 is raised and paid in full by May 21, 2004 will receive 15% of that total returned to the unit account in the Pine Tree Council Office to use for awards, advancements, or anything camp related. Families that donate $100 or more will receive the 2004 limited edition Pine Tree Council shoulder strip for their scout uniform. Units that hold a presentation will receive a colorful recognition streamer for their unit flagpole, and Friends of Scouting sticker.**

The 15% unit recognition will be awarded after the May 21 deadline.

We hope that every family will give $100, but we appreciate any donation that you feel is appropriate. Please support the Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America by making a tax-deductible contribution to keep the program available to every youth in Maine.
Abnaki District

The Turtle Speaks
News from Madokawanda Lodge #271

- The Lodge recently held its 2003 Lodge Leadership Development Weekend ("LLD") at Camp Hinds at the end of October. With over 60 brothers in attendance, the fellowship and training was excellent, as was the Saturday evening "Beat the OA Geeks" show. Congratulations to the "Ceremonies Geek," Josh Shean as the winner of this competition! On Sunday morning, the lodge held its annual meeting and election of officers. Elected to serve as the Lodge Chief was Paul Froom from K-Valley Chapter. The Vice Chief position went to outgoing Lodge Secretary Andrew Buckley, also of K-Vally Chapter. Elected as Lodge Secretary was Ben Gleason, who was currently serving as York Chapter Chief, and rounding out the slate of 2004 officers is Kirk Gagnon of York Chapter, who will serve as Lodge Treasurer. Please take the time to congratulate these young men as they step forward to serve in this Lodge Anniversary year! Speaking of Anniversary Years, in 2004 Madokawanda Lodge will celebrate 60 years of brotherhood, and plans are being finalized to mark the occasion. A Service Award has been created for brothers to earn during the anniversary year. Requirements for the service award was published in the November/December 2003 issue of Turtle Soup, and will be available on the Lodge website. Also, a selection of limited edition anniversary items will be available for pre-order only from the lodge. An order form will be available in the January/February 2004 issue of Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website. Plans are also in the works for a dedication ceremony during the summer of 2004 to coordinate with the actual anniversary of the Lodge on July 10, 2004. Look for more information in future issues of The Turtle Speaks and Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website!

- If you are going to participate in the 2004 Lodge year festivities, please remember that 2004 membership dues are now overdue. Coupons for dues submission were printed in the November/December issue of Turtle Soup, and are available on the Lodge website at www.pinetreeba.org/lodge. At $11, nothing could be a better deal, and that entitles you to all issues of the Lodge newsletter, Turtle Soup, and keeps you true to the Obligation of the Order and active in your lodge!

- As a final observation for the New Year, Madokawanda Lodge would like to congratulate the six new members who were inducted into the Vigil Honor during 2003. Congratulations go out to Andrew Buckley, Justin Colby, Tim Curtis, Phil Taschereau, Lenny Niman and Arthur Price. Thank you to all Vigil members who participated in the induction ceremonies, and especially those who provided the supplies and service for the special Vigil Wood Derby that took place at Camp Bomaize!

Bob Reed at 782-5482 or at breed@snhet.net. Look for Pine Wood Derby rules and District Derby information to be out shortly.

Exploring/LFL

Good Turn for America

Our Scout Oath includes the promise "...to help other people at all times." The Boy Scouts of America vision statement contains a goal focusing on serving America’s communities and families with our quality-values-based program. Scouting was founded on the principle of "do a good turn daily." Our Scout members conduct service projects to help others on a continual basis throughout the year. Good Turn for America provides the framework in which to highlight these projects.

Good Turn for America will not be another program that will become a burden for you. It is designed to take less time than you already spend doing work across the country and share it with EVERYONE. The project will focus on three areas of service: food, shelter, and healthy living. Therefore, there will be three subtitles: Scouting for Food, Scouting for Shelter, and Scouting for Healthy Living.

We also want to know what your Unit is doing. In February 2004, the web site www.goodturnforamerica.org will have a place where units can go to report their service projects. Information will be collected about the types of service projects conducted, number of members and non-members involved, and who/what organization benefited from your Unit’s efforts. This will help us tell the story of what Scouts are doing for our community. Units that report their service projects will be allowed to purchase a Good Turn for America pin.

The Boy Scouts of America is the premier service organization- it’s now time to use that to our advantage and focus attention on what we do best!

Are you one who will make a difference? Get involved.

There will be more information relating to the three areas of this project in upcoming issues of Pine Spills and at District Roundtables. You can also contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center for more info at 797-5525.

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York District

Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Webelos Activity Badges

The month’s theme for January is “Home Alone”. The activity badges are Fitness / Readyman. For the month of February the theme is “Siesta” and the activity badges are Fitness / Readyman. The month’s theme for March is “Walk in My Shoes” and the activity badges are Athlete / Engineer. You can obtain more information about these in the “Friends of Scouting” section.

Friends of Scouting

Time has arrived for the Pine Tree Council’s annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. FOS is a fundraising campaign that gives Scouts, their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the Pine Tree Council. This fundraising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keep camp registration fees low ($200 per week is a bargain), organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining the service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. In 2002 & 2003 the York District was First in the Pine Tree Council and designed the FOS council leader shoulder patch for 2003 & 2004. We do hope to do the same in 2004. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2003 will be available again in 2004. Over $1,600.00 went back to York District units in 2003. To schedule your unit’s Family Presentation, please contact Lenny Niman (York District Family FOS Chairman) at 929-2625 or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 with your date and time.

Klondike Derby 2004

February 7, 2004 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby. This will be a serious sledding event in the woods somewhere in York County and we can be sure Dave Wade and his crew have something waiting for us. More information on the location and registration for the event will be available at the January 2004 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike Derby is Saturday, February 14, 2004.

Attention All Packs and Troops

If you have any questions about re-charter in February and the packs re-charter in March. The commissioners have the charters and will be contacting units to set a date to fill out the charter. We run the re-chartering way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and ensure that we have all the correct numbers of pack leaders, etc.

In 2003, 73% of the units in York District were Quality Units. Please work with the Commissioner so we can raise our per cent to 80%! More information on the location and registration for the event will be available at the January 2004 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike Derby is Saturday, February 14, 2004.

JLT is perhaps that most powerful Boy Leadership teaching tool and the best way to teach Scouting. Look for re-charter once said, “Train your Scouts to do the job, then let them do it!”

To qualify for admission to JLT, a boy must be recommended by his Scoutmaster, be 13 years of age or as of 8/1/04 and First Class or above. The fee is $100.00 for the week and will be held at Camp KV in Readfield. Camp KV offers a beautiful setting, 655 acres, a sports field, lodge and other amenities for this course.

Participation is limited to only 2 Scouts per troop with enrollment capped at 48 Scouts. This popular course fills up quickly.

For more information, call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14.
2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign

January = Recharger Month

All of the units in our district recharger during the month of January. This is the process we go through annually to renew all of our member’s registrations. The Commissioner Staff is pleased to announce two different Recharger Clinics to help you easily complete the necessary paperwork and return your charters for processing. The first will be held in the southern part of the district on Sunday, January 11 at 3:00pm at Midcoast Hospital on Old Bath Road. The second clinic will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 3:00pm in Damariscotta at the Bath Savings Institute on Church Road. Come prepared with your charter, the necessary signatures and your unit’s check book. There will be commissioners available to walk you through the process. If your charter is completed, however, you do not have to like to have it picked up by a commissioner, please contact the District Commissioner, Sue Kennedy at 798-7920 or scouts@blazenet.net.

Boy Scout Leader Training

The Boy Scout Leader Training is a six hour presentation for the training of the leaders in our district. In order to complete your training you will attend two six hour trainings (one mid-am and one evening) to complete your training. Each session will begin at 8:00am sharp. Pre-registration is required to ensure that enough materials will be available for all participants. The fee for training varies based on which session you will be attending. To register contact the Boy Scout Training Chair, Lance Eshcolz at leshcolz@jime.net.

Annual Life to Eagle Conference

This is a great opportunity for all scouts that are Life rank to seek advice, resources and information on planning and writing your Eagle projects and presentations. The Downeast District Advancement Chair, Dave Caron has done this for several years and it has been quite successful. The conference will be held on Sunday, March 13 at the Wiscasset Scout Hall on Federal Street. There will be a nominal fee for materials and the refreshments that will be provided. If your son is close to reaching the highest level of scouting, encourage him to attend and take advantage of the speakers and resource people who will be on hand. If you have any questions or if you need more information or to register, contact Dave Caron at 752-5741.

In the 2003-2004, the SSA will be holding your National Jamboree!

Most Scouts have the opportunity to attend only one National Jamboree in their life, and the 2005 Jamboree is your chance to go!!!

Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce the following leaders for the 2005 Jamboree:

Scoutmasters - Dave Sinclair, Bob Robinson and Chuck Richardson

Chief ASM - Dick Lambert, Dave Collins and George Fectee

Second ASM’s - Shawn McDermott, Kelly Pilsbury and Don Esson

Third ASM’s - positions still open! Must be 18 & 20 at time of Jamboree

2005 National Jamboree Features:

At the Jamboree you will find more exciting activities than you will have time to do - including archery, bikelthon, buckskin games, confidence course, conservation programs, scuba, kayak, racing shells, rafting, rappelling, trap shooting, arena shows featuring national known stars and more, as well as 50,000 people, a daily merit badge midway where you can meet national experts in over fifty merit badge topics, daily stage shows all around the Jamboree, and more fun and excitement than you have had in all your Scouting days put together. At the Jamboree you will meet Scouts from all over the world and from every state in the USA, share campfires and fun with them and exchange souvenirs!!

To Reserve your Jamboree spot:

Complete and send in a Jamboree application with a $10 deposit. Applications are available at the PTC web site or at PTC by contacting Kathy Gosselin, Camping & Program Administration at 797-5252 ext. 14.

Eagle Recognition Banquet and Gathering of Eagles

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2004 Eagle Banquet and Gathering of Eagles to be held on April 30, 2004, 7:00 PM, the Portland Elks Lodge located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport’s main entrance.

Registration begins at 6:30; the dinner is at 7:00. Cost of the dinner has yet to be determined at press time. Watch for more details at roundtable and on the Pine Tree Council website. There will be no cost for the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts’ meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

All 2003 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strap for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. This shoulder strap will also be available to purchase for purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

Less than 3% of all Scouts achieve the Eagle rank. Don’t miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of your youth and celebrate the accomplishments of tomorrow’s leaders.

K-Valley

or cclay@alofmaine.ncu.org, and provide him with a time, place, and location for a guest speaker to attend during the early part of 2004.

Popcorn

The 2003 Popcorn campaign was a HUGE SUCCESS!! Big thanks to Lisa Cleary, her volunteer crew, and Perkins & Bailey for a wonderful year. Together our units raised over $166,000, more than our 2002 campaign. The monies raised from the sale of popcorn helps to keep the costs of scouting low for both units and leaders, as well as providing funds for those units who participated in the sale. Thank you all for your hard efforts, and we will see you all again in 2004!!

Training

There will be a New Leader Essential and Committee/Cub Scout Leader Specific training held on February 28th, from 8:30 am to about 2/3 pm. The location will be provided at Roundtable and through the district newsletter. For more information, contact Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

District News Letter

If you do not get the monthly district newsletter through e-mail, you should. It updates all our units on changes to activi- ties, upcoming events, important district and council informa- tion, and contact information for district and council personnel. To get on the mail list, you need to send your e-mail address to Scott Bernier at Scott.bernier@maine.gov.

Activities

Upcoming activities for the winter of 2004 include the Bowl-A-Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Camporee. Information for each of these events will be distributed through the Roundtables and the district newsletter. If you have any questions about these upcoming events, please contact Mike Backstrum at 453-4095, or Shaggy@adelphia.net.
~OKPIK~ A 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 cooking 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 survival techniques, equipment needs and more! Planning guide information will be included on the “PTC 2004 Camping CD” being sent to units.

More information and reservations can be made through the camping department at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 ext. 14.

OKPIK weekend.

The OKPIK staff invites you to join them 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.

Cost for Units doing OKPIK under their own leadership will be the regular cost of the cabin rental and cost of renting winter equipment if needed!

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! Planning guide information will be included on the “PTC 2004 Camping CD” being sent to units.

More information and reservations can be made through the camping department at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 ext. 14.

2004 Winter Camp

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 quinizees (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 ext. 14 to sign up! For more information or to sign up for Winter Camp Staff, contact Winter Camp Director Paul Fisher at 729-6429 or email fisherra@uscom-maine.net Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!
Pine Tree Council Summer Camp

2004 BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP
DATES & PROGRAMS

Camp Hinds Resident Camp

July 4 - 9
Troop & Provisional Camping
Trail To Eagle

July 11 - 16
Troop & Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 (3 week program)

July 18 - 23
WEEK 3
Troop & Provisional Camping

July 25 - 30
WEEK 4
Troop & Provisional Camping

July 31 - Aug 6
WEEK 5
Troop & Provisional Camping

2004 CAMP FEES:
$220.00 per week for Pine Tree Council Scouts
$240.00 per week for Out of Council Scouts
$25.00 additional for Provisional Campers
$300.00 per week for High Adventure Treks

EARLY BIRD - Deduct $20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1, 2004. Reservations can be made through the Pine Tree Council Camping, at 207-797-5252 ext. 14. Camp space is limited so reserve early.

P.T.C. High Adventure Treks at Hinds

WEEK 1 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 2 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 3 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 4 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 5 - Treks
Survivor Island
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 6 - Treks
Survivor Island
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 7 - Treks
Survivor Island
Fishing Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

High Adventure Trek signups will be done on an individual Scout basis and have limited spaces!

One High Adventure Trek* designed for a Patrol or Crew with 6-11 participants available each week!

Pine Tree Council Summer Camp

Saddle up for the ride of your life at the Wild West Rodeo! Join us this Summer at a Cub Scout Camp!

Dear Cub Scouts, Cub Leaders and Parents,

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Welcome to the 2004 Cub Scout Camping Season! This summer, Pine Tree Council will strive to continue to bring to you the best in Cub Scout Camping!

Our programs will use fun filled themes to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

Blue & Gold Placemats with Cub Camping dates and fun designs for Scouts are available free at PTC in January. Call to reserve them for your pack! 797-5252 ext. 14

Join us for a Funpack Weekend, an overnight camping experience for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! What a great chance for him to learn about camping out with Mom or Dad there to lend a helping hand!

More Cub Scouting information & registration forms for all programs will be mailed to all Cub Scouts in Feb! Watch your Mail!!

Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond! Join us for an exciting 4-day overnight camp for our 4th & 5th graders! Resident camp gives the Webelos a program designed especially for them!

2004 Funpack Dates
At Camp Hinds:

July 10 & 11
July 17 & 18
July 24 & 25
July 31 & Aug 1
Aug 7 & 8
Aug 14 & 15

Funpack weekend fee is $20 per person.

Day Camps give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at different locations throughout the council.

2004 Cub Day Camp Dates:

Abnaki District:
Camp Gustin-Aug 2-6

Casco Bay District:
Camp Hinds-July 19-23
Scarborough - July 26-30

Downeast District:
Union Fair - July 12-16
Topsham Fair - July 19-23

Kennebec Valley District:
Camp KV - Aug 2-6

York District:
Camp Nutter July 12-16
July 19 - 23, July 26-30

Day Camp Fees
$75 per week
$5.00 early bird discount if paid in full by June 1, 2004.

"Come on young-uns!" Join me this Summer at Camp as we explore the Wild Frontier of Webelos Scout Camp! Webelos Camp Fee $140.00 $10 Early Bird discount if paid in full by June 1, 2004
Check our web site: www.pinetreebsa.org

"So Cowboy Up! Check out the camp programs! See you at the Wild West Rodeo!!"
Pine Tree Council Summer Camp

2004 BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP
DATES & PROGRAMS

Camp Hinds Resident Camp

July 4 - 9  WEEK 1
Troop & Provisional Camping
Trail To Eagle

July 11 - 16  WEEK 2
Troop & Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 (3 week program)

July 18 - 23  WEEK 3
Troop & Provisional Camping

July 25 - 30  WEEK 4
Troop & Provisional Camping

2004 CAMP FEES:
$220.00 per week for Pine Tree Council Scouts
$240.00 per week for Out of Council Scouts
$25.00 additional for Provisional Campers
$300.00 per week for High Adventure Treks

EARLY BIRD - Deduct $20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1, 2004. Reservations can be made through the Pine Tree Council Camping, at 207-797-5252 ext. 14. Camp space is limited so reserve early.

P.T.C. High Adventure Treks at Hinds

WEEK 1 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 2 - Treks
Mountain Man
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek
Sea Kayaking Trek*

WEEK 3 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 4 - Treks
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

WEEK 5 - Treks
Survivor Island
Sea Kayaking Trek
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*

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2004 Webelos Schedule
4 Day Resident Camp
Aug 22 - 25

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“So Cowboy Up! Check out the camp programs! See you at the Wild West Rodeo!”

Dear Cub Scouts, Cub Leaders and Parents,

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Welcome to the 2004 Cub Scout Camping Season! This summer, Pine Tree Council will strive to continue to bring to you the best in Cub Scout Camping!

Our programs will use fun filled themes to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

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Pine Spills
Winter 2004
~OKPIK~ A 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 them 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.

Cost for Units doing OKPIK under their own leadership will be the regular cost of the cabin rental and cost of renting winter equipment if needed!

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! Planning guide information will be included on the "PTC 2004 Camping CD" being sent to units.

More information and reservations can be made through the camping department at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 ext. 14.

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 weekend 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 ext. 14 to sign up! For more information or to sign up for Winter Camp Staff, contact Winter Camp Director Paul Fisher at 729-6429 or email fisherwt@suscom-maine.net Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

2004-2005 Capital Campaign

"Prepare the Way"

Thanks to great community support and the hard work of our campaign committee, our pre-campaign efforts have raised over 1.7 million dollars. Bill Ryan, Chairman of the committee reports that initial responses have been overwhelmingly positive.

Our initial gifts from Peoples Heritage Bank and the Libra Foundation put the campaign at $450,000, and the support of our board, trustees, and other friends of Scouting have energized our early effort.

In this newsletter, you will read about the many needs of Scouting in our communities and how our "Prepare the Way" campaign intends to meet them. Yet this capital campaign is not really about a new scouting center and improvements at our summer camps. It is not really about developing innovative Cub Scouting programs for youngsters who are as familiar with a PC as they are with a baseball bat and glove.

No, this capital campaign is really about the values and character that we want to build in the next generation. It is about giving kids a positive option in a world where violence and drugs, dishonesty and selfishness have become all too present in their lives.

"Kids these days" can be all the positive things we want them to be, all the great things that the best of them are becoming. But they can't manage it on their own. We need to "Prepare the Way" for them with all the positive, creative, energizing activities that Scouting can provide.

Thanks to these companies and individuals for their support of our early phase of the campaign:


Winter 2004
**In the winter of 2004 the BSA will be holding your National Jamboree!**

Most Scouts have the opportunity to attend only one National Jamboree in their life, and the 2005 Jamboree is your chance to go!!!

**July 20th through August 3rd, 2005**

Pine Tree Council will be sending 3 troops of Scouts to the 2005 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill in Virginia and will include a 3 day stay in Washington D.C.! Scouts must be age 12 and First Class by 7/1/05 but not yet 18 by 8/2/05. Cost for Scouts is $1250 with scholarships and fundraising opportunities available!

**Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce the following leaders for the three 2005 jamboree troops:**

Scoutmasters - Dave Sinclair, Bob Robinson and Chuck Richardson

First ASM - Dick Lambert, Dave Collins and George Fecteau

Second ASM - Shawn McDermott, Kelly Pillsbury and Don Esson

Third ASM's - positions still open! Must be 18 - 20 at time of Jamboree

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**Downeast District**

**2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign**

The start of the New Year signifies the beginning of another Friends of Scouting Family Council Campaign. The year 2004 is the Downeast District's fourth year hosting this campaign. The Downeast District has a goal of $19,000 in raise in order to support the scouting programs in our district. The registration fee that each of us pay to belong to this special organization is sent directly to the National Council of the Boy Scouts. Did you know that the average cost for a scout in the program is $100.00 per year? The support of those families who last year contributed over $200,000 to our district programs is incredible. However we did fall short of our overall goal. If every scout registered in the district were to contribute $20.00, we would reach our goal as well as exceed it. Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be offering our “unit incentive plan” which will put 15% of anything raised at a FOS presentation back into your unit’s account at the conclusion of the campaign. If you think your unit has the potential to significantly exceed its goal, please contact Frieda Carpenter at 785-4607 or Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28 or by email at jlucaes@bsamail.org.

**Downeast District Pinewood Derby**

Racers ready! Start your engines! It is that time of year to get started on your derby cars. The Downeast District will be holding our annual district wide derby for the top 4 finishers and best of show cars from your pack. The derby will be held on April 3, 2004 in Brunswick at the Jordan Acres Elementary School. Registration will begin promptly at 8:00am with races beginning at 9:00am. The cost for the race will be $5.00 per racer and official rules will be available at Roundtable or by contacting Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext 28 or by email at jlucaes@bsamail.org. Brunswick Pack 613 will be hosting the races and a snack and a drink will be available on the Beacon or by contacting Phil Gray at 721-9986.

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**Recharger**

The time has come again to recharger all of our units. This process is designed to perform a few very important actions - to get an accurate listing of all folks involved in the unit, assess the training status of the unit members, re-establish a commitment between the chartering organization and the unit for another year, and to figure out how many of our units are “Quality Units,” which gives us an idea of how our units are doing as a whole.

We will be holding a recharge clinic on January 14th at the Winslow Junior High School Roundtable. Here we will be going over all the finer points of the recharge process - in order to make things go as smoothly as possible. The charts will be due by the March 10th Roundtable, again at Winslow JHS. The District will collect all charts at this date, as well as any new applications and money.

Rechartering is an important part of the year. We appreciate everyone’s help in getting this event underway and wrapped up as efficiently as possible in 2004.

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**District News Letter**

If you do not get the monthly district newsletter through e-mail, you should. It updates all our units on changes to activities, upcoming events, important district and council information, and contact information for district and council personnel.

To get on the mail list, you need to send your e-mail address to Scott Bernier at Scott.Bernier@maine.gov.

**Activities**

Up coming activities for the winter of 2004 include the Bowl-A-Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon, District Scout Show, Klondike Derby, and the Spring Thon.

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**Eagle Recognition Banquet and Gathering of Eagles**

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2004 Eagle Banquet and Gathering of Eagles to be held on April 30, 2004, 7:00 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport’s main entrance.

Registration begins at 6:30, the dinner is at 7:00. Cost of the dinner has yet to be determined at press time. Watch for more details at roundtable and on the Pine Tree Council website. There will be no cost for the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts’ meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge. The District Advancement team will be contacting the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

All 2003 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strap for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. This shoulder strap will also be available to purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

Less than 3% of all Scouts achieve the Eagle rank. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of your youth and celebrate the accomplishments of tomorrow's leaders.

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**Winter 2004**

**www.pinetreesbsa.org**
Friends of Scouting Presentations

The Friends of Scouting Campaign will be kicking off in January. Our Family Chairman, Dennis Worster, has put together a fantastic team of volunteers to assist with this year’s campaign. Every unit in the district will be contacted to schedule a presentation. Please help support our efforts by having a date already scheduled with your unit committee. This is the single most important fundraising endeavor in the District. The same incentive as last year will apply this year. If your unit raises a minimum of $500, you will receive a 15% kickback on the total amount. The minimum of $500 is paid by May 21st. Thank you all for your support with this year’s campaign. We are confident it will be a resounding success. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please call Dennis Worster at 892-1126 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Scout Show

Planning is underway for what looks to be a fun and exciting day for the entire scouting family. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers are all invited to participate in a Scout Show highlighting “What Scouts Do!” The event will be held Sunday, February 1, 2004 at the Cumberland County Civic Center from 11 am to 6 pm. Every unit is welcome to have a booth free of charge and display a craft, merit badge, advancement requirement, skill, or whatever scouting related thing that interests them. This event promises to be a fun filled experience for all and we hope every unit will take the opportunity to sign-up for a booth. Invite your friends and family everyone is welcome! Please contact the York District to register your unit for a booth.

Cub Scout Booths-Jon Patten-839-2872
Boy Scout Booths-Bob Robinson-878-6484

Scouting For Food 2003

The Pine Tree Council is proud that over 50 units reported their Scouting For Food Campaign totals. Over 33,000 containers of food were collected and over 800 scouts and adult volunteers participated around the council. Many families around the state will benefit this holiday season because of the efforts of the scouting program. Thank you to everyone that helped collect food because you have definitely done your Good Turn.

Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Weebelos Activity Badges

The month’s theme for January is “Home Alone”. The activity badges are Fitness / Readiness. For the month of February the theme is “Gifts” and the activity badges are the gifts they give. March’s theme for Walk “In My Shoes” and the activity badges are Athletics / Engineer. You can obtain more information about these in the Pinewood Derby

Time has arrived for the Pine Tree Council’s annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. FOS is a fundraising campaign that gives Scouts, their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the Pine Tree Council. This fundraising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keep camp registration fees low ($200 per week is a bargain), organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining the service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. In 2002 & 2003, the York District Family FOS Chairman was John F. Smith. In 2004, the Pine Tree Council and designed the FOS council supporter shoulder patch for 2003 & 2004. We hope to do the same in 2004. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2003 will be available again in 2004. Over $1,600.00 went back to York District units in 2003. To schedule the unit’s Family Presentation, please contact Lenny Niman (York District Family FOS Chairman) at 929-6225 or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24.

Klondike Derby 2004

On your calendar for the date of the Klondike Derby. This will be a serious sledding event in the woods somewhere in York County and we can be sure Dave Wade and his crew will have something exciting planned! The best way to survive this event is to have the information on the location and registration for the event will be available at the January 2004 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike Derby is Saturday, February 14, 2004.

Attention All Packs and Troops

As January and February are the time of re-chartering for February and the packs re-charter in March. The commissioners have the charters and will be contacting units to set a date to fill out the charter. We run the re-chartering this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and ensures that all units are officially registered and on your charters, so as to insure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. If you have any questions regarding the re-chartering process, feel free to contact District Commissioner, David Roy at 642-3210 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Casco Bay District

Venturing Booths-Bruce Berry-624-2991
Exploring Booths-Michael Dyer-979-2070

Winter Adult Leader Training

For New Cub Scout Leaders that have signed up since the Fall Rechartering, the training for the position you hold if you missed the Fall Recharter can be scheduled during calendars Saturday, January 10, 2004 at the Notre Dame Parish Hall in Springvale as the York District CUB SCOUT ONLY Winter Training Date. This training program will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 3:00 PM. The fee for this training will be $4.00 per person and should be paid into the Pine Tree Council Service Center by Friday, January 9, 2004. This training is also available for all current Scout Leaders who would like to brush-up on their respective leadership skills. Adult Leader Training for ALL Scouting Positions is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2004 from 8:30 AM to 3:00PM at the Saco City Hall. ALL New Leaders must be signed up since the Fall 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 New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training. The fee for this training is $4.00 per person and should be paid into the Pine Tree Council Service Center by Friday, March 5, 2004.

York District Scouting In Action

In Kennebunk recently, Weeblos Scout David Kerschensteiner of Pack 302 in Kennebunk helped prevent a very serious fire in the area. As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and will be contacting units to set a date to fill out the charter. We run the re-chartering this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and ensures that all units are officially registered and on your charters, so as to insure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. If you have any questions regarding the re-chartering process, feel free to contact District Commissioner, David Roy at 642-3210 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Young Adult Leader Training

This is a week of fun and hard work that will provide the participants an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the Pine Tree Council, their families and interested people in the community along with the opportunity to learn about Scouting and the skills involved. The skills developed here will be useful in Scouting and in life. It is a week of fun and hard work that will provide the participants an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the Pine Tree Council, their families and interested people in the community along with the opportunity to learn about Scouting and the skills involved. It is a week of fun and hard work that will provide the participants an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the Pine Tree Council, their families and interested people in the community along with the opportunity to learn about Scouting and the skills involved. The skills developed here will be useful in Scouting and in life.

Junior Leader Training is an intense week-long leadership-training course for Scouts. The course is intended for a Troop’s current and future Scout Leaders. Scouts who are about to assume the positions of Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol leaders can all benefit from this course. This is a week of fun and hard work that will provide the participants with a working knowledge of the leadership skills that have been proven successful in Scouting over the years. The skills acquired at JLT are useful outside of scouting as well.

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**Abnaki District**

**District Activities**

The Activities Committee is working on a plan to have the Abnaki District Spring Camporee at the YMCA Camp in Winnipesaukee, and have a Sports theme. The committee is hoping to set the cost at $20, which will include a patch, awards, sleeping accommodations, and prepared meals. If you haven’t already returned your survey, please do so as soon as possible so we can begin planning or making other arrangements. You can also contact Don Vachon at 375-6614, Bob Reed at 782-5482 or bred@srhsnet.com, or Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33.

Bob Reed is continuing his position as District Treasurer. Please take the time to congratulate these young men as they step forward to serve in this Lodge Anniversary year!

**Sign-up Nights**

It is never too late to bring more Scouts into the program. If you would like assistance or some ideas on how to grow membership in your Unit contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33.

If you have registration forms that have not been turned into the office, please send them in. The Accident and Sickness Insurance Award was published in the November/December 2003 issue of Turtle Soup, and will be available on the Lodge website. Also, a selection of limited edition anniversary items will be available for pre-order only from the lodge. An order form will be available in the January/February 2004 issue of Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website. Plans are also in the works for a dedication ceremony during the limited edition anniversary, which will be available for pre-order only from the lodge. An order form will be available in the January/February 2004 issue of Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website.

**Pinewood Derby**

Pack 160 of Lewiston has volunteered to host the Derby Dinner on Saturday, April 3rd at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33 or Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33.

**Abanaki Web Address**

www.abnakidistrict.org

**Good Turn for America**

Our Scout Oath includes the promise “…to help other people at all times.” The Boy Scouts of America vision statement contains a goal focusing on serving America’s communities and families with our quality values-based program. Scouting was founded on the principle of “do a good turn daily.” Our Scouting members conduct service projects to benefit others throughout the year. Good Turn for America provides the framework in which to highlight these projects.

Good Turn for America will not be another program that will become a burden for you. It is designed to take on the Scout who is already serving others and will give him the tools to be a great leader of our future leaders. It is a wonderful and talented volunteers. It is great to be able to honor the efforts of students in these career fields.

2004 Maine Law Enforcement Explorer Academy:

It is never too early to begin thinking and preparing for the 2004 Maine Law Enforcement Explorer Academy. Although a date has not yet been set, we anticipate that the academy will be held during the week of 21-25 June 2004. We anticipate an increase in youth applications and an exciting week at this year’s academy. I understand that the cadre are already excited in anticipation of the 2004 Academy.

Scouting Volunteers Needed for Learning for Life’s School-Based Programs:

Through the Student Career Interest Surveys, students indicate specific career fields that they are interested in. The challenge we face at Learning for Life is to find professionals in these career fields that are willing to visit with these children and youth to share their careers with them. We usually call upon an individual once during a school year. An important resource that we have overlooked is our own Scouting community. If you are a professional that might be able to visit a classroom during the school year to share your career with students, please give us a call at 797-5170. The following is a sample list of occupations requested by students that we have been challenged to find:

- Plumbers, Electricians, Service Technicians, Builders, Attorneys
- Healthcare Professionals, High Technology Career Professionals
- Airline Pilots, Flight Attendants, Engineers, Surveyors, and Architects
- Architects

Please let us know if you would like to schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit. Presentations can be done during Pack Meetings, Blue & Gold Banquets, and Troop Courts of Honor in the months of January, February, March, April, and May.

**Popcorn**

Special thanks to Norm Martin and Mike Foumier for their service as District Kaleerens!

**Discovering the Scouting Profession for their service**

There are different levels of opportunities that parents can give to Scouting. Please contact 797-5252 ext. 33 if you have any questions.

**Friends of Scouting**

Please let us know if you would like to schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit. Presentations can be done during Pack Meetings, Blue & Gold Banquets, and Troop Courts of Honor in the months of January, February, March, April, and May.

**KCSO’s program**

Several students from this post are presently enrolled in the Thomas College Law Enforcement program

The Learning for Life school-based program is also growing. This year we are pleased to announce that our program is expanding in the Somerset and Lincoln counties. The Harmony and Madison Elementary Schools are utilizing this program throughout their elementary grades. This is also the case at Miller School in Waldoboro.

**Maine Arts Community**

Learning for Life’s Career Discovery program is very appreciative of the support it is receiving from members of the Maine Arts Community. Earlier this year, I sent out an e-mail to several art organizations. The response has been simply overwhelming. Artists, musicians, dancers, and performers are volunteering their time and talent to classrooms to share their careers with students.

**The Turtle Speaks**

News from Madokawanda Lodge #271

* The Lodge recently held its 2003 Lodge Leadership Development Weekend ("LLD") at Camp Hinds at the end of October. With over 60 brothers in attendance, the fellowship and training was excellent, as was the Saturday evening "Be the OA Geeks" show. Congratulations to the "Ceremonies Geek", Josh Shean as the winner of this competition! On Sunday morning, the lodge held its annual meeting and election of officers. Elected to serve as the Lodge Chief was Paul Froman from K-Vally Chapter. The Chief Vice position went to outgoing Lodge Secretary Andrew Buckley, also of K-Vally Chapter. Elected as Lodge Secretary was Ben Gleason, who was currently serving as York Chapter Chief, and rounding out the slate of 2004 officers is Kirk Gagnon of York Chapter, who will serve as Lodge Treasurer. Please take the time to congratulate these young men as they step forward to serve in this Lodge Anniversary year!

* Speaking of Anniversary Years, in 2003 Madokawanda Lodge will celebrate 60 years of brotherhood, and plans are being finalized to mark the occasion. A Service Award has been created for brothers to earn during the anniversary year. Requirements for the service award was published in the November/December 2003 issue of Turtle Soup, and will be available on the Lodge website. Also, a selection of limited edition anniversary items will be available for pre-order only from the lodge. An order form will be available in the January/February 2004 issue of Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website. Plans are also in the works for a dedication ceremony during the summer of 2004 to coordinate with the actual anniversary of the Lodge on July 10, 2004. Look for more information in future issues of The Turtle Speaks and Turtle Soup, as well as on the Lodge website!

* If you are going to participate in the 2004 Lodge year festivities, please remember that 2004 membership dues are now overdue. Coupons for dues submission were printed in the November/December issue of Turtle Soup, and are available on the lodge website at www.pinetreeba.org/lodge. At $11, nothing could be a better deal, and that entitles you to all issues of the lodge newsletter, Turtle Soup, and keeps you true to the Obligation of the Order and active in your lodge!

* As a final observation for the New Year, Madokawanda Lodge would like to congratulate the six new members who were inducted during the Spring Court of Honor. Congratulations go out to Andrew Buckley, Justin Colby, Tim Curtis, Phil Taschereau, Lenny Niman and Arthur Price. Thank you to all Madokawanda Lodge members who participated in the induction ceremonies, and especially those who provided the supplies and service for the special Vigil Weekend that took place at Camp Bomanaze.

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Abanaki District

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**Pine Spills**

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Exploring/LFL

Exploring and Learning for Life is Growing!

Some of these artists travel significant distances to visit with students. Learning for Life extends its appreciation to all of these volunteer-directed volunteers. It is great to be honored to hear from you.

Are you one who will make a difference? Get involved.

There will be more information relating to the three areas of this project in upcoming issues of Pine Spills and at District Roundtables. You can also contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center for more info at 797-5252.
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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.

We hope that you will help keep the cost of the scouting program low by donating to the Friends of Scouting campaign. 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.

Units that have a presentation where over $500 is raised and paid in full by May 21, 2004 will receive 15% of that total returned to the unit account in the Pine Tree Council Office to use for awards, advancements, or anything camp related. Families that donate $100 or more will receive the 2004 limited edition Pine Tree Council shoulder strip for their scout uniform. Units that hold a presentation will receive a colorful recognition streamer for their unit flagpole, and Friends of Scouting sticker.

The 15% unit recognition will be awarded after the May 21 deadline.

We hope that every family will give $100, but we appreciate any donation that you feel is appropriate. Please support the Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America by making a tax-deductible contribution to keep the program available to every youth in Maine.
2004 kicks off the Boy Scouts of America National Good Turn effort called, Good Turn for America. This effort will coordinate Boy Scout Councils throughout this country as they encourage and empower local districts and units to exemplify in daily life the concept of do a good turn daily. This effort will conclude with the 100th anniversary of Scouting in 2010.

As we prepare for this effort and our other opportunities in 2004 and beyond, I think it is important that we stop for a second and give thanks for what we have done and what accomplishments we have made. With your good work, thousands of new youth joined scouting this year, and even more participated in weekly meetings, and every month went on a camping trip. In fact, as a council, we had over 6,000 youth and parents attend one of our camping activities. These activities and monthly outings did not happen by accident. They happened because caring adult leaders like you wanted to make a difference. Thank you for making that difference.

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- Pray for our council leadership, our community leaders, and our state leaders, that we focus on what is important, serve the youth of Maine, and keep the values of Scouting stronger than ever.
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Sunday River

Sunday, January 4, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date: Sunday, January 18, 2004
(Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 23, 2003)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18): $24
Adult Tickets: $25
Ski Rentals: $22
Snowboard Rentals: $22
Learn to Ski (ages 7-12): $34
Learn to Ski (13 & over): $40
Learn to Board (7 & older): $49

Shawnee Peak

Monday January 19, 2004 & Sunday, March 7, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date (for both ski days): Sunday, March 14, 2004
(Registration deadlines: Monday, January 12, 2004 & Monday, March 1, 2004)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18): $19
Adult Tickets: $25
Ski Rentals: $18
Snowboard Rentals: $23
Learn to Ski (7 & older): $32
Learn to Board (7 & older): $32
Barbecue Lunch: $7

Sugarloaf U.S.A.

Sunday, February 8, 2004
If Ski Day is cancelled, make-up date: Sunday, March 21, 2004
(Registration deadline: Monday, February 2, 2004)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18): $24
Adult Tickets: $26
Ski Rentals: $22
Snowboard Rentals: $22
Learn to Ski (ages 7-12): $34
Learn to Ski (13 & over): $40
Learn to Board (7 & older): $49

Please register for Ski Days using the registration form you receive in the mail.
### Jan. - Feb. - Mar. Pine Tree Council Calendar

**Abnaki**

- **January**
  - 6 District Committee Meeting
  - 14 Roundtable
  - 14 OA
  - 28 District Commissioner Meeting

- **February**
  - 3 District Committee Meeting
  - 6 FOS Community Campaign Kick-Off
  - 11 Roundtable
  - 11 OA
  - 25 District Commissioner Meeting

- **March**
  - 2 District Committee Meeting
  - 6 Klondike Derby
  - 10 Roundtable
  - 10 OA
  - 31 District Commissioner Meeting

**Casco Bay**

- **January**
  - 7 Commissioners Meeting
  - 7 Roundtable
  - 7 OA
  - 14 District Committee Meeting

- **February**
  - 1 Casco Bay District Scout Show
  - 4 Commissioners Meeting
  - 4 Roundtable
  - 4 OA
  - 11 District Committee Meeting

- **March**
  - 3 Commissioners Meeting
  - 3 Roundtable
  - 3 OA
  - 10 District Committee Meeting

**Downeast**

- **January**
  - 3 District Meeting
  - 11 Charter Clinic (South)
  - 14 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
  - 15 Unit Charters Due
  - 18 Charter Clinic (Central)
  - 31 Klondike Derby

- **February**
  - 4 District Meeting
  - 11 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg

- **March**
  - 3 District Meeting
  - 6 Baloo Training
  - 10 Roundtable
  - 13 Life to Eagle Conference
  - 13 New Leader Essentials/Cub Leader Specific Training

**K-Valley**

- **January**
  - 7 District Committee Meeting
  - 14 FOS Kickoff
  - 14 Winslow Roundtable
  - 18 Phone-A-Thon
  - 27 Klondike Derby

- **February**
  - 4 District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Winslow Roundtable
  - 28 New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific Training

- **March**
  - 3 District Committee Meeting
  - 3 Roundtable
  - 3 OA
  - 10 District Committee Meeting

**York**

- **January**
  - 7 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable
  - 10 Cub Scout Leader ONLY Training at the Notre Dame Parish Hall in Springvale, ME
  - 15 District Committee Meeting

- **February**
  - 4 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 5 Roundtable
  - 7 Klondike Derby
  - 12 York District Committee Meeting
  - 14 Storm Date for Klondike Derby

- **March**
  - 3 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 4 Roundtable
  - 5 Adult Leader Training at the Saco City Hall

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