October, November, December, January PTC Calendar

APRIL
October 11 District Commissioner
21 Roundtable at Auburn Middle School
23 Commissioners Meeting
28 Scout for Food Bag Distribution
November 15 District Commissioner
28 Council Commissioner Meeting
29 District Commissioner Meeting
December 20 District Commissioner
January 2 District Commissioner

JUNE/ JULY
September 5 Commissioners Meeting
10 Roundtable - OA
24 Unit Inventory Day
29 District Commissioner
30 Council Commissioner Meeting
October 4 Commissioners Meeting
14 Roundtable - OA
20 District Commissioner
28 Roundtable - OA
November 4 Roundtable - OA
11 District Commissioner
29 Commissioners Meeting
28 Scout for Food Bag Distribution
December 4 Commissioners Meeting
January 5 District Commissioner

ANCIENT
October 1 District Commissioner
11 Roundtable - OA
25 Formal Business Meeting
28 Council Commissioner Meeting
November 1 District Commissioner
28 District Commissioner Meeting
December 1 District Commissioner
January 2 District Commissioner

CENTENNIAL
"To Improve the Quality of Program in Every Unit in America"
Our 100th anniversary is only four years away....

The excitement of celebrating a century of fun and adventure, citizenship, patriotism, and good character is truly an opportunity for America to salute the Boy Scouts of America.
message from the President

Paul Spellman

I would like to address my comments for this edition of the Pine Spills to our new parents and leaders. We would like to thank you for your time and dedication, and welcome to our programs. What is Scouting? In short, Scouting is one of the most successful youth program in American history. It is different from many other programs, being a proven combination of fun, adventure and values. Scouts grow up to be better, stronger members of their community and nation. Scout serving all races and creeds, and how much money you have is not a factor. It does not care if you are athletically gifted. Scouting is opportunity — the opportunity to succeed.

Parents, there is a way to dramatically improve your child’s chances of making better choices, succeeding in life and becoming a leader. And, he or she can do it all while having a whole lot of fun! You don’t have to look any further — you’ve found it, here in Scouting.

It’s true that Scouting programs are focused on boys, but we want the whole family involved. Dads AND Moms can serve as leaders of Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops or Venture Crews. All we ask is that you take part in leadership and youth protection training that we provide. Young women 14-20 have an opportunity to explore in Venture. In short, Scouting makes families stronger. How? Consider these findings by the firm Louis Harris & Associates:

- At least 90% of parents surveyed said that because of Cub Scouting, they share time with their sons by:
  - Working on projects together 95%
  - Going places together 91%
  - Talking together 90%

- Scouting also provides structure to bring parents and boys together for projects and activities. 85% of teenagers in Venturing said they talked with their parents about things they learned in the program.

In the end, the most important part of Scouting projects and activities is not the projects or activities themselves — it is the valuable gift of time spent between a Scout and his or her parents. Thanks for taking the time to spend quality time with your child and the other scouts in the unit you are involved in.

Message from the Council Commissioner

By the time you read this, our new scouting year will go full force. I want to thank all of our commissioners for their great efforts in the Council’s “Race to Scouting” recruiting efforts. Your continued efforts in recruiting really do make a difference in both the life of Pine Tree Council and, more importantly, in the life of the young people that we serve. We must now all follow through with our units to assure that each unit’s information is accurately recorded and reported, and is done with a higher degree of accuracy than the old paper version. I urge each commissioner to work with your units and leaders to make sure that they have as many units as possible utilize this great method of rechartering.

A final thought goes out to all adult volunteers in Pine Tree Council. If you truly want to help to bring the great benefits of the scouting program to as many youths as possible, please consider volunteering to serve as a commissioner. Our dedicated commissioners work with our units to assist them in delivering the promise to the youth of our Council. To volunteer or to get more information on the Commissioner Service, contact your District Commissioner. Their telephone numbers are listed in the district sections of Pine Spills.

Yours in Scouting,

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Pine Tree Council Commissioner

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Scout Shop Fall Uniform Promotion

Your uniform survived summer camp, but will it actually survive another year of hiking, camporees, and other rugged events? If you have that concern and you dread the thought of buying a new uniform because of all the money that you have to sew on, then the Scout Shop has the solution for you.

Purchase a new uniform (which includes uniform shirt, trousers or shorts, official web belt and buckle, neckerchief with matching slide, and Cub Scout or Boy Scout hat and uniform socks), and you will receive a free Badge Magic Kit.

Badge Magic holds all your insignia in place without sewing. Your patches stay on wash after wash, and will release if your uniform is dry-cleaned. Check out the special flyer in the Pine Tree Council Scout Shop for details and for all of your Scouting needs this fall.

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Fall 2006
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By now, everyone should have received all the information for a successful Fall Popcorn Sale. Please stop by the Pine Tree Council Service Center to pick up the information you need. As a reminder, the York District Popcorn Pick-up will be again at Hussey Seating in North Berwick on Saturday, November 11th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. We will need volunteers on Friday night, November 10th from 5:30 PM until all the orders are picked. You can then take your order home with you. Please contact our District Kernel, Juanita Reed at 363-2273 if you can help or need any ideas for your popcorn sale.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual York District Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the Saco City Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, including all Unit Charter Organization Representatives who are the unit’s voice on the operation of the District Committee.

POPCORN SALE 2006

Come see what is in store for York District in 2007.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The time has arrived for Pine Tree Council’s annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This year raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keeping camp fees low, organizing new units, existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2006 will be available again in 2007. Over $2,000.00 went back to York District units in 2006. If you have not scheduled your unit’s Family presentation, or would like to help give a presentation for a unit, please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

NEW SCOUTS JOINED YOUR PACK IN SEPTEMBER

New Scouts joined your Pack in September and all applications have been turned in to the Pine Tree Council, but what do you do now? You shouldn’t think that you are done yet. There are still more kids out there that would like to join Scouting, but they happen to be playing soccer in September and couldn’t make it to the sign-up night. Make sure that you don’t stop talking to families about joining the scouting program. Scouting is a year round program, so why not encourage new kids to join all year round instead one month a year. Families need the positive program that scouting provides, but they need to invited.

Boston Museum of Science

Spring Date: Saturday, April 21, 2007

400 SLOTS

It’s time to start planning for the 2007 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is $46.00 per person. (Please note: The Museum will be charging a fee of $5.00 per car 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.

Application Procedure

Each Pack must submit a deposit of $10 for each person who plans to attend. Please send a check made payable to Pine Tree Council, along with the registration coupon below. Phone applications will not be accepted. All applications must be received at the Pine Tree Council by the end of the business day on November 9, 2006. Please do not request reservations for more slots than you actually plan to use (for those who are selected, deposits are non-refundable.) Those Packs not selected will also be notified and deposits will be returned.

Once practices are confirmed, the Pine Tree Council is required to pay for those spaces. It is the policy of the Boston Museum of Science not to grant refunds to anyone who does not participate in the Camp-In, unless the MUSEUM cancels the event. This program provides the youth with a wonderful learning experience in science. Don’t delay – Start planning today! Call Jo at 797-5252 x10 for more information.

Application

Name _____________________________
Address _____________________________
City _____________________________
State _____________________________
Zip _____________________________
Phone # _____________________________
Days: ______________________________________
CUB SCOUTS... #Adults
_________x $10 = __________ Enclosed
Order of The Arrow Elections

We are asking all Scoutmasters to pay special attention to the following dates – January 2nd, 2007 and May 4th, 2007. These are the beginning and ending dates for the Order of the Arrow election season.

The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts of America's honor fraternity. All scouts who are First Class or above at the time of your election, 13 years of age, have completed 15 days and nights of camping (of which only one week-long resident camp may be counted), as well as have the approval of the Scoutmaster are eligible for acceptance. This organization is designed to enhance the leadership skills of your youth and enriches the program that your unit provides to your scouts.

In order for an election to occur, your unit must contact the Order of the Arrow and arrange for an election team to visit at one of your troop meetings. For more information, or to set up an election date, please visit the Pine Tree Council website, or contact the Lodge Advisor, Bruce Ruiger, at 872-5920.

Operation Fly 1st Class - April School Vacation

Operation – Fly 1st Class will be expanding to two sessions in 2007 to allow for more Scouts to attend! Operation Fly 1st Class is a Pine Tree Council program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13. Tenderfoot rank to First Class! This four-day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April school vacation with other Scouts under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

Program Features to include: Cooking, Woods Tools, 1st Aid, Camp Gadgets, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Native Plants & Wildlife, an Overnight Outdoor Adventure, Orienteering, Service Project, Flags & Ceremonies, Scout’s Own Service, and plenty of Scout Spirit!

Program Requirements: Be a registered member of a Boy Scout Troop, up to age 13, have permission from parents & Scoutmaster and have a Class 1 & 2 health form which requires a doctor’s physical within the past 3 years.

DAY CAMP AND FUN PACK WEEKEND

The Kennebec Valley District would like to express it’s gratitude to John Berryman, Sheila Adkins, Leslie Ellis, and everybody else who took the time to staff our various camping programs during the summer. Each of these programs went “above and beyond” the call of duty in order to provide quality experiences for our youth. We thank each of you for taking the time to make a positive impact on the life of a youth this summer. Your efforts will be rewarded with time……

TRAINING

New Leaders Essentials, Scout Leader Specific, and Cub Leader Specific training will be held on October 14th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. For more information, please contact Joe Levesque at 495-2673.

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable will be conducted the second Wednesday of each month at the Mountain View Church in Oakland from 7 to 9 pm, and every third Tuesday of January, April, and June at the Strong Consolidated School from 7 to 8 pm. If school is cancelled due to storms in either Oakland or Strong on the date of the Roundtable, then the roundtable will be cancelled as well. For further information, please contact Scott Bernier at 873-4310 or Lynn Corson at 549-5069.

UNIT INVENTORY DAY

October 25th is the Kennebec Valley Unit Inventory Day. Please send a paper or electronic copy of your current youth roster to Lynn Corson or Matthew Randall by this date. This process is conducted in order to ensure that your youth are registered in the BSA and are protected by the BSA Insurance Plan, as well as being eligible to gain tenure and rank.

KLONDIKE DERBY

The Kennebec Valley Klondike Derby will be held on January 27th. For more information, please visit the Kennebec Valley Website (www.KV-Scouts.org) or contact Mitch MacArthur at 453-4985.

K-Valley District News

YORK DISTRICT 2006 FALL CAMPOREE

Hike-O-REE is the theme for the York District 2006 Fall Camporee to be hosted by Troop 320 in Shapleigh. The event will take place on October 13-15, 2006 somewhere in York District. We had this Hike-O-REE event a couple of years ago and it was very popular. Whether you were a Road Dog, Trail Dog or a Mad Dog, all who attended had fun. So put your hiking shoes on and get ready to hit the trails. More information will be available at the upcoming roundtables.
Casco Bay District News (continued)

culminating with the presentation of the Awards of Merit.

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION
Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 11, 2006 from 8:00am-11:00am is the date to pickup your popcorn orders. This year, we will be doing our popcorn distribution at Barber Foods at 56 Milliken Street in Portland. As usual, we need help separating popcorn orders on Friday night, November 10th. Any unit that assists in this process can take their popcorn order with them that evening. Please contact Brian Hazelwood at 885-5943 or Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25 with any questions.

DISTRICT RE-CHARTER TIME
As winter looms, we find that it is re-charter time again. The majority of Casco Bay units re-charter in January and February so it is important that you contact your Unit Commissioners and work together with them to insure that your charters are filled out correctly and completely and on time. It is essential that all our scouts are officially registered and on your charters, so as to insure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. Also, we encourage you to use the on-line internet re-chartering! If you have any questions regarding the re-charter process feel free to contact District Commissioner, John Hume at 797-2154 or Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25.

VOLUNTEERS
The Downeast District is in search of a few good scouts to help the district committee. Over the past year, people have moved on and your help is needed. From fundraising, to training new leaders, to working with units on the Commissioner staff, the district needs extra support. If you have the time, we can use your help. Let us know what you can do and we will put you to right spot. Contact Steve Sauzier at ssauzier@bsamail.org or call 797-5252 ext. 28 if you want to help the district operate smoothly.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
As the year winds down, the district is working on cleaning up the fundraising campaign. If you were not given the opportunity to donate or want to make that end of the year contribution, please contact the Pine Tree Council. We are also preparing for the 2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please plan to include your FOS presentation at your Blue/Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. Contact Steve Sauzier at ssauzier@bsamail.org or call 797-5252 ext. 28.

DAY CAMP 2006
The Downeast District would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with this year’s Day Camps. Over 150 Cubs Scouts enjoyed two weeks of fun and adventure as they explored different countries at Downeast District Day Camps. Special thanks go to our camp and program directors, Jen Whitehill and Deb Thibudeau on the outstanding leadership they provided to the program.

FALL CAMPOREE
Come learn the ways of the Maine Lumber Jack this year at the District Camporee. Join fellow Scouts from Downeast, Kennebec Valley, and Abnaki Districts competing in activities that will teach Scouts about the life and work of the Maine Lumber Jack. The Camporee will be October 6, 7 and 8 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. The price is $10 per participant. For more information contact Chairperson Beth Froman at email: bffroman@me.com; District Activities Chairperson, K-Valley, Mitch MacArthur at email: shaggy55@adelphia.net or at 453-4095; Committee Member, Abnaki, Al Warner at email: altroop109@wmconnect.com; Committee Member, Downeast, Freida Carpenter at email: carpenters30@larryhill@hotmail.com.

Eagle Palms
There has been a lot of confusion in the process of earning an Eagle Palm. Once a scout earns the rank of Eagle Scout, he may earn Palms by completing the following requirements:
1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 3 months after becoming an Eagle Scout or after the award of your last Palm.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Make a satisfactory effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.
4. Earn five additional merit badges beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm.
5. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
6. Complete your board of review.

You may wear only the proper combination of Palms for the number of merit badges you earned beyond the rank of Eagle. The Bronze Palm represents 5 merit badges, the Gold Palm 10, and the Silver Palm 15.

*Merit Badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used to meet this requirement.

Please complete proper advancement forms. This information must be verified before Eagle Palms will be distributed.

National Youth Leadership Training Conference
Congratulations to the 30 Boy Scouts that attended the Pine Cone National Youth Leader Training conference at Camp KV in August! NYLT is the new name for Junior Leader Training! The Pinecone National Youth Leader Training Conference is conducted by volunteers from the Pine Tree Council and the scouts attending come away with great experiences that will help them in their roles and responsibilities as leaders.

2007 Council Camporee
To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in England, the Pine Tree Council will be holding a Council Camporee in October of 2007. This camporee will bring together Scouts and Scouters from all over Maine to participate in many activities revolving around the 100th anniversary theme! The camporee committee is hard at work shoring up details of the program and schedule of events, there will be something for everyone!

So mark your calendar for Oct. 19th - 21st, 2007, as this will be an event you will not want to miss! Watch our web site for more camporee information!

Recharter Reminder
Does the recharter of your unit seem overwhelming? Why not make it faster and easier by using the online recharter process. You can download the unit roster from the Pine Tree Council records and edit it in the comfort of your home. Please remember that if you do not recharter your unit on time, you cannot be a quality unit and your scouts are not covered by insurance. Please contact your unit commissioner or district executive if you need help to get the paperwork done on time.

Dirigo Award
Starting January 2007, your unit can work toward achieving the Dirigo Award from the Pine Tree Council. This award will take your unit a year to receive because of the many-qualifying ingredients, which include selling popcorn, Friends of Scouting and camp to name a few.

After your unit has achieved this award, you will receive 30% off advancement emblem s for the following year, and other special discounts/early bird specials on select scout shop items throughout the year. The 30% off is limited to the following rank badges: Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelo, Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life.

Find more information about the award at www.pinetreebsa.org or your Roundtable.
Training at a Glance - Upcoming Dates

September
30 York BS ONLY NLE and SM/ASM Training (Indoor Coursework only) at Camp Nutter

October
6-8 York & CB Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and WLOT
11 Abnaki Part I: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics
14 York BALO0 and New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader
14 KV New Leaders Essentials with Scout Leader Specifics
21 Downeast New Leaders Essentials with Boy Scout Leader Specifics
21 York NLE, CS-LST and Troop Committee Challenge at Camp Nutter
28-30 York & CB ITOLS and WLOT at Camp Hinds (CB & York to sponsor but open to the whole PTC)

November
4 Casco Bay New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics and Troop Committee Challenge
8 Abnaki Part II: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics
11 Casco Bay Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training

December
13 Abnaki Part II: New Leaders Essentials with Cub Scout Leader Specifics

For more information on training, contact your District Executive at 797-5252 and use the extensions listed below:
Abnaki Ext. 33 Casco Bay Ext. 25 Downeast Ext. 28 K-Valley Ext. 27 York Ext. 24 Exploring Ext. 34

Woodbadge — 2007

Pine Tree Council will again be offering a Woodbadge Course in the fall of 2007. Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting careers!!! Wood Badge Training offers a unique opportunity for learning and for leadership. Participants live and work together in a patrol with the staff of instructors are working hard to bring to you the best Scouting has to offer!

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship with great Scouting Resources. Look for the University catalog coming soon to our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org/university.

Woodflake — 2007

and the cost is $220 which includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?
- Problem solving techniques for adults & youth
- Management of Youth Programs
- Leadership Skills
- Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
- Managing Conflict and Change
- Team Development
- Communications
- Leading to Make a Difference
- The Outing in Scouting Questions?

Contact Course Director, Lance Eschholz at leschhol@ime.net

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 when would be the best time to schedule a FOS presentation starting in January, it would be most helpful. The preferred presentation time is at a Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. Without the support of all of our units with Friends of Scouting, we won’t be able to deliver the same level of quality programming that has become synonymous with Scouting in the Casco Bay District. Please contact Duane Havard at 797-5252 ext. 25 to book your presentation or with any questions.

FALL CAMPOREE!

This year’s Casco Bay District Fall Camporee will be held October 13th through the 15th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The theme is “Gilwell Games” and Troop 800 is hosting. Don’t miss this opportunity to participate in a fun filled 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 Tom Wiley at 655-2048 or Paul Conley at 836-7054.

AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS HONORED

Four Casco Bay District Scouters were presented the District Award of Merit at the Casco Bay BBQ on August 27th at Camp Hinds. Linda Klein of Troop 151, Jim Fisher of Pack 800, Chuck Thorp of Troop 35, and Greg Foster of Crew 85 were each presented with the Award of Merit, the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. The entire evening was a resounding success beginning with an array of family activities, followed by a delicious BBQ dinner and a campfire where numerous district scouters were recognized for their contributions to scouting, and finally
**Abnaki District News**

**RACE INTO SCOUTING**
Please turn in all registration forms for new Scouts and adult leaders as soon as possible following your fall recruitment.

Remember, recruitment is a year-round endeavor and does not end after your fall recruitment night. Scouts can join throughout the year and will if given the chance. Use your local schools, municipal offices, publications, churches, and other public venues as a resource for getting information out about your Scouting program and how to join. Also, Matt Mower is available to help you with any follow-up recruitment efforts you would like to do.

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST**
Available at www.abnakidistrict.org. Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the list.

**RE-CR서TER**
Kits are going out to units starting around the end of October. The kits will include instructions for Internet Chartering (new, advanced and optional). Remember to fill out applications for Quality Unit Award, SummerTime Pack Activity Award and any other awards your unit qualifies for.

There will be a re-chartering clinic at Auburn Middle School at 7pm on Wednesday, December 13th (December Roundtable). This is a great way to get your charts in on time and work out any issues you need help with.

If you do your recharter online, please remember that you still have to print off a copy and have it signed off by the Unit Leader and the Chartering Organization’s Executive Officer. As soon as possible to schedule your presentation.

**Friends of Scouting**
Would you still be involved in the scouting program if it cost $100 a year just to register. Your Scout wouldn’t enjoy going to summer camp without tents to sleep in or archery equipment to use, would they?

This time of year is critical to the Pine Tree Council and to the families that are involved in the program because we are in the process of scheduling Friends of Scouting presentations at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor.

Friends of Scouting allows families to make a tax-deductible donation which helps keep the scouting program affordable to every youth that wants to be involved. It also helps pay for camp equipment, pay for upgrades at camp, and provide leadership support for your unit leaders.

**OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping**
The Pine Tree Council will again be offering our popular OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping program in January and February. OKPIK (ook’ pick) is the Inuit name for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol of the official Boy Scouts of America cold weather camping program.

OKPIK is run out of the Training Center at Camp Hinds in Raymond and offers:
- *Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew*
- *Snowshoeing, backwoods skiing, shelter building and winter survival skills and meals*
- *Hundreds of acres at and around Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine*
- *Cold weather first aid and camping training*
- *Equipment sleds, skis, snowshoes, and other cold weather camping gear*
- *Supplemental cold weather clothing and sleeping systems*
- *Emergency radio communication*
- *OKPIK Maine participant patches*
- *Shower facilities in our heated lodge*
- *Trading Post*
- *Crew leader packet with detailed information about the program*

The 2007 OKPIK program will run for 6 consecutive weekends starting Jan 12-14 through Feb 16-18. Reservations fill quickly for this program, so contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Camping Administrator at 797-5252 x14 or cgosselin@bsamail.org for more OKPIK information.

**Pine Tree Council Annual Business Meeting**
On December 14th the Pine Tree Council will hold it’s annual business meeting at the Portland Office. We will be looking back at the 2006 year in scouting and looking ahead to the challenges of 2007. The slate of officers for 2007 will be installed and we will again offer Charter Representative Training starting at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 25 if you plan to attend the 6:00 PM Charter Representative Training.

**Friends of Scouting**
If you have not talked to your District Executive or the district Friends of Scouting Chair, please give them a call as soon as possible to schedule your presentation.

Remember, if you are looking for a program with the values that your youth will receive in Scouting, you will pay a lot more with other organizations. If you are looking for an example, compare the cost of one week at either Cub Scout camp or Boy Scout camp with other camps that your children attend. That value is available to you because of your Friends of Scouting contributions. Plan to donate this spring.

Sign up now and support the largest youth organization in the world as we prepare for our 100th anniversary.

**Jamboree on the Air**
To familiarize more people with the event, on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 we are planning on creating an opportunity for individuals, dens, patrols, or whole units to come to the PTC Service Center to participate and even learn how to get hooked up at home.

More details will be available at the September and October Roundtables. PATCHES for the JOTA and JOTI events will be on sale in the Scout Shop for all who participate either from home or at the Service Center location.

**What is the biggest annual Scouting event in the world? When is it? How can I participate?**

The biggest event in Scouting happens every third full weekend in October. It literally happens all around the world; it does not cost anything, and YOU can participate! It is called Jamboree on the Internet, and Jamboree on the Air: JOTI and JOTA for short! It is sponsored by the World Scouting Organization, and you will be able to talk, meet, type, and “chat” interactively with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts all over the world.
COUNCIL NEWS

National Family Week
The week of Thanksgiving provides families the opportunities to honor connections that support and strengthen families. The theme is Connections Count and it embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks (like Scouting), and services. Family is and always will be important to Scouting. For more information on National Family Week: Connections Count, visit nationalfamilyweek.org.

Scooting For Food
Every day thousands of families in the Pine Tree Council walk to their local food pantry to have food for their family. Where does this food come from you ask? The Scouts of the Pine Tree Council do the annual Scooting For Food Collection drive in October and November. Many local food pantries rely on this event for the holiday season.

Silver Beaver Recipients ‘07
Each year the Pine Tree Council has the opportunity to present the Silver Beaver Award to outstanding volunteers that go above and beyond to see that the youth of the council have a great program. Nomination forms are available at the Pine Tree Council Service Center, and nominations are due in the Pine Tree Council Office by Feb 1 2007. If there is a registered adult who seems to do everything for your unit, district and/or council, please take the time to nominate him for this high level award. Awards will be presented at the Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet in April.

The Price of Freedom Leadership Conference
February 15-18, 2007 is the date for the Price of Freedom Leadership Conference at Valley Forge. This conference is limited to young men and women currently enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 who are active in the Scouting program and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship, and who meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements: Eagle Scout, Silver Award, Quartermaster Award. View the Freedoms Foundation website at www.freедomsfoundation.com for more information.

The Turtle Speaks
• Thirty Brothers of Madocawanda Lodge attended the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference held from July 29th thru August 3, 2006 at Michigan State University. At the largest NOAC ever, the lodge also captured the 2006 NOAC Spirit Award, one of only 18 in the entire council. 2006 Vigil Honor Recipients who were tapped out and presented with their Vigil Honor Certificates for the following rank requirements: Eagle Scout, Silver Award, Quartermaster Award.

2006 Summer Camp Season a Success!
Pine Tree Council has just finished off another great summer camp season offering programs and activities for Scouts of all ages! In order for a camp program to be successful, it takes many hands and lots of volunteers! Thanks to all of our many Scouts and parents who helped out by bringing scouts to camp!

A huge thanks to this year’s directors for offering great leadership for our summer camps and their districts! Thanks to Matt Mower and Wayne Holden for taking over the reigns of leadership at Camp Hinds!

Our district Day Camps and FunPack Weekends were overseen by the following: Abnaki: Scott Verrill, Heather Dow and Mary Jane Vachon. Casco Bay: Missy Bell, Kathleen Durost, Grace Everest, Tammy Grondin and John Trott Downeast: Deb Thibodeau, Jen Whitehill and Steve Saucier. K-Valley: John Berryman, Sheila Adkins and Leslie Ellis. York: Diana Vermette, Tony Beaumier and Tracy Grogan.

Pine Tree Council 2007 Scout Family Ski Days
The Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce that we will be offering the ever-popular Scout Ski Days for the year 2007. We have once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, Shawnee Peak, and Mt. Abram to offer discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals.

Scout Nights with the Pirates
$9 Main Deck tickets (a savings of up to $8.50 per ticket)
November 18th @ 7:05 vs. Lowell Devils
January 13th @ 7:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack
April 15th @ 4:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

With each ticket purchased, each Scout will receive a Commemorative Pirates Scout Day Patch!

Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center
$18 Main Deck tickets including a night of activities
March 3rd @ 7:05 vs. Manchester

Scout Nights are available to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Venturers and their families and friends.

To order your tickets, call Rob Slaughter at (207) 828-4665 x 312 or visit www.portlandpirates/BoyScouts. Only a limited number of tickets available, so order yours today!!

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