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A Great Friend of Scouting

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Message from the President

The Pine Tree Council is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers helping deliver the Scouting program to youth in our communities. Mothers, fathers, and grandparents from all around the Council give their time, money, and resources to help each young man and women how to become responsible and caring citizens. Without this kind of dedication and generosity, the Scouting program would not be what it is today.

One of our great scouting friends and supporters, William U. Niss, has recently passed on. Bill left behind him a legacy of service that is a true inspiration to all of us. Just in the past couple of years the Pine Tree Council has lost some close friends and long-time volunteers. Just like Bill, their commitment to the scouting program literally impacted hundreds of youth and adults.

As I was thinking about the way in which these few individuals impacted so many people, it made me realize just how many lives are being impacted, in a positive way, by the over 5,000 adult volunteers in the Pine Tree Council. Your volunteer commitment, along with all of the other volunteers in the Pine Tree Council, is impacting literally thousands of youth and families, both directly and indirectly. This is an amazing statistic and it goes to show how important the scouting program is in our communities.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued service. I would ask that you continue to make scouting, and more importantly, the youth in your communities a priority. Make a concerted effort to continue scouting in your community. To continue to prosper, scouting needs more people like you!

Sincerely,

Paul Spellman
President, Pine Tree Council

Message from the Council Commissioner

First, I want to thank all of the commissioners that participated in the recent University of Science. Whether serving on staff, faculty, or attending as a participant, your presence was well noted and appreciated. This was a great event to enable all of us to sharpen many different Scouting skills. These are the same skills that help us to help the units that we serve on a daily basis.

Second, now that we realize it, summer will be here, and with summer comes one of the greatest of scouting adventures….Summer Camp. Whether it is Boy Scout Camp, Webelos Camp, Cub Scout Day Camp, or Fun Pack Weekend, these are the days (and nights) that our scouts will remember for a lifetime. Many different Scouting skills. These are the same skills that help us to help the units that we serve on a daily basis.

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Our Sponsor for this year’s event is NAPA Auto Parts. Bill Dyer at NAPA Auto Parts has kindly agreed to sponsor our Cub Scout camp. This is a natural fit with our theme and he is working on incentives for kids that sign-up.

Sincerely,

Bill Dyer
Cub Scout Commissioner

PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION AUCTION

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1. Contact the Pine Tree Council by August 20th with your Race To Scouting recruitment location and date of either September 19th or 21st. Please send your recruitment night at 6:30 PM to help with Council-wide publicity information.

2. Work with other Packs and Troops in the same community so everyone recruits new kids and adults.

3. Talk to your local school about an in-class promotion of your recruitment. Check into the Pine Tree Council to avoid losing any money.

4. Have a calendar of events for the new scout and their family so they are prepared for the upcoming activities.

5. Applications all applications and appropriate pro-rated fees should be taken to the drop-off location on Thursday, September 21st unless other arrangements have been made with the District Executive.

6. Have fun and show new families the excitement of Scouting.

7. Before your new families leave the registration night, make sure they know the time, date, and location of your next scheduled den or pack meeting.

8. Families should have phone numbers of key unit leaders.

9. The Pine Tree Council will also be doing some direct mail promotions to families in your area with the registration night information.

10. Have a calendar of events for the new scout and their family so they are prepared for the upcoming activities.

11. Invite a local Boy Scout Troop to help keep the kids entertained while you talk with the parents.

12. Have your treasurer attend your recruitment night sign-up so that one check with the correct pro-rated fees can be written to the Pine Tree Council to avoid losing any money.

13. Make a first great impression by being organized.

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Race To Scouting application drop-off locations will be given to you at your district Race To Scouting orientation. Please make sure that your applications have all the proper signatures and pro-rated fees before delivering them to the proper collection site on September 21st.

www.pinetreebsa.org

Race To Scouting website 2006
Cub Scouts ~ Join us at Summer Camp and find out “Where in the World is Akela?”

Come to summer camp and join us for the “Amazing Race around the World” as we explore continents, learn new customs and crafts, all while making great new friends!

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

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Casco Bay District: MacWorth Island: July 24 - 28
Camp Hinds: July 31 - Aug 4

Pine Spills Early bird discounts are available for camp programs. Information on registration forms!

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Greetings and Salutations Ambassadors (Webelos) as you begin this extraordinary trip around the world. There are many skills that are necessary for an ambassador as he represents his country. You will learn skills in the farthest corners of the earth that will help you to achieve the Diplomat status as an ambassador and will become world renown as a member of the world ambassadors.

At Wobels camp, you will visit each of the areas in the four corners of the world and face many challenges. Areas being visited include the Caribbean shores, deepest, darkest Africa, the Old Worlds of the Far East and Europe, and the American West Frontier!

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The Pine Tree Council recently lost a great friend and long-time supporter. On March 30, 2006, William U. Niss, 90, of Scarborough, passed away. Bill served in the Pine Tree Council for 60 years, starting as a volunteer leader in the Sea Scouting program.

He was President of the Council's executive board from 1957 to 1959, and was instrumental in developing the council's headquarters on Auburn Street in Portland. In 1959, he received the Silver Beaver Award. For several years, he was Assistant Treasurer of the council.

In 1981, the council honored Mr. Niss by naming its headquarters after him. In his later years, he did a lot of work for the council's endowment fund.

When the Pine Tree Council built new headquarters near the Maine Mall last year, Mr. Niss was honored with a museum that bears his name.

Sarah Hall Niss of Blue Hill reflected on her father's love for scouting and what it meant for him to have the museum named after him. "He was very humbled," she said. "He felt very honored."

Bill provided a lasting legacy of service to the Pine Tree Council. His vision and leadership paved a path that many have trod. He will surely be missed, but never forgotten.

The New Internet Advancement

Online advancement entry is coming! The Pine Tree Council is excited to announce that units will be able to use Internet Advancement to record their youth member advancements from any online location—at home or at the office. You will find this new method to be easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information.

Here's how it works:

The Pine Tree Council will have an Internet Advancement page on our Web site (www.pinetreebsa.org) with instructions and a link to this new functionality.

Internet Advancement makes it easy for unit leadership to record awards, ranks, and merit badges to youth via an online process. This system is separate from Internet Recharting, but uses a similar concept.

At any time during the year, the unit advancement processor from each active unit will be able to record advancements to youth member records. And, they'll also be able to print a unit roster at any time. The roster is the most current information from each active unit will be able to record advancements to any online location—at home or at the office. You will find this new method to be easy, convenient, and accurate because you enter the information.

There are other reports that will be available from Internet Advancement.

• Unit Advancement Summary shows ranks, merit badges, and awards saved in each person record for current members of the unit.
• Advancement Report lists each youth member that has new ranks, merit badges, and awards, if any. This is the official unit Advancement Report to be signed and submitted to the office.
• Unit Awards Summary lists the number of new ranks, merit badges, and awards by name as a shopping list.
• Advancement Update Summary lists any ranks, merit badges, and awards that were already in the member record and were updated online.

The council will provide each unit with a unit ID, and the unit will assign an adult to record advancements. Ranks must be recorded based on the rank identification and in the correct rank and date sequence. Only the Eagle Scout rank cannot be awarded by this process. Awards to be entered will not include nominated awards, such as those for meritorious action, and awards that are controlled by other organizations, even if approved for uniform wear. As BSA policies for rank entry are enforced, what units enter will meet these requirements.

There will be a link to the Internet Advancement help on the Pine Tree Council Web site, and there will also be a Frequently Asked Questions link on the Internet Advancement site and these should be reviewed. Watch for this site coming soon to the council website.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the Pine Tree Council office and we’ll be glad to help you out.

Come to the roundtables for an orientation to learn more about Internet Advancement.

Welcome New District Advancement Chair

The Kennebec Valley District would like to welcome Luanne Chesley as our new District Advancement Chair. Luanne has been a member of the Advancement Committee for many years, as well as being our District Popcorn Kernel. We welcome Luanne into her new position of service. Luanne’s contact information can be found on the District Website (www.KV-Scouts.org).

Roundtable

District Roundtables will continue to be held at the Mountain Top View church in Oakland, from 7 to 9 pm on the Second Wednesday of each month except July and August. Roundtables in the Strong area will be held at the Strong School on the third Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, September, and November) from 7 to 8 pm. For more information, please contact Mathew Randall or visit the District Website.

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Program Launch & Popcorn Kickoff

The District will be holding its annual Program Launch and Popcorn Sale Kick-Off on August 9th from 5 to 8 pm. Food will be provided. Please arrive with your school night recruiting date and FOS presentation date for our records in 2007. Location will be announced at the May Roundtable and posted on our website. If you can only make one meeting a year — this is the one to make. The popcorn sale, upcoming events, calendar, program information, answers to questions, and much more will be all touched upon.

Congratulations

The Kennebec Valley District would like to congratulate Scott Adams of Troop 479 and James Nirza of Troop 647 for being the first volunteers to receive the William D Boyce New Unit Organizer Award for the district and the Pine Tree Council. Thanks to their efforts, two towns now have new scout units and engaged youth.

Welcome

The Kennebec Valley District would like to welcome Amy Cote, nominated by Melanie Pellerin, Jo Anne Brown, Stacey Turner, Heidi Tolman, Rick Merrill, Earl Stevens, Stacy Blier, Donna Brown, Mary Jane Vachon, James Nirza, Laird Stinson, Jeff Howatt, Scott Davidson, Mark Mitchell, and Jeff Jones as Cubmasters or Scoutmasters for the 2006 – 2007 year. This is the one to make. The popcorn sale, upcoming events, calendar, program information, answers to questions, and much more will all be up to date.

Day Camp Volunteers

We are looking for people who want to help out with Cub Scout Day Camps this year. The Union Day Camp will be July 10-14, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 17-21. Anyone who volunteers for the week at a day camp can have one son attend for $10. For more information contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

FunPack Weekend Volunteers

The Day Camp will be coordinating the FunPack Weekend on August 5 & 6 at Camp Hinds in Raymond. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

Popcorn Kickoff

The popcorn kickoff will be August 17, there will be more information at Roundtable and in the Beacon.
Casco Bay District News (continued)

going to have the time of their lives. As always, the district needs volunteers to come and lend a hand at camp for the week and help us run our programs. Anyone who is willing to volunteer for the week at camp may register his or her son for the bargain price of $10. Don’t miss out on the experience of traveling the world in search of Akela this summer! Any questions should be directed to the following:

MacWorth Island (Falmouth) - Missy Bell - 839-8421
Camp Hinds (Raymond) - Kathleen Durost - 892-7516
Pine Tree Council - Jonathan Widmark - 797-5252 ext. 23

POPCORN KICKOFF

It’s that time of year again! The annual district popcorn kickoff is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th at Beebridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough. This event is for the individual unit kernels to learn about all the new and exciting products and incentives associated with this year’s sale. Tickets to the race on the 12th will be provided to the Unit Kernels, plus three guests. Why have multiple fundraisers when a successful popcorn sale can cover all your program needs? For more information, contact District Kernel, Bristol Hazeiwood, at 885-5943 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252, ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org.

DISTRICT DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT!
The Casco Bay District will be holding a district dinner on Sunday, August 27th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. All district Scouters and their families are invited to attend. We will be announcing this year’s District Award of Merit recipients, as well as honoring other distinguished Scouters. Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to get together with fellow Scouters and their families to relax, have fun, and acknowledge each others contributions to Scouting. In addition, this year we will be complimenting our usual program with an array of family fun activities for all Scouters and their families to participate. Registration forms are available at the Pine Tree Council. Any questions should be directed to Peter Curran at 655-3484 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

RACE INTO SCOUTING 2006!
This year’s Race to Scouting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 21st. Please take some time and set aside some extra time for your unit meetings and make this date work best for your unit, as well as determining where you will be holding your sign-up night. Try to choose public places that most members of your communities will be familiar with, like schools or recreational centers. Also, you might want to coordinate with other units in your community to centralize your recruitment efforts and offer a combined one- night sign-up. Let’s start the planning process now and make this a record year for sign-ups so that we can offer our programs to more kids than ever and make an even greater impact when they transition to Boy Scouting. For more information, contact Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252, ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org.

Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont. As in 2006, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The contingent will be comprised of scouts and scouters aged 14 through 21, with the exception of those participating in the Order of the Arrow, who must be at least 18 years of age, and the Order of the Arrow, which has the requirement that at least 25% of the contingent will be at least 18 years of age. The contingent will consist of scouts and scouters who have attended at least one week of summer camp at a Pine Tree Council camp in the last three years, and who have completed at least one Citizenship in the World award. The contingent will be selected based on a combination of factors, including the ability of the scout or scouter to make the financial commitment of $1,000.00, the ability of the scout or scouter to perform the physical requirements of the Philmont trek, and the ability of the scout or scouter to participate in the activities of the Philmont trek.

Boy Scout Camping

Boy Scouts — Are you signed up for camp yet? Join us for a great week of camping with advancement opportunities and fun!

2006 CAMP HINDS Boy Scout Resident Camp

DATES & PROGRAMS

July 2 - 7   WEEK 1
Troop & Provisional Camping Trail To Eagle* High Adventure Treks

July 9 - 14   WEEK 2
Troop & Provisional Camping CIT Session 1- runs for 3 weeks

July 16 - 21   WEEK 3
Troop & Provisional Camping High Adventure Treks

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2007

As in 2006, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and scouts to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2007. We will be sending 24 participants including leaders on the trek from June 29-July 11, 2007. Participants must be in good physical shape and at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2007. Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. A deposit of $100.00 per person is required to secure a reservation for this trek. Spaces are still available. The crew may be reduced in number depending on the early response of trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcrest, PCT Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

PTC Scout named America’s “Young Birder of the Year”

What would it take to see over 400 different species of birds? Ten Years? A Lifetime? First Class Scout Luke Seitz, a resident of Falmouth, has seen 439 different species in just six years of birding all around the country. As a result of his passion and artistic abilities, Luke was the recipient of the American Birding Association’s Young Birder of the Year Award for 2005.

Pine Spills

Summer 2006 www.pinetrebsa.org

TOOLKIT

www.thescoutzone.org

invite a friend requirement, first class

Scouts can now invite friends to join Scouting electronically! This is possible because of a new feature called the e-card, available to Scouts and leaders, on the www.thescoutzone.org website. This fun and easy activity will help a Scout complete the new First Class requirement that states he must invite a friend to a Troop meeting or activity. Please share this with people in your Unit. Go to www.thescoutzone.org and click on “Tell a Friend”. Follow the instructions. For more information please call your District Executive.
Welcome to Mike King

We would like to give a warm welcome to Mike King, the new Assistant Scout Shop Manager, for the Pine Tree Council. Mike has been involved in both Boy Scouting and Cub Scouting as a volunteer leader, has served on the Casco Bay District Committee, and most recently served on the Pine Tree Council Executive Board. We are very lucky to have Mike as a part of our team at the Pine Tree Council. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him in the Scout Shop.

2006 Trails End Popcorn Sale

The 2006 Trails End Popcorn Sale has some exciting changes for 2006, and your unit will not want to miss out. The incentive program has improved, the prize program is as good as ever, and we still have the same great product mix to sell.

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

Once again, take advantage of the following incentives for your unit:

- 32% commission for Units
- New Units (Units that did not sell in 2005) receive an additional 2% bonus
- $10 in Scout Bucks for EVERY take-order form completely filled out (Unit Kernel must sign off on each one)
- Over and Above incentive
- Packs & Troops can choose extra 5% profit over prize program
- Every Scout that sells $1,500 will receive $50 in Scout Bucks or a BSA, Wal-Mart, Toys-R-Us, Games and Gadgets, or Coleman gift card
- Every Scout that sells over $2,500 will be entered into the scholarship program (6% of gross sales will be credited to Scholarship account)
- National Fill Up Order Form Incentive - Each Scout that completely fills up 1 take-order form will receive a commemorative patch and certificate
- The top seller in each district will receive a $100 LL Bean gift certificate

What’s New?

- Every youth that fills out an entire take-order sheet and sends it in by the deadline will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following prizes:
  - Function Outdoor Pocket Knife
  - 18 in 1 Multi Purpose Survival Kit
  - Bushnell Power 8x21 Binocular
  - Tradeworthy 3 Man Dome Tent
  - Motorola 2-Way Radio Pair Rechargeable
  - 5-Mile Range
  - Timex Digital Compass Watch
  - Meade Type Polaris Telescope
  - Mongoose Electric Scooter

Be on the lookout for a mailing with further details.

Important Popcorn Sales Dates:

- August 25: Show-N-Sell orders due at the PTC Service Center
- August 25 - October 20: Take-Order sale
- September 9 - October 15: Show-N-Sell sale
- October 16 - 20: Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline
- October 27: Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC
- November 3: Payment due for early-pay bonus of 2% for Show-N-Sell
- November 11: Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- November 17: Additional orders due
- December 1: All money due & accounts settled

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Jason Agren, Council Scout Shop Program Director, at 797-5252, ext. 23.

Abnaki District News

QUALITY PERFORMANCE

I want to thank all of the unit leaders and district volunteers who helped us achieve the Quality District Award for 2005, our second consecutive. Because of our efforts, we were able to have growth in membership in all programs, provide excellent district programming and make our financial goals. Great work everyone!

FALL RECRUITMENT

We will soon begin looking for Fall recruitment dates. This year’s sign-up campaign will be on September 19th and 21st. We will need your location, date, time, contact name and phone number.

TIGER DAY

We will be having our annual Tiger Day on Saturday, May 13th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. Current Tiger Cubs and their Adult Partners are invited to a one-day camp just for them! Registration is $12 for the cub and the partner. Additional family members can come and participate for an extra $6. Any family member who comes just to watch or help out is free.

SPRING CAMPOREE

We will be having our Spring Camporee in Duxford from Friday, May 19th-21st to Sunday, May 21st. Registration is $5 per Scout and Leader.

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.

FUN PACK WEEKEND

Abnaki District is looking for adults and Boy Scouts (13 or older) to come help out during our weekend to host Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds on Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th. If you are interested please contact our district coordinator Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614.

DAY CAMP

Our Director and Program Director for 2006 will be Scott Verrill of Pack 532 and Heather Clark of Pack 153. If you would like to volunteer for staff, please contact Scott at 597-3035.

PROGRAM LAUNCH AND KICK-OFF

We will only be having one Program Launch this year, and it will be on August 23. Look for information to come out before summer.

SCOUT NIGHT AT OXFORD PLAINS

On Saturday, June 17th, Oxford Plains Speedway in Oxford will be hosting a Scout Night at their Weekly Racing Series. All Scouts and Scout leaders that come in uniform will be admitted for free. (Family members will be charged the standard admission fee of $10).

The Weekly Racing Series includes the following racing divisions: Oxford Networks Pro Stock, Lee Auto Mall Late Models, Limited Sportsman, Strictly Stock and Mini-Stock. The gates open for admission at 5:30 p.m. and racing is set to begin at 6:30pm and is expected to last until about 10pm. Parking is free. Directions from the Maine Turnpike are as follows: Take Exit 63 (Gray), Turn Right off exit, Turn Left onto Route 26 North, Follow Route 26 for approx. 23 miles. Speedway is on the right.

Come out to enjoy a night of racing, and help us fill that raceway with blue, tan, yellow and green uniforms!

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DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Casco Bay District will be hosting two weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp this year. The first week will be at MacWorth Island in Falmouth from July 24th through July 28th. The second week will be at Camp Hinds in Raymond from July 31st through August 4th. This year’s theme is “Where in the World is Akela?“ and there is no question that the kids are not missing out on the fun and excitement. Any questions should be directed to Paul Conley at 865-3421 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252, ext. 23.
COUNCIL NEWS

For those of you that have not visited the Pine Tree Council website, you do not know what you have been missing. The website, www.pinetreebsa.org, is filled with event and activity updates, program ideas, numerous scouting website links, and all the forms you will ever need. In 2004, the Pine Tree Council website was chosen, out of 258 entries, as one of six websites to earn the National President’s Award for Marketing Excellence from the National Council. Special thanks and accolades go to Matt Dubois, the volunteer council Webmaster, for his hard work and dedication to the website. Matt has helped the website get to where it is today. The website has helped hundreds of volunteer scouts deliver a better Scouting program to their units.

Pine Tree Council Website

News from Madockawanda Lodge 271

• 34 Brothers from Madockawanda Lodge will be attending the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University during the week of July 29th to August 3rd. The contingent, led by Lodge Chief Dan Warner and NOAC Committee Chairman Noah Lemire will actually spend a couple of days in Chicago in advance of NOAC adding a bit of Midwest flavor to the trip. Then it’s an afternoon Amtrak ride to East Lansing where approximately 8,000 Brothers are expected to attend. This year’s group represents the largest contingent sent to East Lansing where approximately 8,000 Brothers are expected to attend. This year’s group represents the largest contingent sent.

• Ten members from our lodge, led by contingent leader Phil Tschereau recently represented Maine and the Order by attending the 44th Annual West Point Scoutmaster’s Camporee held on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Look for the follow-up story in the July-October issue of Turtle Soup!

• For those new Ordeal members, please remember that Brotherhood Conversion Ceremonies will be held at both Spring Ordeal weekends at Camp Hinds on June 3rd and June 17th. Also, if you are attending summer camp, please remember that you can also seal your brotherhood membership in the Order every Thursday night at Camp Hinds.

• Speaking of Summer Camp, the OA Service Hour will again take place every Thursday during the 2006 summer camp season. This is an opportunity to spend approximately one hour in “cheerful service” and to help camp staff with service projects designed to keep Camp Hinds in “tip top” shape during the summer camp season. Participants receive the 2006 edition of the Service Hour patch (the eight in this series), fellowship, and the great feeling that volunteering brings to your self esteem. Honestly, is there a better way to spend a great evening on the shores of Panther Pond?

• And, finally, if you know of a brother who hasn’t paid their 2006 dues yet, please encourage them to register. Membership has its advantages, including mailings of the lodge newsletter, Turtle Soup, and regular updates on special Lodge, Section, and National Order of the Arrow events. Dues coupons are available on the lodge website: http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org.

The Turtle Speaks

Pine Spills

2006 PTC Distinguished Citizen

We would like to congratulate Keith Burkley, Division President, Time Warner Cable of New England, for being selected as the 2006 recipient of the Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen Award (DCAD).

The DCAD is an annual event sponsored by the Pine Tree Council, to honor an outstanding individual or business. The event promotes dynamic community partnerships that exist between Scouting and area businesses. The dinner serves to showcase the contributions of the honoree to the local community as well as promote public awareness of the Scouting program. The Pine Tree Council is honored to haveKeith Burkley as this year’s recipient.

The event will be held on September 6, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay.

Don’t miss out on this exclusive, Scouts & family members ONLY, opportunity to camp out at Hadlock Field. Please wear your Scouting uniform!

Tickets for the event are $20 per person. Each ticket includes:

• Admission to the game – Sea Dogs vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats
• Movie after the game on the Ford Board (Jumbotron). Movie being shown is Angels in the Outfield
• Overnight on the field!!!
• Special Event Patch including the PTC and Sea Dogs logo
• Scout families should enter the game at the special Scout entrance at the end of the handicap parking lot. Only families with tickets purchased through the Pine Tree Council will be allowed in this entrance. Late arrivals should check in with the information desk inside the front entrance. After the game, Scouts will be allowed 30 minutes to collect overnight camping equipment from vehicles. Tents are welcome but cannot be staked into the ground! We must keep the field in top shape! No outside food or drink will be allowed into the stadium. Concessions will be open until 12:00AM. Three light towers will remain lit throughout the night with bathroom facilities remaining open.

Each youth must be supervised by an adult, guardian, or Scout Leader. Tickets are available ONLY through the Pine Tree Council. There is no rain date for this event. (There will be no refunds in the event of a rain-out.) Tickets may be exchanged per the Sea Dogs rain policy. If you have questions, please call 207-797-5252 ext. 10. Be on the look-out for a sign-up mailer being sent to all registered youth. There are a limited number of tickets for this event and they are on a first come first served basis only!! Sign up early! No phone orders will be taken.

FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

Once again the Pine Tree Council will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. The prices for the 2006 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass $17.00
Splashtown Pass $14.00
Combination Pass $22.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center May 1 through September 1, 2006. As with last year’s tickets sale, these tickets can used anytime during the 2006 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252, ext. 10.
Welcome to Steve Saucier

Steve joined the Pine Tree Council as the District Executive of Downeast District in January of this year. Steve is currently serving as President of the Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited and is also going to be certified to instruct on our COPE course at Camp Hinds. He currently lives in Biddeford, but hopes to move into the downeast district by this summer.

Steve's email is ssaucier@bsamail.org and his phone number is 797-5252, ext. 28. Please extend a warm welcome to Steve as he makes the rounds at district and council events.

Congratulations to our 2006 Silver Beaver Award Recipients!

The Pine Tree Council, acting through the National Court of Honor, has awarded the Silver Beaver Award to seven volunteers. The Silver Beaver Award is presented in recognition of “noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth.” It is the highest award, at the council level, that may be presented to a volunteer. This year’s recipients of the Silver Beaver Award are:

We thank each of you for your outstanding commitment and distinguished service to our youth!

Scoutreach in the News

Many people hear about the Scoutreach program but don’t know any more than that. This program is set up to help youth that need the scouting program and just would not get it if the program wasn’t provided and organized by the Pine Tree Council.

Tom Morris, Steve Adler, and Mary Jane Vachon serve Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Augusta to Saco each week as our program specialists. We have formed collaborative efforts with YMCA’s, housing complexes, and after school groups to let kids learn about the scouting program. If you would like to help, let the Pine Tree Council know and we will relay that information to our program specialists.

Bill Niss Museum at Pine Tree Council

Have you visited the “Bill Niss Museum” at Pine Tree Council? Many donations of Scouting books, patches and memorabilia, along with the history of the Pine Tree Council, recorded in many photographs, is on display at the Scout Museum located at the Cananette Scout Service Center, the PTC headquarters in Portland. We are very lucky to have this space to preserve our history and pass it along. Many donations of uniforms, Scoutingsouth,