Every youth deserves a trained leader
Train the Trainer

Our re-chartering time is now at hand in some districts and rapidly approaching in the others. Assisting with re-charter training is one of the most important services that we as commissioners can offer to the units that we service. We must make sure that we all work as a team to assure that every unit gets their re-chartering paper work on time and then follow up to assure an on time re-charter by every unit. Again this year Pine Tree Council will be offering the choice of re-chartering on line. Last year approximately 40% of our units took advantage of the on line process and the reports were overwhelmingly in favor of using the on line option as opposed to the paper option. I would urge all the unit leaders and all the units that they service and assist them in using the on line option. Please be vigilant in making sure that all units that qualify for “Quality Unit” status completes the Quality Unit paperwork and submits it with their charters.

Another critical service offered by the commissioning staff is to work with trained leaders understand the why's and hows of the program, know how to use available resources, have more confidence in carrying out their responsibilities, and along with the youth, have more fun.

If you, or other leaders in your unit, have not attended the appropriate trainings, please make sure that you sign-up right away! Every youth deserves a trained leader!

Sincerely,

Paul Spellman
Pine Tree Council President

Camp Hinds has Opening for Provisional Scoutmasters

Would you like to get out of the house this summer and hang out in Wilderness Campsite by the Tenney River while being able to stay in your own cabin? We’re looking for Scouters to help oversee our Provisional Camping Unit. Camp Hinds is located in Raymond and runs 7 weeks of programming. Each week runs Sunday through Friday and preference is given to Scouters who are able to work a minimum of two weeks. Provisional Scoutmasters must be at least 21 years of age and be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The Provo Scoutmaster falls under the supervision of the Camp Director and is responsible for overseeing the Scouts in our Provisional Troop. We will have training for the Provisional Scoutmasters before camp opens.

Camp is located on scenic Panther Pond and offers activities like boating, swimming, shooting sports, nature and more! Bring your Boy Scout or Cub Scout and receive a weekly stipend plus, a relaxing week away & a chance to help your community!

For a staff application contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33 or mmower@bsabmail.org

OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Summer Camp Staff WANTED

Camp Hinds is looking for motivated and high-energy individuals with a love for teaching and the outdoors! Are you interested in spending your summer away from home, teaching scout skills, making new friends and memories of a lifetime while earning a paycheck? Then give us a call!

Positions are available for youth age 16 and up, adults and even retirees! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more. The high adventure programs at Camp Hinds are looking for trek guides at least 21 years old with a strong outdoor background and junior guides age 18 and older. Camp Staff applications can be downloaded from our web site: www.pinetreebsa.org or contact Matt Mower, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 33 or email mmower@bsabmail.org

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2007

As in 2006, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Chimarron, 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 be 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.

21st World Scout Jamboree

Activities of the Jamboree will center on the key elements of Scouting, the Provo Scoutmaster falls under the supervision of the Camp Director and is responsible for overseeing the Scouts in our Provisional Troop. We will have training for the Provisional Scoutmasters before camp opens.

Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting at the Jamboree of the Scouting movement! The 21st World Scout Jamboree will take place at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, England from July 27 until August 8, 2007. The Boy Scouts of America will participate with Scouts from Pine Tree Council joining with the Northeast Regions contingent troops to attend! Openings are now available for Boy Scouts and Venturers who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 years old at the time of the Jamboree! Adults may volunteer to serve on staff as part of the International Service Team or as a contingent leader!

For more jamboree information call, Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email PTC’s World Jamboree Chairman, Dave Sinclair at scout356@earthlink.net

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 by 4/20/06 to secure a reservation for this trek. After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilezart, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.
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admittance to the Academy.
Courses at last year’s academy included: Police and the Public, Search & Seizure, Criminal Law, Traffic
Direction & Control, Motor Vehicle Law, Admissions
and Confessions, Courtroom Procedure, Laws of Arrest,
Details, Drill & Ceremony, Crash Scene Investigation
and much, much more.
The point of contact for applications is Michael Dyer.
He can be reached by calling 797-5770 or through email
at midyer@lflmail.org.

PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION AUCTION
AND BENEFIT
Learning for Life is looking forward to another successful
and fun Auction and Benefit to support the Learning for
Life/Exploring Division. This year’s auction will be held
at the Pavilion in Portland’s Old Port. The auction will
be held the evening of Thursday, 18 May, 2006. We hope
that you mark this date on this calendar. If you would be
interested in attending and/or donating an item to
this auction please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or
email him at midyer@lflmail.org.

EXPLORING CLASSES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING (UOS)
This year’s University of Scouting event will be held on
Saturday, March 25th on the campus of Central Maine
Community College. The number of classes that directly
address Exploring issues has been expanded. Paul
Conley is the Dean of Exploring/Venturing for this year’s
University of Scouting. The UOS is a training event for
adult committee members and advisors. It is a great forum
to exchange ideas, gain insight, and develop strategies in
support of post operations. We invite all advisors and
post committee members to participate in this excellent
educational forum. I will be emailing and contacting
each post advisor encouraging them to participate in this
training opportunity. If you would like additional
information regarding this effort, Paul can be reached at
Peonley14@soscomm-me.net or you can call Michael
Dyer at 797-5770 or email him at midyer@lflmail.org.

LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS
Learning for Life is creating a speaker bureau. We are
looking for professionals that would be willing to visit
a school once or twice during a school year to share
their career specialty with students. If you are a
builder, nurse, teacher, architect, attorney, photographer,
dancer, etc. and could offer support to this program it
would be greatly appreciated. This program supports
the State of Maine Learning Results, No Child Left
Behind, School-to-Careers and Character Education
initiatives in the State of Maine. Please call 797-5770
or email midyer@lflmail.org so that we can add your
profession to our speaker bureau list. Thank you for your
volunteering!

Retention of Scouts in your Unit
With unit re-charters being done this spring
comes the realization that we will be crossing
off Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from the charter
paperwork. Please make sure that as a leader
you have taken the time to invite all Scouts to
participate for the upcoming year. Don’t assume
that a Scout has left the program just because he
has missed a few meetings.
There may be a bigger concern with boring
den meetings or the boy doesn’t feel that he fits
in with the group. There may be problems that you
won’t know about unless you ask.
Make sure that you call your scouts and
personally invite them to return for this upcoming
year because Scouting is all year round and each
family needs to know that we will always be
here.

Unit Re-chartering
It is time to re-charter your unit with the Pine
Tree Council. Last year was the first opportunity
to do the on-line re-charter. Over 40% of all
units in the Pine Tree Council used the on-line
process and it worked great. Please consider
using the on-line re-charter to help the process
run smoother and quicker. You should have
received directions in your re-charter packet of
how to complete the paperwork on-line.

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!
Join us for a Funpack Weekend, an overnight
camping experience, for parents to enjoy the
outdoors with their Cub!

2006 Funpack Dates At Camp Hinds:
July 8 & 9 July 29 & 30
July 15 & 16 Aug 5 & 6
July 22 & 23 Aug 12 & 13

FunPack Weekend fee is $20 per person.

2006 Webelos Schedule 4 Day Resident Camp
Session 1 Aug. 13 – 16
Session 2 Aug. 16 – 19

Webelos Camp Fee $150.00

More Cub Camping Information and Registration forms will be mailed to all Cub Scouts and are available on the PTC web site at www.pinetreebsa.org

Cub Scout Activity Award
Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boys receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders are encouraged to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year. The requirements for the award are rank specific and details on the award can be found on www.pinetreebsa.org or by calling your District Executive at Pine Tree Council.

Cub Camping Patch Contest
Calling all Cub Scouts! Do you like to draw? Here’s your chance to design the patch to be used this summer for Day Camp or FunPack Weekends! Draw your idea for a cool camp patch using the summer theme of the “Race Around the World.” The winning patch artist will receive $50.00 in Scout Bucks! Scout Bucks can be used for summer camp or at the Scout Store in Portland!

Some contest rules:
- Designs must use the “Race Around the World” theme!
- Artist must be a Cub Scout!
- Can be in black & white or color
- Patch design can be any size up to 8” x 10”
- Don’t worry about any words or lettering- they will be added!
- Entries must be received by April 20, 2006

Send designs to: Pine Tree Council, Attn: Cub Camping Patch Contest 131 Johnson Rd, Portland, ME 04102
New First Class Requirement

Scouts beginning their First Class Requirement after January 1, 2006, must complete the following requirement: “Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your Troop’s activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active.”

All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tools that young Scouts can use to assist them in completing this requirement.

Camp Hinds Summer Camp

2006 Dates & Programs

July 2 - 7 WEEK 1
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
Trail To Eagle Advancement Week
High Adventure Trek Programs

July 9 - 14 WEEK 2
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 2-4

July 16 - 21 WEEK 3
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
High Adventure Trek Programs
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 2-4

July 23 - 28 WEEK 4
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 2-4

July 30 - Aug. 4 WEEK 5
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 5 - 7
High Adventure Trek Programs

Aug. 6 - 11 WEEK 6
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 5 - 7

Aug. 13 – 19 WEEK 7
Webelos Resident Camp Session 1 & 2
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running
Weeks 5 - 7

Older Scouts, Explorer & Venture Crews
Are you looking for something different this summer? Are you ready to break away from your troops traditional week at a camp?

Are you ready to Trek???
Try a week of High Adventure Treks with opportunities of 50 Mile Wilderness Canoe Treks or Sea Kayaking off the coast of Maine!

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2006 Camp Hinds CD on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14.

York District News

FRIEnDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scoutingers and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2005 will be available again in 2006. Over $1,600.00 went back to York District units in 2005. 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.

KLONDIKE DERBY 2006

Mark Saturday, February 4, 2006 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby. The location for the Klondike Derby will be somewhere in York County. This will be a serious sledding event in the woods of York District and will focus on the Scouting Stove. This will be Dave Wade’s (AKA Klondike Pete) 20th year organizing the event and you can be sure his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. More information will be available at the January 2006 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2907 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike Derby is Saturday, February 11, 2006.

ATTENTION ALL PACKS AND TROOPS
As it has been in the past, all troops 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 this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and so that we do not lose track of any of the charters. Re-chartering in 2006 is also available to do on-line via the Pine Tree Council website. You will need an access code number in order to go on-line and is included in your re-charter packet. In 2005, 57% (down from 73% in 2004) of the units in York District were Quality Units. If you work with the Commissioner staff so we can raise our percentage to 80%+. If you use a Packmaster or Troopmaster software program, please submit your roster information on a floppy disc with your re-charter. It will make the data entry easier for the registration office. If you have any questions about your charter please call Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668. Remember OTTO!!! (On Time charter, Two Deep Leadership, Trained Leadership, Outdoor Program).

YORK DISTRICT CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2006
Mark July 10-14 and 17-21, 2006 on your calendars as the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The theme for 2006 is “Around the World.” In 2005, 190 Cub Scouts and more than 75 volunteer leaders participated in the York District Cub Scout Day Camp Program. Where else can Scouts do crafts, cook, earn BB & Archery recognition, learn about nature and swim in a safe environment with 100 other Scouts? If you help with day camp, your scout’s fee will be reduced for the first scout. For more information, please contact our Day Camp Director Diana Vermette at 324-2582 or 4vermette@msn.com.

NEW YORK DISTRICT APPOINTMENT
York District would like to welcome a new member to our district staff for 2006. He is Bruce Theriault, Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Chairman. Bruce has a great deal of scouting experience to bring to our district’s adventure programming in York District. If you have thoughts or concerns about the York District or PTC Camping Program or would like to join the committee, please see Bruce and he can bring your concerns to the York District Committee or the PTC Camping and Outdoor Program Committee.

YORK DISTRICT PINewood DERBY
Gentlemen, start your engines. The York District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the Noble Middle School on Cranberry Meadow Road in Berwick, ME. Pack 313 of Berwick, ME is running the race for the District. Pre-registration is scheduled for Friday night, April 14, 2006. Cost for each participant is $6.00 per scout. Top three Cub Scouts per Cub Scout Pack can represent their unit in the district derby. The rules for the race were sent out in December to all the leaders in York District. For more information, please contact Scott Valscort at sav@unh.edu. The York District Pinewood Derby Rules are also listed on the York District website, www.yorkdistrict.org.

Exploring/LFL District News

2006 MAINE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER ACADEMY

The 2006 Maine Law Enforcement Explorer Academy date has been set. The Academy will run for a week at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. The academy dates are 26 through 30 June. While this is primarily an Explorer event, all young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 are encouraged to apply to attend this academy. We realize that many Scouts are interested in military service, law enforcement and public safety -- we encourage any Scout that is seriously considering a career in any of these areas to apply for
The Downeast District Chairman District Commissioner District Executive help each unit buy supplies needed to help their youth. Be her dedication and help we were able to raise funds that will give them the knowledge they need to run the troop?

KlonDIKe Derby

The Downeast KlonDIke Derby will be held at the Owls Head Transportation Museum on Saturday, January 28th. We need help from every unit attending to make sure that things run smoothly. Please contact Duane Havard if your unit can help run a station at 797-5252 ext 25 or email d Havard@bluewire.com. Plan to attend the January Roundtable for final details.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Kennebec Valley District would like to say “thank you” to Chip Clary for 3 years service as the Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Chairman. Chip will now be assisting Lynn Corson as the Assistant District Commissioner. We would like to welcome Leslie Ellis as the new Family Campaign Chairman. Chip will now be assisting Leslie and her team to come in and visit your unit.

Webelos Cross Overs and Spring Recruit

The key to successful scouting is growth. If you are a troop, you need to contact your local pack and make arrangements to visit their Blue and Gold Banquet. If you are a pack, contact your troop and invite them to visit your meetings. We want to see each and every boy who reaches the level of Second Year Webelos cross over into a Boy Scout Troop.

Keep in mind that Spring Time is the Right Time to hold a recruiting event. Contact Rick Lees or Matt Randall for help (KV-Scouts.org or 797-5252 x27).

ROUNDABLES

The Roundtable Location has changed. It is no longer at the Winslow High School. Kennebec Valley Roundtables will still be on the second Wednesday of each month, but they will be held at the Mountain Top Church on High Street, in Oakland. Please contact Charles Matthews or Scott Beriner for further information (KV-Scouts.org or 797-5252 x27). Please remember – if school is canceled, Roundtable is canceled.

KlonDIke Derby

January 28th and 29th will be the 2006 KlonDIke Derby for the Kennebec Valley, hosted by Troop 479 and held at the China Middle School. Please make sure you pre-register your unit in order to participate. The KlonDIke Derby is a wonderful event and well worth attending. For more information, please visit KV-Scouts.org or call Scott Adams at 968-2787.

National Youth Leadership Training

The Pine Tree Council will be hosting the newly developed National Youth Leadership Training (formerly Junior Leader Training) from August 6th – 12th at Camp KIV in Freeport. NYLT is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop?

Course Objectives:

• Teach participants the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW and what he must DO.

• Teach participants leadership elements with a clear focus on the HOW TO.

• Guide the participants through the 4 stages of team development Forming/Storming/Norming/Performing

• Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.

• Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law

• Experience Scouting at its finest.

The course models a month in the life of a troop – three meetings (one each day for the first three days) all leading up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp). The course uses the patrol method and presents model Patrol Leader Council meetings. Patrols are challenged early in the week to present to the troop at the end of the week their “Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.” While the challenge is designed to have them go through the four stages of team development, it will help patrols and individual Scouts internalize the leadership skills and concepts presented to them along the way. Throughout the course, the staff will be modeling the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of each session is not only knowledge, but also giving the youth a “feel” of what Scouting is all about.

Scoutsmasters, your Scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win win for you, for them and for your Troop!

Registration forms are available on the PTC web site at www.pinetreebsa.org and for more information call NYLT Scoutsmaster Dave Sniar at 646-2394 or email scot356@earthlink.net.

Winter Camp 2006

Winter Camp 2006 is a week-long resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least first class rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in snow igloos (snow shelters), along with snowboarding and cross-country skiing. A variety of merit badges will be offered ranging from winter sports to woodworking to wilderness survival in the winter.

Join Winter Camp Scoutsmaster Matt Randall, and his staff for a great week of fun! Cost for Winter Camp is $220.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited! What a great way to spend school vacation! Download the registration form from our web site and send it in to Pine Tree Council with your $25 registration fee.
**Operation – Fly 1st Class**

April 19 - 22, 2006

**The Turtle Speaks**

The Lodge held a very successful Lodge Leadership and Development weekend at the Bog Brook Training facility in Gilead during the weekend of October 28-30, 2005. Over 80 Brothers attended the weekend, which included sessions on chapter leadership and activities including tradition and ceremonies. After a great evening show put on by our former officers, Sunday morning brought the Annual Business Meeting and election of officials for 2006. Congratulations go out to our new officers for 2006! Dan Warner of Abnaki Chapter was elected to a full term as Lodge chief, recently taking over when Paul Froman was elected Section Chief, while Aaron Wiggin of K-Valley Chapter was newly elected as Vice Chief. Tom Kester, also of Abnaki Chapter was re-elected to a second term as Lodge Secretary, while Andrew Rueger of K-Valley Chapter was elected as Lodge Treasurer. Congratulations to all!

*Due to an inclement from the national office, the lodge membership also voted to increase dues for 2006 to $10. However, if you don’t pay your dues prior to December 31, 2005, the 3 late fee applies and dues are now $15, so please remember to pay your dues for the lodge. A dues coupon was mailed to all active brothers in the November-December issue of *Turtle Soup*, and a coupon can be found on the downloads page of the Lodge Website: www.pinetreesba.org/lodge. Please keep the Order and the lodge strong in Pine Tree Council, since paying your dues is the single most important task you can do as a member of the Order.*

**Council in Training Program**

Pine Tree Council offers a CIT program for interested Scouts, 15 years old, at Camp Hinds that will introduce them to life at camp as a staff member. The course encompases 3 weeks of the summer, and requires the candidates to work and live with their 15-16 year old counterparts. The CIT program will gain valuable on the job training in the program areas of camp, practical experience in leadership, communication, teaching, camping etiquette, basic counseling, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

While taking the program, Scouts will be able to participate in parts of the camp program & earn Merit Badges, as well as visit the many areas of camp. Scouts who complete this program will be eligible to apply for staff positions the year following their CIT experience. Cost of program is $100.

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To apply for the CIT program, fill out a Pine Tree Council Staff Application. Staff positions are available by calling CIT at 797-5252 ext. 14, on the web site www.pinetreesba.org or on the 2006 Camp Hinds CD.

**Abnaki District News**

**Friends of Scouting Family Presentations**

You can sign up now for a Friends of Scouting presentation at your next Blue and Gold Dinner, Court of Honor or any other unit functions. Our presentations are brief and give parents and leaders a great opportunity to invest in the Scouting program.

**RE-CHARTER**

For Units that Recharter in December please submit your re-charter as soon as possible so we can keep your units, your boys, and your leaders registered on the books. Please contact your unit commissioner or Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33 if you need any assistance.

**Remembering Jim Keene**

James Keene, who served in a whole host of positions from Troop 111 Scoutmaster to Abnaki District Commissioner, passed away this November. Jim will be greatly missed in Abnaki District and Pine Tree Council. Jim, whose smile was as contagious as his upbeat personality, made many contributions to our camping properties including being the Camp KV Ranger and the designer of OA’s Camp Hinds Waterfront Renovation in 2001. Anybody wishing to send their condolences to the Keene family can do so by sending them to 52 Route 106, Leeds, ME 04263.

**Casco Bay District News**

**District Re-Charter Time**

As winter looms we find ourselves once again reviewing our charters. The majority of Casco Bay units re-charter in January and February so it is important that you contact your Unit Commissioner, District Chairman or District Commissioner to review your charters and to ensure that they are covered by our insurance and that you can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. Also, check out our new Internet re-chartering! If you have any questions regarding the re-charter process feel free to contact District Commissioner, John Hume at 797-2134 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext 23.

**Casco Bay District Pinewood Derby**

The Casco Bay District Pinewood Derby will be held on February 4th at Camp Hinds. This year’s District Pinewood Derby will be held on February 4th at Camp Hinds. The Casco Bay Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be hosting. This year’s theme is "In Search of the Yeti," the first event presented to be a fun filled experience that is sure to test the skills of even the most seasoned Scout. Come and join the expedition team of the Himalayan Zoological Society as they travel to track and capture the mystic Yeti. Any questions should be directed to Paul Conley at 865-9483 or John Trott at 642-2373.

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**Friends of Scouting**

The Friends of Scouting Campaign will be kicked off in January. Our new Chairman, Joe Howes, 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 committees. This is the single most important fundraising endeavor in the District. The Friends of Scouting program will be held on February 10th – 11th, 2006. Please help support these events to help them to date. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please call Joe Howes at 625-3667 or Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext 23.

**KLONDIKE Derby**

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Pine Tree Council 2005 Ski Day Days

The winter months are fast approaching and that means it is almost time to hit the slopes! The Pine Tree Council is happy to announce that we will be offering the ever-popular Ski Day trips for the year 2006. We have once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, Mt. Abram, and Shawnee Peak to offer one-day ski trips which include discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals. Take advantage of these greatly reduced prices and avoid those long ticket lines. We look forward to seeing all of you out on the slopes!

The ski dates for the year 2006 are as follows:

One Day Ski Trips:

Sugarloaf U.S.A.
Sunday, February 26, 2006
Make-up date- Sunday, March 19, 2006

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath Celebrations

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday. The Friday night and Saturday that follow Scouting Anniversary Day are designated as Scout Sabbath. These are the primary days to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

However, religious chartered organizations can celebrate Scouting Anniversary Day in other ways, including designating a different Sunday or Sabbath more acceptable to local clergy. The purpose of a Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath is to strengthen the relationship with faith groups.

When planning a worship service that recognizes Scouting, involve youth members as much as possible. Tasks may include singing, ushering, greeting, praying, or reading. Announce the date far enough in advance to allow all Scouts and Scouters to wear their uniforms.

If you have any additional questions please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 x33.

Scout Scrapbooking Class

Saturday, January 21, 2006
10:00AM-2:00PM
Pine Tree Council Service Center

Are you looking for somewhere to scrapbook? Do you have photos spanning your Scouting years? Come join us for a scrap booking class on Saturday, January 21st. Bring your photos, scrapbooking supplies, and enjoy a few hours of uninterrupted scrapping. If you have never scrapped before, come learn from others, ask questions, and have a great time.

The Scout Shop will be giving every participant a 10% discount on all scrapbooking supplies. The class is limited to 40 people, and it will be filled on a first come-first served basis. To register, please contact Jason Agren at 797-5252 ext-21, or e-mail jagren@bsamail.org.

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Congratulations to all the youth and Units that participated in this year’s popcorn sale. We had another outstanding sale this year, with over $251,000 in commission, prizes, and incentives going back to the Units to help them to continue to offer a quality Scouting program in their community. Thanks to all the parents that helped organize and support the sale with each Unit. Thanks again to the District Kernels, who helped train, inspire, motivate, and inform all Unit volunnters.

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The ski dates for the year 2006 are as follows:

One Day Ski Trips:

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Sunday, February 26, 2006
Make-up date- Sunday, March 19, 2006

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Make-up date for both days- Sunday, March 12, 2006

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

If you have any additional questions please contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 x33.

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath Celebrations

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday. The Friday night and Saturday that follow Scouting Anniversary Day are designated as Scout Sabbath. These are the primary days to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

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Questions??? Call John Trott, Operation 1st Class Assistant Scoutmaster at 642-2373, email trottj@adelphia.net or Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext 14 or email cgosselin@bsaml@gmail.org

The Lodge held a very successful Leadership and Development weekend at the Bog Training facility in Galead during the weekend of October 28-30, 2005. Over 80 Brothers attended the weekend, which included sessions on chapter leadership and activities including bridewalk and ceremonies. After a great evening show put on by our former Scoutmaster, we moved into the Lodge and had an outstanding program. The program will run Wednesday morning, April 19th and run through the afternoon.

The Lodge will be offering a number of opportunities to earn advancement and have a great time! Look for further information in the January-February issue of Turtle Soup and on the council and Lodge web pages.

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**Downeast District News**

**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

As the year winds down the district is working on setting up friends of Scouting presentation dates. Please contact Freda Carpenter at 785-4607 or email carpenters@foceliaribhil.com to schedule your presentation at your unit Court of Honor or Roundtable. The presentation takes 10 minutes and everyone deserves the chance to support the scouting program.

**KLONDIKE DERBY**

The Downeast Klonidke Derby will be held at the Owls Head Transportation Museum on Saturday, January 28th. We need help from each unit attending to make sure that things run smoothly. Please contact Duane Havard if your unit can help run a station at 797-5252 ext 25 or email dhavard@bsamail.org. Plan to attend the January Roundtable for final details.

**PINEWOOD DERBY**

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**K-V Valley Web Address:** www.kvs-teams.org

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**K-Valley District News**

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Scouting does not fund itself – it takes the financial support of each leader to make it a success. Leslie’s can be found on the Kennebec Valley Website. (KV-Scouts.org or 797-5252 x27)

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We would like to say “thank you” to Luanne Chesley and her popcorn team for another wonderful sale. Thanks to her dedication and help we were able to raise funds that will help each unit buy supplies needed to help their youth. Be prepared to sell popcorn in 2006!

**WEBELOS CROSS OVERS AND SPRING RECRUIT**

The key to successful scouting is growth. If you are a troop, you need to contact your local pack and make arrangements to visit their Blue and Gold Banquet. If you are a pack, contact your troop and invite them to visit your meetings. We want to see each and every boy who reaches the level of 1st Class Rank. Trail to Eagle Scouts will also include a service hour to camp in order to participate. These events will be held at the Mountain Top Church, on High Street, in Oakland. Please contact Charles Matthews or Scott Beriner for further information (KV-Scouts.org or 797-5252 x27). Please remember – if school is canceled, Roundtable is canceled.

**KLONDIKE DERBY**

January 28th and 29th will be the 2006 Klonidke Derby for the Kennebec Valley, hosted by Troop 479 and held at the China Middle School. Please make sure you pre-register your unit in order to participate. The Klonidke Derby is a wonderful event and well worth attending. For more information, please visit KV-Scouts.org or call Scott Adams at 968-2787.

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**National Youth Leadership Training**

The Pine Tree Council will be hosting the newly developed National Youth Leadership Training (formerly Junior Leader Training) from August 6th – 12th at Camp KIV in Readfield. NYLT is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop.

Course Objectives:

- Teach participants the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW and what he must DO.
- Teach participants leadership elements with a clear focus on the HOW TO.
- Guide the participants through the 4 stages of team development Forming/Storming/Norming/Performing
- Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.
- Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Experience Scouting at its finest.

The course models a month in the life of a troop – three meetings (one each day for the first three days) all leading up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp). The course uses the patrol method and presents model Patrol Leader Council meetings. Patrols are challenged early in the week to present to the troop at the end of the week their “Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.” While the challenge is designed to have them go through the four stages of team development, it will help patrols and individual Scouts internalize the leadership skills and concepts presented to them along the way. Throughout the course, the staff will be modeling the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of each session is not only knowledge, but also giving the youth a “Toolbox of Skills” that equips them with the “how, the know, and do.”

Scouts, your Scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win win for you, for them, and for your Troop!

Registration forms are available on the PTC web site at www.pinetreebsa.org or for more information call NYLT Scoutmaster, Dave Sinclair at 646-2394 or email scout356@earthlink.net.

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**Winter Camp 2006**

During the deep snows of February school vacation, Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2006 February 19th – 24th at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in quinzees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A variety of merit badges will be offered ranging from winter sports to woodworking to wilderness survival in the winter.

Join Winter Camp Scoutmaster, Matt Randall, and his staff for a great week of fun! Cost for Winter Camp is $220.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited! What a great way to spend school vacation! Download the registration form from our web site and send it into Pine Tree Council with your $25 registration fee.

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** Trait to Eagle Advancement Week**


Scouts can attend Trip to Eagle and stay with their own troop if they attend Week 1 or by coming as a provisional Scout where they will be assigned to a Trip to Eagle Provisional Troop. TTE Provisional Scout applications are available online at www.pinetreebsa.org or on the PTC Camp Hinds CD sent out to all Scoutmasters!
New First Class Requirement

Scouts beginning their First Class Requirement after January 1, 2006, must complete the following requirement: “Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your Troop’s activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active.”

All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tools that young Scouts can use to assist them in completing this requirement.

Camp Hinds Summer Camp
2006 Dates & Programs

July 2 - 7  WEEK 1
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
Trail To Eagle Advancement Week
High Adventure Trek Programs

July 9 - 14  WEEK 2
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4

July 16 - 21  WEEK 3
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
High Adventure Trek Programs
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4

July 23 - 28  WEEK 4
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4

Aug. 6 - 11  WEEK 5
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7

Aug. 13 – 19  WEEK 7
Webelos Resident Camp Session 1 & 2
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7

Older Scouts, Explorer & Venture Crews
Are you looking for something different this summer? Are you ready to break away from your troops traditional week at a camp? Are you ready to Trek???
Try a week of High Adventure Treks with opportunities of 50 Mile Wilderness Canoe Treks or Sea Kayaking off the coast of Maine!

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2006 Camp Hinds CD on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14.

2006 MAINE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER ACADEMY

The 2006 Maine Law Enforcement Explorer Academy date has been set. The Academy will run for a week at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. The academy dates are 26 through 30 June. While this is primarily an Explorer event, all young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 are encouraged to apply to attend this academy. We realize that many Scouts are interested in military service, law enforcement and public safety – we encourage any Scout that is seriously considering a career in any of these areas to apply for

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouts and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2005 will be available again in 2006. Over $1,600.00 went back to York District units in 2005. If you are in York District, you will start at 8:00AM. This will be a serious slotting event in the woods of York District and will focus on the Scouting Stove. This will be Dave Wade’s (AKA Klondi Krete) 20th year organizing the event and you can be sure his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. More information will be available at the January 2006 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2907 for further information. Storm date for the Klondi Krete Derby is Saturday, February 11, 2006.

ATTENTION ALL PACKS AND TROOPS
As it has been in the past, all troops 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 this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and so that we do not loose track of any of the charters. Re-chartering in 2006 is also available to do on-line via the Pine Tree Council website.
You will need an access code number in order to re-charter online and is included in your re-charter packet. In 2005, 57% (down from 73% in 2004) of the units in York District were Quality Units. Work with the Commissioner staff so we can raise our percentage to 80%. If you use a Packmaster or Troopmaster software program, please submit your roster information on a floppy disc with your re-charter. It will make the data entry easier for the registration office. If you have any questions about your charter please call Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668. Remember OTTO® (On Time Order Tracking System) for planning!

FUNDING FOR LIFE
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Exploring/LFL District News (continued)

admittance to the Academy.

Courses at last year’s academy included: Police and
the Public, Search & Seizure, Criminal Law, Traffic
Direction & Control, Motor Vehicle Law, Admissions
and Confessions, Courtroom Procedure, Laws of Arrest,
Details, Drill & Ceremony, Crash Scene Investigation
and much, much more.

The point of contact for applications is Michael Dyer.
He can be reached by calling 797-5770 or through email
at midyer@lflmail.org.

PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION AUCTION
AND BENEFIT

Learning for Life is looking forward to another successful
and fun Auction and Benefit to support the Learning for
Life/Exploring Division. This year’s auction will be held
at the Pavilion in Portland’s Old Port. The auction will
be held the evening of Thursday, 18 May, 2006. We
have marked this date on this calendar. If you would
be interested in attending and/or donating an item to
this auction please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or
email him at midyer@lflmail.org.

LEARNING FOR LIFE SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS

Learning for Life is creating a speaker bureau. We
are looking for professionals that would be willing to
visit a school once or twice during a school year to
share their career specialty with students. If you are a
builder, nurse, teacher, architect, attorney, photographer,
dancer, etc. and could offer support to this program it
would be greatly appreciated. This program supports
the State of Maine Learning Results, No Child Left
Behind, School-to-Careers and Character Education
initiatives in the State of Maine. Please call 797-5770
or email midyer@lflmail.org so that we can add your
profession to our speaker bureau list. Thank you for your
volunteering!

However in the event of you having no time
to donate the planned presentations, the
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Once the award is earned, the boy must
reorder a flap pin or by writing this order to
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award is earned, the boys must build and wear
the pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive
award is earned, a wolf track pin may be
added to the flap.

Pinecony is the Dean of Exploring/Venturing for this year’s
University of Scouting. The UOS is a training event for
adult committee members and advisors. It is a great forum
to exchange ideas, gain insight, and develop strategies in
support of post operations. We invite all advisors and
post committee members to participate in this excellent
educational forum. I will be emailing and contacting
each post advisor encouraging them to participate in this
training opportunity. If you would like additional
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Peotlely14@uscom-maine.net or you can call Michael
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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!

Join us for a FunPack
Weekend, an overnight
camping experience, for parents to enjoy the
outdoors with their Cub!

2006 FunPack Dates At Camp Hinds:
July 8 & 9 July 29 & 30
July 15 & 16 Aug 5 & 6
July 22 & 23 Aug 12 & 13

FunPack Weekend fee is $20 per person.

2006 Webelos Schedule 4 Day Resident Camp
Session 1 Aug. 13 – 16
Session 2 Aug. 16 – 19

Webelos Camp Fee $150.00

More Cub Camping Information and Registration forms will be mailed to all Cub Scouts and are available on the PTC web site at www.pinetreesba.org

Cub Scout Activity Award

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boys receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders are encouraged to build
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Cub Camping Patch Contest

Calling all Cub Scouts! Do you like to draw? Here’s your chance to design the patch to be used this summer for Day Camp or FunPack Weekends! Draw your idea for a cool camp patch using the summer theme of the “Race Around the World.” The winning patch artist will receive $50.00 in Scout Bucks! Scout Bucks can be used for summer camp or at the Scout Store in Portland!

Some contest rules:
• Designs must use the “Race Around the World” theme!
• Artist must be a Cub Scout!
• Can be in black & white or color
• Patch design can be any size up to 8” x 10”
• Don’t worry about any words or lettering- they will be added!
• Entries must be received by April 20, 2006

Send designs to: Pine Tree Council, Attn: Cub Camping Patch Contest 131 Johnson Rd, Portland, ME 04102

Retent of Scouts in your Unit

With unit re-charters being done this spring
comes the realization that we will be crossing
off Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from the charter
paperwork. Please make sure that as a leader
you have taken the time to invite all Scouts to
participate for the upcoming year. Don’t assume
that a Scout has left the program just because he
has missed a few meetings.

There may be a bigger concern with boring
den meetings or the boy doesn’t feel that he fits
in with the group. There may be problems that you
won’t know about unless you ask.

Make sure that you call your scouts and
personally invite them to return for this upcoming
year because Scouting is all year round and each
family needs to know that we will always be
here.

It is time to re-charter your unit with the Pine
Tree Council. Last year was the first opportunity
to do the on-line re-charter. Over 40% of all
units in the Pine Tree Council used the on-line
process and it worked great. Please consider
using the on-line re-charter to help the process
run smoother and quicker. You should have
received directions in your re-charter packet of
how to complete the paperwork on-line.

Unit Re-chartering
Message from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Holiday season and is looking forward to a fantastic year of Scouting in 2006. I am very excited about the opportunity we have to provide a quality and meaningful Scouting experience to the youth of Maine as we enter the New Year.

As you can see from the cover of this issue of Pine Spills, we are highlighting leader training in this issue. In order to keep youth involved and excited about Scouting, we need to make sure that all our leaders are properly trained. Training shows leaders how to do their jobs and allows for an interchange of ideas with more experienced leaders.

Message from the Council Commissioner

Our re-chartering time is now at hand in some districts and rapidly approaching in the others. Assisting with re-chartering is one of the most important services that we as commissioners can offer to the units that we service. We must make sure that we all work as a team to assure that every unit gets their re-chartering paper work on time and then follow up to assure an on time re-charter by every unit. Again this year Pine Tree Council will be offering the choice of re-chartering on line. Last year approximately 40% of our units took advantage of the on line process and the reports were overwhelmingly in favor of using the on line option as opposed to the paper option. I would urge all the unit leaders and staff members of the units that they service and assist them in using the on line option. Please be vigilant in making sure that all units that qualify for “Quality Unit” status completes the Quality Unit paperwork and submits it with their charters.

Another critical service offered by the commissioning staff is to work with trained leaders understand the why’s and how’s of the program, know how to use available resources, have more confidence in carrying out their responsibilities, and along with the youth, have more fun.

If you, or other leaders in your unit, have not attended the appropriate trainings, please make sure that you sign-up right away! Every youth deserves a trained leader!

Sincerely,
Paul Spellman
Pine Tree Council President

Camp Hinds has Opening for Provisional Scoutmasters

Would you like to get out of the house this summer and hang out in Wilderness Campsite by the Tenny River while being able to stay in your own cabin? We’re looking for Scouters to help oversee our Provisional Camping Unit. Camp Hinds is located in Raymond and runs 7 weeks of programming.

Each week runs Sunday through Friday and preference is given to Scouters who are able to work a minimum of two weeks. Provisional Scoutmasters must be at least 21 years of age and be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Provo Scoutmaster falls under the supervision of the Camp Director and is responsible for overseeing the Scouters in our Provisional Troop. We will have training for the Provisional Scoutmasters before camp opens.

Camp is located on scenic Panther Pond and offers activities like boating, swimming, shooting sports, nature and more!

Bring your Boy Scout or Cub Scout and receive a weekly stipend plus, a relaxing week away & a chance to help your community!

For a staff application contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33 or mmower@bemail.org

Summer Camp Staff WANTED

Camp Hinds is looking for motivated and high-energy individuals with a love for teaching and the outdoors! Are you interested in spending your summer away from home, teaching scout skills, making new friends and memories of a lifetime while earning a paycheck? Then give us a call!

Positions are available for youth age 16 and up, adults and even retirees! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more.

The high adventure programs at Camp Hinds are looking for trek guides at least 21 years old with a strong outdoor background and junior guides age 18 and older!

Camp Staff applications can be downloaded from our web site: www.pinetreebsa.org or contact Matt Mower, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 33 or email mmower@bemail.org

Summer Camp Staff WANTED

As in 2006, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and scouters 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 be 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 New Mexico. The trek will be an adventure of a lifetime, a chance to see a wonderful area of our country, and to make a lasting impact on the character and leadership abilities of the youth that we serve.

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The Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek will be taking place at 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 by 4/20/06 to secure a reservation for this trek. After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

21st World Scout Jamboree

Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting at the birthplace of the Scouting movement! The 21st World Scout Jamboree will take place at Hylands Pack in Chelmsford, England from July 27 until August 8, 2007. The Boy Scouts of America will participate with Scouts from Pine Tree Council joining with the Northeast Regions contingent troops to attend. Openings are now available for Boy Scouts and Ventures who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 years old at the time of the Jamboree. Adults may volunteer to serve on staff as part of the International Service Team or as a contingent leader!

Activities of the Jamboree will center on the key elements in the World Jamboree Village. The Great Adventure Action day participation in the Global Development Village with specialists from the United Nations and a Community Action Day! The BSA contingent will tour London and many surrounding historical sites such as Buckingham Palace, the Tower Bridge, Big Ben, art galleries and much more!

For more jamboree information call, Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email PTC’s World Jamboree Chairman, Dave Sinclair at scout356@earthlink.net
### January, February, March, April Pine Tree Council Calendar

#### Abnaki
- **January**
  - 1 District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Roundtable
  - 25 Commissioner Meeting
  - 4 Commissioner Meeting
- **February**
  - 7 District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Roundtable
  - 22 Commissioner Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/DA
- **March**
  - 7 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable
  - 29 Commissioner Meeting
- **April**
  - 4 District Committee Meeting
  - 12 Roundtable
  - 26 Commissioner Meeting

#### Casco Bay
- **January**
  - 4 Commissioners Meeting-6pm
  - Roundtable/OA-7pm
  - 11 District Committee Meeting-7pm
  - 4 Casco Bay District Klondike Derby
  - 8 District Committee-7pm
- **February**
  - 1 Commissioners Meeting-6pm
  - 1 Roundtable/OA-7pm
  - 4 Casco Bay District Klondike Derby
  - 8 District Committee-7pm
- **March**
  - 1 Commissioners Meeting-6pm
  - 1 Roundtable/OA-7pm
  - 8 District Committee-7pm
- **April**
  - 5 District Committee Meeting
  - 5 Roundtable/OA-7pm
  - 12 District Committee-7pm

#### Downeast
- **January**
  - 4 District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Roundtable/OA
  - 17 Commissioner Meeting
  - 4 Roundtable- Strong
  - 28&29 Klondike Derby
- **February**
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting
  - 1 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/OA
- **March**
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting
  - 1 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/OA
  - 21 Roundtable- Strong
- **April**
  - 5 District Committee Meeting
  - 5 Roundtable/OA-7pm
  - 12 District Committee-7pm

#### K-Valley
- **January**
  - 4 Commissioner Meeting
  - 4 District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Roundtable/OA
  - 17 Roundtable- Strong
  - 28&29 Klondike Derby
- **February**
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting
  - 1 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/OA
- **March**
  - 1 Commissioner Meeting
  - 1 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/OA
  - 21 Roundtable- Strong
- **April**
  - 5 Commissioner Meeting
  - 5 District Committee Meeting
  - 8 Roundtable/DA

#### York
- **January**
  - 4 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 5 Roundtable / OA
  - 12 District Committee Meeting
  - 2 York District Roundtable /OA
  - 4 Klondike Derby
  - 9 York District Committee Meeting
  - 11 Klondike Derby Winter Camp
- **February**
  - 1 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 2 York District Roundtable / OA
  - 4 York District Committee Meeting
  - 2 York District Roundtable / OA
  - 8 York District Committee Meeting
- **March**
  - 5 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 5 Roundtable / OA
  - 12 District Committee Meeting
  - 4 York District Committee Meeting
  - 6 Roundtable / OA
  - 13 District Committee Meeting
  - 14 District Pinewood Derby Pre-registration
  - 15 District Pinewood Derby at the Noble Middle School, Berwick, ME
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