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Maine Jam '07
October 19th - 21st, 2007
Oxford Fairgrounds



**Welcome
New Scouts!**

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Message from the President

Paul Spellman

As the world continues to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting and the values that the Boy Scouts have stood for, we welcome our newest Scouts and their families, who just joined Scouting, to the Pine Tree Council. You have just become members of a proud group of young men and women, who strive to do their best daily and will become the leaders of tomorrow.

One hundred years ago, Lord Baden Powell, took the first group of young boys to Brownsea Island in England, to help them build trust, learn leadership, and strong values through outdoor skills. Scouting has not changed, as we still want to instill those core values into our youth.

As part of the Pine tree Council's 100th anniversary celebrations we invite all of our Scouts and families to join us at the upcoming "Maine Jam '07" this October at the Oxford Fairgrounds. Volunteers have been working hard to make sure the event holds true to its promise of "having something for Scouts of all ages!"

The Maine Jam '07 will be a highlight of your Scouting career, and we encourage all to attend! It will feature such events as the Trailblazer Day for Cub Scouts in conjunction with the Sportsman Alliance, the merit badge midway, laser shooting, Brownsea Island games, scouts skills contest and military displays with equipment from the Maine National Guard and Army and will wrap up with a huge arena show on Saturday night featuring live entertainment, a laser light show and fireworks!

As you move forward with Scouting, whether you are a brand new Cub Scout, a Tenderfoot Scout or Boy Scout working on his Eagle, an Explorer, a member of a Venture Crew or a Scout leader or parent, I encourage you to rededicate yourself to the goals and values of Scouting as those boys on Brownsea Island did just 100 years ago and just imagine where we will be in the next century of Scouting!

*Sincerely,
Paul Spellman*

Message from the Council Commissioner

By the time you read this our new scouting year will be going full force. I want to thank all of our commissioners for their great efforts in the Council's "Race to Scouting" recruiting efforts. Your continued efforts in recruiting really do make a difference in both the life of Pine Tree Council and more importantly in the life of the young people that we serve. We must now all follow through with our units to assure that each of our newly recruited scouts are registered with Pine Tree Council. This is of the highest importance to assure that each youth is able to receive all of the benefits of scouting including all the great programming, advancement and the insurances.

All of our scouting districts are now at some stage of the rechartering efforts or will be shortly. As commissioners we must remember that rechartering is one of our major rolls and duties in the service to units that we accepted when we became commissioners. I urge you to make the contacts with each unit that you serve to assure that each unit is well prepared for the rechartering process and recharters accurately and on time. Last year approximately forty percent of Pine

Tree Council Units utilized the on-line rechartering option. These units found the on-line process to be very user friendly and provided a very favorable means of rechartering. Using the on line method assures that the unit's information is accurately recorded and reported, and is done with a higher degree of accuracy than the old paper version. I urge each commissioner to work with your units and assist them when necessary to have as many units as possible utilize this great method of rechartering.

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

*Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner*

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SCOUT NIGHTS WITH THE PIRATES

November 10th @ 7:05 vs. Providence Bruins

January 12th @ 7:05 vs. Providence Bruins

April 5th @ 7:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

\$10.00 Main Deck Tickets
(A savings of \$7.50 per ticket)

SCOUT NIGHT SLEEPOVER AT THE CIVIC CENTER

March 3rd @ 7:05 vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Main Deck tickets are \$19 and include a night of activities with skating and a movie.

Offer is available to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Ventures and their families and friends.

To order tickets call Brian Williams at (207) 828-4665 x 317 or visit www.portlandpirates.com/boyscouts.

Only a limited number of tickets are available, so order yours today.

Pine Tree Council Annual Business Meeting

On December 13th the Pine Tree Council will hold its annual business meeting at the Portland Service Center. We will be looking back at the 2007 year in scouting and looking ahead to the challenges of 2008. The slate of

officers for 2008 will also be installed. All members of the Executive Board as well as Chartered Organization Representatives are considered voting members at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

ANNOUNCING A NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE FOR PINE TREE COUNCIL

The Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America has hired Anthony "Tony" Rogers as its new Scout Executive effective September 1, 2007. Rogers replaces JT Dabbs who accepted a new position as Scout Executive in Austin Texas in July.

Rogers began his professional Scouting career in 1984 and last served as Scout Executive of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council in Moosic, PA.

"Tony has an excellent track record in mem-

bership growth and retention as well as fundraising, and fiscal management", said Paul Spellman, President of the Pine Tree Council. "We are fortunate to have a person with Tony's background, experience, and dedication to the mission of Scouting joining us."

Let's all welcome Tony and his wife to the beautiful State of Maine.



Tony Rogers

FIVE EAGLES IN A FAMILY

Brian Kane of Standish received his Boy Scout Eagle Award on July 28, an accomplishment for sure. But what makes his award truly remarkable is that Kane, 17, is the fifth member of his family to receive the award. His grandfather, father, uncle and cousin have all gone before him to accept the highest award a Boy Scout can get.

And his mother, Jane Kane, couldn't be more proud. "We think it is really important for our family," she said. "It's a tradition. It's a lot of work, and the boys have to make a real commitment to fulfill all the requirements it takes. I'm just so proud of my son for wanting to continue that tradition and for doing the work that needed to be done." The Kane legacy of Eagle Scout honors began with Brian's grandfather, Tom Kane Jr., who turns 90 years old in August. He received his award in 1931 at the age of 14. His two sons -- Philip Kane, 55, Brian's father, and Tom Kane III, 58, Brian's uncle -- got their awards just before they turned 18 years old. And then Brian's cousin, Tom Kane IV, 34, achieved the same heights just before he turned 18.

But she doesn't think the recognition that

comes with an Eagle Scout Award will end there for her son, who is on his way to the Maine Maritime Academy this fall. "When he applied to Maine Maritime, his becoming an Eagle Scout helped him," she said. "They see that as an accomplishment because it is a lot of work. The badges don't come easy for the kids. It's not a given that you're going to get it. It teaches the boys leadership, responsibility and how to organize."

Kane said she figures the role models set before her son helped give him the extra push at times when getting the award seemed too much work. "The troops are smaller than they used to be," she said. "Not all the boys who join scouts make it all the way. They get tired of it or it isn't cool anymore or whatever. But he persevered, she said, because "he knew it was important to his father."

What he doesn't know, however, is that his own award is probably more important to his father than the one Philip Kane received himself, so many years ago. "It's been a father/son bonding thing for sure," said Jane Kane. "We're just so proud of our son."



Five members of the Kane family are Eagle Scouts. From left to right: Philip Kane, 55; Brian Kane, 17; Thomas Kane Jr., 89; Thomas Kane IV, 37; and Thomas Kane III, 58.

Summer Camp Recognition & Thanks

As the fall season approaches, the Pine Tree Council would like to extend it gratitude and thanks to all of the leaders, staff, volunteers and parents who assisted at our many summer camps this past summer!

Over 1400 Boy Scouts and Webelos, along with their volunteer leaders attended Camp Hinds Boy Scout camp in July and August! A sincere thanks to the leadership of Camp Director, Matt Mower; Program Director, Ed Molle; CIT Coordinator, Wayne Holden and their staff for their dedication to the program! Over four thousand merit badges wear earned and hopefully many great memories around the campfires with their troops leadership!

At our day camps for Cub Scouts held through out the council, the Cubs enjoyed the "Riddle of the Sphinx" theme as they visited the lands of Egypt! Our gratitude goes to the our Camp Directors Missy Bell, Diana Vermonter, Jen Whitehill, Scott Verrill,

Heather Judkins and Ray Jacques along with their Program Directors Grace Everest, Tony Beaumier, Michelle Josephson, Sheila Adkins and Andy Breau for their leadership and planning. A special thanks to all of the volunteer den leaders, program aides and parents who also made sure the Cub Scouts had a fun and save time!

FunPack Weekends were just what the name says, fun packed! Held at Camp Hinds this past summer, the Cub Scouts along with Mom or Dad, explored Egypt on the archery and BB ranges, learned ancient Egyptian writing in hieroglyphics, made clay artifacts and much more! Our thanks to our District Coordinators, John Trott, Tracy Grogan, Mary Jane Vachon, Kristen Spears, Mike York and FunPack Coordinator Leslie Ellis along with all of their volunteers. Also, thanks to Tom Morris for his instruction in BB and archery to all the staffs.



2007 WORLD JAMBOREE

Six lucky Boy Scouts from the Pine Tree Council attended the 2007 World Jamboree in England in July! Attending from the PTC were Connor Pillsbury, Jacob Plummer, Paul Johnson, John McLean, Kyle Morton and Austin Hubbard. They were all in a troop made up of other Scouts from the Northeast Region and were fortunate to have Dave Sinclair, Scoutmaster from Tr. 356 in Wells, serve as their World jamboree Scoutmaster. Scouter Dave said the World's were "his best experience in scouting ever!"

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!! **Boston Museum of Science** **Spring Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 400 SLOTS**

It's time to start planning for the 2008 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$46.00 per person. (Please note: The Museum charges a fee of \$5 per car for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In.) The event is limited to CUB SCOUTS and ADULTS only. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend – no exceptions! In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Boston Museum trip, please follow the guidelines below.

Application Procedure

Each Pack must submit a deposit of \$10 for each person who plans to attend. Please send a check made payable to Pine Tree Council, along with the registration coupon below. Phone applications will not be accepted.

All applications must be received at the Pine Tree Council by the end of the business day on November 8, 2007. Please do not request reservations for more slots than you actually plan to use (for those who are selected, deposits are non-refundable.) A drawing will be held on November 9th. Those who were selected from the drawing will be notified, and the remaining payment and confirmation of number of participants will be due at the Pine Tree Council by January 11, 2008, end of business day. Any reserved slots not paid in full by this date will be lost and offered to those on the waiting list (again, the initial deposit for those selected is non-refundable.) Those Packs not selected will also be notified and deposits will be returned.

Once participants are confirmed, the Pine Tree Council is required to pay for those spaces. It is the policy of the Boston Museum of Science not to grant refunds to anyone who does not participate in the Camp-In, unless the MUSEUM cancels the event.

This program provides the youth with a wonderful learning experience in science. Don't delay – Start planning today! If you have questions, contact Jo at 797-5252 x10.



Boston Museum of Science Drawing
Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Contact Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Pack # _____

Address _____ Town, State & Zip _____

_____ #Cub Scouts _____ #Adults (21+) x \$10 = _____ Enclosed

Race To Scouting

September and October are Race To Scouting months. This year's recruitment drive will be run a little different than in the past. The goal of this new plan is to not only help packs recruit boys, but to also recruit leaders, organize dens, and get new leaders to training. The District and Council commitment is to not only hold training to help your unit have a successful Race To Scouting Recruitment Night sign-up, but to also have a representative from the District attend the sign-up and help with recruitment of leadership. The goal of this sign-up plan is recruit and train qualified leaders for your packs in order to provide the best possible program for your youth.

Our Sponsor for this year's event is again NAPA Auto Parts. NAPA has agreed to provide every new Cub Scout that registers between May 2007 and October 2007 a coupon to redeem at a local store for a free Pinewood Derby car. It is important that all registration forms are turned into the Pine Tree Council office as soon as possible or they might miss out on this opportunity. The best way to do this is to hand them in to the District representative the night of the recruitment!

Look over the Race To Scouting training materials that you received at your district training to make sure that you have a great night set up for the parents and the kids. Have as many registered leaders on hand as possible to answer questions and to help register new adults and kids in the program. Here are some reminders that will help you have a successful recruitment night:

1. Please start your recruitment night at 6:30 PM in order to accommodate the full program..
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 with the boys, a few days before the sign-up night, to build their enthusiasm.
4. Make sure that your local religious affiliation is

aware of the nights because many will include this information in their worship service bulletins.

5. Talk with local businesses about placing information on their marquees promoting Race To Scouting.
6. Place posters in stores and high traffic areas.
7. Some Grocery stores will place a flyer in shopping bags.
8. Cable access stations will sometimes promote sign-up night
9. Local phone companies will put info on their monthly bills.
10. Encourage your registered Cub Scouts to wear their uniform to school on the day of your Race To Scouting event.
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 great first impression by being organized.
14. Have a calendar of events for the new scout and their family so they are prepared for the upcoming activities.
15. Have fun and show new families the excitement of Scouting.
16. 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.
17. Families should have phone numbers of key unit leadership.
18. The Pine Tree Council will also be doing some direct mail promotions to families in your area with the registration night information.



MAINE JAM '07 WEEKEND CAMPING REGISTRATION FORM (For Troop, Post or Crew Use)

Type of Unit: _____ Unit# _____ District: _____
(Troop, Post or Crew)

Maine Jam Adult Leader: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Tel. (day) _____ (evening) _____

Email Address: _____

JAMBOREE FEES: For Weekend campers
\$16.00 per person if registered by Oct. 5th
\$20.00 per person if registered after Oct. 5th

_____ + _____ = _____ X \$ _____ = _____
Of Youth # of Adults Total Attendees Jam Fee Total Fees Enclosed

Included are # _____ of 2nd year Webelos camping with us from Pack # _____

Note: 2nd year Webelos can only camp overnight by staying with a troop.

Weekend Jamboree Fees include 1 Jamboree patch and 1 district CSP per person.

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Rd., Portland, ME 04102

MAINE JAM '07 DAY VISITORS REGISTRATION FORM (For Cub Scouts and Family Use)

Cub Scout Pack # _____ District: _____

Name of Adult: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Tel. (day) _____ (evening) _____

Email Address: _____

JAMBOREE FEES: For Day Visitors
\$6.00 per person if registered by Oct. 5th
\$8.00 per person if registered after Oct. 5th

_____ + _____ = _____ X \$ _____ = _____
Of Scouts # of Adults Total Attendees Jam Fee Total Fees Enclosed

Day Visitors Jamboree Fees include 1 Jamboree patch per person.

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Rd., Portland, ME 04102

TURTLE SPEAKS

⇒ Our lodge was well represented at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit held at Indiana State University this past July. Attending were Lodge Chief Aaron Wiggin, Lodge National Events Chairman Andrew Rueger, Lodge Staff Adviser Matt Randall and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger. At this conference, the national office rolled out the 2008-2012 strategic plan for the Order and provided details for ArrowCorps5.

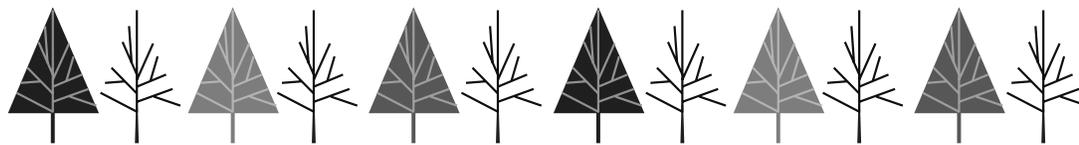
⇒ Speaking of ArrowCorps5, membership has started the planning to attend this great program during 2008. The lodge has already met to discuss initial travel plans and has chosen to attend the weeklong program at Bridger Teton National Forest during the week of July 26th thru August 2, 2008. Look for information at the Annual Banquet and for the registration coupon in the November-December issue of Turtle Soup!

⇒ In anticipation of the end of year festivities, please reserve Saturday, December 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. on your calendars for the 2007 Lodge Annual Banquet hosted by Downeast Chapter. Recognition and presentation of the Vigil Certificates for this year's honorees, a recap of the Lodge year, and the

presentation of the Founders' Award comprise a small part of the schedule for this annual event. Watch for the registration flyer in November in the mail and on the lodge website!

⇒ Congratulations go out to our lodge members who participated and competed honorably at the 2007 Section NE-1A Conclave held at T.L. Storer Scout Reservation. Not only did Matt Randall get appointed as Section Staff Adviser, but Turtle Soup won another Best Newsletter in Section award. The lodge also took home the Silver Tomahawk Award for providing the best service in the Section, and Phil Taschereau and Henry Zwetsloot dominated the new "Iron Chef" competition. By the way, this is the eleventh year out of twelve that the Silver Tomahawk has been presented to our lodge, a level of service not matched in our Section!

⇒ We'd also like to pass on our congratulations to the 2007 Vigil Honor Recipients who were tapped out in June and completed their Vigil during July at Camp Bomazeen: Nate Smith, Kevin Jewett, Nick Bouyea, Scott Bernier, Dave Sinclair and Scott Adams round out this year's honorees!



NEW CUB SCOUT PANTS



Switchback²™ Official Uniform Pants

The new Switchback² uniform pants for Cub Scouts of all ranks are a combination of durability and dual ability. Convert to shorts using the zip-offs under the knee. This pant is a 65% cotton 35% polyester 7.25 oz canvas pre-cured with resin finish for easy care and stain resistance. \$ 24.99

Features include:

- below the knee short inseam

- unfinished hem to allow for adjustments as the scout grows in height
- "grow with me" tabs inside waistband allow for waist line increases
- multi pocketed cargo pockets for carrying all types of things
- gadget loop

Available in the following sizes: 06-08-10-12-14-16-18-20-22

2007 Trail's End Popcorn Sale

How is your Trail's End Popcorn sale going? I hope it is going well. For those that attended the training with Dominic from Trails End, I am sure that you are having great success using your newly learned techniques!

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 2006) 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.)
- Packs & Troops can choose extra 5% profit over prize program
- Every Scout that sells \$1,500 will receive \$50 in Scout bucks or BSA, Wal-Mart, Toy's -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 L.L Bean gift certificate
- Every youth that fills out an entire take-order sheet will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following prizes:
 - Bushnell 700 x 60 Talking Telescope
 - Magellan Explorist 210 Handheld GPS
 - Motorola GMRS Radio Pair 8-Mile Range Rechargeable
 - Mitchell Outback Fishing Kit

What's New?

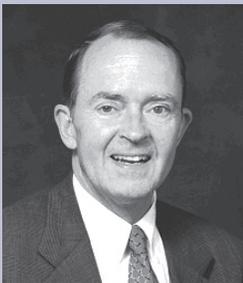
- A new 18 oz. Caramel Light tin has been added to the product mix.

• Each unit will have the opportunity to earn an additional 3% commission by successfully completing each of the following – Attend a Training (Council or District), Order Online, and Pay on Time. This replaces the Over and Above incentive and gives more units the opportunity to earn a higher commission.

Important Popcorn Sales Dates:

- August 24 - October 19
 - Take-Order sale
- October 19
 - Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline
- October 26
 - Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC
- November 10
 - Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM
- December 3
 - All money due & accounts settled
 - For More Information or if you have any questions please call Bryan Thomas, Council Popcorn Campaign Director, at 797-5252 ext. 25.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM LADD!



We are delighted and proud to formally announce that Sam Ladd has been chosen as the 2007 Distinguished Citizen

Award recipient by the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Sam will be honored at this noteworthy annual award dinner on Thursday, October 25th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

Sam is very pleased to have been named for this prestigious award. Sam is also an Eagle Scout, receiving the award in Brunswick when he was 13 years old – a remarkable achievement!

Please join us in congratulating Sam for this special award!

Friends of Scouting

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

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

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

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

Remember, that if you are looking for a program with the values that your youth will receive in Scouting you will pay a lot more with other organizations. If you are looking for an example, compare the cost of one week at either Cub Scout camp or Boy Scout camp with other camps that your kids participate in. That value is available to you because of your Friends of Scouting contributions. Please help us raise the necessary funds to continue the great service you currently receive this spring.

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

MAINE JAM '07

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING

Reminders & Updates for Units Camping for the Weekend at the Maine Jam '07:

Register Early! Register by Oct. 5th and save \$4.00 per person!

Parking Plans & Registration:

Plan on arriving as a unit or meet your families at a scheduled time at the Oxford Plains Speedway on Rt. 26 in Oxford. The Speedway will be layout by district to help units group up. Look for your districts color-coded parking area and check in there. Please let your families know which color flag to look for!

Abnaki District- Green
Casco Bay District – Blue
Downeast District- Tan
Kennebec Valley District – Yellow
York District - Brown



Transportation:

Busses will be running all weekend to transport folk's to/ from the Maine Jam. Parents dropping off Scouts who would like to see the Oxford Fair facility are welcomed to ride the bus to/from the fair with their Scout.

Troop Equipment Trailers:

Each unit will receive one vehicle pass to unload gear at their Maine Jam campsite. One vehicle per unit with an equipment trailer will be allowed to park in the designated parking areas at the Maine Jam. No vehicles or trailers will be allowed to remain in the campsites.

Handicap parking at the fair is available for those with handicapped parking plates.

Registration for Weekend Camping Units:

Registration packets for those units that have pre-registered will be given out at your Subcamp Headquarters. Unit Leaders will pick up registration packets, which will include, armbands, patches, and updated activity schedules. All participants not pre-registered will need to register at their Subcamps.

WELCOME CUB SCOUTS AND FAMILIES!

Cub Scout events include:

Trailblazer Day • BB & Archery Ranges • Scout Skill Challenges & Crafts
Space Derbies • Scout Races & Sports
Stage Shows with Clowns, Music and more! • Wildlife Displays
Military Equipment Displays



Saturday Night Arena Show:

With live entertainment Featuring the "Mystics", with Fireworks and a huge Laser light show!
Cub Scout activities will run all day on Saturday on a first come basis.
Come for just the morning, afternoon or all day!

*2nd year Webelos can camp out all weekend with their local Boy Scout Troop!
Check with your Webelos leader to reserve your spot with the troop.*

Saturday Schedule for Cub Scouts and families:

7:30	Gates Open for Day Visitors
8:00 – 8:30	Units Line Up for Opening
8:30 – 9:00	Opening Show in Arena
9:00 – 5:30	Program Activities & Events Open
10:00 – 7:30	Food Concessions & Trading Post Open
5:30	Program Activities & Events Close
5:30 – 7:30	Dinner at Concessions
8:00 – 9:30	Arena Show
10:00	Latest departure time for all day visitors



The Maine Jam day visitor fee is \$6.00 per person and includes a Maine Jam patch! (\$8.00 after Oct. 5th or at the door). Children under age 3 are free! Pre-register by Oct. 5th and save \$2.00 per person! Registration online or call Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 for a registration form.

Parking for this event will be at the Oxford Plains Speedway on Rte. 26 in Oxford. Free shuttle busses will run back and forth to the Maine Jam! Handicapped parking only at the fairgrounds!

MAINE JAM '07

District Chairman <i>Mark Adams 784-4161</i> <i>madams@sebagotechnics.com</i>	District Commissioner <i>Al Warner 224-7354</i> <i>cuatthehill@yahoo.com</i>	Field Director <i>Matt Randall 797-5252 ext 27</i> <i>mrandall@bsamail.org</i>	Abnaki Web Address <i>www.abnakidistrict.org</i>
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Abnaki District News

RACE INTO SCOUTING

Please get in all your registrations for new Scouts and Scouters you pick up during fall recruitment.

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

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST

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

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 function. Our presentations are brief and give parents and leaders a great opportunity to invest in the Scouting program.

Remember, no matter how much or little money we are

able to raise at an individual presentation, if your unit let's us in the door it will help us be all the closer to being able to meet the needs of bringing the program to more young people. To sign up you can contact Rick Lussier at 782-0069 or Matt Randall.

RE-CHARTER

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

We will be having a Re-chartering clinic at Auburn Middle School at 7pm on Wednesday, December 12th (December Roundtable). This is a great way to get your charters in on time and work out any issues you need help with.

If you choose to do the online rechartering remember that you still have to print off a copy and have it signed off by the Unit Leader and the Chartering Organization's Executive Officer, get applications for any new Scouts or Scouters, and you need to send that paperwork into the Pine Tree Council.

Get your charter into the Council by December 15th!

Please contact your unit commissioner or Matt Randall or your unit Commissioner if you need any assistance.

District Chairman <i>Wallace H. Nutting 284-7842</i>	Vice Chair <i>Clint Staples 636-1597</i> <i>clinton@gwi.net</i>	District Commissioner <i>Ernie Wiswell 439-2668</i> <i>ewiswell@comcast.net</i>	District Executive <i>Frank Gilcreast, Jr. 797-5252 x 24</i> <i>fgilcrea@bsamail.org</i>
York District Web Address: www.yorkdistrict.org			

York District News

YORK DISTRICT CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2007:

We had another successful Day Camp season at Camp Nutter in 2007. York District had over 150 Cub Scouts. Our Cub Scouts learned about Egypt and the lives of the Pharaohs. Thank you to Diana Vermette and Tony Beaumier and the entire adult volunteer staff that put on an awesome program. Without the volunteer help we could not put this program on. Thank you again for your help. See you again in 2008.

POPCORN SALE 2007:

By now, everyone should have received all the information for a successful Fall Popcorn Sale. If you need any additional forms, please stop by the Pine Tree Council Service Center to pick up the information you need. As a reminder, the York District Popcorn Pick-up will be again at Hussey Seating in North Berwick on Saturday, November 10th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. We will need volunteers on Friday night, November 9th from 5:30 PM until all the orders are picked. You can then take your order home with you. Please contact our District Kernal, Patty Olsen at 384-4158 if you can help or need any ideas for your popcorn sale.

YORK DISTRICT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

The Annual York District Business Meeting will be

held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at the Saco City Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting including all Unit Charter Organization Representatives who are the unit's voice on the operation of the District Committee. Come see what is in store for York District in 2008.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING:

Time has arrived for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fund raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keeping camp fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2007 will be available again in 2007. Over \$2,100.00 went back to York District units in 2007(highest in the Pine Tree Council.) 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.

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Casco Bay District News

2007 DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT AND DISTRICT BBQ

Four Casco Bay Scouters were presented with the District Award of Merit at the Casco Bay BBQ on August 26th at Camp Hinds. Unit Commissioner George Gilliam of Limington, Scoutmaster Tom Wiley from Troop 800 and Long time Pack and Troop 800 Committee member Sandy Winde both of Raymond, and South Portland Scoutmaster Joe Picararo of South Portland. The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a District can award to a Scouter. Please join with the Casco Bay District Executive, District Committee and District Commissioners and congratulating these fine volunteers. Other leaders recognized at the District BBQ were Jim Fisher, Nate Smith, Heather Judkins, Missy Bell, Michelle Josephson, and Grace Everest who each received their walking stick for coordinating District Events.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS

We would like to get a head start on Friends of Scouting presentations for this year. All Committees are asked to look at their calendars and look for the best times that a Friends of Scouting presentation can be scheduled. As you know the best FOS presentations take place at Blue and Gold Ceremonies or Courts of Honor. Remember that you help with Friends of Scouting is an important part of delivering the high quality programming that the Casco Bay District is known for. Please contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23 to book your presentation or with any questions.

DISTRICT RECHARTER TIME

As we enter the Holiday Season, District Recharter time is right around the corner. The majority of units recharter in January and February so it is important that you contact your unit commissioners and work together with them to insure that your charters are filled out correctly and completed on time. It is essential that all our Scouts are officially registered and on your charters, in order to insure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive Scouting experience. We also encourage you to use the on-line internet rechartering! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23 or District Commissioner Mel Montpelier at 767-0822.

DAY CAMP AND FUNPACK WEEKEND 2007

The Casco Bay District would like to thank all of the volunteers that made the 2007 Camping Season a great success. Over 500 Scouts enjoyed our Day and Twilight Camps and had a great time at FunPack Weekends. Special Thanks go out to our Cub camping team of Missy Bell, Grace Everest, Michelle Josephson, Heather Judkins and John Trott for their outstanding leadership and program development for our youth. We all look forward to their efforts next year with our Super Hero's theme.

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 10, 2006 from 8:00am-11:00am is the date to pickup your popcorn orders. This year we will be doing our popcorn distribution at Barber Foods at 56 Milliken Street in Portland. As usual we will need help separating popcorn orders on Friday night, November 9th. Any unit that assists in this process can take their popcorn order with them that evening. Please contact Brian Hazelwood at 885-5943 or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23 with any questions.

October:

3rd-Commissioners-6:30pm
Roundtable-7pm
OA-7pm
10th-District Committee-7pm
19th -21st – MaineJam 2007 Oxford Fairgrounds in Norway, Me

November:

7th -Commissioners-6:30 pm
Roundtable-7pm
OA-7pm
14th-District Committee-7pm

December:

5th-Commissioners-6:30 pm
Roundtable-7pm
OA-7pm
12th-District Committee-7pm

January:

2nd-Commissioners-6:30 pm
Roundtable-7pm
OA-7pm
9th-District Committee-7pm

CASCO BAY

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K-Valley District Web Address: www.kv-scouts.org

K-Valley District News

DAY CAMP AND FPW –

The Kennebec Valley District would like to extend its thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make our Day Camp and Camp Bomazeen and our FunPack Weekends at Camp Hinds a success. We had 117 Cub Scouts visit us at Bomazeen and many more enjoyed a FunPack Weekend at Camp Hinds. Special thanks goes to Day Camp Director, Ray Jacques; Day Camp Program Director, Shelia Adkins; and FunPack District Coordinator, Kristen Spears for their leadership during these programs. We look forward to a safe and fun program in 2008!

FALL CAMPOREE –

Please remember that there will be NO fall camporee in KV district this year. The fall camporee is being replaced with the Maine Jamboree at the Oxford Fairgrounds in October. Please refer to the Pine Tree Council website for further information.

ROUNDTABLE –

Each month, the district holds a roundtable meeting. This is an opportunity for leaders and adult volunteers to receive up to date information on events and changes, as well as tons of training programs, charter pick up, and much more. The October roundtable will be on the 10th at 7 pm in the Mountain View Church in Oakland. Please make special note that the January Roundtable, on the 9th (same time and place at October) will be when all the units recharter packets will be distributed. Please make sure you have one representative at this January Roundtable in order to receive your recharter information.

NEW DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS –

The Kennebec Valley District would like to welcome and thank the following volunteers for agreeing to assume the

following positions on the District Committee –

- Rick Lees, T410 has recently become the new Cub Scout Training Chairman
- Steven Mudie, T586 has recently become the new Membership Chair

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING –

The Kennebec Valley District would like to extend a thank you to Gary Peachey for chairing our FOS Community Campaign, and Kristen Hand for chairing our Family Campaign for 2007. Thanks to both their efforts we reached 100% of our Family goal, and 107% of our Community goal for 2007 – and first for the district in many years! Thank you all for your contributions to this program as we endeavor to serve the youth of Southern Maine.

NEW PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNED TO THE KENNEBEC VALLEY DISTRICT –

Effective July 1st, 2007 Matthew Randall became the Field Director for the Pine Tree Council. This position makes Matt Randall responsible for supporting all the District Executives for the council.

Beginning September 1st, 2007 Matthew Mower will be taking over as the Senior District Executive for the Kennebec Valley District. Matt has been the District Executive for the Abnaki District for the past three years and has served as the Camp Director for Camp Hinds for the past two. Please welcome Matt and his wife Erin to the Kennebec Valley District this fall.

Contact information for Matt Mower will be 797-5252 x27 and Mmower@bsamail.org.

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Downeast District News

KLONDIKE DERBY

The Downeast District Klondike Derby will be on January 26. Troop 142 will be hosting the event. For more information on the event, please come to Roundtable. An information packet including registration will be mailed to all Scout Masters and Committee Chairs in December.

POPCORN PICK-UP

All Downeast District Units selling popcorn will be picking their popcorn up at Lincoln County News on Mills Rd in Newcastle. If you would like to pick up at a different location you have to specify when ordering. The pick-up will be on November 10 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As the year winds down the district is working on cleaning up the fundraising campaign. If you were not given the opportunity to donate or want to make that end of the year contribution please contact the

Pine Tree Council. We are also preparing for the 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please plan to include your FOS presentation at your Blue/Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

CUB CAMPING 2007

The Downeast District would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with this year's Cub camping programs. Over 150 Cubs Scouts enjoyed two weeks of fun and adventure in Egypt at our day camps in Union and Topsham. Special thanks go to our camp director, Jen Whitehill, who did a great job organizing the events and to Mike York and his staff for overseeing the Downeast Districts FunPack Weekend at Camp Hinds!

RE-CHARTERING

Please attend the December Roundtable to pick up your re-chartering packet. If you would like help re-chartering, you can come to the January Roundtable and complete you re-charter that night!! We will have computers set up to do online re-chartering. Please have you re-charter completed and turned in by January 15th.

Exploring/LFL District News

EXPLORING PROGRAMS

Exploring programs provide experiences that prepare young people to become responsible and caring adults. Exploring is designed for young men and women ages 14 (and who have completed the eighth grade) through 20. Exploring allows young people to get hands-on experiences in a career field of their choice while working with professionals in that field. They also gain practical knowledge in a career, engage in a program of activities centered on career opportunities, life skills, service learning, character development and leadership experience. Exploring is designed to encourage the development of the whole person. Interested educators, parents, community organizations and youth are invited to contact Learning for Life at 797-5770 or by email at midyer@lflmail.org for additional information about this program.

LEARNING FOR LIFE CLASSROOM SPEAKERS

Learning for Life works with schools as they prepare young people for the real world of work. A significant impact on youth education is the introduction of classroom speakers into the classroom of elementary, middle and senior high schools. Learning for Life has a long history of matching student career interests with professionals from their local communities. If you are a builder, nurse, teacher, architect, insurance agent, photographer, dancer, etc., would you be willing to make yourself available to do a classroom presentation once or twice a year for these young people? There is an amazing number of Scouting adults representing many of these career disciplines and we can use your help. Please call Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or email midyer@lflmail.org to help us in this school-based effort.

VOLUNTEERS

Learning for Life and Exploring offers many opportunities for adult leadership at the district committee level. Our program serves over 10,200 young people through its school and work-based programs. If you are interested in serving young people through a district committee position, please call me at 797-5770. We would very much like to talk with you.

NEW EXPLORING PROGRAMS

Recent new Exploring programs include science, dental, and aviation career programs. We are currently in discussion with UNUM to create a business Exploring program in Portland. If you are an employer who would be interested in partnering with us to create

a career program for youth, we'd like to hear from you. Exploring programs help businesses become more visible in the community, prepare young managers for additional responsibility and connect students and businesses with the community in creative ways. If your business or organization is interested in another level of community involvement and service, please contact us at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org.

2008 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The 2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is being held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro the week of June 23 through June 27, 2008. Applications will be available in December, 2007. If you have a son or daughter that will be 14 and graduated from the 8th grade by the June 23rd date and would like to apply for this academy, please contact me at 797-5770. This program is available to all Scouts, Explorers and students not previously involved in either program. This past year we had 35 students from all areas of our state and students from Rhode Island attend this academy. Anticipated cost for the 2008 weeklong academy is \$250.00 per student.

LEARNING FOR LIFE AUCTION AND BENEFIT

The 2008 Learning for Life Auction and Benefit is being held at The Portland Club on Wednesday, May 21st, 2008. If you would like to attend this auction and benefit, please call 797-5770 to be placed on our mailing list. This event directly supports our school-based Learning for Life and work-based Exploring programs. Proceeds from this event also helps us provide schools with character education curriculum free of charge. If you would like to donate to this auction, that would also be appreciated. Cash and item donations are currently being accepted as we begin preparations for this 2008 event. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor we can arrange for that as well.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

If your school is interested in implementing a character-education program in your school or organization, we would be glad to speak with you. Learning for Life has a character and career education program that can be used as a stand alone or integrated program. Currently over 10,200 Maine youth are served through this program. While we cannot provide all schools with this curriculum, we will consider all requests on a first come basis while supplies last.



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Pine Tree Council Calendar

October

- 2 AB- District Committee
- 3 CB- Roundtable/
Commissioner/OA
- 3 DE- District Committee
- 3 KV- District Committee
- 3 YK- Commissioner Meeting
- 3 YK- Roundtable/OA
- 10 AB- Roundtable/OA
- 10 DE- Roundtable/
Commissioner
- 10 KV- Roundtable/OA
- 10 YK - District Committee
- 31 YK - Commissioner
Meeting
- 31 AB- Commissioner
Meeting

- 7 CB- Roundtable/
Commissioner/OA
- 7 DE- District Meeting
- 8 YK - District Committee
- 14 AB- Roundtable/OA
- 14 KV- Roundtable
- 14 DE- Roundtable/
Commissioner
- 14 CB- District Meeting
- 20 KV- Strong Roundtable

December

- 5 KV- District Committee
- 5 YK- District Committee
- 5 CB- Roundtable/
Commissioner/OA
- 6 YK- Roundtable/OA
- 12 AB- Roundtable/OA
- 12 KV- Roundtable/OA
- 13 Council Annual
Business Meeting

November

- 1 YK- Roundtable/OA
- 6 AB- District Committee
- 7 KV- Commissioner Meeting

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