### Pine Tree Council Calendar

**June**
- 5: AB District Committee
- 6: CB Roundtable
- 6: DE District Committee
- 7: KV Roundtable
- 13: AB Roundtable
- 13: DE Roundtable
- 13: KV Roundtable - Oakland
- 14: District Committee
- 19: KV Roundtable - Strong
- 21: AB Commissioners Meeting

**17-20**: Twilight Camp at Mackworth Island
- 21-22: FunPack Weekend
- 22-27: Week 4 at Camp Hinds
- 23-27: Day Camp at Mackworth Island
- 28-29: FunPack Weekend

**August**
- July 29 - Aug 3: Week 5 at Camp Hinds
- July 30 - Aug 3: Day Camp at Camp Hinds
- 4-5: FunPack Weekend
- 5-10: Week 6 at Camp Hinds
- 6-10: Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen
- 6-10: Day Camp at Camp Guerin
- 11-12: FunPack Weekend
- 12-15: Webelos Resident Camp Session 1
- 15-18: Webelos Resident Camp Session 2

**July**
- 1-6: Week 1 Camp Hinds
- 7-8: FunPack Weekend
- 8-13: Week 2 Camp Hinds
- 9-13: Day Camp at Union Fairgrounds
- 9-13: Day Camp at Camp Nutter
- 14-15: FunPack Weekend
- 15-20: Week 3 Camp Hinds
- 16-20: Day Camp at Topsham
- 16-20: Day Camp at Camp Nutter

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**August 19-24**
- Week 9 at Camp Hinds
- FunPack Weekend
- Week 10 at Camp Hinds
- Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen
- Day Camp at Camp Guerin

**August 25-30**
- Week 10 at Camp Hinds
- FunPack Weekend
- Week 11 at Camp Hinds
- Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen
- Day Camp at Camp Guerin
Message from the Council Commissioner
Paul Spellman

The snow has finally melted and summer is upon us! For 100 years that has meant one thing to Scouting. For 100 years that has meant one thing to Scouting. In the fall, we hope that Scouting will stay with the program longer and have a better experience, hopefully, working their way to Eagle Scout. Take a look at the website and come up with new ways to involve the parents of your Scouts in your unit operations, and include them in your planning for Maine Jam ’07.

Thanks for your continued service to Scouting. In turn, we hope that Scouts will remember, commissioners, that camp is a great place to visit our units. Make sure you know when your units are going to camp, and pay them a visit one evening. I know they will appreciate it.

Let’s remember that camp is not the only way that our boys should be enjoying Scouting this summer. Encourage your troops to continue their program throughout the summer, and at your cub scout packs to earn the Cub Scout SummerTime Pack Award. A great summer program is a surefire way to keep those boys interested and returning in the fall. Remember that if you have not already completed them, it is also time to conduct unit inventories. Unit inventories are a very important task for every commissioner. It is our job to insure that all boys that are active in the program are registered in the program for many reasons, not the least of which are insurance and advancement, especially Eagle. Sometimes our leaders just simply forget to turn in an application. This is why we as commissioners provide this service twice a year. We would like to thank all the faculty, staff and participants for another great University of Scouting. Without you each of us, such a wonderful event could not be possible. It also gives us an opportunity to grow as a group and as leaders.

Dr. Gerald I. Lawhorn, from the University of Scouting, is a great opportunity for all of us to reeducate ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law. This is why we as commissioners provide this service twice a year. We would like to thank all the faculty, staff and participants for another great University of Scouting. Without you each of us, such a wonderful event could not be possible. It also gives us an opportunity to grow as a group and as leaders.

Sincerely,
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Message from the President
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This summer, in England, where Scouting was founded, Scouts and Cub Scouts from all across the world, will gather to celebrate the founding of World Scouting. This centennial celebration is a rare opportunity for all of us to reeducate ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law.

As part of this great event, we will join the celebration with Maine Jam ’07, the Pine Tree Council Jamboree. Thanks to the leadership of John Messer and General Libby, our committee is putting together a great program. You will find in this issue of Pine Spills information about Maine Jam, so please pay close attention to that and give us your feedback and ideas.

As we begin working on our recruiting plans for this fall, I wanted to share with you a new BSA website, www.scoutparents.org. This website was designed for parents of scouts and scout leaders. ScoutParents is the vision of Bill Coffin. Thanks for your continued service to Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

Cub Scout Summer Camp Programs in Casco Bay

Has your son been missing out on one of the best parts of the Cub Scout Program? Make this the year he goes to a Casco Bay District day camp!

Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Twilight Camp
July 17-20, 5:30-8:30 pm
Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Day Camp,
July 23-27, 8:30am-4:30pm
Camp Hinds (Raymond) Day Camp,
July 30-August 3, 8:30am-4:30pm

We are offering three fun filled weeks centered on the Riddles of the Sphinx. Want to try your hand at hieroglyphics, race a boat down the Nile or run in a mummy relay? This is your chance to learn all about ancient Egypt. To work on a few of your rank advancements and to HAVE FUN! We have three great weeks of camp in two different locations. Activities vary slightly by week, but include BB range, archery, crafts, science, cooking, scout skills, and water sports.

New this year is our Twilight Camp at Mackworth Island. This is an evening camp that scouts attend with an adult partner- which is ideal for younger boys and for working parents. It is for boys entering first through third grades, with an adult. Siblings in that age range are also welcome to participate.

All camps are looking for adults and Boy Scouts willing to work as staff at the camps. Training is provided, as is a full week of fun! Parents who work all five days will pay only $10 for one son to attend camp. There is a Tagalong Den available for (potty trained) non-scout staff children.

The Maine Criminal Justice Academy is being held on the grounds of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro the week of June 25th through June 29th. The purpose of this academy is to expose young adults to the physical, mental, emotional and academic challenges associated with careers in law enforcement. Students from around the State of Maine are encouraged to apply each year. Participants in this program go through a weeklong stay on the academy grounds and are presented with many challenges and opportunities for growth. Any student that is seriously contemplating either a military or law enforcement career path should seriously consider applying to this academy.

Point of contact is: Michael Dyer, 797-5770.
K-V alley District News

2007 Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen

We would like to congratulate Samuel L. Gilcreast for being elected President & CEO of Maine Bank & Trust, for being selected as the 2007 recipient of the Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen Award (DCAD). The DCAD is an annual event sponsored by the Pine Tree Council to honor an outstanding individual or business. The event promotes dynamic community partnerships that exist between scouting and area businesses. The dinner event includes a testimonial and contributions of the honorees to the local community, as well as promote public awareness of the Scouting program.

The Pine Tree Council is honored to have Sam Ladd as this year’s recipient. The dinner will be held October 21st at the Holiday Inn by the Bay with a reception at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and program at 6:10 PM.

2006 Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Congratulations are extended to the following seven recipients of the Silver Beaver Award recently presented at the Pine Tree Council Annual Recognition banquet.

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Congratulations to all!
September is Race To Scouting month. 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 commit to help your unit with a successful Race To Scouting Recruitment Night sign-up, but also to have a representative from the district attend the sign-up and provide quality information. 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 unit, your youth, and our communities at large.

Our Sponsor for this year’s event is in again NAPA Auto Parts. NAPA has agreed to provide every new Cub Scout that registers between May 1st and September 1st a coupon to redeem at a local store for a free Pinewood Derby car. It is important that all registration forms turn in January 1st in support of our Nights at Race To Scouting event.

1. Contact the Pine Tree Council by August 17th with your Race To Scouting recruitment location and date in September. Please start your recruitment night at 6:30 PM in order to accommodate the fall program.
2. Work with other Packs and troops in the same community so everyone recruits the kids aged 5-11 years.

New National PARENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM
The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce, as part of the non-national strategic plan, a National Parent Initiative to engage parents in their child’s Cub Scout Pack activities. Teachers, Troops, Venturing Crews, and camps are a part of the unit’s work. Promoting parental understanding and appreciation of Scouting will be the focus of this new program. The program is a way to help parents become involved in their child’s Scouting experience.

The objective established for the program initiative include:
- Increase parent recruitment
- Increase parent retention
- Increase parent participation
- Increase youth development
- Increase the passion for participation in Scouting by youth and parents.

As part of the basic program, each youth member’s family will be encouraged to:
1. Complete a “Parent Talent Survey” and turn in to their unit leader. (for some packs this will be completed at the beginning of the year by pack leaders.)
2. Influence their child to become a Scout.
3. Participate in Scouting directly with their child.
4. Go to and observe Scout meetings.
5. Be part of the unit’s program—both weekly meetings and outings.
6. Support the program financially.
7. Keep the child on track with his unit work and the earning of recognition awards; and
8. Serve in one support role during the Scouting year.

Each unit should select someone to serve on their unit committee to accept the responsibility for delivery and coordination. This person would be responsible for keeping the parents informed of the unit’s programs and needs. They would provide new parents with:
1. A welcome package of how the unit works.
2. Provide an orientation for all parents to answer questions and share the benefits of the Scouting program to their families.
3. Keep all parents updated on the unit’s programs and their child’s involvement.
4. Secure a parent’s commitment to help with an assignment or project annually.
5. Keep all parents informed of the unit’s advancement program and advancement information.

FALL PROPERTY RENTALS OPEN
Reservations for the fall of 2007 and 2008 weekend & camping rentals open Sept. 1st. Scouting groups wanting to reserve space should complete a Property Use Form and submit to it Pine Tree Council. All of our camps, including Camp Hinns, Nutleri, Gastin, Bomazeen and Camp KV have rentals available. Units that camp at four of these camps over the course of one year can earn the Council Camper Award. What’s available? Everything is from the Training Center that comfortably sleeps 45 people indoors, to cabins holding 12 to 32 people and rustic campsites. Stay a weekend, one night, or more!

Cub Scout Day Camp: The Riddle of the Sphinx

Day Camps – run approx. 8:30 – 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2007 Cub Day Camp Dates:
Abnaki District: Camp Grinnin Aug 6 - 10
Casco Bay District: Mackworth Island – July 23 – 27
Camp Hinds – July 30 – Aug. 3
Downeast District: Union Fair – July 9 & 13
Topsham Fair – July 16 - 20
Kennebec Valley District: Camp Bomazeen - Aug 6 - 10
York District: Camp Nutter - July 9 - 13
Camp Nutter - July 16 – 20

Day Camp Fees
$100 per week
Early bird discounts are available for camp programs.
Information on registration forms!

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Join us at Camp Hinds for the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting! Camp Hinds, now in its 60th year, will have special 100th anniversary activities all summer long! Earn the Baden Powell award with our 100th anniversary patch and collectible pins. In your hand at geocaching, canoe sailing, take a bite like camp out with your patrol on our new island in Little Sebago Lake and more! Don’t miss out on camp! Sign up soon!!!

July 1 - 6 WEEK 1
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
Trail To Eagle Advancement Week

July 8 - 13 WEEK 2
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

July 15 - 20 WEEK 3
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
High Adventure Trek Programs

July 22 - 27 WEEK 4
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

July 29 - Aug. 3 WEEK 5
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

Aug. 5 - 10 WEEK 6
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard

Aug. 12 – 17 WEEK 7
Webelos Resident Camp Session 1 & 2

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2007 Camp Hinds CD on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14. www.pinetreebsa.org

Woodbadge - 2007

Pine Tree Council will again be offering a Woodbadge Course in the fall of 2007. Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting careers!!! Wood Badge Training offers a unique opportunity for learning and for leadership. Participants live and work together in a patrol with other Scouters, while they learn about the skills of leadership. The skills of Wood badge will help you in your personal and professional life along with Scouting!

Who can attend? All registered Scout Leaders who have completed basic training for their position.

The course content benefits Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders, as well as Council and District leaders.

The dates are Sept. 14 –16, and Oct. 12 – 14, 2007, and the cost is $220 which includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?

• Problem Solving techniques for adults and youth.
• Management of Youth Programs.
• Leadership Skills
• Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
• Managing Conflict and Change
• Team Development
• Communications
• Leading to Make a Difference
• The Outing in Scouting

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

Over 300 Scouters attend the University of Scouting!

A big thank-you to all of the volunteers that helped staff the University of Scouting held in March at the Central Maine Community College! Adult leaders from all over PTC attended great classes ranging from GPS, dutch oven cooking, Scouting resources and much more!

Pine Tree Council would like to thank the University Faculty, led by President Bill Coffin, and the college staff, Sherry and Bob Robinson, Clint Staples, Paul Conley, Aaron Wiggin, Tom Morris, Sue Pinette, Paul Hallee, Krista Morris and Matt Dubois!

Also, a big thank-you to the Madockawanda Lodge for their support with set-up and food service!

About the Shop

The Pine Tree Council Scout Shop is now online. This site has items that are exclusive to the PTC Scout Shop: Pine Tree Council shoulder patches and clothing, camping equipment, books and maps, fun learning stuff, and much more. New items are being added weekly. Order online or browse the site before shopping at the Scout Shop.

The online store can be accessed from the Scout Shop page of the Pine Tree Council Web Site at www.pinetreebsa.org. The council online store does not have any Boy Scouts of America items. For official BSA items, a link to the National Supply Division site is also available from the Scout Shop page.

As always, Scout Shop and BSA items can be purchased at the Scout Shop, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, by calling 207-797-5441 or toll free at 1-877-PTC-SHOP (1-877-782-7467), and by fax at 207-878-9472.
FLORIDA SEA BASE CONTINGENT TO SET SAIL IN 2008!

Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be hosting a contingent to travel to the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base for a sailing crew in February 2008!

Our crew will sail on a 70’ foot mast schooner for a week in the Florida Keys during February school vacation! The crew will sail the boat, learn navigational skills, snorkel along the colorful reefs, tour Key West and try their luck at deep-sea fishing!

Openings are now available for up to 24 Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and leaders! All participants must be at least age 13 ½ by the trip and strong swimmers. Leaders interested in attending are encouraged to apply to be on the PTC contingent leadership staff.

To reserve your Sea Base spot or for more information, contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 x14 or cgossel@bsamail.org. A Sea Base Reservation form is also available on our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org.

A slide show presentation is also available for units for the Florida Sea Base!

Welcome to our Staff

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Scout Executive, Bryan Thomas and his family to the Pine Tree Council. Bryan was the Director of Finance for the Connecticut Rivers Council. As a youth, Bryan earned the Arrow of Light, the Eagle Rank and was active in the OA. Bryan is married to Sara and they have a son, Nathan, who is a Cub Scout and a daughter, Laurel. When you get the chance, give Bryan a call and welcome him to the council. Bryan can be reached at 797-5252, ext 25.

VISIT BOYS’ LIFE MAGAZINE ONLINE

Exciting news from Boys’ Life magazine: We have relaunched our flagship Web site, www.boyslife.org, into the premier site for fun and information.

It’s full of Scouting info and advancement help, gear buyer’s guides, tons of how-to projects and games for youth of all ages. And with Cub Corner, BL has created a special site dedicated for Cub Scouts. Other new site features:

• Pedro’s daily blog will keep users up to date with the latest news that affects a youth’s life.
• Tell a joke! Think our magazine jokes are lame? Tell us a better one and let the BL online community rate it.
• Reader photo galleries make BL’s readers the stars of the show.
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Come Celebrate Scouting’s Centennial at Camp Hinds! 2007 Season Highlights

Special Activities Celebrating Scouting’s Anniversary

• Weeklong theme including Centennial Day on Tuesday: Come to Retreat Dressed in Vintage Uniforms or Civilian Attire that would be Worn in the Early 1900s
• Camp Wide Event along with other Camp Activities based on What Early Scouts Did
• Look for this Outline of Baden Powell in Our Leaders’ Guide for Activities Relating to Scouting’s Anniversary

New Merit Badges and Activities

• New Afternoon Rotations Include Spy Mapping, Patrol Flag Making, Geocaching, Tracking & Trailing and for Older Boy Activities we’ve added Canoe Sailing
• New Evening Activities Include a Patch Tradoree, a Song Fest and a Night Hike
• Night on Scout Island: A chance for your troop to canoe to and camp overnight on the Pine Tree Council’s newest Camping Property in Little Sebago Lake

For Older Scouts We’ll Also Be Bringing Back Old Favorites

• COPE and Climbing MB
• Trail to Eagle: Week 1
• BSA Lifeguard: Weeks 2, 4, 6
• Our Counselor-in-Training Program: Two Sessions, Weeks 2-4 and Weeks 5-7
• High Adventure Treks including a 50 Mile Canoe Trip and our Sea Kayaking/Island Survivor Trip

This year’s patch will commemorate 100 years of Scouting world wide along with the 80th season of Camp! You can earn the right to wear up to five commemorative pins* that will complete your patch by participating in the following activities…

Spy Mapping – History Hike – Morning Flag Raising – Baden Powell Award - Service Project

*Pins may be purchased in the Trading Post
The PTC Invites You to Have Fun with the Sea Dogs this Summer!

Don't miss out on this exclusive, Scouts & family ONLY, opportunity to camp out at Hadlock Field.

June 2nd ** Sleep Over at the Sea Dogs! ** Please wear your Scouting uniform!

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

- Admission to the June 2nd game – Sea Dogs vs. Connecticut Defenders
- PG-Rated movie after game on the Ford JumboTron
- Overnight on the field!! (Weather permitting)
- Special Event Patch including the PTC and Sea Dogs logo
- Scout families should enter the game at the special Scout entrance at the end of the handicap parking lot.
- Only families with tickets purchased through the Pine Tree Council will be allowed in this entrance. Late arrivals should check in with the information desk inside the front entrance.

After the game, Scouts will be allowed 30 minutes to collect overnight camping equipment from vehicles. Tents are welcome but cannot be staked into the ground! We must keep the field in top shape! No outside food or drinks will be allowed into the stadium. Concessions will be open until 12:30AM. Three light towers will remain lit throughout the night with bathroom facilities remaining open. Quiet time will be from midnight until 6AM. Please be considerate of other campers.

** SCHEDULE **

** REGISTRATION IS JUST $20.00 **

| Reg. Must be received by May 25th (if tickets are still available) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Name: __________________ |
| Address: ___________ City:_________ ST:____ Zip:_________ |
| # of Tickets______ @ $20.00/ticket = $_________ |
| Total Enclosed $_________ |

Each youth must be supervised by an adult, guardian, or Scout Leader. Tickets are available only through the Pine Tree Council. There is no rain date for this event. Tickets may be exchanged with Ocean Park or re-sold at the Pine Tree Council.

** TURTLE SPEAKS **

* Thanks to all Brothers who served on staff and attended the University of Scouting at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn in March. Approximately 40 members served with setup, lunch duty, course instructions and at the lodge trading post during the annual event. Your service was an inspiration to all!

* Lodge leadership will attend the second National Conservation and Leadership Summit which will take place July 28 through August 1, 2007 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. This summit has a twofold purpose. The first will be to train key site leadership and squad leaders for the 2008 ArrowCorps. The second purpose of the NCLS is to introduce key leaders of lodges across the country to the 2008-2012 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan. It will be the first summit-type event held since the National Leadership Summit of 1999, where Madocawanada Lodge was also well represented. Our representatives to this national summit are comprised of our Lodge Chief, Aaron Wiggins; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; National Program Chairman, Andrew Rueger; Lodge Adviser, Bruce Rueger; and Lodge Staff Adviser, Matt Randall.

* Four lodge officers and advisers attended the National Leadership Seminar at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in New Hampshire during the weekend of April 27-29th. This annual training event is an annual requirement for new officers, and Madocawanada Lodge has consistently offered this training over the years. It’s been a long time since the training sessions have been this close geographically! For 2007, our representatives to this training session will include Lodge Vice Chief, Stephen Molina; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser, John Trot.

* If you or one of your scouts was elected to the Order during our recently held election season this past winter, please make sure to register for one of our Ordeal Weekends. Ordeal weekends are scheduled for June 1-3rd and June 15-17th at Camp Hinds. Registration material was mailed during May to all eligible candidates… see you at your Ordeal!

* For those Ordeal members who were inducted into the Order in 2006 or even prior to last year, please remember that Brotherhood Conversion Ceremonies will be held at both Spring Ordeal weekends at Camp Hinds. Also, if you are attending summer camp, please remember that you can also seal your brotherhood membership in the Order every Thursday night at Camp Hinds.

* Speaking of Summer Camp and spending a great evening on the shores of Panther Pond, the OA Service Hour will again take place every Thursday during the 2007 summer camp season. This is an opportunity to spend approximately one hour in “cheerful service” and to help camp staff with service projects designed to keep camp operating smoothly during the summer camp season. Participants receive the next edition of the Service Hour patch, our ninth year in this program as well as spend a bit of time in fellowship and service to our council properties.

* The lodge will also be well represented at the 2007 Section NE-IA Conclave to be held during the weekend of June 8-10 at the T.L. Storer Scout Reservation. Hosted by Moswetuset Lodge and Boston Minuteman Council, this is certainly the highlight to our Section Activities. Registration information is available on the lodge website: http://lodge.pinetreesba.org.

* Founder’s Day and the Vigil Honor will be held on Friday and Saturday July 6 and 7 at Camp Bomoseen. Founder’s Day on Saturday will be a work day and all members are welcome to come and help out at the camp. We are in hopes that we will be able to start working on the archery range and our national service grant during the Founder’s Day work session.

** Sea Dogs Ticket Registration Form **

Please mail form to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

** (PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) **

Name: __________________ Telephone: __________________ 
Address: __________________ City:_________ ST:____ Zip:_________ 
Pack #:____ Troop #:____ Crew #:____ Post #:____

June 2nd Sea Dogs Overnight:

| # of Tickets______ @ $20.00/ticket = $_________ |
| June 2nd TOTAL $_________ |

August 19th Scout Night:

| # of Youth (16 & Under) Tickets______ @ $25/ticket = $_________ |
| # of Adult Tickets______ @ $5/ticket = $_________ |
| August 19th TOTAL $_________ |

* Sign up now!*
**COUNCIL NEWS**
June 2nd Sea Dogs Overnight:
Name: ______________________
# of Adult     Tickets _______ @ $5/ticket = $_________  August 19th TOTAL $__________

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Each youth must be supervised by an adult, guardian, or Scout Leader. Tickets are available only through the Pine Tree Council. There is no rain date for this event (there will be no refunds in the event of a rain-out). Tickets may be exchanged per the Sea Dogs rain policy. If you have questions, please call 207-797-6252 ext. 10.

There are a limited number of tickets for this event and they are on a first come, first served basis only!!

August 19th **SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SEADOGS**
Tickets for the event are $5 for Adults and $2 for Youth (16 & Under). Each ticket includes:

- Admission to the August 19th game – Sea Dogs vs. New Britain Rock Cats, Game Time 1:00PM
- Sea Dogs Pennant
- June 2nd Sea Dogs Overnight: # of Tickets _______ @ $20.00/ticket = $_________  June 2nd TOTAL $__________
- August 19th Scout Night: # of Youth (16 & Under) Tickets _______ @ $2/ticket = $_________  # of Adult Tickets _______ @ $5/ticket = $_________  August 19th TOTAL $__________

**TURTLE SPEAKS**

* Thanks to all Brothers who served on staff and attended the University of Scouting at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn in March. Approximately 40 members served with setup, lunch duty, course instructions and at the lodge trading post during the annual event. Your service was an inspiration to all!

* Lodge leadership will attend the second National Conservation and Leadership Summit which will take place July 28 through August 1, 2007 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. This summit has a twofold purpose. The first will be to train key site leadership and squad leaders for the 2008 ArrowCorps. The second purpose of the NCLS is to introduce to key leaders of lodges and sections the 2008-2012 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan. It will be the first summit-type event held since the National Leadership Summit of 1999, where Madocawkanda Lodge was also well represented. Our representatives to this national summit are comprised of our Lodge Chief, Aaron Wiggin; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; National Program Chairman, Andrew Ruerger; Lodge Adviser, Bruce Ruerger; and Lodge Staff Adviser, Matt Randall.

* Four lodge officers and advisers attended the National Leadership Seminar at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in New Hampshire during the weekend of April 27-29th. This annual training event is an annual requirement for new officers, and Madocawkanda Lodge has consistently offered this training over the years. It’s been a long time since the training sessions have been this close geographically! For 2007, our representatives to this training session will include Lodge Vice Chief, Stephen Molina; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser, John Trott.

* If you or one of your scouts was elected to the Order during our recently held election season this past winter, please make sure to register for one of our Ordeal Weekends. Ordeal weekends are scheduled for June 1-3rd and June 15-17th at Camp Hinds. Registration material was mailed during May to all eligible candidates…. see you at your Ordeal!

* For those Ordeal members who were inducted into the Order in 2006 or even prior to last year, please remember that Brotherhood Conversion Ceremonies will be held on both Spring Ordeal weekends at Camp Hinds. Also, if you are attending summer camp, please remember that you can also seal your brotherhood membership in the Order every Thursday night at Camp Hinds.

* Speaking of Summer Camp and spending a great evening on the shores of Panther Pond, the OA Service Hour will again take place every Thursday during the 2007 summer camp season. This is an opportunity to spend approximately one hour in “cheerful service” and to help camp staff with service projects designed to keep camp operating smoothly during the summer camp season. Participants receive the next edition of the Service Hour patch, our ninth year in this program as well as spend a bit of time in fellowship and service to our council properties.

* The lodge will also be well represented at the 2007 Section NE-1A Conclave to be held during the weekend of June 8-10 at the T.L. Storer Scout Reservation. Hosted by Moswetuset Lodge and Boston Minuteman Council, this is certainly the highlight to our Section Activities. Registration information is available on the lodge website: http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org.

* Founder’s Day and the Vigil Honor will be held on Friday and Saturday July 6 and 7 at Camp Bomazeen. Founder’s Day on Saturday will be a work day and all members are welcome to come and help out at the camp. We are in hopes that we will be able to start working on the archery range and our national service grant during the Founder’s Day work session.

Proud to be a Star of the Order
**FLORIDA SEA BASE CONTINGENT TO SET SAIL IN 2008!**

Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be hosting a contingent to travel to the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base for a sailing crew in February 2008.

Our crew will sail on a 70’ foot mast schooner for a week in the Florida Keys during February school vacation! The crew will sail the boat, learn navigational skills, snorkel along the colorful reefs, tour Key West and try their luck at deep-sea fishing!

Openings are now available for up to 24 Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and leaders! All participants must be at least age 13 ½ by the trip and strong swimmers. Leaders interested in attending are encouraged to apply to be on the PTC contingent leadership staff.

To reserve your Sea Base spot or for more information, contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 x14 or cgosseli@bsamail.org. A Sea Base Reservation form is also available on our web site at www.pinetreesba.org.

A slide show presentation is also available for units for the Florida Sea Base!

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**VISIT BOYS’ LIFE MAGAZINE ONLINE**

Exciting news from Boys’ Life magazine: We have relaunched our flagship Web site, www.boyslife.org, into the premier site for fun and information. It’s full of Scouting info and advancement help, gear buyer’s guides, tons of how-to projects and games for youth of all ages. And with Cub Corner, BL has created a special site dedicated for Cub Scouts. Other new site features:

- Pedo’s daily blog will keep users up-to-date with the latest news that affects a youth’s life.
- Tell a joke! Think our magazine jokes are lame? Tell us a better one and let the BL online community rate it.
- Reader photo galleries make BL’s readers the stars of the show. Boyslife.org is only going to get better. Make it a habit to visit every day — you don’t want to miss out on any of the new stuff in the works.

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**Welcome to our Staff**

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Scout Executive, Bryan Thomas and his family to the Pine Tree Council. Bryan was the Director of Finance for the Connecticut Rivers Council. As a youth, Bryan earned the Arrow of Light, the Eagle Rank and was active in the OA. Bryan is married to Sara and they have a son, Nathan, who is a Cub Scout and a daughter, Laurel. When you get the chance, give Bryan a call and welcome him to the council. Bryan can be reached at 797-5252, ext 25.

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**Come Celebrate Scouting’s Centennial at Camp Hinds! 2007 Season Highlights**

**Special Activities Celebrating Scouting’s Anniversary**
- Weeklong theme including Centennial Day on Tuesday: Come to Retreat Dressed in Vintage Uniforms or Civilian Attire that would be Worn in the Early 1900s
- Camp Wide Event along with other Camp Activities based on What Early Scouts Did.
- Look for this Outline of Baden Powell in Our Leaders’ Guide for Activities Relating to Scouting’s Anniversary

**New Merit Badges and Activities**
- New Afternoon Rotations Include Spy Mapping, Patrol Flag Making, Geocaching, Tracking & Trailing and for Older Boy Activities we’ve added Canoe Sailing
- New Evening Activities Include a Patch Trade-O-Ree, a Song Fest and a Night Hike
- Night on Scout Island: A chance for your troop to canoe to and camp overnight on the Pine Tree Council’s newest Camping Property in Little Sebago Lake

**For Older Scouts We’ll Also Be Bringing Back Old Favorites**
- COPE and Climbing MB
- Trail to Eagle: Week 1
- BSA Lifeguard: Weeks 2, 4, 6
- Our Counselor-in-Training Program: Two Sessions, Weeks 2-4 and Weeks 5-7
- High Adventure Treks including a 50 Mile Canoe Trip and our Sea Kayaking/Island Survivor Trip

This year’s patch will commemorate 100 years of Scouting world wide along with the 80th season of Camp! You can earn the right to wear up to five commemorative pins* that will complete your patch by participating in the following activities…

Spy Mapping – History Hike – Morning Flag Raising – Baden Powell Award - Service Project

*Pins may be purchased in the Trading Post
CAMP HINDS SUMMER CAMP
2007 DATES & PROGRAMS

Join us at Camp Hinds for the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting! Camp Hinds, now in its 80th year, will have special 100th anniversary activities and events. Earn the Baden Powell award with your 100th anniversary patch and collectible pins. In your hand at geocaching, canoe sailing, take a night hike, camp out with your patrol on our new island in Little Sebago Lake and more! Don’t miss out on camp! Sign up soon!!!
July 1 - 6 WEEK 1
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
Trail To Eagle Advancement Week
July 8 - 13 WEEK 2
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4
High Adventure Trek Programs
July 15 - 20 WEEK 3
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
High Adventure Trek Programs
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4
July 22 - 27 WEEK 4
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 1 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4
High Adventure Trek Programs
July 29 - Aug. 3 WEEK 5
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7
High Adventure Trek Programs
Aug. 5 - 10 WEEK 6
Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7
High Adventure Trek Programs
Aug. 12 – 15 WEEK 7
Webelos Resident Camp Session 1 & 2
CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7
More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2007 Camp Hinds CD on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14. www.pinetree-bsa.org

Camp Hinds Welcomes New Program Director

Camp Hinds is pleased to welcome Ed Mollee as the new program director this coming summer. Ed has been a dedicated staff member for many years on the Camp Hinds staff on the waterfront, serving last summer as the Aquatics Director.

Last years program director, Wayne Holden will be giving guidance to Ed, as Wayne will be with us in camp as the Counselor in Training Coordinator.

Ed and Wayne, along with Camp Director Matt Mower are busy preparing Camp Hinds to bring the best of scouting to our campers as we celebrate the 100th year of Scouting in West Forks, Maine and on the Kennebec River. Adventure packages, from gentle to rugged, to meet the individual needs of every group.

New in 2007 – Program Pavilion
Canoe polies • Cabin Tents • Pizza Party

WHITETWATER RAFTING, FUN YAKING & CLIMBING in MAINE

Whitewater Rafting for $49 per person
Includes wetsuits, barbecues, and all safety equipment.
We offer a variety of outdoor activities to Scouts and other youth groups at our base camp in West Forks, Maine and in the Kennebec and Dead Rivers. Adventure packages, from gentle to rugged, to meet the individual needs of every group.

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Your Hosts: Dave and Donna Nadeau
1-800-207-7238 • www.magicfalls.com

Woodbadge - 2007

Pine Tree Council will again be offering a Woodbadge Course in the fall of 2007. Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting career!!! Wood Badge Training offers a unique opportunity for learning and for leadership. Participants live and work together in a patrol with other Scouters, while they learn about the skills of leadership. The skills of Wood badge will help you in your personal and professional life along with Scouting!

Who can attend? All registered Scout Leaders who have completed basic training for their position. The course content benefits Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders, as well as Council and District leaders.

The dates are Sept. 14 –16, and Oct. 12 – 14, 2007, and the cost is $220 which includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature! What does Woodbadge Provide?

• Problem Solving techniques for adults and youth.
• Management of Youth Programs.
• Leadership Skills
• Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
• Managing Conflict and Change
• Team Development
• Communications
• Leading to Make a Difference
• The Outing in Scouting

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

Over 300 Scouters attend the University of Scouting!

A big thank-you to all of the volunteers that helped staff the University of Scouting held in March at the Central Maine Community College! Adult leaders from all over PTC attended great classes ranging from GPS, dutch oven cooking, Scouting resources and much more!
The Pine Tree Council would like to thank the University Faculty, led by President Bill Collin, and the college staff, Sherry and Bob Robinson, Clint Staples, Paul Conley, Aaron Wiggin, Tom Morris, Sue Pinette, Paul Hallee, Krista Morris and Matt Dubois! Also, a big thank-you to the Madockawanda Lodge for their support with set-up and food service!

The Pine Tree Council Scout Shop is now online. This site has items that are exclusive to the PTC Scout Shop: Pine Tree Council shoulder patches and clothing, camping equipment, books and maps, fun learning stuff, and much more! New items are being added weekly. Order online or browse the site before shopping at the Scout Shop.
The online store can be accessed from the Scout Shop page of the Pine Tree Council Web Site at www.pinetreebsa.org. The council online store does not have any Boy Scouts of America items. For official BSA items, a link to the National Supply Division site is also available from the Scout Shop page.
As always, Scout Shop and BSA items can be purchased at the Scout Shop, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, by calling 207-797-5441 or toll free at 1-877-PTC-SHOP (1-877-782-7467), and by fax at 207-878-9472.

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Abnaki District News

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.

FUNPACK WEEKEND
Abnaki District is looking for adults and Boy Scouts (13 or older) to come help out during our weekend to host FunPack Weekends at Camp Hinds on Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th. If you are interested, please contact our district’s coordinator Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614.

DAY CAMP
Back at the helm as our Camp Director is Scott Verrill of Pack 532. Joining Scott in administration this year as our Program Director is long time Day Camp staff member Andy Breaux of Pack 153. If you would like to volunteer for staff, please contact Scott at 597-3035.

PROGRAM LAUNCH AND KICK-OFF
Our Program Launch and Popcorn training this year will be on August 22. Look for information to come out by early summer.

DISTRICT OUTING AND AWARDS DAY
The Casco Bay District will be holding a district dinner on Sunday, August 26th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. All District Scouters and their families are invited to attend. We will be awarding this year’s District Award of Merit recipients as well as honoring other distinguished Scouters. Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to get together with other Scouters and their families to relax, have fun and acknowledge each other’s contributions to Scouting. Registration forms are available at the Pine Tree Council Service Center. Any questions should be directed to Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or abessey@bsamail.org.

CASCO BAY FUNPACK WEEKEND
Come and join the Casco Bay District hosted FunPack Weekend on July 14 & 15 at Camp Hinds for lots of fun and excitement. This year’s theme is “Come to Camp with your Mummy” and it promises to be great fun for all who attend. Come enjoy a great overnight camping experience with your Cub Scout! For more information, please contact John Trott 642-2373 or trottj@adelphia.net or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or abessey@bsamail.org

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Casco Bay District will be holding two weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp and one week of Cub Scout Twilight Camp this year. Twilight Camp will run from July 17th to the 20th at Mackworth Island. The second week at Mackworth Island will be Cub Day Camp from July 23rd to the 27th. The third week at Camp Hinds in Raymond will be from July 30th to August 3rd. This year’s theme is “Riddle of the Sphinx” and there is no question that the kids are going to have a great time. As always, the district needs volunteers to come and lend a hand at Camp for the week and help us run our programs. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to work with your kids to solve the riddle of the sphinx. Any questions should be directed to the following:

Missy Bell, Mackworth Director at 839-8421
Heather Judkins, Hinds Camp Director at 627-3114
Pine Tree Council – Tony Bessey – 797-5252 ext 23

RACE TO SCOUTING 2007
This year’s Race to Scouting will be held on Tuesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 20th. Please take the time and sit down with your committee to decide which date works best for your unit, as well as determining where you will be holding your sign-up night. Try to choose public places that most members of your communities will be familiar with. Also, you might want to coordinate your recruitment efforts and offer a combined area wide sign-up. Let’s start the planning process now and make this a record year for sign-ups so that we can offer our program to more kids than ever and make an even greater difference. Once you have chosen your date and location for sign-up, please contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or abessey@bsamail.org so that the District can assist you with flyers and support.

CUB Scout camp
Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Then sign up for a Cub Scout camping program! Our programs will use the fun filled theme of Egyptians to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid.

Join us for a FunPack Weekend – “Tomb Raiders: Come to camp with your Mummy” an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub Scouting unit. The FunPack weekend fee is $20 per person.

CUB Scout Day Camps

Day Camps – run approx. 8:30 – 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2007 Cub Day Camp Dates:
Abnaki District: Camp Guinsit Aug 6 - 10
Casco Bay District: Mackworth Island – July 23 – 27
Camp Hinds – July 30 – Aug. 3
Downeast District: Union Fair – July 9 – 13
Topsham Fair – July 16 - 20
Kennebec Valley District: Camp Bozmazen – Aug 6 - 10
York District:
Camp Nutter – July 9 - 13
Camp Nutter – July 16 – 20

Day Camp Fees
$100 per week
Early bird discounts are available for early sign-up!

Cub Scout Day Camp: The Riddle of the Sphinx

Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond!
2007 Webelos Schedule
4 Day Resident Camp
Session 1 Aug. 12 – 15
Session 2 Aug. 15 – 18

MORE CUB CAMPING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON THE PTC WEB SITE www.pinetreebsa.org

Twilight Camp for Cub Families

New in 2007, the Casco Bay district will be hosting our first Twilight Camp! Twilight Camp is an “evening day camp” held July 17th – 20th from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM to help provide a summer camp experience for the working family that can’t attend Cub Scout Day Camp! It will be open to Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts with their parents and siblings of the same age group!

Lots of fun activities revolving around the ‘Riddle of the Sphinx’ theme will provide entertainment for our Cub Scouts and their parents! Activities will feature BB and archery, cooking, nature programs and more! Twilight camp will be held on Mackworth Island and led by Casco Bay Day Camp Directors Missy Bell and Grace Everest. More information on twilight camp will be mailed to all Cub Scout families in the summer camp brochure!
Race To Scouting

September is Race To Scouting month. 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 also have a representative from the District at the sign-up and to assist with the recruitment of leaders. 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. This is the best program coming soon to your unit.

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/June and September 2007 with a coupon to redeem at a local store for a free Pennzoil Deli car. It is important that all registration forms turned in are turned into the Pine Tree Council office as soon as possible as they might miss out on this appetizer. The best way to do this is to hand them in to the District representative of the night of the event.

Look over the Race To Scouting training materials that you will receive at your district training to make sure that you have a great night set up for the parents and 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. Contact the Pine Tree Council by August 7th if your Race To Scouting recruitment location and date in September. Please start your recruitment night at 6:30 PM in order to accommodate the fall program.
2. Work with other Packs and Troops in the same community so everyone recruits kids and adults.

New NATIONAL PARENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce, as part of the new national strategic plan, a National Parent Initiative to help the BSA reach the boys, parents, and adults who are not yet involved in Scouting. The vision captures our goal to continually increase youth and parent recruitment, and appreciation of Scouting will be the foundation from which all methods will develop.

It is our intent to highlight the importance of Scouting by youth and parents.

1. Complete a “Parent Talent Survey” and turn it in to your unit leader.
2. Influence their child to become a Scout;
3. Participate in Scouting directly with their child;
4. Go to and observe Scout meetings;
5. Be part of the unit’s program—both weekly meetings and outings;
6. Support the program financially;
7. Assist a child with their unit and the earning of recognition awards;
8. Serve in one support role during the Scouting year.

Each unit should select someone to serve on their unit committee to accept the responsibility for delivery and coordination. This person should be familiar with keeping the parents informed of the unit’s programs and needs. They would provide to non-parents:

1) A welcome package of the unit’s activities;
2) Provide an orientation for all parents to answer questions and share the benefits of the Scouting program to their family;
3) Keep all parents updated on the unit’s progress and their child’s involvement;
4) Secure a parent’s commitment to help with an assignment or project annually;
5) Assist the unit in their Fundraising efforts;
6) Help their Scout Unit—Cub Scout Troop and Boy Scout Troop—understand the new system of “Fun Packs” and “specific tasks” for new volunteers to select to assist in units and in helping the boys achieve their goals, etc.

A supportive parent initiative that can influence parents and youth recruit ment, retention, advancement, participation, determination, and a passion for Scouting. The impact is to help interest the potential of scouting, in the development of youth. The line is simple:

A “passionate parent initiative that can influence parents and youth recruit ment, retention, advancement, participation, determination, and a passion for Scouting.”

Race To Scouting is an all program level, units will be able to access new avenues of support that will serve to increase program quality. The vision captures our passionate attitude about Scouting, and it can inspire many parents to become involved and more committed to the success of their child’s Scouting experience. All units are encouraged to adopt the program as an integral part of their unit’s program. It is a part of one of the requirements to earn the new Centennial Quality Award beginning in this year.

The objectives established for the program initiative include:

1. Increase parent recruitment;
2. Increase parent retention;
3. Increase parent participation;
4. Increase youth determination;
5. The passion for participation in Scouting by youth and parents;
6. As part of the basic program, each youth member in the unit will be encouraged to:

   a) Complete a “Parent Talent Survey” and turn it in to their unit leader;
   b) Influence their child to become a Scout;
   c) Participate in Scouting directly with their child;
   d) Go to and observe Scout meetings;
   e) Be part of the unit’s program—both weekly meetings and outings.

PROGRAM LAUNCH

The date to pick up your program launch kit will be June 13 at District Roundtable. This is one of the most important Roundtables of the year. The kit includes council calendars, race to scouting information, popcorn information, fall camporee information, and everything that you need to know for the upcoming year in Scouting. Make sure you have at least one representative from your unit attend this event.

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people who want to help out with Cub Scout Day Camps this year. The Union Day Camp will be July 9-13, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 16-20. Anyone who volunteers for the week at a day camp can have one son attend for $10. For more information contact Steve Sauzier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssauzier@bsaborg.

FUNPACK WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS

The Downeast District will be coordinating the FunPack Weekend on July 28 & 29 at Camp Hinds in Raymond. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Steve Sauzier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssauzier@bsaborg.

POPCORN KICK OFF

The popcorn kickoff will be August 23rd. There will be more information at Roundtable and in the Beacon.

RACE TO THE SPRING CUP VICTORY NIGHT FREE TICKETS TO SPEEDWAY FOR NEW SCOUTS

Thanks to Oxford Plains Speedway, we will be giving out free tickets to their Wednesday, August 8th Acceleration Series Race Night to new Scouts who join in 2007 and are registered by June 30th. We will be sending the new Scouts a welcome letter with a free ticket. Parents and family members or friends must purchase a ticket for general admission ($5 for adults, 5 years old and under free, 20% for seniors and children). This is an opportunity to introduce the boys, a few days before the sign-up night, to build their program excitement.

Remember, to be eligible to receive their free tickets, their paperwork must be turned into Pine Tree Council by the end of June. For more information about this event, contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33 or mmower@bsaborg. More information about Oxford Plains Speedway and their events are available on their website www.oxfordplains.com.

DIRECTIONS TO OXFORD PLAINS SPEEDWAY

From the Maine Turnpike Take Exit 63 (Gray) Turn Right off exit
Turn Left onto Route 26 North Follow Route 26 for approx. 23 miles. Speedway is on the right.

Downeast District News

Pine Spills

CUB SCOUTS

 Fall Property Rentals Open

Reservations for the fall of 2007 and 2008 weekend & camping rentals open Sept. 1st. Scouting groups wanting to reserve space should complete a Property Use Form and submit it to Pine Tree Council. All of our camps, including Camp Hinds, Nutler, Gastin, Bomazeen and Camp KV have rentals available. Units that camp at four of the properties over the course of one year can earn the Council Camping Award. What’s available? Everything! What’s available is the Training Center that comfortably sleeps 45 indoors people, to cabins holding 12 to 32 people and rustic campites. Stay a weekend, one night, or more! As of Sept. 1st, there are new property rental rates. There is an increase to the Training Center and campsite fees, and some cabin rental fees. Property Use Forms are available on our website at www.pinetreesoa.org.

Distinguished Citizen Award. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the 797-5252 ext. 7.

2007 Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen

We would like to congratulate Samuel Frueh, President & CEO of Maine Bank & Trust, for being selected as the 2007 recipient of the Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen Award (DCAD).

The DCAD is an annual event sponsored by the Pine Tree Council to honor an outstanding individual or business. The event promotes dynamic community partnerships that exist between scouting and area businesses. The dinner serves to showcase the contributions of the honorees to the local community, as well as promote public awareness of the scouting program.

The Pine Tree Council is honored to have Sam Ladd as this year’s recipient. The dinner will be held October 25th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay with a reception at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and program at 6:30 PM.

2006 Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Congratulations are extended to the following seven recipients of the Silver Beaver Award recently presented at the Pine Tree Council Annual Recognition banquet.

- George Freitag
- Edwin Garpil
- Brian Hazelwood
- John Janman
- Roger Pomerleau
- Burton Russell
- John Wood

The Silver Beaver represents the highest award that a Council may present to a volunteer. Each Silver Beaver, or peer nominating each of the recipients. The Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Committee, which is comprised of past recipients of the award from throughout the council, selects the awardee each year based on the applications that are submitted and the recipients’ service given in scouting and their community!

Congratulations to all!

The Trails End Popcorn sale has some exciting changes for 2007, and your unit will not want to miss out on the incentive program has improved. The incentive program is as good as ever, and we will have the same great product mix to sell.

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Message from the Council Commissioner

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Let’s also remember that camp is not the only way that our boys should be enjoying scouting this summer. Encourage your troops to continue their program throughout the summer, and at your cub scout pack meetings, encourage the Cub Scout Summertime Pack Award. A good summer program is a surefire way to keep those boys interested and returning in the fall.

Remember that if you have not already completed them, it is also time to conduct unit inventories. Unit inventories are a very important task for every commissioner. It is our job to ensure that all boys that are active in the program are registered in the program, for many reasons, not the least of which are insurance and advancement, especially Eagle. Sometimes our leaders just simply forget to turn in an application. This is why we as commissioners provide this service twice a year. We would like to thank all the faculty, staff and participants for another great University of Scouting. Without each of you, such a wonderful event could not be possible. It also gives us the chance to see so many leaders spending the day learning skills that will help them provide a quality program to the youth of our councils.

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DENTAL CAREERS EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Maine Dental Association is a chartering partner for the new Dental Careers Exploring program in the Casco Bay District. After a wonderfully written article titled “Careers with Teeth” by Betty Adams of the Kennebec Journal, Learning for Life began receiving inquiries from parents and high school students about this new initiative. As a result, a senior high school student was interested in learning more about the Dental Careers Exploring program in the Augusta area is invited to call Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

AVIATION CAREERS EXPLORER PROGRAM

Another new exploring initiative is the creation of the Aviation Careers Exploring program through the Sanford Airport. This program conducted its open house in May and is eagerly recruiting young men and women interested in exploring aviation and aviation related fields as a career option. The point of contact for this program is Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

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Cub Scout Summer Camp Programs in Casco Bay

Has your son been missing out on one of the best parts of the Cub Scout program? Make this the year he goes to a Casco Bay District day camp!

Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Twilight Camp
July 17-20   5:30-8:30 pm

Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Day Camp
July 23-27   8:30 am-4:30 pm

Camp Hinds (Raymond) Day Camp
July 30 - August 3   8:30 am-4:30 pm

We are offering three fun filled weeks centered on the water sports.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PROUTS NECK

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Closed Sunday  
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Week 5 at Camp Hinds

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