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Message from the Council President

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

It is truly a privilege and honor for me to assume the role of President of the Pine Tree Council. We are blessed in Maine with a deep rich Scouting tradition, fostered so easily by the wonderful natural world around us. Growing up in Revere, Massachusetts, in a Scouter’s suburbania, we lacked the same access we enjoy here to outdoor recreation. Scouting was my first entree into the woods, hiking and camping, all activities I still enjoy today. As an enthusiastic Wolf Scout, I spent Wednesday afternoons in my grandmother’s basement. I’m still not sure who convinced her to be my Den Leader. Those initial days of Cub Scouting led to my first entree into the woods, hiking and camping, all activities I still enjoy today.

Our commitment at the Pine Tree Council is to provide our thousands of Scouts and volunteer Scouters with the support and programs to offer our youth a truly outstanding experience. Your Council is led by a strong Board and extensive district leadership. This year the Council leadership at all levels will create a new strategic plan that will set a vision and concrete direction for the Council for the next five years. I welcome your ideas and participation in that undertaking. If each child in Maine had the privilege of participating in Scouting, think what kind of community those youth people could create as adults. I look forward to working with you to provide your Scout with the highest quality Scouting experience.

Yours in Scouting,
Peter B. Ventre
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

Exploring/LFL District News

ANNUAL LEARNING FOR AUICTION AND BENEFIT

On Wednesday, May 21st, Learning for Life and Exploring is conducting their annual Auction and Benefit at the Topsham Fairground on May 16 to May 18. Troop 203 will be the host troop. The theme this year will be “Hobbies for Fitness, Hobbies for Life.” Bring your Troop and learn about and participate in activities that can be fun and enjoyable for the rest of your life.

For more information and registration, please attend Roundtable.

Message from the Council Commissioner

Greetings Commissioners,

A new year has arrived and once again rechartering is upon us. As I’m sure we all realize, assisting with rechartering is one of the most important services that we can offer the units that we serve. Accurate and on-time rechartering is of the utmost importance not only to the council, district and unit but more importantly to the individual scout’s advancement, and unit but more importantly to the council. We are blessed with Cub Scout Day Camps this year. The Union Day Camp will be held July 10-14, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 17-21. Anyone who volunteers for the week at a day camp can have one son attend for $15. For more information contact Steve Sauzier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

ANNUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE AUCTION AND BENEFIT

On Wednesday, May 21st, Learning for Life and Exploring is offering their annual Auction and Benefit at the Portland Club in Portland, Maine. This event is one of two major fundraising events conducted by Learning for Life. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org for complimentary tickets. Scouting families represent much talent. If you would be interested in donating an item to this auction and benefit, we would enjoy hearing from you. Last year, we had several artists from our Scouting families donate their artwork to this event. Any questions regarding donations, please call Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

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I’m firmly believe there is no other youth program that provides such great character building experiences, learning opportunities, and sheer fun to young people. I believe that youth development is our primary goal. We have Scouts interested in either a law enforcement or military career path, this academy is for them. Applications can be obtained by calling Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org.

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2008 Pine Tree Council Annual Dinner

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2008 Council Annual Dinner to be held on April 27, 2008, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport’s main entrance.

This will mark the third year that the Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at this event along with the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts.

This event we will also recognize over 120 youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2007. Thousand of hours of volunteer service have been completed under the direction of these scouts and this recognition is very much deserved.

Registration is from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. The dinner starts at 6:30. Cost of this year’s dinner will be $20.00 per person. There will be no cost for the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts’ meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge and also no cost for the 2008 Silver Beaver recipients. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

Once again this year all 2007 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Silver Beavers will also be available to purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

Don’t miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and adult volunteers as we celebrate the accomplishments of these leaders.

Register online at www.pinetreebsa.org by going to the April calendar and clicking on the event or call Frank Gilcrest at 797-5252 x 24 for a reservation form.

2010 National Jamboree ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting!

We will be looking for Boy Scouts from the Pine Tree Council to begin preparing for an adventure of a lifetime! The 17th National Scout Jamboree will be held July 26 to August 4th in 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The FTC troops will tour in the Washington, DC area prior to the Jamboree and then travel on to the adventures of the 100th Anniversary Jamboree of the Boys Scout of America! This will be the once in a lifetime experience for both the Scouts and leaders and many say that a trip to a National Jamboree is the highlight of their scouting career!

The PTC contingent will consist of 4 troops, each consisting of 4 adult leaders and 36 Scouts. Leaders interested in applying for volunteer positions should contact Cathy Gosselin at 797-5252 x 14 or cgossel1@bsamail.org. Stay tuned for more information, which will be posted on our web site as it is released from the BSA.

Welcome to Our New Executive Board Members

We would like to welcome and introduce two new gentlemen, who have recently joined the Executive Board for the Pine Tree Council. The Executive Board is made up of volunteers who oversee the council’s needs in program, camping, financing, endowments, membership and much more.

Bill Sipperly joins us as our Vice President of Finance and lives in Falmouth with his wife, Carol, and three children. He has been with TD Banknorth in the commercial banking department for 5 years and prior to that with Fleet Bank. Bill was raised in Suffern, NY a suburb of NYC and attended Hobart College and then Western New England College. Began banking in NY with the Bank of New York and was there for 9 years prior to moving to Maine. Bill’s father is an Eagle Scout and Bill was in Boy Scouting as a youth.

John Newcomb resides in Spruce Head with his wife, Colleen and will serve as our Vice President of Marketing. He is a very active in the local community as a member of the Rockland Rotary and General manager of Downeast Air in Owls Head. John is an Eagle Scout and an Officer of the Arrow Order. His father, brother, and son are also Eagle Scouts.

We extend a warm welcome to both and would like to thank them for their commitment to serve Scouting!
Dear Scouts, Leaders, and Families,

Welcome to the 2008 Camp Hinds season! We look forward to an exciting summer, as we will be celebrating the Centennial of Scouting World Wide as well as our 81st season. It is our goal to make sure everybody who attends camp this summer has a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience during their visit. I am excited to be coming onboard as this summer’s Camp Director and would like to welcome back Ed Molleo as Program Director.

As always we will be offering some new merit badges and updating our program. See the highlights for 2008 below! Please visit our web page at www.pinetreebsa.org for more information regarding Pine Tree Council’s camps, and check the form section to download much of the paperwork you will need to prepare for camp.

It is our hope to provide all of our guests who visit us here at camp with the highest level of service. We want folks to come to camp energized and excited, and leave satisfied and refreshed. We all look forward to seeing you at camp this summer! Yours In Scouting,

Steve Saucier & Ed Molleo

2008 Season Highlights

Special Activities FOR 2008

- Daily themes including Scouting of the Future!
- Think about where Scouting will be in another 100 years!
- PADI certified SCUBA- new this year!!! Join us on weeks 3 or 5 for SCUBA certification!
- New- Hinds Survivor Challenge
- 2nd week of Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp added in Week 6
- Special Patch Rockers to commemorate your stay at camp!

New Merit Badges and Activities

- New Merit Badges Include Insect Study, Soil & water Conservation, Reptile & Amphibian Study along with Kayaking BSA.
- New - PADI certified SCUBA for adults and older youth.
- New - Specialized Patches to commemorate your stay at camp.

Other Special Programs & Opportunities

- Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp Week 1 & 6
- Counselor in training Program- 2 CIT’s sessions Weeks 2-4 and Weeks 5-7
- BSA Local Historian Program Weeks 2, 4, 6
- Provisional camping offered every week for a second week of camp or when you can’t attend with your own troop!
- Webelos Resident Camp- two sessions offered in during Week 7.

CAMPERSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Individual campership applications will be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC on the web site at www.pinetreebsa.org or call PTC at 797-5252 and ask for a campership application. The campership application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

CAMP HINDS SUMMER STAFF WANTED

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

SUMMER STAFF WANTED

- Camp Hinds Summer Staff positions include, and are not limited to: Merit Badge Counselors (with teaching experience), Movement Directors, Watersports Instructors, Camp Counselors, Kitchen Staff, and Janitorial Staff.

The Staff application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

YORK DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The York District Pine Wood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Vivian E. Hussey Primary School in Berwick, ME and sponsored by Pack 313 of Berwick. Cost for each participant is $6.00 per Scout. The top three Cub Scouts per Cub Scout Pack can represent the unit in the district derby. Racers attending from the same Pack must arrive and register their car at a Pack Registration begins at 6:30am on Saturday with the Opening Ceremony and Starting Flag flying at 7am. Late arrivals will not be allowed. Any Webelos crossing into a Troop will not automatically have their transfer fee is only $1 per boy.

UNIT INVENTORY

Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark the week of May 12-16, 2008 for the York District Spring Unit Inventory week. Each unit will be contacted to verify the youth that are in your program. This is vital to make sure each youth is accounted for in our York District. For more information, please contact our District Commissioner, Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

YORK DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE 2008

The date for the Spring Camporee is May 16-18, 2008 with the theme being “Veteran Appreciation.” The event is being hosted by Troop 338 of South Berwick and will be held next to Spring Hill Lodge on 117 Pond Rd., off Rt. 4, South Berwick. ME. More information will follow at upcoming roundtables.

THE 2008 CASCO BAY DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE

The Coastal Defense Camporee will be held May 16, 17, & 18, 2008 at Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Host Troop One Portland with assistance from Troop 23 South Portland has planned a great Camporee with a focus on the history of the Casco Bay area. Stations will include: Battalion Aid, coastal defense, Battle of Forts in Casco Bay, Atlantic Convoys, and Ship Building. So be prepared to learn some about your District’s history and contributions to our

CASCADILLA CAMPOREE (CSP SPR)

Troop 580 of Rumford will host the Spring Camporee for 2008. The theme for the Camporee will be Olympics/Scout Games. More information will be available and distributed via e-mail and Round Tables.

WEBELOS TRANSITION TO BOY SCOUTS (TRANS)

Please remember that any Webelos that crosses over into a Troop will NOT automatically have their registration transferred over by the Chair, regardless of the Pack. A BOY SCOUT application for the former Webelos to join the Troop must be filled out and submitted to the Pine Tree Council with the necessary monies. Any Webelos crossing into a Troop with out filling out an application WILL NOT be covered by insurance and WILL NOT be able to gain rank or tenure. The transfer fee is only $1 per boy.

Abnaki District News continued

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Casco Bay District News

Nations security. The cost of the event is $9.00 per Scout and a Scout and John Hume is promising a great time. For more information please feel free to contact John Hume at jhume@maine.rr.com.

CASCO BAY DISTRICT PINESWOD DERBY

The District Pinewood Derby will be held April 12, 2008 at the Jordan Small School in Raymond. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm and be due at 8:00 pm. Registration will begin at 8:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. The top 5 racers for each unit are

See CASCO page 14
I am very pleased to continue my service in Scouting by becoming the new Abnaki District Executive. As a native of Lewiston, and a life-long resident of western Maine, I count it a privilege to serve Scouting’s finest volunteers and I am excited about the challenge of expanding the influence of Scouting through-out the District. Our past efforts have yielded significant benefits to the youth of our communities and have provided a foundation of trust and expectation. We will build on this foundation and work to improve the communication, collaboration, and effectiveness of each program, supporting each Unit in its growth, and in the development of each Scout you impact. As my youngest son begins Scouting this year as a Tiger, and my two oldest Crossover to Boy Scouts, you can see how important it is to me. I hope to see our family as many Scouting functions as our schedules will allow. Please feel free to call or e-mail anytime I can be of service. My contact information is listed above and it is truly my pleasure to serve you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued support, Scott Verrill

COMMISSIONER STAFF (CSM)

We are currently re-organizing our District Commissioner Staff. Clyde Cavender, District Commissioner, has been contacting our existing staff and making assignments. We are in need of additional Unit Commissioners. Our objective is to provide each unit with a Commissioner who can help with re-chartering, training, paperwork, and a pair of objective eyes & ears to help the Unit work through any difficulties. Commissioners will also be able to give individualized feedback to each Scout. We are looking for Scout Leaders who can help facilitate more communication between Packs, Troops, and Crews.

DISTRICT E-MAIL

In an attempt to get you all the information we can, but only the information you want and need, we are sorting the District e-mail distribution lists to reflect the position of the recipient. There will be individual distribution lists for each Unit, All Units of the same type, All Units in the District, District Committee, Commissioner’s Staff, Key 3, District sub-committees, and Event committees. You may receive multiple notices for some items as we work through this. Please be patient, but also let us know if you are getting the information or not.

To be added to the District list contact Clyde Cavender ccavender1@roadrunner.com or 353-5906.

KLONDIKE DERBY (KD)

Congratulations to the winners of the Klondike Derby:
1st Place Troop 110 from Sabattus
2nd Place Troop113 from Greene
3rd Place Troop 153 from Auburn.

Many thanks to Nick Boosay & Venture Crew 116 for their hard work and outstanding performance. Many thanks to the Scout Leaders, parents, and all the volunteers who made the event possible.

PINEWEB DERBY (PWD)

The Abnaki District Pineweb Derby has been confirmed for April 12th at the Vineyard Church in Lewiston. Pack 007 will again be the host for this event. Derby rules have been sent by e-mail and will be available at Round Tables.

If you need any assistance please call Scott Verrill strictly@megalink.net or 592-8077.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Our Friends of Scouting Family Campaign is underway with several presentations complete and a few rescheduled due to the weather. We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you at your upcoming events. If you would like to help with FOS please contact Rick Lussier cjrcrc6@yahoo.com or 5252 ext. 14 or email gosseli@bsamail.org

Operation - Fly 1st Class during April School Vacation

Operation Fly 1st Class is Pine Tree Council program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13, Tenderfoot rank to First Class! This four-day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April school vacation with other Scouts under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

Program Features to include: Cooking, Woods tools, 1st aid, Camp Gadgets, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Native Plants & Wildlife, an overnight outdoor adventure, orienteering, service project, flags & ceremonies, Scout’s Own Service, and plenty of Scout Spirit!

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

2008 dates for Operation Fly first Class are April 21st - 24th

Operation Fly 1st Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is $150 per Scout and includes all meals, program equipment, and accommodations in the Training Center, experienced adult & older boy leadership! The program will be set up like a real troop with patrols and adult leadership. The staff will fill the roles of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader and patrol leaders to insure a great quality program. Program is limited to 32 Scouts per session and filled up early last year! Download a registration form from the PTC web site and send in with your $25 registration fee.

Questions??? Call Cathy Gosselin, Camp Administator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email gosseli@bsamail.org

Weebels to Scout Transition

Winter and Spring are the times of year that our Second Year Webelos cross over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The number one source of growth for a Boy Scout troop are the Webelos who cross out of their pack. In many cases, we lose these boys because no communication has occurred between local troops and packs. We wish to encourage all packs and troops to communicate with each other and ensure that these Webelos scouts do not get lost from our program due to a lack of some simple follow-up. If your unit requires any assistance or has questions, please contact your District Executive.

A mailing addressing this concern with contact information of local Boy Scout units has been sent to all Scoutmasters and Second Year Webelos Families in the Pine Tree Council.
For Cub Scout leaders - Required Training for Packs to hold a Pack overnighter! This is an opportunity to make your pack overnighter a fun, successful event! Course runs Friday, May 2 to 8 PM on May 3rd at Camp Hinds. Cost is $15.00 with $5.00 late fee if registered after April 25th.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)

For Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters offered May 2 - 4, 2008 at Camp Hinds in Raymond.

Cost is $20.00 per person if pre-registered via the PTC by 4/25/08 Add late fee of $5.00 if registered after 4/25/08

If you have any questions about the session, please contact, Bob Robinson at 878-6484 or email RRobinson@maine.rr.com

“WLOT” - Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

WLOT is training to prepare you as a leader to bring your Webelos out camping. What to bring, how to prepare, what facilities are needed, BSA rules and regulations, and how to have fun by integrating activities such as the campfire, games, and Webelos activities together with the camping experience. Course runs Friday, May 2 to 8 PM on May 3rd at Camp Hinds. Cost is $15.00 with $5.00 late fee if registered after April 25th.

“BALOO” - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

For Cub Scout leaders - Required Training for Packs to hold a Pack overnighter! This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnighter. It’s more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack overnighter a fun, successful event! Course runs Friday, May 2 to 5 PM on Saturday, May 3 at Camp Hinds. Cost is $15.00 with a $5.00 late fee if registered after April 5th.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Gosselin, at PTC, at 797-5252 x14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org

Registrations forms online under “Forms” www.pinetreesba.org
Cub Scouts – Join “Super Scout” and his super hero friends when you earn new powers and wisdom at our super Cub Camping Programs!

Dear Cub Scouts, Leaders and Parents,

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 “Super Heroes” 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 – “Everyday Heroes are Super” an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! Comes complete with a campsite for your pack, tents and cots, and a fun filled weekend program!

2008 FunPack Dates At Camp Hinds:
- July 5 & 6
- July 12 & 13
- July 19 & 20
- July 26 & 27
- Aug 2 & 3
- Aug 9 & 10

The FunPack weekend fee is $25 per person.

Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond!

2008 Webelos Schedule
- 4 Day Resident Camp
  - Session 1 Aug. 10 – 13
  - Session 2 Aug. 13 – 16

Webelos Camp Fee $160.00

MORE CUB CAMPING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL CUB SCOUTS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PTC WEB SITE AT www.pinetreesba.org

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

2008 Cub Day Camp Dates:
- Abnaki District: Camp Gustin July 28 - Aug 1
- Casco Bay District: Pride’s Corner School-Westbrook – July 21 – 25
- Camp Hinds – July 14 – 18
- Downeast District: Union Fair – July 7 - 11
- Topsham Fair – July 14 - 18
- Kennebec Valley District: Camp Bonazeen - July 28 - Aug 1
- York District: Camp Nutter - July 7 - 11
- Camp Nutter - July 14 – 18

Day Camp Fees: $110 per week

Early bird discounts are available for camp programs.

Information on registration forms!
FINANCE

EVERY BOY DESERVES TO GO TO CAMP!

TRAILS END POPCORN AND THE PINE TREE COUNCIL ARE TEAMING UP TO HELP PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH YOUTH IN THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP IN 2008!

One of the most memorable experiences a youth will have participating in the Scouting Program will be the time they spend at camp. Summer Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, Day Camp, and even Fun Pack Weekend – these opportunities allow for growth, leadership development, team building, trust, camaraderie and good, clean old fun!

We realize that with the rising prices of food and gasoline, especially with the busy lives we all live, finding the resources to fund a Scout’s way to camp can be a challenge. This spring we are proud to offer our “Earn Your Way To Camp” popcorn campaign to help our families in the Pine Tree Council find the means to send their Scouts to a camp.

Here is how the program will work:

· Every Registered Scout May Participate in the Program
· The Sale will be begin the second you stop reading this, April 26th, 2008 at Barber Foods in Portland, ME. It will be the responsibility of each Scout and family to come pick up the popcorn. Pick Up will be from 8 – 10 AM. Your popcorn bill is to be paid by May 12, 2008. Checks need to be made payable to the PINE TREE COUNCIL, BSA. Vouchers for camp will not be sent until full payment has been received for all owed monies.
· The Mailing Address for checks and other materials is –
Pine Tree Council, BSA
11 Johnson Rd.
Portland, ME 04102
797-5252 (office) or 797-7183 (Fax)
www.pinetreebsa.org

Should you have any questions regarding this fantastic opportunity to earn additional monies during your sale, please contact Matthew Randall at 797-5252 x21 or Mrandall@bsamail.org.

To attend Camp Hinds ($260) – sell only $74 worth of popcorn (30 Containers)
To attend Weeblos Camp ($160) – sell only $457 worth of popcorn (40 – 45 Containers)
To attend Day Camp ($810) – sell only $315 worth of popcorn (30 Containers)
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As a leader you may be asked this question from time to time or even wonder yourself, “What has Council done for me lately?” Some of the actions of Council are quite tangible (e.g., the Council Service Center and Camps) and some are not (e.g., counseling of Units on recruiting). The following is a list of the many ways in which the Pine Tree Council supports your unit:

* To help all of our packs, troops, posts and crews, Pine Tree Council maintains a well-staffed Service Center to:
  - Handle registrations and Boys Life subscriptions.
  - Maintain a supply of literature, insignia, forms and certificates needed by our leaders to carry out programs.
  - Keep records of advancement, membership and attendance
  - Produce newsletters to keep our adult leaders in formed of latest local and national Scouting events.
  - Produce notices, minutes and agendas for Pine Tree Council & District meetings.
  - Council committees that are developing programs for our troops and packs.
  - Handle phone calls and visitors for information related to unit operation and Scouting procedures.
  - Provide forms, applications, scoreboards, certificates and literature helpful for unit programs.
  - Produce Pine Tree Council calendars, schedules, programs, kits, and special aids to assist adult leaders and unit committees.
  - Make reservations for videos, equipment, long-term camping, short-term camps, camporees, jamborees, high adventure bases, training courses, meetings, University of Scouting, etc.
  - Exploring activities, annual council meeting, and adult leader events.
  - Sell scouting merchandise in the Scout Store.
  - Organize Eagle Boards of Review.
  - To assist our adult leaders, the Pine Tree Council employs a trained, full-time staff that counsels, guides, and inspires through:
    - Informal training in unit operation.
    - Person-to-person counseling on relationships, administrative and operational problems.
    - Guidance for all committees, commissioners, Roundtable meetings, conferences, service contingent members in the development of programs that directly benefit Packs, Troops and Crews.
    - Contacts with community resources (clubs, church-es, government), securing help for units in obtaining use of parks, recreational areas, buildings for special affairs, picnic areas, campstores, and swimming facilities.
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  - To attend Fun Pack Weekend ($25) – sell only $72 worth of popcorn (24 Containers)

- Election season is about halfway done - the season ends April 15. If your unit has not had an election team visit, please get in touch with your Chapter Chief as soon as possible. Eligibility requirements are First Class rank and 15 days and nights of camping in the past two years, five of which may be at a resident camp like Camp Hinds. Remember, being elected to the Order is an honor and a great opportunity for your Scouts to serve their unit in a greater capacity then ever before.
- Madockawanda Lodge was able to fully staff Winter Camp again this year, with its members contributing 612 hours of service to Council’s excellent program. Staff for the week, led by Field Director Matt Randal, were Caleb Freder (SPL), Nathan Smith (ASP/QLM), Jan Hawkins (PL), Sean Knight (PL), Dustin Wiggins (PL), Greg Solomon (Volunteer), Mike Mirsola (ASM/Medical), Wayne Holden (Cook), Matt Allaire (ASM/Kitchen), Tom Morris (ASM), Aaron Wiggins (ASM), and Paul Beauger (ASM/Volunteer). The Lodge would like to thank everyone involved for their dedication and hard work over the week.
- The Ordeal season is coming up fast. The first Ordeal is May 2-4, at Camp Hinds, and the second is May 30-June 1, also at Camp Hinds. Please note that the first Ordeal was recently changed in location from Camp Bowman to Camp Hinds. Candidates elected to the Order this election season will be receiving a mailing from the Lodge containing everything they need to register for their Ordeal in the near future.
- Section NE-1A Conclave is coming. This year the conclave will be held the weekend of June 6-8 at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation. We are hoping to send a large contingent of lodge members and we will try to carpool to make it happen. The cost is $35 before April 14 and $40 after. Look for a flyer in the near future.
- Congratulations go out to three of our chapter advisers, Matt Dubois, John Trotz and Tracy Wiggins, who are members of this year’s class of Silver Beaver recipients. The awards will be presented at the Annual Recognition Banquet on April 25.
- Our contingent to ArrowCorps 5 is full. 25 members of Madockawanda Lodge will be headed to Bridger-Teton National Forest from July 23 to August 3 to participate in a variety of service projects. In addition to service contingent members who will visit several sites in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. Our contingent is the largest in Section NE-1A, tied for second largest in New England and tied for third largest in the Northeast Region!

Pine Tree Council’s Sea Base contingent sailed on an 85-foot schooner during February school vacation. The group sailed over 180 miles along the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf along the Florida Keys. The participants crewed the boat, handle the sails and hit some good reefs along the way! A fun day in Key West was another highlight of the trip where the Scouts attended the Sunset Festival. The trip ended with an airboat ride in the National Everglades Park before returning home to Maine.