Message from the President

Changing of the Guard
I would like to take this time to introduce you to our new council president! Peter Ventre was inducted as our new Pine Tree Council President at the December annual business meeting. As the president, Peter will oversee the Executive Board and its officers to help bring the best programs to our Scouts and leaders.

Peter is an Eagle Scout and long time volunteer on our Executive Board, serving as the treasurer. He is also a Webelos den leader for his son’s Webelos den! As a senior partner of Corporate Finance Associates, Peter has a great background in business that will serve him well in his new position! With Peter’s experience and background, he brings a strong foundation for us to move forward.

Thank you for your support over the past three years, when I have served as your president! I have met many great people along the way and have thoroughly enjoyed my time! The volunteers in Pine Tree Council help bring the best in Scouting to our youth!
Paul Spellman
Past Council President

Message from the Council Commissioner

Winter is upon us. Actually it has been upon us for quite some time now! It’s actually snowing while I write this article. With winter come many great Scouting opportunities. We are blessed here in Maine with many opportunities that other Scouts from around the country are not. Whether it is OKPJKP, Winter Camp, Snow Tubing, Sking, Snow Boarding, or just enjoying the scenery, Maine provides the perfect backdrop for Scouting. Unfortunately, with all these opportunities, also comes danger. So go out and have some fun with the boys this winter, but remember to always insure that the boys are prepared for the elements.

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Finally, I want to thank our commissioners for a great 2007! We ended 2007 serving more youth than we did in 2006. The growth of the Scouting Movement is what keeps the program strong. Thank you all for your work!
Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

2008 EXPLORER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The 2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for the week of June 23 through June 27, 2008 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. Applications have been mailed out to Law Enforcement Explorer Posts. If you have not received applications at your post please let us know immediately. The cost for this year’s academy will be $250.00. The Exploring district invites all youth in posts and in the general school population who are interested in pursuing careers in either law enforcement or the military services to apply for this academy experience. Trooper Michael Chavez of Troop B, Maine State Police, will again coordinate this academy. We hope that Scouts in traditional scouting programs will be interested in applying. Scouts provide great leadership at this academy.

ANNUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE AUCTION AND BENEFIT

The Learning for Life Auction and Benefit is being held the evening of May 21, 2008. This event is being held on a Wednesday and is an opportunity for a great workweek break. If you would like to receive an invitation to this event or would like to be a sponsor or item contributor, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770. This event helps us pay for the character-building curriculum and services we provide to schools annually. Learning for Life serves 10 counties and over 9600 youth through its school and work-based programs.

Exploring/LFL District News

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Silver Beaver nominations were due at the Pine Tree Council on 31 January 2008.

SPEAKERS APPRECIATED

Learning for Life is always looking for speakers to share their careers with students. We normally call upon a volunteer speaker one time during the school year. Adult Scouting volunteers represent a vast array of professional career fields. Students in schools we serve would very much appreciate hearing about your career specialty. Please give Michael Dyer a call if you would be interested in doing a classroom presentation this school year.

Scoutmaster of Troop 329, Ray Bishop, poses with his troop after finishing a weekend project at Camp Hinds to put a new roof onto the Tenny Cabin. They stripped the shingles off, replaced the roof sheathing and fascia boards, and installed new ice and water shield and shingles! Great Job Scouts!

Other groups interested in doing service projects at our camps should contact Ranger Bob at gosselinbob@hotmail.com.
K-Valley District News

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
If you haven’t made an appointment yet for a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit, please contact Kirsten Hand at 778-5232.

PINEWOOD DERBY
Look out for information on our District Pinewood Derby coming up on April 12.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS
Election Season has been moved up! You can hold an election as early as Jan. 1, 2008. Elections will be conducted 1/108 through Tax day (4/15/08). Please contact Tracy Wiggins (twigg271@adelphia.net) to schedule an election in your troop.

TRAINING
On February 16, 2008, more details to follow, but we will be having training for Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Leaders alike. For more information please call Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
I would like to take a moment to thank everyone in the district for warmly welcoming me along with my wife Erin during these last few months. It’s refreshing to see the strong support for Scouting at both the district and local unit levels in this area, and it is my intention to return the favor by offering whatever I can to help you succeed.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Matt Mower

DISTRICT NEWS EMAIL
If any of you are looking for a quick and easy way to get up-to-date information on K-Valley happenings, write this email address down: xonizeman@gwi.net. If you send Scott Bernier a note at this address he will add you to the district email list.

Also, Steve Mudie also puts the news from the updates on the K-Valley website: www.kv-scouts.org.

EAGLE SCOUT THANKED FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
Students from the Cape Cod Hill School in New Sharon gathered to thank Andrew Mudie.

Cape Cod Hill School Principal Cheryl Pike, and a first-grader, Lucas Haines, presents a thank-you card from teacher, Sherry Ames’ class to Andrew Mudie. 18, of Chesterville, for the outdoor classroom he, his parents, Terri and Steve, and fellow Boy Scout Mudie, 18, of Farmington built for the school as his Eagle Scout project.

Downeast District News

so we’ll have an idea of attendance numbers for handouts and logistics. See you on the trail!!!

DOWNEAST LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER
Come celebrate the 2007 year in Scouting with fellow Downeast Scouts. The dinner will be held on March 14 at the Rockland American Legion. The district will be presenting the 2007 District Awards ofMerit, Distinguished Scouters, and Rookie of the Year. Unit Scouters, and Chartered Partner of the Year. Please get nominations in for District Award ofMerit, Distinguished Scouters and Unit Scouters to District Executive Steve Sauzier by March 5th. Nomination forms, and criteria can be picked up at Round Table.

WEBELOS TO BOY SCOUT TRANSITION
Second year Webelos will be finishing up their Arrow of Light in these upcoming months, let us keep their Scouting career moving. Scoutmaster should be making contact with all Second Year Webelos families. Cubmasters and Den Leaders should be following up to make sure Webelos know what Troops are in their area. If Scoutmasters need a list of Webelos eligible to cross over, or if Cub Scout leaders need contact information on local Scout Troops, please contact District Executive Steve Sauzier.

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

New Boy Scout Rank Requirement Changes Announced!

The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

Tenderfoot Rank
Revised requirement 9:

Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

Second Class Rank
New requirement 8b:

Explain the three R’s of personal safety and protection.

First Class Rank
New requirement 12:

Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.

The changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Tony Rogers
Scout Executive
Pine Tree Council
Boy Scouts of America

February 2007
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. Teen Scout, the last rank of First Class. This flying class 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, Campmanger at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgossel@bsamail.org

Provisional Week at Summer Camp

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? Call us a call! There are great opportunities for students, schoolteachers and retired folks!

Positions are available for ANYONE age 16 and up. Adults/retirees are encouraged to apply! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more! The high adventure programs at Camp Hinds are looking for trek guides at least 21 years old, with a strong outdoor background, and junior guides age 18 and older!

CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE: www.pinetrebsa.org, or contact Steve Saucci, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 28 or email ssaucci@bsamail.org

CAMPERSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

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

Casco Bay District News

CASCO BAY DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

Arrrgh Mateys! You’ve gone off on a quest for buried treasure. Have you been hunting for a map that will lead you to the treasure? Did you search for treasure you’ve sailed way off course! Too far north, far from the warm seas of the Caribbean to where the winter winds blow. Yer stranded on an island full of furry beasts and fowl, a land of cold winds and harsh sunlight. But what kind o’ pirates would yeh be if yeh didn’t search there for treasure? Yer only chance is to dance yer ship and build sleds. Take whatever provisions yeh can and set off in search of the lost treasure of Long John Trott! Do ye think yeh have what it takes? Danger awaits y’er ’round every corner. Yer’ll have to fight the elements and ward off mammoths and pelagic brush. Then give yer best chance o’ finding the treasure. So hoist the Jolly Rogers and put yer backs into it! Good luck to yeh! X marks the spot, mates. All Troops and Webelos Dens are welcome to join us on February 2, 2008 at Point Sebago Resort in Casco, Maine. For more information on this event feel free to contact John Trot at 642-2373 or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

PROVINCIAL WEEK AT SUMMER CAMP FOR BOY SCOUTS!

Boy Scouts – are you not able to attend summer camp this week your troop is attending? Do you need merit badge help? Would you like to attend camp for a second week? Or go with a friend from another troop? Every week of summer camp is open for provisional Scouts to attend. All Scouts attending camp without their own troop leadership must be in the provisional troop with the camp Scoutmaster!

This is a great way for Scouts to attend summer camp, earn merit badges, make new friends and enjoy the summer! Scoutmaster reservation forms are available on our web site at www.pinetrebsa.org.

ATTENTION ALL PACKS AND TROOPS:

As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and the packs re-charter in March. Re-chartering in 2008 is available in on-line via the Pine Tree Council website. You will need an account number in order to re-charter online which is included in your re-charter packet. If you use a digital signature program please call PTC at 797-5252 or fax 797-7183. Submit your roster information on a floppy disc with your re-charter. It will make the data entry easier for the registration office. If you have any questions about your charter please call Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CHANGES, OR TO SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION FEEL FREE TO CALL TONY BESSEY AT 797-5252 EXT. 23.

DISTRICT RE-CHARTER TIME

As winter looms we find that it is re-charter time again. The majority of Casco Bay units re-charter in January and February so it is important that you contact your Unit Commissioners and work together with them to insure that your charters are filled out correctly and completely. It is essential that all our scouts are officially registered and on your charters, so as to assure that they are covered by our insurance and they can enjoy a safe and productive scouting experience. This year we are encouraging all units to participate in the on-line re-charters process. If you have any questions regarding the re-charter process feel free to contact District Commissioner, Mel Montpelier at mmontpe1@maine.rr.com or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS

The Order of the Arrow election season will be from January 1st until April 15th, 2008. For a youth to be eligible for membership in the Order of the Arrow they must be a registered member of the BSA, hold the rank of First Class as a minimum and have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two year period prior to election. The 15-day period must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, and approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. All Troops should contact John Trot at 642-2373 or Nate Smith at 625-3884 to schedule elections as soon as possible.

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**Abnaki District News**

**NEW DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR THE ABNAKI DISTRICT**
Due to the moving of Al Warner this early winter, Clyde Cavender has been selected as the new District Commissioner for Abnaki District. We wish Al all the best in his new job and state, and we welcome and look forward to working with Clyde and his team of Unit Commissioners in the years to come.

**DISTRICT RECHARTER**
The annual District Recharter will come to an end on December 1st, 2007. Every unit is required to have their recharter paperwork submitted to the Pine Tree Council by this date. This can be done by:
- Requesting and mailing a paper copy of your recharter paperwork – with all monies, signatures, and any applications for new youth and adults (simply putting their name on the recharter WILL NOT register them into the BSA with an out application), or
- Completing the recharter ONLINE and mailing only the signature piece (printed out upon completion of the online process), monies, and any applications needed for new members.

You also need to submit any applications you have for youth participating in your program, with the necessary monies to the Pine Tree Council ASAP. Any youth participating in program who has not yet submitted an application to the Pine Tree Council ARE NOT covered by insurance and MAY NOT earn rank, awards, or Tenure.

If you have questions regarding either of these topics, please contact Clyde Cavender or Matthew Randall (797-5252 x21 or mcavender@bsamail.org)

**ROUND TABLE NEWS & THE DISTRICT E-MAILER**
All units are encouraged to have one representative at the monthly Round Table meetings held by the Abnaki District Committee. These meetings are held at the Auburn Middle School, from 7 to 9 pm each month on the SECOND Wednesday. The only exception to this rule is that school has been cancelled for the AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Round Table will be held at the Auburn Middle School, 205 N. Main St., Auburn, Maine.

**WEBELOS CROSSOVERS**
In preparation for our Spring Recruitment drives, all Troops are strongly encouraged to take this time to create a dialogue with your local pack. You want to find out A) how you can help them, and B) how you can help with their cross over ceremony in the spring/summer. This is a Troops #1 method for attaining new members.

On a side note, understand that any Webelos that crosses over into a Troop WILL NOT automatically have their registration transferred over by the Pine Tree Council. 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.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this, please contact either Clyde Cavender or Matthew Randall (797-5252 x21 or mcavender@bsamail.org).

**Friends of Scouting:**
The time has arrived for Pine Tree Council’s annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fund raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keeping camp fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center, including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. If you have not scheduled your unit’s Family presentation, or would like to help give a presentation for a unit, please contact Fred Chellis (ewiswell@comcast.net) for York District.

**York District News**

**CAMP HINDS BOY SCOUT 2008 DATES & PROGRAMES**

Join us at Camp Hinds for the best in Boy Scout resident camping! Camp Hinds, now in its 82nd year, will have special activities and events awaiting you. NEW this year, we are offering SCUBA weeks with PADI certification and a second week of Trail to Eagle! You can also try your hand at sea kayaking, high adventure treks, climbing and COPE, sailing, night hiking, camping with your patrol on our island in Little Sebago Lake, and more! Don’t miss out on camp! Sign up with your Scoutmaster to attend with your troop or come as a provisional camper for a second week of camp!!!

**WEEK 1**
- June 29 – July 4
  - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
  - Trail To Eagle Advancement Week
  - **WEEK 2**
    - July 6 – 11
      - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Camporee
      - BSA Lifeguard
      - CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
      - High Adventure Trek Programs
    - **WEEK 3**
      - July 13 – 18
        - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
        - High Adventure Trek Programs
        - CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
        - NEW – SCUBA Week with PADI Certification
    - **WEEK 4**
      - July 20 – 25
        - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
        - BSA Lifeguard
        - CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4
        - High Adventure Trek Programs
      - **WEEK 5**
        - July 27 – August 1
          - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
        - CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks running Weeks 5–7
        - High Adventure Trek Programs
        - NEW – SCUBA Week with PADI Certification
      - **WEEK 6**
        - August 3 – 8
          - Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
          - BSA Lifeguard
        - CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks running Weeks 5–7
        - High Adventure Trek Programs
        - Trail To Eagle Advancement Week

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2008 Camp Hinds CD, on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14. www.pinetreebsa.org

**TRAIL TO EAGLE ADVANCEMENT WEEK**

Camp Hinds will again be offering it’s popular Trail To Eagle week during Week 1 and Week 6 this summer! This program is only open to Scouts 13 + year old, and who are a minimum of 1st Class Rank. Trail To Eagle Scouts will select from Eagle-required merit badges in this intensive program. Trail To Eagle Scouts will also participate in a daily Leadership Seminar – learning communication, teamwork, and leadership skills. The seminars will also include a service hour to camp in order to put their lessons to practical use.


Scouts can attend Trail To Eagle and stay with their own troop if they attend that week or by coming as a provisional Scout where they will be assigned to a Trail To Eagle Provisional Troop. Trail To Eagle Provisional Scout applications are available online at www.pinetreebsa.org on the PTC Camp 08 CD sent out to all Scoutmasters!
WEBELOS CROSSING TO BOY SCOUTING – How to go to Summer Camp

2nd year Webelos customarily cross over to a Boy Scout troop in the spring and often wonder how to go to summer camp. A troop traditionally chooses a week to attend summer camp together as a troop with the Scoutmaster and other leaders or parents going along to provide leadership. Sometimes a troop can’t attend together and Scouts can go as a provisional camper to any week of camp where the camp provides a provisional Scoutmaster with assistants to provide camp leadership!

As a new Boy Scout, check with your Scoutmaster to see what plans the troop has made to attend summer camp so that you can be part of the fun! Information on Camp Hinds can be found at www.pinetreesbsa.org

WINTER CAMP 2008

During the deep snows of February school vacation, Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2008 February 17th – 22nd at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds.

Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in quinzees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A variety of merit badges will be offered ranging from winter sports to woodworkng to wilderness survival in the winter.

Join Winter Camp Scoutmaster, Matt Randall, and his staff for a great week of fun! Cost for Winter Camp is $230.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited! What a great way to spend school vacation! Download the registration form from our web site and send into Pine Tree Council with your $25 registration deposit.

Sea Scout Ship #12 is Looking for Crewmates

Scouting offers the prospect of being OUTSIDE and doing “stuff” that’s fun. The primary principles of Sea Scout Ship #12 are to learn about boats and safety on the water, gain some nautical knowledge, learn and practice leadership … and have fun.

Sea Scouting is for males AND females, ages 14 to 21. You may not realize that you can participate in more than one Scouting program at once. Scouts call it “Dual Registration,” but for you it simply means “I can do more stuff and different stuff with more people.” Presently, there is just one Sea Scout Ship in Maine. The Sea Scout program is almost as old as Scouting itself – and has a rich history of success for fun and youth and leaders alike.

What have the Sea Scouts done? Well, among many other activities:
- Sailing in Casco Bay – for fun and for training
- Tours (and in some cases, taking the helm) of Coast Guard ships
- Overnight camping on a Casco Bay island
- Visits to ME Maritime Museum and Adm. Perry’s home on Eagle Island
- Nautical training and skills assessment
- Boat building
- Regatta participation
- Tug boat races and the Portland Harbor Parade of Lights
- Winter camping at Camp Hinds
- An overnight stay on the Battleship Massachusetts … and much more.

Check out the Sea Scout website below and/or call the contact person below and find out more about being a Sea Scout OR a Sea Scout Adult Volunteer.

You do not need to quit your Troop or the Lodge to participate – it is simply one more option for you to enjoy as a Scout. Plus - about $50. A YEAR is all it takes to participate ($10 annual application/insurance fee and $1/week dues) – OR a special Sea Scout annual dues of just $40) – most other fees (such as trips, admissions, etc.) are paid for through fundraising! Sailing, boating, and fun! We’re sure if you try it, you’d like it! Find out! For more information, please visit the website and/or contact:

Dan Davidson
767-4682
danpro@wbi.net
Seascouts.org

PINE TREE COUNCIL PHILMONT TREK 2009

As in 2007, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2009. We will be sending 24 participants including leaders on the trek from June 25-July 7, 2009. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2009.

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PINE TREE COUNCIL PHILMONT TREK 2009

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Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. A deposit of $100.00 per person is required by 4/30/08 to secure a reservation for this special trek. After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcrest, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.
Cub Scouts ~ Join “Super Scout” and his super hero friends while 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 Site at www.pine-treebsa.org

“Super Hero” Day Camp – 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
- Downeast District: Union Fair – July 7 - 11
- 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!

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FINANCE
2008 Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2008 Council Annual Dinner to be held on April 25, 2008, 6:30 PM, at the Portland Elks Lodge located on Outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport’s main entrance.

This will mark the fourth year that the Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at this event along with the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts. This event will also recognize over 110 youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2007. Thousands 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. This shoulder strip 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.

2008 Pine Tree Council Recognition Banquet Registration

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Please check if 07 Eagle Scout or 08 Silver Beaver Recipient
(Class of 07 Eagle Scouts and 08 Silver Beaver Recipients attend at no charge)

___ Please check if attending

Number of guests (not including 07 Eagle Scout or 08 Silver Beaver)

___ X $20.00 per person =_________


Please check here for vegetarian dinner or advise of special food considerations.

Make check payable to: Pine Tree Council

Mail registration form and payment to: Pine Tree Council
131 Johnson Road
Portland, ME 04102

The lodge hosted another very successful Lodge Leadership and Development weekend (LLD) at Camp Hinds and On Sunday at the LLD, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting and election of officers for 2008. Congratulations go out to our new 2008 slate of officers, including our new Lodge Chief, Caleb Frederick from York Chapter, our Vice Chief Ian Hanley and our Treasurer, John Knowlton, both from Casco Bay Chapter, and returning for a second year as Secretary, Matt Allaire, also from York Chapter. We’d like to thank our outgoing lodge officers for their service during 2007, another banner year for MadocKawanda Lodge in terms of membership growth and service to our council.

The lodge membership approved a major change to the election process for our lodge at the LLD weekend. Specifically, the election “season” has been increased by an additional two weeks in 2008. Elections can now be held beginning on January 1st (instead of the former start date of February 1st) but ends a bit earlier on April 15th. By the time this is published in Pine Spills, we’ll be well underway. Fret not Scoutmasters…if you haven’t scheduled your 2008 Unit visitation and election, please contact your chapter advisers!

Speaking of 2008, please remember to pay your dues for this new Lodge year. A dues coupon was mailed to all active brothers in the November-December issue of Turtle Soup, and a coupon can be found on the downloads page of the Lodge Website: www.lodge.pinetreebsa.org. It is the single most important thing a brother can do to support his membership in this great Order.

In addition to the election period and the upcoming Spring Ordeal season, the lodge will be an active participant in ArrowCorps5. Considered the largest service undertaking in the history of the Order of the Arrow, ArrowCorps is a joint service project between the US Forest Service and the BSA. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America that will be the focus of our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Our lodge has chosen to send a contingent of 25 scouts and Scouters to the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. The dates for this event are July 26th thru August 2, 2008, although we are looking at the possibility of adding a couple of days for additional exploration of that area prior to the beginning of this ArrowCorps session. There is also a great deal of recreational activities at each site, which at the Bridger-Teton site include whitewater rafting, canoeing, hiking, and water skiing. We have a few spots left open, so if you are interested, deposit coupons are available on the lodge website.

The official Pinewood Derby kits, accessories, and awards are now in stock. The Scout Shop has a complete selection of accessories including: Carving templates and decals, Derby flat weights, Replacement wheels and axes, Paint sets, Pinewood Derby tools and tool kits, new Racer and Pit-Crew Emblems, and lots more. Come to the Scout Shop and have your car weighed on our digital scale or pick up a free copy of the Pinewood Derby rules.