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Summer Camp ~ the Best Part of the Summer!

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President's Message

As the spring season is slowly coming to the State of Maine, we start thinking of the warm summer days ahead. This is our time to enjoy the great outdoors and Scouting activities!

I encourage all of our leaders to sign up your units for summer camp!

Research shows us that the Scouts that attend summer camp stay with the Scouting program longer and isn't that what we want! Summer camp is the highlight of the Scouting year and

skills and friendships made in camp will last a lifetime!

Whether you are a leader of Cub Scouts, Webelos or Boy Scouts there is something for everyone at camp! Check out our fantastic summer camp programs and spend some time

enjoying the activities along side your Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

Pete

WOODBADGE-LEADER TRAINING

What is Wood Badge?

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 is Woodbadge for? <u>All</u> 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.

Dates: Thursday - Saturday ~ Sept. 24 - 26, 2009 & Oct. 8 – 10, 2009. Arrival will be on Thursdays at 8:30 AM with departure on Saturdays at 5 PM. Cost: \$240 per person and includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?

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

Woodbadge Questions? Contact the Course Directors: Bruce Rueger @ <u>rueger@roadrunner.com</u> or 872-5920 or John Hume @ jhume@maine.rr.com or 797-2154



Learning for Life Auction

On May 12th the Pine Tree Council will once again be holding the Learning for Life Auction at the Portland Club in Lewiston. John Jamieson is again acting as this year's chairman and he promises the event will be bigger and better than ever. So whether you pleasure is art, sports, electronics, travel, we'll have something for you. We look forward to seeing you there. As a reminder, it is the proceeds from this event that make it possible to continue to provide high level Exploring Programs throughout the Council.

Council Golf Tournament

The Twenty-Second Annual Pine Tree Council Golf Tournament to be held May 18th at the Woodlands Golf Club. This event is hosted annually by the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America to provide a premier golfing experience while financially supporting local Scouting programs of southern and central Maine. Specifically, dollars raised benefit the Boy Scout's Scoutreach Initiative and help to provide financial assistance to young men who otherwise might not be able to participate in Scouting or attend summer camp. For information on how you can take part call Bryan Thomas at 797-5252 ext. 25.

2009 Pine Tree Council Annual Recognition Banquet

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2009 Council Annual Dinner to be held on **April 24, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge** located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

This event we will recognize over **120** youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2008 and also the 2009 Silver Beaver recipients. Cost of this year's dinner will be **\$20.00** per person. There will be no cost for the meals of the 2008 Class of Eagle Scouts or 2009 Silver Beaver recipients thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge.

Silver Beaver recipients for this year are: John Bridge, Thomas Cattell, David Darling, Richard Foss, John Leonard and Daniel Petersen. Congratulations to them!

Once again this year all 2008 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and adult volunteers as we celebrate the accomplishments of these leaders.

<u>PINE TREE COUNCIL ~</u> <u>COUNCIL CAMPING</u> <u>AWARD</u>

The Pine Tree Council ~ Council Camping Award was established to promote the use of the camping facilities at the Pine Tree Council Camps and to recognize those units that utilize at least four camps in their yearly program.

To qualify for the Council Camping Award a unit will need to have utilized 4 of the Pine Tree Council camps for a unit activity during a consecutive 12month period. Activities must be for at least a 24-hour period, and each activity must be attended by no less that 25% of the registered youth in the unit.

Each unit that qualifies for the award will receive certificate for their unit. A special patch is available for members of the qualifying unit if they attended all the 4 unit camping activities! The Camping Award application form is available on the web site www.pinetreebsa.org





UPCOMING LEADERS TRAINING BALOO, WLOT & ITOLS

April 24 to 28th, at Beaver Lodge in Union, ME

BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Course. This is REQUIRED for any Cub Leader wanting to take their pack on overnight adventures. \$15.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee).

WLOT – Webelos Leader Outdoor Training. This is RE-QUIRED for any Webelos Leaders wanting to take their den camping. \$15.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee).

ITOLS – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Outdoor Leader training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Invaluable knowledge to make your troop camping adventures fun and safe. \$20.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee).

Registration flyers will be at Round Table and can be downloaded from <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>. You can also contact Paul Galipeau <u>Bluegate@tds.net</u> or Matt Randall at <u>Mrandall@bsamail.org</u> (797-5252 x21).

Over 260 Scouters had a great time at the University of Scouting held in March! Great classes & instructors, good fellowship and lots of ideas were some of the comments from attendees! March 27, 2010 will be our next University!

PTC extends its gratitude to all of the staff, instructors and Order of the Arrow for all of their

work! Great Job by our Deans and key staff ~ Sherry Robinson, Clint Staples, Matt Allaire, Jim Thomas, Tom Morris, Paul Hallee, Irene LeClair and Jim Lesser and of course our President, Bob Robinson, seen relaxing here! What a life!



National Youth Leadership Training



NYLT is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their Leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop!

June 28 – July 3, 2009

At Camp Hinds for Scouts age 13 years old +

NYLT Course Objectives: Teach concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. Teach leadership elements with a clear focus on the HOW TO. Give Scouts a "Toolbox of Skills" Guide through 4 stages of team development Forming/Storming/ Norming/Performing Team and personal development Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law Use the Patrol Method and PLC. Experience Scouting at its finest.

Scouts must be at least 13 years old and be approved by their Scoutmaster.

Cost of the program is \$250.00 for the week! Limited space available, only two spots per troop allowed unless space is still open after May 1, 2009!

Scoutmasters:

Your Scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win-win for you, for them and for your Troop! Perhaps the troop can help pay for your boys to go! Reserve your troop's spots now!

For more information call NYLT Scoutmaster, Dave Sinclair at 646-2394-or email: <u>scout356@earthlink.net</u> or PTC Field Director Matt Randall at 797-5252 x 21 or email <u>mrandall@bsamail.org</u>



Camp Hinds in conjunction with Maine Divers Offering in 2009



Operation – Fly 1st Class 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.

2009 dates for Operation Fly First Class are: April $20^{th} - 23rd$

Operation Fly 1st Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$160 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, Camping Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org

Just a few slots left!

(Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus)

Offered Weeks 3 & 5 only Come as a Provisional Scout or with your Troop.

Come to Camp and get your SCUBA Certification! Youth & Adults!

Work with Maine Divers Scuba Center (<u>www.mainediversscubacenter.com</u>) and their

Master Instructors on your PADI certification! PADI is the internationally recognized

"Professional Association of Dive Instructors."

Participants that successfully pass the course will receive their

Open Water PADI Certification

And will be registered with PADI. Divers under the age of 18 will have limits on their certifications as to whom they can dive with until they reach

as to whom they can dive with until they reach age 18.

While in Camp, Scouts can attend either a morning or afternoon session of SCUBA. The program will encompass the full morning or afternoon time frame.

Scouts can also choose to take merit badges in the morning or older boy activities in the afternoon to round out their camp program. More SCUBA info on <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>

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PTC E-List ~the easy way to stay informed! Sign up at <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>

Sign up for electronic newsletters!

Stay up-to-date with district and council events and activities!

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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 2009!!

We realize that with the rising prices of food and gasoline, coupled 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 <u>"Earn Your Way To Camp"</u> popcorn campaign to help our families in the Pine Tree Council find the means to send their Scouts to a camp.

You may earn money for camp by participating in either of the following sales programs -

#1) EARN YOUR WAY TO CAMP TAKE ORDER SALE PROGRAM -

- Every Registered Scout, Venture Scout, and Explorer is eligible to participate in the Program!
- <u>The Sale will start March 9th, 2009</u> and the <u>orders will be due to the Pine Tree Council by May 1st, 2009</u>. Order forms can be downloaded from <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u> after the 9th of March.

• The Sale will be a Take-Order sale, conducted individually by each Scout and their family. THIS WILL NOT BE A TROOP or PACK RUN SALE. You can request additional Take-Order sheets from the Pine Tree Council at any time during the sale, or simply download them.

- Each boy will receive a 35% commission on all popcorn sold, which will be given in the form of a Voucher for the amount earned valid for SUMMER CAMP, DAY CAMP, NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASES, JAMBOREE.
- <u>The popcorn you sell will be available for pick up on May 16th, 2009</u> at Barber Foods in Portland (56 Milliken St.). It will be the responsibility of each Scout and family to come pick up the popcorn. Pick Up will be from 8 – 11 AM.

• Your popcorn bill is to be paid by May 29th, 2009. 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. Unpaid bills will be assessed a 5% late charge after the 29th of May, 2009.

The Mailing Address for checks and other materials is -

Pine Tree Council, BSA, 131 Johnson Rd., Portland, ME 04102, 797-5252 (office) or 797-7183 (Fax)



Should you have any questions regarding this fantastic opportunity or need information and materials during your sale, please contact *Matthew Randall at 797-5252 x21 or* <u>Mrandall@bsamail.org</u>

National Summertime Pack Award

A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award by planning and conducting three pack activities - one each in June, July, and August. This award can be an incentive for greater attendance at your summer pack activities. Individual scouts that participate in all three pack events can receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin. Starting in 2008, there is a different color pin for each Cub Scout rank so earning the pin each year has more incentive. Qualifying packs receive a colorful streamer for their pack flag.

Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. The purpose of the National Summertime Pack Award is to encourage packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during the time periods when school is out of session for several weeks or months. If a pack is in a 'year-round school' (or is part of a home-school association), the pack could earn the Summertime Pack Award by having a special pack activity during those breaks.



Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award (shown above), which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin (also shown above) may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.

Requirements ~ All Ranks

Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/ Webelos Scout resident camp.

Rank-Specific

- Tiger Cubs. Complete one requirement in <u>Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors"</u> (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.
- Wolf Cub Scouts. Assemble the "Six Essentials for Going Outdoors" (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed below.

• Bear Cub Scouts. Earn the <u>Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award</u> (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and compete five of the outdoor activities listed below.

Webelos Scouts. Earn the <u>Outdoorsman Activity Badge</u> (Webelos Handbook); and complete six of the outdoor activities listed below.

Outdoor Activities

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.

- 2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
- 3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
- 4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
- 5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.

6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.

- 7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
- 8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
- 9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
- 10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
- 11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
- 12. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
- 13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.



CAMP HINDS 2009 DATES & PROGRAMS

WEEK 1 7-5 - 7/10 WEEK 2 7/12 - 7/17 WEEK 3 7/19 - 7/24 WEEK 4 7/26 - 7/31 WEEK 5 8/2 - 8/7 WEEK 6 8/9 - 8/14

Programs Offered: Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts- every week

BSA Lifeguard Weeks 2, 4 & 6

CIT Session 1 - Weeks 2–4 CIT Session 2 – Weeks 5-7

SCUBA Week with PADI Certification Weeks 3 & 5

Trail to Eagle- Weeks 1 & 6

2009 CAMP FEES:

\$280.00 per week for PTC Scouts

Add \$25.00 to fee if attending as a Provisional Camper for Regular and Trail to Eagle Programs

\$500 per week for SCUBA ~ PADI certification and week at camp

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD Deduct \$20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1st, 2009.



HOW TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP:

To Reserve a Troop campsite: Scoutmasters should call the Pine Tree Council, at $207-797-5252 \times 14$, to confirm a week and campsite. Camp space is limited so reserve early. To hold your campsite the reservation fee is \$10.00 per Scout.

To sign up for a provisional week: Parents need to use the 2009 Provisional Scout registration form and send into PTC that are available on our website or by calling PTC at 797-5252.

Parents and Scouts should check with their Scoutmaster to find out the troops summer camp plans and make sure you are signed up to go with the troop! If unable to go with the troop, use the Provisional Scout registration form to sign up

for provo camp or a specialty program.

www.pinetreebsa.org

CAMP STAFF:

Our camp has a trained staff of Scouts and adults. Our camp staff are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and our mission is to help promote the aims and methods of Boy Scouting, to their fullest, here at Camp Hinds.

The camp is lead by the Camp Director who works with the Program Director. Each of our program and support areas are overseen by an Area Director, many of whom have attended the National Camping School program for training specific to their job. Our health lodge is fully staffed 24 hours a day with licensed medical personnel, assisted by our on-call camp physician Dr. Don Burgess.





Welcome to the 2009 Camp Hinds season! Pine tree Council would like to introduc you to our new camp administration at Camp Hinds! Joshua Gagnon will be the Hinds Camp Director. Josh is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor OA member, a long-time Camp Bomazeen staff member and a school teacher in York! Karen Hawkes, will be joining the Camp Hinds staff as the program director! Karen has served as a adult leader and comes to us from Gorham! Many of you know Karen through her children Ian, Jessie and Spencer who have all worked at Camp Hinds! Both Karen and Josh are very excited to be joining the staff family at Camp Hinds and look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

If you have specific camp questions you can contact Josh at joshua.gagnon@gmail.com or Karen at kkhawkes@earthlink.net

Camp Hinds goal is to make sure everybody who attends camp this summer has a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience during their visit! We have something for every age and level of Boy Scouts from our 1st year program for the newly crossed over Webelos to older boy activities and employment opportunities for the 16 year old and above Scouts that want some great job and leadership training!

Scouts can come to camp on a schedule week with their troop or sign up to come for a week or two under our provisional scout program where camp provides the camp leadership and have a traditional week at camp or enjoy a week in a specialty program!

Parents and Scouts should check with their Scoutmaster to find out the troops summer camp plans and make sure you are signed up to go with the troop!

Highlights for the 2009 season & Specialty Programs include:

Strong merit badge program with new additions for '09 Basic Scout Skills program with opportunities for the Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class ranks. Afternoon troop and patrol activities to help strengthen these bonds Older Boy Afternoon activities Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp offered weeks 1 & 6 3 week Counselor in Training (CIT) programs for 15 years old offered weeks 2-4 and 5-7 SCUBA – PADI certification offered weeks 3 & 5 BSA Lifeguard offered weeks 2, 4 & 6 COPE- Challenging low and & high ropes courses

Do you need financial help to attend camp? Fundraisers to help with camp maybe available through your troop, or sign up and "Earn your Way to Camp" with the spring popcorn sale. A limited amount of campership funds are available for those with true financial hardships may be available for Scouts from the Pine Tree Council. Complete the 2009 campership application and send to PTC by May 15th to be eligible.

Please visit our web page at <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u> for the 2009 Leaders Guide and registration forms to sign up for camp! Forms are also available by calling the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.

See you at Hinds ~ the best part of the summer!



CAMP HINDS

Summer Camp Employment and Training Opportunities

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM:

Pine Tree Council offers a CIT program at Camp Hinds for interested Scouts of at least 15 years of age. This program introduces them to life at camp as a staff member. *The course encompasses 3 weeks of the summer, and requires the candidates to work and live at Camp for the three weeks.* Scouts completing this program will gain valuable on-the-job training in the program areas of camp, as well as practical experience in leadership, communication, teaching, campfire etiquette, basic counseling, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

While taking the program, Scouts will be able to participate in parts of the camp program and earn Merit Badges. Scouts who successfully complete this program will be encouraged to apply for staff positions the year following their CIT experience. Cost of program is \$200.

Dates:

Session 1 - Weeks 2-4 July 12 - July 31

Session 2 - Weeks 5-7 Aug. 2 - Aug. 22

TO APPLY FOR THE CIT PROGRAM: fill out a Pine Tree Council Staff Application. Applications available by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 28 on the web site <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>

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! 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: <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>, or contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org

2010 BSA National Jamboree

The countdown has begun to the 2010 National Jamboree!



The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of four troops with a total of 144 Boy Scouts and 16 leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA! This jamboree promises to be "The best, most exciting, fun-filled jamboree ever!"

Come Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting SCOUTMASTERS – PROMOTE THE with us! The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of four troops with a total of 144 A 2010 National Jamboree DVD is available at the Boy Scouts and 16 leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100th **Anniversary of the BSA! Registration must be done online! Visit the** Jamboree web site at www.bsajamboree.org to sign TRAVEL PLANS The Pine Tree Council jamboree up and for more info!

What is There to Do at the Jamboree?

You name it! The jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting-physical fitness, environmental conservation, our national heritage, and the true spirit of Scouting. See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to try.

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

JAMBOREE DATES July 21 – Aug. 4, 2010 **TOTAL COST** \$1800 +/_ (depending upon final travel costs) for Scouts

Reservation fee \$100 with application which must be done online at www.bsajamboree.org

JAMBOREE TO YOUR TROOP-

Pine Tree Council. Troops can sign it out to show at a patrol or troop meeting. Reserve it by calling 797-5252 x 10 or pick up at the front desk at PTC.

contingent will leave Camp Hinds on Wednesday July 21st and travel to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C., ample time will be allowed to tour the Smithsonian Institution, the White House, and many more of the federal offices and local sites. Plans also include a trip to a local amusement park! We will camp at the jamboree until the morning of August 4 and then return by bus to Maine.

ORGANIZATION The jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come basis. After our 4 troops have been filled, a stand-by list of alternates will be established. Scouts will be assigned to a jamboree troop consisting of 36 Scouts and four adult leaders.

WHO CAN GO? **Boy Scout Qualifications**

You can only go with the council contingent, not on your own! Each Scout must be at least a First Class Scout; Have completed sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached his 18th birthday by August 3, 2010. Have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010 and be approved by his Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

Ouestions on the Jamboree- contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Jamboree Advisor at 797-5252 x 14 or email at cgosseli@bsamail.org



Cub Scouts ~ Come to summer camp & explore Space Odyssey 2009! Join your friends at camp and you will discover galaxies far, far away! Travel through a time warp to meet the aliens and other space creatures that will join you at camp!



2009 Cub Day Camp Dates: Abnaki District: Camp Gustin Aug 3 - 7

Casco Bay District: Camp Hinds July 13 – 17 Pride's Corner School in Westbrook July 20 - 24

Downeast District: Union Fair – July 13 - 17 Topsham Fair – July 20 - 24



Kennebec Valley District: Camp Bomazeen Aug. 3 - 7

York District: Camp Nutter - July 6 – 10

Join us at a FunPack Weekend, "Blast Off in your Spaceship to explore the Great Beyond!" FunPacks are an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! Comes complete with a campsite for your Pack, tents, cots and a fun filled weekend!

2009 FunPack Dates At Camp Hinds: July 11 & 12 July 18 & 19 July 25 & 26 Aug 1 & 2 Aug 8 & 9 Aug 15 & 16 Earn a special "Trip around the Moon" two piece patch by attending a day camp and a FunPack Weekend! <u>Webelos Resident Camp</u> will be at Camp Hinds!! A chance for the Webelos to explore camping their journey to Boy Scouting! Come with your den and den leaders or you can sign up to go as an individual Scout!

> Session 1 Aug. 16 – 19 Session 2 Aug. 19 - 22

Cub Leaders-Mini Camps- new in 2009! Open to families! For kids 1st to 5th grade! Let's schedule a Cub Camping promotion for you pack! Every Scout should Experience a mini camp with great camp activities be attending summer camp! Let us come like BB and archery, nature, scout skills, crafts, cooking and show the exciting possibilities to and games! Special camp space hats and patch for all! them and your Held on Saturdays from 9 to 3! parents! Lots of great things are planned! May 30th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus Call Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 and June 20th Prides, Corner School in Westbrook ask to schedule your camp promo! Aug. 15th at Camp Nutter in Acton Date to be announced at Union Fairground





Míní Camps ~ new ín 2009! <mark>Ope</mark>n to fam<mark>ílíes! Fo</mark>r kíds 1st to 5th grade!

Experience a mini camp with great camp activities like BB and archery, nature, scout skills, crafts, cooking and games revolving around the Space theme! Special camp space hats and patch for all! Held on Saturdays from 9 to 3! Mini Camps give the working parents a chance to attend camp with their kids! Round robin of family based activities! Bring your own picnic lunch, snack to be provided!

> 2009 Mini Camps Dates & Locations May 30th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus June 20th Prides Corner School in Westbrook Aug. 15th at Camp Nutter in Acton Date to be announced at Union Fairground

<u>Mini Camp Cost</u>

\$20 for a child and 1 parent \$8.00 for each additional parent or child A den leader or parent can bring a group of children but must have a 1 to 3 ratio of adult to child.

Watch the PTC web site for more mini camp info and registration forms <u>www.pinetreebsa.org</u>



PTC Contingent Crew Set to Sail at the Florida Sea Base

Pine Tree Council has confirmed a date for our 3rd council contingent to attend the Florida Sea Base For February 2010! The date is Feb. 14 - 21, 2010 (school vacation week). The P.T.C. crew for the "Sea Exploring Adventure" will live and sail on a seventy foot tall ship in the Florida Keys. The crew will learn how to sail and work with the boat's captain on operating their vessel.

Openings in this high adventure program are available for currently registered Venture's, Sea Scouts or Boy Scouts interested in becoming Venture Scouts and who will be at least 14 years of age by 9/1/10 (13 ½ by date of sail). Four adult leaders will accompany the crew! All participants must be strong swimmers and able to easily pass the BSA Swimmers Test.

Activities to include:

- Sailing a Tall Ship over 70 foot long
- Learning onboard navigation
- Snorkeling & exploring the Florida Key's reefs
- ♦ Salt-water fishing
- Sailing with dolphins and sharks
- Day visit to Key West
- Escaping a week of winter in Maine!

During the weeklong odyssey you will snorkel several reefs as you sail the Florida Keys, along the way enjoying salt-water fishing for barracudas and mahi-mahi, learn on board navigation, studying the stars, and enjoying the warmth of the Keys! Join us for this once in a lifetime experience! Do you want to be part of this rugged voyage on a large vessel?

Call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 x 14 to reserve your spot or for a Sea Base slide show!

Tribute Fund Gifts made in honor of the birthdays of Leland Weeks: David & Judy Weeks

Tribute gifts made in the memory of John P. Messer: David & Cheryl Whitten

Rainbow Construction Company

Your gift to the Tribute Fund is your recognition of a special occasion and/ or person. It can be used to recognize a job

promotion, presentation of the Eagle Award or the Silver Beaver, to honor an outstanding Scout leader, or in memory of a family member or good friend.

Please mail your tributes to: Pine Tree Council, BSA c/o Tribute Funds, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102.

Please be sure to include contact information for your honoree and for yourself so that recognition may be made.

Individual tribute gifts, unless otherwise designated, are placed in the councils' endowment fund as a perpetual source of support of the Pine Tree Council.



2009 Scout Night at Oxford Plains Speedway



Saturday Night May 23 6:30 5 DIVISIONS OF LIGHTNING FAST RACING.....PLUS







BRING ALONG YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS AND TAKE

THE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

A fundamental principle of advancement in Scouting is the growth a young person achieves as a result of his/her participation in unit program. A badge is recognition of what a young person is able to do, not merely a reward for what he or she has done. Recognition is a powerful incentive of the BSA's advancement program. A youth member should receive his/her new badge as soon as possible after his/her achievement. Below are guidelines to assist unit leadership in correctly <u>reporting unit advancement</u>, and then <u>purchasing badges and awards</u>.

REPORTING UNIT ADVANCEMENT

Each unit is responsible for keeping its own records and making reports of advancements to the council. An advancement report must be submitted for the achievement of all ranks, merit badges, activity pins, eagle palms, etc and special awards (World Conservation Award, Leave No Trace Award, etc.) for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing. Remember that only registered members of BSA units may earn badges and awards. Each advancement form must list the scouts name and award earned and date of award. The advancement forms must be presented to the scout shop before awards can be purchased. This is to ensure the records for each scout will be or have been updated with all his awards. This is especially important when the scout gets ready to cross over into Boy Scouts, when he is ready to submit his Eagle application or applies for additional awards, etc. Incomplete records for the scout can create delays for processing of his application and sometimes could result in him not be able to achieve an award because his records are incomplete. Do not let that happen to your Scouts!

There are three ways units report can report unit advancement: - BSA Internet Advancement - Computer Software for Scout Advancement

- Multipart BSA Advancement Report Form

BSA Internet Advancement

Units can now use Internet Advancement to record their youth member's advancements from any online location at home or at the office. Internet Advancement makes it easy for unit leadership to record awards, ranks, and merit badges to youth via an online process. After entering all awards, an Advancement form is generated and submitted into ScoutNet. Save this file and print 2 copies of the Advancement report, one to be submitted to Council and the second for your unit's records. This is the official unit Advancement Report to be signed and submitted to the council service center. Also included in this report are Unit Awards Summary lists the number of new ranks, merit badges, and awards by name as a shopping list.

Each unit was previously provided with a unit ID number. Each unit should assign an adult to record advancements and maintain records for their youth. Contact your District executive if you need your unit's ID number.

Computer Software for Scout Advancement

Units can purchase computer software to track and report unit advancements. Packmaster, Troopmaster, Scoutmate©, and similar programs can provide comparable reports to the BSA Internet Advancement while providing additional features. When purchasing this type of software make sure it is ScoutNet certified. Advancement Data from ScoutNet programs can be downloaded directly into the BSA Internet Advancement program. The signed Advancement Reports generated from this software can also be submitted to the council service center as an official Unit Advancement Report.

BSA Advancement Report Form

Units may also use the BSA multipart Advancement Report to have advancements recorded at the council service center. Procedures for this form are:

- a. Fill in scouts name and only one advancement award, rank or merit badge, etc on each line
- b. List all of one member's advancement consecutively
- c. Have signed by appropriate unit committee member(s)
- d. Submit signed Unit Advancement Report to the council service center.

PURCHASING BADGES AND AWARDS

To purchase badges of rank, parent pins, merit badge emblems, pocket certificates, service stars, attendance pins, and other awards you must present an Advancement form with your request for awards. Present your request and forms to the council Scout Shop. The advancement forms can be submitted either in person, by fax, or via attachment on an email if using internet advancement. Items can be picked up at the Scout Shop or they can be shipped. Payment can be made by cash, check, debit / credit card, or unit (pack, troop, or crew) account.

Effective June 1st 2009, you will no longer be able to purchase awards without first submitting an advancement form. This is to ensure all scouts get their advancement properly recorded. If your unit needs assistance with submitting advancement forms, please contact your District Advancement Chairman or District Executive.

DOWNEAST District District Chairman Jim Bouchard 1-800-780-8502 x 701 jim@jimbouchard.org District Commissioner Jeff Northgraves 593-9194 District Executive Steve Saucier 797-5252 x 28 <u>ssaucier@bsamail.org</u>

Spring Camporee

The Downeast District Spring Camporee will be held at Fraser Farm, 21 Collinsbrook Rd., Brunswick, ME on May 17-18. Each troop will be provided information for a search and rescue mission. Their mission will be briefed when they arrive at the rescue staging area on the 17th. Their morning and afternoon will be spent preparing them for their rescue mission, and that they will depart on their mission that evening.

The mission will be to track, locate, and rescue an injured hiker. To do this, the team of scouts will be presented with multiple challenges, which will require them to be creative and resourceful in order to be successful. Obviously, success will be based upon teamwork – individuals will not be able to finish the missions. Larger troops may be split into smaller teams to make the stations easier to complete (team sizes will be around 10 youth). Due to the time schedule of this camporee, nobody will be allowed to leave prior to 10 am, for safety reasons, on Sunday (to ensure everybody gets 6 hours of sleep before departing).

Training

We will be holding adult Leader Training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Leaders on June 6 at the Damariscotta LDS Church. The Training will start at 9:00 AM. For more information Contact Paul Galipeau at <u>bluegate@tds.net</u>.

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 13-17, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 20-24. Anyone who volunteers for the week at a day camp can have one son attend for \$15. For more information contract Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

FunPack Weekend Volunteers

The Downeast District will be coordinating the FunPack Weekend on August 1-2 at Camp Hinds in Raymond. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or <u>ssaucier@bsamail.org</u>.

PTC Property Rentals

Rental opportunities are now open for the fall months of 2009.
The 2010 rental season will open for reservation starting
Sept. 1, 2009. Rental opportunities at all of our camps include
campsites, cabins and the Training Center Lodge at Camp
Hinds. These rentals are open to all Scout groups.
To Reserve, check availability with Kathy Higgins at PTC @
797-5252 x 32, complete a Property Use Form and send in with
the fee to PTC. Property Use Forms are available on our web
site at www.pinetreebsa.org

A \$25 cleaning fee will be charged to units or groups
 that do not leave the property in clean condition.
 Remember a Scout is Clean!



Just a Friendly Reminder! Tour permits require at least one leader to have CPR and First Aid certifications!

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K-Valley District District Chair Kelly Pillsbury at 453-4631 kellyp22@ District Commissioner Charles Ferguson at 549-77 Senior District Executive Matt Mower at 797-5252 District Website <u>www.kv-scouts.org</u>	751 or Chuckemian@aol.com
 DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY April 4, 2009 at the Windsor Elementary School, sponsored by Pack 609 of Windsor. Registration/Check-in: 8:15am Best of Show judging: 10am Races start 10:15am Fee: \$4 per racer/best of show entry Pack may enter their top three racers and best- of-show. Each racer will race four times, once on each lane. The computer controlled track will calculate the total time. Top finisher based on fastest total time. FMI: Contact Karen Douglas at 623-7298 or kdouglas@augustaschools.org 	 SPRING BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE Theme: "Scouting for Boys" the 1st Edition of the Scout Hand Book. Hosted by: Troop 433 Where: Nowell Road, Winslow When: May 15-17, 2009 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 26, 2009 FEE \$8 per person. Full fee (after early bird deadline) is \$10. This camporee will be based off the teachings of the 1st edition of the Boy Scout Hand Book titled "Scouting for Boys". Youth will be encouraged to dress in Old Scout Uniforms Pre 1990s. Program to include original requirements of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks in the early editions of the Scouting Hand book. Webelos are welcome to attend if they camp and participate with a host troop. Nowell Rd is located in eastern Winslow north of State Route 137. FMI: Chris Bernier at 872-2499 or twstdfte@gwi.net.

Hello from your District Popcorn Kernel Juanita Spaulding!

After attending the Popcorn Training Monday night in Portland, I'm even more excited about the 2009 Popcorn Program. There are more prizes, incentives, bonus programs, and new products! This could potentially be the biggest sale yet for Pine Tree Council, K-Valley District and every single unit as well.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE TRAINING DATES:

Trail's End will be sponsoring three Unit Kernel Trainings; Tuesday May 26th, Wednesday May 27th (in Lewiston) and Tuesday, June 2nd (in Saco). The Tuesday May 26th will take place in K-Valley District at the Senator Inn in Augusta. This is going to be a worthwhile training. Please plan on sending at least one representative from your unit (more is fine to). There will be prizes, surprises and lots of information/support for all units.

To get the maximum commission available to your unit, your unit must attend one of these three trainings in May. The kickoff in August will not count towards the extra commission, only the trainings listed above.

Please be sure to contact me with your unit's Kernel name, contact information and whether you plan on participating in the popcorn sale this year. As of today, I have only heard from about 6 or 7 units. I know you feel it's early, but believe me, the process starts now for a successful program! You will be receiving calls very soon.

Feel free to contact me with any questions: cubjuanita@midmaine.com - or 257-3431

PROGRAM LAUNCH

We will be holding two Program Launches this year. Wednesday, June 10th & August 12th We will have important information on membership, popcorn, events, advancement, & much, much more. More details to come...

COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

Our new District Commissioner Charles "Chuck" Ferguson is hard at work building up our staff so that each pack, troop, crew and post has a unit commissioner who will help them succeed. If you would have an interest in serving on his staff feel free to contact him at 549-7751 or Chuckemian@aol.com.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Our new District Chair Kelly Pillsbury is also hard at work making sure that our District Committee is full of active volunteers who support the program in various ways from membership to activities to fundraising to training.

If you have an interest in serving feel free to contact her at 453-4631 or kellyp22@myfairpoint.net.

York District District Chairman Wallace H Nutting 284-7842 Vice Chair Clint Staples 636-1597 <u>clinton@gwi.net</u> District Executive Frank Gilcreast 797-5252 x 24 <u>fgilcrea@bsamail.org</u> District Website <u>www.yorkdistrict.org</u>

2009 York District Pinewood Derby: The Official 2009 Pine Tree Council Pinewood Derby Rules are on the YD website and were e-mailed to all CS leaders. <u>Please make sure all individuals making cars has a copy of the rules so there will not be any</u> <u>questions regarding the race at the YD PWD</u> which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11, 2009** at the Marshwood High School in South Berwick. The event is being sponsored by Troop 340 in Eliot. The YD website, <u>www.yorkdistrict.org</u> is now set up for the on-line registration. All CS packs will need to use the on-line program to register their YD PWD racers.

York District 2009 Spring Camporee: The YD Spring Camporee will be held on 5/15-17/09 will be held in North Waterboro. The event is being co-sponsored by Troops 345 and 399 and the theme for the event will be "Amazing Race". More information to follow over the next couple of months.

CASCO BAY District

District Commissioner Irene Leclaire 893-0565 <u>ialbel@aol.com</u> District Chairman Darryl Wright 856-7400 <u>dwright@mainebank.com</u> District Executive Tony Bessey 797-5252 x 23 <u>abessey@bsamail.org</u>

Spring Camporee 2009

The Spring Camporee Committee has been meeting frequently since September. Troop 51 has some amazing program planned for the Highland Game Camporee. Next month they will be releasing the Camporee Booklet and Sign-up information at Roundtable. Please note you will want to sign up for this Camporee as soon as possible. Sites at the Camporee will be selected on a first come, first served basis regardless of which district you are from. Also units that sign up in the last week will be assigned a camp fire skit. For more information please feel free to email Nicole Cyr at <u>nikki cyr@hotmail.com</u> or call 893-3413.

District Award of Merit

This year's deadline for to submit District Award of Merit applications is the close of business April 3, 2009. An Application is attached with this email.

The Annual Scout Sleepover with the Sea Dogs

The Annual Scout Sleepover with the Sea Dogs is June 6th, 2009 at Hadlock Field. Tickets will be on sale at the Pine Tree Council for \$20.00 per person starting April 14, 2009. For more information feel free to email Tony Bessey at <u>abessey@bsamail.org</u>.

Friends of Scouting

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

This time of the year is critical to the Pine Tree Council and to the families that are involved in the program because we are in the process of scheduling Friends of Scouting presentations at you Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor. Friends of Scouting allows families to make a tax-deductible donation which helps keep the scouting program affordable to ever youth that wants to be involved. It also helps pay for camp equipment, pay for upgrades at camp, and provide leadership support for your unit leaders.

If you have not talked to your District Executive or the district Friends of Scouting Chair please give them a call as soon as possible to schedule your presentation. Remember, that if you are looking for a program with the values that your youth will receive in Scouting you will pay a lot more with other organizations. If you are looking for an example, compare the cost of one week at either Cub Scout camp or Boy Scout camp with other camps that your kids participate in. That value is available to you because of your Friends of Scouting contributions. Please help us raise the necessary funds to continue the great service you currently receive this spring.

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





The PTC Invites You to Have Fun with the Sea Dogs this Summer!



Proud AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox

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

June 6th 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 6th game – Sea Dogs vs. Trenton Thunder

PG-Rated movie after game on the Ford JumboTron

Overnight on the field!!! (Weather permitting)

A Portland Sea Dogs Baseball Cap with BSA Emblem

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 drink will be allowed into the stadium. Concessions will be open until 12:00AM. 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.



Reg. Must be received by May 29th (If tickets are still available) Date for this event is June 6th!



Saturday: 4:30pm – Gates Open 6:00pm – Game Starts 9:00pm – Game Ends 9-9:30pm – Collect gear from vehicles 10:00pm – Movie on the JumboTron Sunday: 6:00am Wake Up Call 7:00am Departure

Each youth must be supervised by an adult, guardian, or Scout Leader í Tickets are available ONLY through the Pine Tree Council íThere is no rain date for this event (There will be no refunds in the event of a rain-out) í Tickets may be exchanged per the Sea Dogs rain policy íIf you have questions, please call 207-797-5252 ext. 10.

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

August 22nd SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SEADOGS

Tickets for the event are \$6 for Adults and \$3 for Youth (16 & Under). Each ticket includes:

• Admission to the August 22nd game – Sea Dogs vs. Bowie Baysox, Game Time 6:00PM

Law Enforcement Academy

On the morning of June 23, 2008 -they came. They came from the north and the south; the east and the west. They came from large schools and small schools, from public schools and private schools. They came from communities with and without Exploring programs. And, they came from traditional and not so traditional households.

It was here, at the academy, that each student, male and female, would gather on equal footing, to test their mettle. This was opening day at the 2008 Youth Law Enforcement Academy in Vassalboro, Maine.

The massive academy structure at the top of a hill that overlooks the Kennebec Valley area is truly an awesome sight – a bit intimidating. In the thick early morning haze, they arrive and then begin unloading their gear. Mothers take a final inventory of the "items to bring" list. Questions and comments are directed my way. "When will he be able to call me?" one mother asks. "Jimmy has been doing his pushups, faithfully," another adds.

It is now 0900, military time. The students and their parents are told what the week will be like. "Any questions?" I ask. A dozen hands are raised, questions and concerns addressed and then, THEY, the Cadre arrive – their commanding presence and precision marching holds us all in awe. This is the beginning of an unforgettable week of discovery at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy!

The Youth Law Enforcement Academy is designed to help students understand the challenges and opportunities available to them should law enforcement be their career choice. Personal fitness, mental toughness, attention to detail, parade and ceremony, team-building, mentoring, and an evening of fun-filled activities with a question and answer session is the regimen of this week.

There is plenty of classroom time learning about Maine criminal and civil law. The students are also visited by professionals from Inland Fish and Wildlife, Game Wardens, the State of Maine Crime Lab, Sheriff's Departments, State Police, Municipal Police, Armed Services, and representatives from other state, municipal and county agencies. The academy introduces these youth to as many career professionals and specialties as possible during this week so that students are exposed to a vast array of career paths associated with law enforcement.

In 2008, 54 high school students started the program and 49 graduated. The academy is being held again this year from June 22-29, 2009. The message is simple, very simple; if you are interested in a career in law enforcement in any capacity, this can be your first step to a successful career path.

For information contact Bryan Thomas at 797-5252 ext 25.

Sea Dogs Ticket Registration Form Please mail form to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

•	e: Telephone:	
Address:	City	ST: Zip:
Pack# Troop# Crew#_	Post#	
June 6 th Sea Dogs Overnight:		
# of Tickets @ \$20.00/ticket	= \$	June 6 th TOTAL \$
August 22 nd Scout Night:		
# of Youth (16 & Under) Tickets	@ \$3/ticket = \$	
# of Adult Tickets	@ \$6/ticket = \$	August 22 nd TOTAL \$
		Total Enclosed \$



Order of the Arrow Madockawanda Lodge



Conclave 2009 will be hosted by Madockawanda Lodge at Camp Hinds in Raymond. This is a big event Includes the six lodges of Section NE-1A will be gathering for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and food. Training will be held on a wide variety of topics. The Healy Cup, a relay race, will be held on a larger scale than normal. We are planning to use everything from the waterfront to the shotgun range in the event - be ready to run! Section NE-1A has released training information and registration details, which can be found on our forms page of the OA website.



Burt Russell, Pine Tree Council's Vice President of Programs, accepts a "check" from Nate Smith, OA Lodge Chief, representing the Order of the arrows annual donation to Friends of Scouting!

In order to prepare for Conclave, we'll be having a couple workdays in the coming months and a walkthrough with Section leadership.

The spring Ordeals will also help get ready and set up for the event. If you are a member of Madockawanda Lodge, and are interested in helping us staff Conclave, please fill out the staff request form.

Conclave Committee Chairman Nick Bouyea, or his adviser, Matt Dubois, will get back to you with more information about being Conclave Staff.

Please note that staff are still required to register and pay for Conclave as normal.



PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

Toll free:1 (877) PTC-SHOP Visit the PTC Scout Shop Online @ www.pinetreebsa.org

Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri. - Open 9am to 5pm Thur. - Open 9am to 8pm Sat. - Open 9am to 2pm

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TASCO® 8x21 BINOCULAR \$24.99

You'll view nature in a whole new way with these compact, fold-up binoculars. Featuring powerful 8 x 21 magnification, fully coated optics for superior images, center focus, field of view 367' at 1000 yards, and non-slip rubber armor for shock absorption and a firm grip. With neck strap and padded vinyl case that slips into a shirt pocket or slides on to your belt.

MINI 4 TENT FAN \$ 5.99

Mini fan for keeping the tent air "stirring". 2 AA batteries included. The fan made from PVC has a predrilled hole so you can slide a carabineer or hook through for easy hanging inside your tent. You can also stand the fan on top of a table. The fan does not oscillate.

RAINY DAY CAMPING GAME 15.99

This roll-up magnetic board is just the thing to pack along for those rainy days at camp. The $11\frac{1}{4}$ " x $11\frac{1}{4}$ " checkerboard reverses to backgammon using the same checker pieces (included).

100TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO EMBLEM 2.99

Fully embroidered emblem of BSA 2010 Anniversary logo with Mylar border. Perfect for Centennial celebrations, thank-you gifts or to collect. Emblems are sold on a card with 100th Anniversary hologram sticker.

50 HIKES IN COASTAL AND INLAND **MAINE \$16.95**

From the Burnt Meadow Mountains to Maine's Bold Coast. John Gibson, the author of numerous books and articles on Maine's coast and mountains. describes the best hikes in the Western Mountains, the Oxford Hills, Evans Notch Range, the Mahoosuc Range, the Camden Hills, Monhegan Island, and Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island. Outings Duplex Bug Cage Kit \$3.99 range from short walks for families to all-day climbs for serious hikers. There is a rich selection of hikes in each of southern Maine's major recreation areas, and many hikes are within easy reach of Maine's major population centers. Each hike description includes a topographic map, information on difficulty, mileage, and rise, and a detailed description of the route. Both locals and travelers will find miles of satisfying hiking here.

MAY CUB SCOUT THEME

LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

Warm weather is a perfect time for outdoor adventure, complete with den hikes in the neighborhood, in a park, or on local trails. Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints. Learn about Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and ways we can minimize our impact on the environment. Take a backyard hike and practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines. Have a contest to see who can take the best wildlife photograph. Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Awareness Award. Remember to record your service with Good Turn for America at www.goodturnforamerica.org. The end of the month has all dens moving up the Cub Scout trail. You might want to consider working on the Wildlife Conservation belt loop and pin this month.

\$37.49 **Den Meeting in the Box**

This kit follows the monthly theme that CS Program Helps recommends with the April theme of Leave Nothing But Footprints. Each kit contains, 10 Activity Pamphlets, 10 "Leave Nothing But Footprints" Embroidered Patches, 10 Activity Kits, and 1 Local Tour Permit. All the materials a Den Leader needs to produce four weeks of meetings are in a reusable 12.5" x 12.5" x 4" box.

Leave Nothing But Footprints Emblem \$1.19

Recognize your Cub Scouts for participating in the monthly theme activities with this embroidered patch.

Trekking on a Trail: Hiking Adventures \$ 9.95 for Kids

If you would like to go somewhere you've never been, this book will help you get prepared for your adventure. Complete with recipes, equipment lists, and activities to do along the trail. This book is the perfect hiking companion. Paperback. 64 pages with full color illustrations throughout. Ages 7-12.

Now your bugs can enjoy the company of a next door neighbor. This double compartment bug house features a wooden divider in the center and a door on each end for easy access to both compartments. Collect and place a different species into each compartment and study 2 bugs at once! Kit includes pre-cut wood pieces, hardware, mesh, and assembly instructions. Assembly requires the use of a stapler, hammer, small phillips screwdriver and glue.