

PINE SPILLS Fall 2009

Celebrating a Century of Values
Commemorating Lifetimes of Service
100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America



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Pine Tree Council, BSA



President's Message

As Scouting embarks on the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, I look back and reflect on what Scouting must have been like 100 years ago and how is still so much the same! Our young folks still need the values that Scouting teaches them: citizenship, leadership, honesty, service to others and much more!

I am pleased to be part of such an organization that teaches our youth and adults these values and can honestly say that Scouting has changed my life for the better!

During the months of November and December many of our Scouts and families will be giving of themselves with Scouting for Food, or helping a family in the community out with a holiday gift. You should be proud of your efforts to help others less

fortunate than you!

Many celebrations and activities will be happening in 2010 as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary at both the local and national level! Hopefully your Scouting year will include many of these activities like the National Jamboree, Maine Jam, earning the 100th anniversary patch and ribbons and PTC's 100th anniversary patch to be introduced in January.

Be safe this winter, get out and enjoy Mother Nature and all of the great activities along side your Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN HANCOCK!

We were delighted and proud to honor **Kevin Hancock** as the Pine Tree Council **2009 Distinguished Citizen Award** recipient at our annual award dinner on Thursday, November 12th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

The dinner helps the Pine Tree Council raise the funds necessary to make Scouting possible here in Maine. Kevin was very pleased to have been named for this prestigious award. Please join us in congratulating Kevin for this special award!

A special thanks also goes to our dinner committee without whom the dinner could never be a success. Thank you to Glen Albee from Hancock Lumber, Alan Atkins of Jensen, Baird, Gardner & Henry, Tom Cattell of Head & Associates, Horace Horton of Drummond & Drummond, Peter Moore from Corporate Finance Associates, John Newcomb of Downeast Air, Bill Sipperly from TD Bank, Paul Spellman, Karla Swanson from Hancock Lumber, and Peter Ventre from Corporate Finance Associates.

Boston Museum of Science

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!! Boston Museum of Science Spring Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010 Only 500 SLOTS!

It's time to start planning for the 2010 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$52.00 per person. (Please note: The Museum charges a fee of \$5 per car for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In.) **The event is limited to CUB SCOUTS and ADULTS only. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend – no exceptions!** In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Boston Museum trip, please follow the guidelines below.

Application Procedure

Each Pack must submit a deposit of \$15 for each person who plans to attend. Please send a check made payable to Pine Tree Council, along with the registration coupon below. Phone applications **will not** be accepted.

All applications must be received at the Pine Tree Council by the end of the business day on November 12, 2009. Please do not request reservations for more slots than you actually plan to use (**for those who are selected, deposits are non-refundable.**)

A drawing will be held on November 13th. Those who were selected from the drawing will be notified, and the remaining payment will be due at the Pine Tree Council by January 15, 2010, end of business day. Any reserved slots not paid in full by this date will be lost and offered to those on the waiting list (**again, the initial deposit for those selected is non-refundable.**) Those Packs not selected will also be notified and deposits will be returned.

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

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

Boston Museum of Science Drawing
(To be submitted by Pack contact person for group
registration/not for individual use)

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

Contact Name _____ Day Phone # _____ Pack # _____

Special Events

You won't want to miss the 2010
University of Scouting coming on
March 27th! Course Catalog to be re-
leased later this fall!

Save the Date!

PTC's
University of Scouting!
March 27, 2010
Something for
everyone!

Join U of S President Bob Robinson and
his staff for another great University!



Silver Beaver Nominations

Silver Beaver nominations are due at the Pine Tree Council no later than January 31, 2010. We hope that you are already thinking about your Silver Beaver nominee. It is not too early to begin the process of filling out the nomination form. Nominations are based on the following criteria:

- Record of service in the Boy Scouts of America
- Statement covering nominee's standing in the community
- Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the Pine Tree Council

Please contact your District Executive for nomination forms or email Tony Rogers at arogers@bsamail.org

Pine Tree Council

Boy Scouts of America

"Celebrating a Century of Values"

Maine Jam 2010

October 8 – 10, 2010

**Save the Date for the 100th
Anniversary Celebration!!!**

**This milestone will bring to-
gether the best of the Scouting
community to mark this special
event. Promises to have some-
thing for all ages!**

Boy Scout News

Winter Camp 2010



What are you doing during February school vacation??

During the deep snows of next February school vacation, 32 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2010 February 14th – 19th.

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 quinzies (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$260.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. A \$25.00 deposit holds your space with full payment due by Feb. 8th. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign –up. Contact the Pine Tree Council Camping at 797-5252 x 14 to sign up or send in registration form below! Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

Anticipated merit badges:

Chemistry

Citizenship in the Community

Citizenship in the World

Computers

Electricity

Electronics

Geology

Graphic Arts

Oceanography

Personal Management

Pulp & Paper

Radio

Sculpture

Shotgun Shooting

Snow Sports

Woodworking

Winter Camp 2010 Reservation Form

Please save my spot in Winter Camp 2010 ~ enclosed is a \$25.00 deposit.

Name _____ Age _____ Troop _____
Street Address _____ Rank _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____
Email address _____
Scoutmaster's Name _____

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

What has Pine Tree Council done for me lately?

As a leader you may be asked this question from time to time or even wonder yourself, "What has Council done for me lately?" Some of the actions of Council are quite tangible (e.g., The Council Service Center and Camps) and some are not (e.g., counseling of Units on recruiting). The following is a list of the many ways in which the Pine Tree Council supports your unit(s):

- * To help all of our packs, troops, posts and crews, Pine Tree Council maintains a well-staffed Service Center to:
 - o Handle registrations and Boys Life subscriptions.
 - o Maintain a supply of literature, insignia, forms and certificates needed by our leaders to carry out programs.
 - o Keep records of advancement, membership and training.
 - o Produce newsletters to keep our adult leaders informed of latest local and national Scouting events.
 - o Produce notices, minutes and agendas for Pine Tree Council & District meetings.
 - o Council committees that are developing programs for our troops and packs
 - o Handle phone calls and visitors for information related to unit operation and Scouting procedures
 - o Provide forms, applications, scoreboards, certificates and literature helpful for unit programs
 - o Produce Pine Tree Council calendars, schedules, programs, kits, and special aids to assist adult leaders and unit committees
 - o Make reservations for videos, equipment, long-term camping, short-term camps, camporees, jamborees, high adventure bases, training courses, meetings, University of Scouting, etc.
 - o Exploring activities, annual council meeting, and adult leader events
 - o Organize Eagle Boards of Review
- * To assist our adult leaders, the Pine Tree Council employs a trained, full-time staff that counsels, guides, and inspires through:
 - o Informal training in unit operation
 - o Person-to-person counseling on relationships, administrative and operational problems
 - o Guidance for all committees, commissioners, Roundtables, meetings, conferences, courses, council activities in the development of programs that directly benefit Packs, Troops and Crews
 - o Contacts with community resources (clubs, churches, government), securing help for units in obtaining use of parks, recreational areas, buildings for special affairs, picnic areas, campsites, and swimming facilities
- * To provide the units with council activities and service, Pine Tree Council:
 - o Plans and conducts various types of activities in which all units participate such as Council Camporees
 - o Organizes camporees, Cub Scout day camps, high adventure trips, Explorer/Venture events, and works hard to keep participants' expense to a minimum
 - o Organizes Scouting for Food annually in November, which provides a very positive service event for the community and the units.
 - o Works with various community groups to arrange for Scout participation in civic affairs and Good Turn projects
 - o Recruits and trains a corps of commissioners to assist with unit programs and maintain standards
- * For educational and relationships programs, Pine Tree Council provides our adult leaders with:
 - o A library of audiovisual equipment for use in training and promotional programs
 - o Informal and formal training courses with most of the cost of literature and materials and all the staff time included in the council budget

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- o Monthly Roundtables for the benefit of leaders, committee members, assistants, and den leaders, providing materials, staff and other costs
- o Scouter's Key, training awards, Den Leader's Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, and other Scouter recognitions and Eagle badges
- o A variety of advancement forms and certificates without charge

* In the field of camping and outdoor activities, Pine Tree Council:

- o Maintains reservations for year-round camping and Scout family outdoor events (our Scout Camps serve as year-round activities, camping and training centers)
- o Covers costs of camp repairs, replacement, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, and camp ranger (these and other charges are not paid for by youths' fees)
- o Employs a full-time ranger for the protection of Scout Reservations and the convenience of units using facilities (they keep these facilities available at all times)
- o Provides unit leaders' guidebook, camp videos, folders, literature, and other aids to help the packs and troops with its outdoor programs
- o Provides scholarships for Scouts who need some financial help to have a summertime camp experience
- o Offers Scouts the high adventure of Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, other high-adventure bases, national jamborees, and other special events (these would not exist without a council giving leadership and coordination)
- o Provides an opportunity for our Pine Tree youth to work at Summer Camp.

* To help our adult leaders develop the unit program, Pine Tree Council provides:

- o Program helps, program planning charts and calendar of activities, meetings, and special events
- o Awards such as ribbons, certificates and roundup awards
- o Sample song sheets, ceremonies, parents' night program outlines, training aids
- o Source materials and personnel
- o Materials, books, pamphlets, folders, audiovisuals, and special helps from the national office and cooperating organizations
- o Assists the packs and troops in recruiting new members
- o Provides program planning packets prior to program year
- o Provides annual program kickoff

* To protect our adult leaders and youth, Pine Tree Council:

- o Screens requests for services, money-earning project proposals guarding against improper use of Scouting commercialism and exploitation
- o Maintains liability insurance for the protection of all youth and adult members and chartered organizations
- o Maintains accident insurance for protection of all youth members and leaders
- o Has staff members available at all times to meet any emergency
- o Conducts background checks on all new adult leaders
- o Conducts Youth Protection training for all adult leaders

* To help the units financially, Pine Tree Council

- o Provides guidance for unit fund-raisers
- o Provides one council wide fund-raiser per year, The Trials End Popcorn Sale, to replenish the unit treasury and to provide Scout equipment (prizes) and cash for summer camp.

All Scouts and Scouters, young and old can earn the 100th Anniversary patch and ribbons!



A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Scouting spirit isn't a state of mind, it's a way of life. Join all Scouts, young and old, in celebrating 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America! Relive Scouting fun, excitement, and adventure by earning all five ribbons to hang on the BSA's 2010 100th Anniversary Patch!

Visit www.pinetreebsa.org to learn more.



OKPIK

High Adventure Winter Camping



OKPIK (ook' pick)

Is the Inuit name for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol of the official Boy Scouts of America cold weather camping program.

OKPIK OPPORTUNITIES: Back Country Skiing

Learning to ski in the backcountry is easy thanks to our specially designed skis. Miles of scenic trails, allow skiers of all abilities to enjoy Maine's beauty.



Shelter Building

Learn to build your own quinzee or thermal shelter out of snow and natural materials. A quinzee will remain at a cozy 25 degrees even when the temperature is far below zero!



Snow-shoeing

The traditional method of travel in the Maine woods, is still a fun and efficient way to get where you are going!

Meals

All trail meals are designed for ease of preparation and cleanup using backpacking stoves. A variety of high calorie foods, and lots of them keep you warm all weekend!



Your trip begins at our lodge where you will spend Friday night before heading out on the trail. Relax in our spacious lodge! After a hearty breakfast get geared up and head out into the wilderness. Try on a pair of skis or snowshoes and explore miles of trails in the Maine woods.

OKPIK offers:

- *Backpacking style trail food.
- *Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew.
- *Hundreds of acres at and around Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine
- * Cold weather first aid and camping training
- * Equipment sleds, skis, snowshoes, and other cold weather camping gear
- * Supplemental cold weather clothing and sleeping systems.
- * Emergency Radio communication
- * OKPIK Maine participant patches
- *Shower facilities in our heated lodge
- * OKPIK Trading Post

2010 OKPIK DATES

Jan 8- 10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

Feb. 5-7 (full), 12-14, 26-28(full)

PRICES AND PAYMENT

SCHEDULE

Reservation for the popular OKPIK program should be made as early as possible. We do fill up! You can make a reservation by phone. Your reservation will be held for two weeks and is secured when your deposit is paid. Reservations are subject to cancellation after the deposit deadline date. Call Pine Tree Council at (207) 797-5252 ext. 14 or reservations.

Fees for 2010:

\$75.00 for Pine Tree Council
youth and adults

2010 BSA National Jamboree Only 10 slots left!



The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of troops with Boy Scouts and 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 with us! The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of troops with 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 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

SCOUTMASTERS – PROMOTE THE JAMBOREE TO YOUR TROOP-

A 2010 National Jamboree DVD is available at the 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.

TRAVEL PLANS The Pine Tree Council jamboree 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.

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

**WINTER WILL SOON BE HERE,
THINK SKI DAYS!!!**



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The Pine Tree Council, BSA has once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, Shawnee Peak, and Mt. Abram to offer discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals for the 2010 ski season. Do not miss out on the great times Scouts and their families have on the slopes of Maine's most popular ski resorts.

Information will be available later this fall to Scouts and their families with information about the scheduled Ski Days.

You will be able to able to purchase ski tickets
and rentals for these Ski Days at Pine Tree
Council.

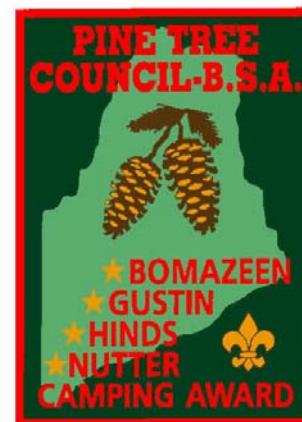
For more information on Ski Days you may contact Kennebec Valley Senior District Executive Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 27 or mmower@bsamail.org.

PINE TREE COUNCIL ~ COUNCIL CAMPING AWARD

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 12-month period. Activities must be for at least a 24-hour period, and each activity must be attended by no less than 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.pinetreetsa.org



Scout Nights with the Pirates

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

January 23rd @ 7:05 vs. Providence Bruins

Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center

**\$23 Main Deck tickets including
a night of activities.**

(Skating and a Movie)

March 3rd @ 7:05 vs. Springfield Falcons

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

To order tickets call Ben Nickerson at (207) 828-4665 x 317

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



PTC Property Rentals



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. If you choose to rent a building for only one night on a weekend– the full weekend rate will apply!



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



Pine Tree Council Second & Third Quarter Eagle Scouts Congratulations to all!

District Troop

AB T-116 Matthew Navojosky
AB T-130 Peter Mills
AB T-150 Harrison Wiegman
AB T-160 Brandon Maher

CB T-1 Matthew Hume
CB T-1 Joshua Tingley
CB T-35 Ian Carle
CB T-35 Samuel Peterson
CB T-35 Theodore Roche
CB T-35 Stephen Pardy
CB T-39 James Publicover
CB T-800 James Fisher
CB T-805 Keith Metayer
CB T-817 Ian Hawkes
CB T-83 Jonathan Eddy
CB T-83 Keegan Goan
CB T-83 Theodore Pitas
CB T-83 Eric Rutter
CB T-86 Daniel Clark
CB T-93 Douglas Staples

DE T-142 James Davis
DE T-206 Cameron Paddock McCrea
DE T-207 Joseph Murphy
DE T-207 Patrick Thompson

DE T-216 Tyler Clark
DE T-216 Ethan Foster
DE T-220 Ryan Spicer
DE T-222 Davis McClellan
DE T-621 Samuel Wesley
DE T-648 Connor McGowan
DE T-648 Keegan McGowan

KV T-436 Nicholas Merrow
KV T-453 Blake Bourque
KV T-454 Morgan Davis
KV T-479 Caleb Fletcher
KV T-481 Joshua Young
KV T-518 Brian Carlton
KV T-525 Christian Beauregard
KV T-525 Patrick Beauregard
KV T-603 Jonathan Day
KV T-672 Patrick Ellis

YK T-304 John Harrison
YK T-304 John Price, IV
YK T-307 Jeffrey Molina
YK T-308 Jeremie Roberge
YK T-310 Jason Poisson
YK T-313 Sean Knight
YK T-320 Thomas Belanger
YK T-330 Ryan Williams
YK T-356 Austin Hubbard
YK T-356 Tyler McDermott
YK T-356 Kyle Morton
YK T-371 Thomas Hewitt
YK T-371 Kenneth Maxfield
YK T-399 Frank Gilcreast, 3rd



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Saturday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

INVENTORY CLOSING

The Pine Tree Scout Shop will be closed for inventory beginning December 24, 2009 and will re-open January 2, 2010.

TAX EXEMPT PURCHASES

Packs, Troops, and Crews can make tax exempt purchases for the unit by having a copy of their charter organization's State of Maine Tax Exempt Certificate on file at the Scout Shop.

ADVANCEMENT REPORTS

Effective since June 1st 2009, units can no longer purchase awards (ranks, merit badges, activity pins, eagle palms, and special awards) without first submitting an advancement form. This policy is to ensure that 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.

Woodbadge

Congratulations to the participants of the PTC Woodbadge course recently held at Camp Bomazeen. The participants will be working on their tickets to be completed over the next 18 months.

A big thanks to the Woodbadge staff who served with the Course Scoutmaster, Bruce Rueger. Staff included: John Hume, Ed Hume; Barbara Pianki, Irene LeClair; Kelly Pillsbury, Marshall Smith; Carl Gagnon, Bob Robinson, Sherry Robinson, Mary Jane Vachon, Steve Blanchard, Dean Zaharis, Paul Boulay, Paul Gooch, Arthur Price, Jennie Nisbet and Carol Waig. Their dedication made the course a huge

Abnaki District

Abnaki makes Boys Life magazine again!

For the second time in less than a year Abnaki District youth have been featured in Boy's Life Magazine. Last December it was Troop 007's Curling Expedition. In the November 2009 Cub Scout edition it is the Abnaki District Box Sled Race. Congratulations Boys!

Abnaki District Box Sled Race X 2!

Last year's successful event will be followed this year by 2 Box Sled Races. The First will be at Lost Valley, Saturday, Feb 6th, as part of the Winter Festival in Auburn. The Second will be held at Black Mountain in Rumford as part of their Winter Festivities on Saturday, Feb 27th.

Sleds must be constructed of duct tape and cardboard only, registration is \$10 per sled for up to 5 crew members and/or passengers. Both locations will have other activities going on through the day. Trophies will be awarded for best design, most spectacular flight, and for the fastest finish time. Concessions will be available.

Abnaki District's 2010 "Let's Get This Party Started" 100th Anniversary Klondike Derby!

This year we are taking the Klondike to the Mountain - Mt. Abram in Woodstock, Maine. Hosted by Troop 133 in West Paris, this Klondike will feature optional Overnight Camping in Snow Structures built on-site by each Troop, a series of Arctic Challenges including Shotgun Clay Shoot, and optional Night-time Snow Tubing! Starts Friday January 29th - Sunday January 31st.

Registration is \$7 per person for the weekend plus the optional one-price discount snow-tubing ticket. This will be an Arctic Blast, so don't miss out. Bring your signed Blue Cards for Snow Sports and your gear for either Downhill, Cross Country, or Snowboard. Don't forget your Snowshoes!

Abnaki District's March Madness Merit Badge College Wednesday Nights in March @ Auburn Middle School

We will be continuing the tradition of Wednesday Nights in March and finishing off with an "Ice Cream Graduation" on the last night. In 2009 over 100 Scouts took over 200 Merit Badges in two Merit Badge Colleges. We will be expanding our offerings to include some of the hard to find Merit Badges for those who have just about everything, along with some Eagle required, and some of the most popular choices.

Abnaki District Pinewood Derby Invitational - "The Dirigo Cup" & "The Friends of Scouting Cup"

We are hereby giving advance notice that the best of Abnaki District Pinewood Derby Racers challenge the best of the rest to a Pinewood Derby Invitational. *The Dirigo Cup & Friends of Scouting Cup Challenge* will be held April 24th at Park Ave Elementary School.

This event will include 2 features: The first is for Cub Scouts who have competed in their local District Race and placed in the top 10 or their alternates. They will race for *The Dirigo Cup*. The Second is open to anyone else (adult, corporation, Boy Scout) who builds a car and pays the \$100 entry fee. They will race for the *Friends of Scouting Cup*. The winner will receive a wall plaque and hold the trophy for one year after which they must defend their title for the next year or pass on the trophy to the new champion. For a complete set of Official Rules please contact strictly@megalink.net or 592-8077

Abnaki District Friends of Scouting Kick-Off Breakfast, Friday December 11th, 7:30 am @ the Colisee with the MAINEiacs

As the MAINEiacs have started off this year with a bang, we also want to put our best foot forward and kick off our Abnaki District Friends of Scouting Community Campaign for 2010. We are expecting 25-30 of the areas top business leaders to gather for our Breakfast and Campaign Kick-off, meet with the coach and players, and become part of our team to Score our 2010 Community Campaign Goal.

Abnaki District Training Team to host Leader Specific Training Saturday, Dec 12th @ South Paris Congregational Church

Our newly formed Training Team under the direction of Training Chair Dennis Bowden & Program Chair Rich Philbrick will be launching into the New Year with a full round of Trainings beginning with the December 12th Leader Specific Training for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Expect to see Training on the calendar through-out the year for every position including supplemental trainings on Safety, Aquatics, Tour Permits, Charter Representatives, Venturing, Exploring, and much more. The Motto of the Boy Scouts is "Be Prepared" and nothing prepares you more than thorough, quality training.

Thank you for the privilege of serving our Council's finest,
Scott



Popcorn 2009



Thanks to the efforts of the units listed below, the 2009 popcorn sale helped to raise \$574292 in direct support of Scouting in the Pine Tree Council.

Thank you all for your support and participation, and we look forward to working with you again in 2010.

[Don't forget about www.trails-end.com. Share the website](http://www.trails-end.com) with family and friends and let them give the gift of popcorn this holiday season!

Pack 10	Pack 135	Pack 315	Pack 471	Pack 647	Troop 199	Troop 436
Pack 102	Pack 137	Pack 316	Pack 479	Pack 648	Troop 206	Troop 446
Pack 109	Pack 139	Pack 318	Pack 482	Pack 654	Troop 213	Troop 45
Pack 110	Pack 142	Pack 321	Pack 485	Pack 684	Troop 216	Troop 453
Pack 111	Pack 145	Pack 323	Pack 492	Pack 698	Troop 23	Troop 454
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	Pack 308	Pack 444	Pack 642	Troop 139	Troop 375	Troop 678
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	Pack 311	Pack 45	Crew 271	Troop 150	Troop 428	Troop 83
	Pack 312	Pack 453	Crew 390	Troop 155	Troop 432	Troop 86
	Pack 313	Pack 47	Crew 597	Troop 7	Troop 433	Troop 875

POPCORN SALE UPDATES

We have had a fantastic start to our 2009 Popcorn campaign. Keep up the great work! Things to remember as we move through the fall:

- If you need extra order forms, contact the council office or your District Executive, we have plenty to give out.
- Don't forget to submit copies of your Scout's filled order forms in order for them to receive their Bow -and- Mallow shooter and to be entered into the final few drawings for prizes. Details are in your sales guide.
- Remember to sell in your Scout Uniforms, remind folks that they are donating to the Scouting Program, and having samples out for customers to try will help increase your sales.
- Use Blitz Days. Plan an afternoon or morning where the whole unit can blanket a community. One day, one fundraiser.
- Remember that any unsold Show and Sell product can be returned to the Pine Tree Council for a refund by October 16th before the close of business. However, unsold product means money was left on the table for your unit. If you don't sell all your product at your first event, plan a second one. Pack meetings and Troop meetings are fine times to go for a walk and sell popcorn in a few neighborhoods. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THE CHOCOLATE PRODUCT ON THE RETURN DATE.
- Take Order orders are due October 23rd, as well as Prize orders – to the Pine Tree Council. Orders can be faxed, e-mailed, sent VIA the post office, or dropped off to the office.

Show and Sell bills are to be PAID IN FULL by October 16th, and your Show and Sell bills are to be paid by December 5th.

Have a safe, fun, and successful sale. Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or needs.



THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING FAST.... SO GIVE THE GIFT OF POPCORN!!!!

With any purchase of popcorn from www.trails-end.com not only do you give a tasty treat to 'liven up a relatives' or friends holiday gathering, but you will be supporting Scouting in Maine. Your online sales will earn money for you and your unit. Plus provide funding to help Scouts in need with camperships, uniforms, program support and much more. What a wonderful gift to give a fellow Scouting family in need during this special time of year.

Go to www.trails-end.com and send off one of their pre-made emails to family and friends or make up your own. You can earn prizes and Wal-Mart gift cards. Plus enroll in the Trails End college scholarship program with online sales totally \$1500 or more in 2009! Don't wait—visit the site, send the email and earn some cool prizes while supporting Scouting!

Casco Bay District

Iditarod Klondike 2010

Calling All Mushers,

Casco Bay District will be hosting an Iditarod Klondike on January 30, 2010 near the boyhood home of Admiral Perry the fame explorer of the North Pole (nothing to do with Santa Claus). Sleds will compete in 4 hours of daylight and then darkness will descend on the Klondike but the fun does end there. There will be stations running all day long. There will be first aid, Dog sled jeopardy, Sled Checks, fire building and maybe even some furry friends.

The big finally of our Iditarod will take place on Broadway in South Portland, very close to the boyhood home of Admiral Perry. It will be the first of many events and celebrations of the centennial anniversary of the BSA. Come and join us show of your scout spirit as we travel through the snowy path of history. Please contact Mike Nadeau, Casco Bay Vice Chief/Klondike Chair for any questions, His Number us (207)239-6808 or email him at mnadeau94@aol.com. This event his hosted By Casco Bay Chapter and we hope to see you all there.

Downeast District

Friends of Scouting

As the year winds down, the district is working on cleaning up the fundraising campaign. If you were not given the opportunity to donate or want to make that end of the year contribution, please contact the Pine Tree Council. We are also preparing for the 2009Friends of Scouting Campaign. Please plan to include your FOS presentation at your Blue/Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

Klondike Derby

The 2010 Klondike Derby will be held on January 30th, at the Maine Maritime Museum. Get your troop prepared for this winter skills competition now. There will be a preview of the event at the December Roundtable.

Rechartering

If you have not received your recharter packet please contact Steve Saucier. Come to the December Roundtable on December 9 to work on your recharter. If you bring your unit treasurer and Chartered Organization Representative you can be done that night. The cost of registration will be \$15 and there will be a Pine Tree Council \$1 insurance fee, Boys' Life will remain the same.

K – Valley District

District Chair Kelly Pillsbury at 453-4631 or kellyp22@myfairpoint.net
District Commissioner Charles Ferguson at 549-7751 or Chuckemian@aol.com
Senior District Executive Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 27 or mmower@bsamail.org

EVENT THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank all the individuals and units who helped sponsor district events including Troop 479 for the Klondike Derby, Pack 609 for the Pinewood Derby, Troop 433/Crew 443 for the Spring Camporee and Troops 603 & 654 for the Fall Camporee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Activities Chair Karen Douglas is our district contact for upcoming events. If you would like to step forward with an idea or to volunteer feel free to email her at kdouglas@augustaschools.org.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2010

Please sign up with our chair Ricky Merrill for a presentation by emailing him at rmerrill11@roadrunner.com or calling him at 897-5851.

UNIT COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

We are in need of experienced Scouters who are willing to support and guide units as commissioners. Your help could help a unit (and all the Scouts in it) succeed! If you are interested or want to learn more contact District Commissioner Charlie Ferguson at 549-7751 or Chuckemian@aol.com.

ROUNDTABLE

With the exceptions of June, July & August we have our District Roundtable every second Wednesday of the month at Blessed Hope Advent Christian Church on Pleasant Street in Waterville at 7pm. Roundtable is a great opportunity to meet other Scouters, learn new things you can use in your units, and get the latest Scouting information. If you're not coming or at least sending someone from your unit every month your missing out!

DOES YOUR EMAIL HAVE MOXIE?

Scott Bernier AKA moxiemian@ghi.net sends out an electronic newsletter a couple of times of much with all kinds important Scouting information including info on upcoming trainings and events. If you are a leader and you're not already on his list. You should really send him an email and ask him to add you.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our commissioner, district committee and unit volunteers for a great Scouting year. I especially would like to thank our new District Chair Kelly Pillsbury and our new District Commissioner Charlie Ferguson for all their hard work.

Scouting for Food!

Thanks to all of those participated in helping to
feed the hungry in Maine!

York District

Popcorn: Thank you to all the packs and troops that participated in the popcorn sale this year. A HUGE THANK YOU to Rachel Gerlach who was the District Kernal for York District this year. Her help was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to the folks at Hussey Seating who had most of the orders picked before anyone came to help pick the orders. Thank you again for all your help. York District units sold over **\$155,000.00** in popcorn (**up \$11,000 from 2008**). Great job to all involved.

Re-chartering Time for 2010: As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and the packs in March. The troop charters will be passed out to the commissioners in November for troops and December for packs and you will be contacted to set a date to get the re-charter paperwork to you. Please note that in 2010 ALL re-chartering will again be done via the ON-LINE re-chartering program. There are NO Re-chartering forms in the re-chartering packets. A BLUE sheet listing the unit's On-line Re-chartering Access Code is in each packet. The On-line re-chartering is very easy, quicker and you can do it anytime of the day. **PLEASE** also note that in 2010 the National Registration Fee will increase to **\$15.00** per person from the current \$12.00 per person. The PTC will also be changing the re-chartering time frame from February for troops and March for packs to December for ALL PTC units. That means that the 2010 re-chartering fee will be 10 months for troops (\$12.50 per person) and 9 months for packs (\$11.25 per person). We will then re-charter again in December 2010 for all units to get every unit in the December re-chartering timeframe. Your commissioners or district executive will work with you on this change over. You will still have to print out the final re-chartering information, have it signed by your charter organization and unit leader. After all that is done, it must be passed into the PTC Service Center with the proper money due.

Friends of Scouting: Time is fast approaching for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign. FOS is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouts, their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fundraising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keep camp registration fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. Tony Fleurent will be the 2010 Family Friends of Scouting Chairman and he can be reached at 284-1586 or me2or@yahoo.com to schedule your unit's family presentation.

Klondike Derby 2010: Mark Saturday, February 6, 2010 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby which will be held somewhere York District. NO information on location was available at this print date. As always, Dave and his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. For any last minute information, please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 or dmwade@metrocast.net

Friends of Scouting

Would you still be involved in the scouting program if it costs \$160 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 during our 100th anniversary.

Above is this year's commemorative Friends of Scouting patch that will be given to anyone who contributes \$160 or more to the campaign. The significance of \$160 is that it is the amount that the council spends each year to support one Scout in the Scouting program. Please consider supporting one or more Scouts at your presentation!



2010 Lodge Officers Elected At Annual Business Meeting

On Saturday, October 24, the Lodge held its Annual Business Meeting. Members were present from every Chapter, and reviewed four Amendments to the Bylaws as well as the 2010 Budget. Three new officers were elected for 2010: Matt Allaire, Jeff Molina, Greg Solomon, and Martin Hisler as Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Goals for 2010 were outlined, including increasing event attending, membership retention, and improving Committee participation. The 2010 Budget was approved with modifications - the Vigil, Lenny Niman Campership, and Unit Elections budgets were increased. We are also now budgeting for 500 members. All four amendments proposed at the September 13 LEC were passed. The changes to the Bylaws will take effect on January 1, 2010. Minutes for the Annual Business Meeting and LEC will be available within the next two weeks.

Update: Martin Hisler has resigned his position as Lodge Treasurer. Kyle Connolly has been appointed to the position in accordance with the Bylaws.

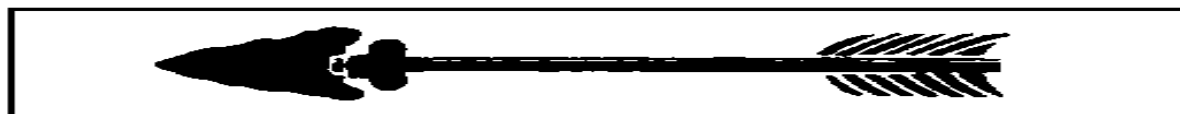
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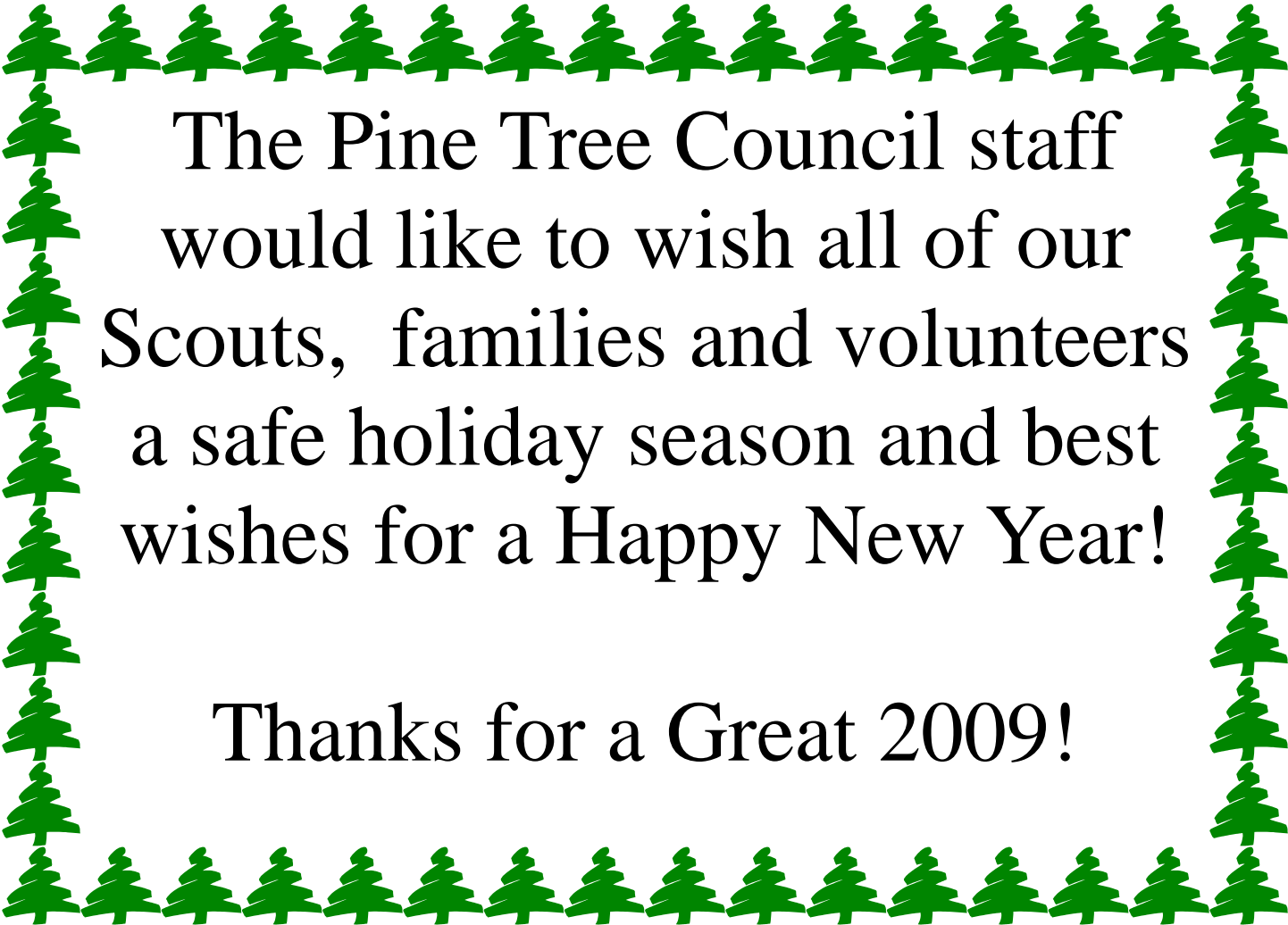
Annual Banquet

The 2009 Annual Banquet will be held at the Union Congregational Church in York Beach on December 5th, from 1-4 PM. The address is 18 Church Street York Beach, 03910. The meal served will be Roast Beef, Turkey, Gravy, Peas and Corn, Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Chocolate Cream Pie, Apple Pie, and Blueberry Pie. The vegetarian option will be a Vegetable Lasagna. The guest speaker we will be having is the 2009 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, Jack O'Neill. Yearly reports will be given by Chapter Chiefs and Committee Chairman. We look forward to seeing you there.

MAINE Fellowship Weekend

January 15-17 will be the date of the 2010 Maine Indian Events weekend. It is being held again at the Alford Youth Center on 126 North St in Waterville. Come join us for FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and SHARING OF IDEAS with our fellow brothers from across Section NE-1A. There will be discussions on Lodge Ceremonies and American Indian Dancing and Drumming. For fun there will be swimming, climbing wall, movies to watch as well as a full out pow-wow Saturday night so bring your dancing moccasins! Also we will have GREAT FOOD.





The Pine Tree Council staff
would like to wish all of our
Scouts, families and volunteers
a safe holiday season and best
wishes for a Happy New Year!

Thanks for a Great 2009!

Northeast Region Area 1

Venture Quest 2010

Friday April 30th - Sunday May 2nd

**At Camp Hinds
Raymond, Maine**

WHAT IS QUEST?

Quest is a weekend of learning, fellowship and fun for Venturing crews and youth and adults in your council with Venturing program responsibilities. Venture Quest 2010 will be the NE Region fourth annual Venture Quest.

The purpose of the weekend is to share knowledge and ideas to make help keep your crew's program vibrant and sustainable and to help enhance your council's Venturing efforts through interaction with your peers from around the Area in formal training sessions and informal settings. Training will be in separate tracks for youth and adults.