

PINE SPILLS Spring 2010

Celebrating a Century of Values

Commemorating Lifetimes of Service

100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America



Pine Tree Council, BSA



President's Message

As spring in Maine comes alive and refreshes our landscape with new growth it gets Scouting back outdoors after a long winter! It's also time for units to make plans for their summer activities; for our Cub Scout packs to plan to earn the Summertime Fun Award, for troops to make plans for a week at summer camp, and families look forward to some vacation time outdoors!

I hope that all of our packs and troops encourage their Scouts to attend one of our camp programs. Attending summer camp helps our youth put to use the tools of life that the leaders have been teaching them all year long. They get to practice the patrol method and buddy system, use the knots and skills they have been taught, learn new games, earn advancement and much more. Studies show that Scouts that attend summer camp programs also return to scouting in the fall which is what we want!

2010 is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and plans are in full force for our 100th anniversary celebration at "Scout Fest 2010" which is to be held in October at the Windsor Fairgrounds! Every Scout and family in the Pine Tree Council should be planning for this event! It will knock your socks off! I hope to see you there!

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!

Yours in Scouting,

Pete

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Attention All Scouts and
Scouting Families!

Once again the Pine Tree Council, will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. Come and ride the new additions to the park.

The prices for the 2010 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$19.00
Splashtown Pass	\$17.00
Combination Pass	\$25.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center **May 1 through August 27, 2010**. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can used anytime during the 2010 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. **Tickets are available on a first come first served basis.** Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 ext 10.

Scout Fest 2010

“Reflections of the Past ~ Visions of the Future”

October 8th – 10th
Windsor Fairgrounds

Trailblazer Day

LL Bean Discovery Schools

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America! This milestone will bring together the best of the Scouting Community to mark this special event. Something for all ages! Onsite camping for all Scouting units– Troops, Packs, Explorers and Venturing Crews

Scouting Idol

SCUBA

National Guard

Activities planned include:

Merit Badge Midway

Webelos Activity Pins

Hooked on Fishing

Trailblazer Day

Cub Scout Sports & Academic Beltloops

Whit'lin chit

Leave No Trace

Geocache

Climbing Walls

Laser Shooting

Live Entertainment

Archery & Tomahawks

Laser Rifle

Planetarium

Air Guitar

Military Rock Band

Seat Belt Convincer

Obstacle Course

Fitness Course

Military Equipment

SCUBA

Scouting Idol

Stage Shows

Scouting Memorabilia

& Much More!!!

Scout Fest 2010

“Reflections of the Past ~ Visions of the Future”

100th Anniversary of BSA

PATCH DESIGN

CONTEST

Win \$100 Scout Bucks

Calling all Scouts to design a patch! Winning patch to be used as the official “Scout Fest 2010” 100th anniversary patch! The winning patch artist will receive \$100.00 in Scout Bucks! Scout Bucks can be used for PTC summer camp fees, camp trading post or at the Scout Store in Portland!

Some contest rules:

Artist must be a Scout!

Can be in black & white or color.

Patch design can be any size up to 8” x 10”

Don’t worry about any words or lettering- they will be added!

Entries must be received by May 15, 2010.

Send designs to:

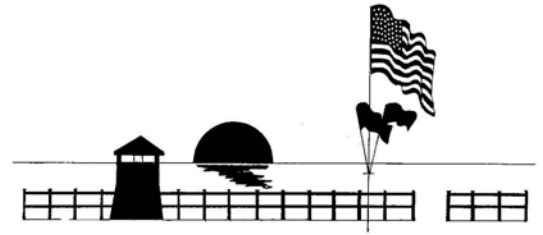
Pine Tree Council

Attn: Scout Fest Patch Contest

131 Johnson Rd.

Portland, ME 04102

Boy Scout News



CAMP HINDS

Welcome to the 2010 Camp Hinds season! We look forward to an exciting summer as the Boy Scouts of America celebrate 100 years of scouting and Camp Hinds enters its 84th year. We want every boy who attends camp this year to have fun, develop new skills and make new friends. We have something for every age and level of Boy Scouts from our Polaris program for the newly crossed over Webelos to our exciting older boy programs. Our excellent Counselor in Training program for the 15 year old and employment opportunities for the 16 year old and older provide great job opportunities and excellent leadership training!

Scouts can come to camp with their troop or sign up to come for a week or two under our provisional scout program where camp provides the camp leadership. Choose from a traditional week at camp or enjoy a week in one of our specialty programs!

Parents and Scouts should check with their Scoutmaster to find out the troops summer camp plans before registering.

Highlights for the 2010 season & Specialty Programs include:

Strong merit badge program with new merit badges including all four historical merit badges only offered in 2010 – carpentry, tracking, signaler, and pathfinding!!!

Our Polaris program for first year campers provide rank requirements, plus a great introduction to camp life.

New Afternoon troop activities including ultimate Frisbee, tie-dying and tin-smithing.

Excellent Older Boy Afternoon weekly programs that include merit badges such as cinematography and golf.

Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp offering most Eagle required badges weeks 1 & 6

Counselor in Training (CIT) programs for 15 years old weeks 2-4 provides leadership and a glimpse into life as a camp staff.

Cycling merit badge offered for older boys week 2-5.

SCUBA merit badge and PADI certification offered week 3.

BSA Lifeguard offered week 2.

COPE – Challenging low and high ropes courses offered every week.

Do you need financial help to attend camp? Fundraisers to help with camp may be 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 for Scouts from the Pine Tree Council. Complete the 2010 campership application and send to PTC by May 15th to be eligible.

Please visit our web page at www.camphinds.org for the 2010 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 this summer!

CAMP HINDS 2010 DATES & PROGRAMS



WEEK 1 7/4 – 7/9
WEEK 2 7/11 – 7/16
WEEK 3 7/18 – 7/23
WEEK 4 7/25 – 7/30
WEEK 5 8/1 – 8/6
WEEK 6 8/8 – 8/13

Programs Offered:

Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts- every week

Trail to Eagle- Weeks 1 & 6

BSA Lifeguard Week 2

SCUBA Week with PADI Certification Week 3

Cycling Merit badge Weeks 2-5

CIT Weeks 2-4



2010 CAMP FEES:

\$295.00 per week for PTC Scouts

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

\$600 per week for SCUBA ~ PADI certification and week at camp. SCUBA refresher just \$350.00

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD Deduct **\$20.00** from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1st, 2010.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! SECOND WEEK DISCOUNT– first week full price- 2nd week is \$225.00 whether attending as a provisional Scout or with your unit.

SIBLING DISCOUNT- have a brother attending Camp Hinds? First camper pays full price - second sibling goes for \$225.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP:

To Reserve a Troop campsite: Scoutmasters should call the Pine Tree Council, at 207-797-5252 x 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 2010 Provisional Scout registration form and send it to PTC. Forms 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 attend with your troop. If unable to go with the troop or want to attend additional weeks of camp, use the Provisional Scout registration form to sign up for provo camp or a specialty program.

www.camphinds.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 BSA 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.



CAMP HINDS 2010 Specialty Programs

Camp Hinds in conjunction with Maine Divers will be offering **SCUBA**

Offered Week 3 only

Come as a Provisional Scout or with your Troop. Earn the scuba merit badge and get your SCUBA Certification! Work with Maine Divers Scuba Center 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

Space is limited- sign up early! Open to adult leaders also (if space allows). Complete the SCUBA registration forms and mail to Pine Tree Council. Forms online at www.camphinds.org



BSA LIFEGUARD:

Camp Hinds will be offering the BSA Lifeguard program during Week 2 of the 2010 camping season.

This is an intensive program that will run all week and will involve the candidate for most of each day during the course. The prerequisites for a BSA Lifeguard is that they are 15+ years old and require Swimming, Rowing, Canoeing, Lifesaving, and First Aid Merit Badges. Adults wanting to become BSA Lifeguards must contact the Camp Hinds Administration for approval. Available class space will be given to Scouts first, then adults.



TRAIL TO EAGLE ADVANCEMENT WEEK:

Our popular Trail to Eagle week will be offered during Weeks 1 & 6 this summer! This program is open to Scouts 13 + year old that are Star or Life rank and to all 14 year + scouts. Trail to Eagle Scouts will select from Eagle required merit badges in this intensive program. *Most of these merit badges do have prerequisite work to be done prior to camp.* Trail to Eagle Scouts will also participate in a daily Leadership Seminar – learning communication, service and leadership skills. Scouts can stay with their own troop or with the Trail to Eagle Provisional Troop.



Take The Cycling Merit Badge and Discover Nature on Two Wheels!

Program Specifics: This program will run weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5 and is for older boys (13+) Offered as a double period. In addition to the morning classes, participants will enjoy two afternoons of cycling outside of camp. Limited to 12 scouts.

Pre-camp requirements: Each scout should complete at least 3 rides prior to camp. These should include one 10 mile ride, and two 15 mile rides. Come with a log of ride dates, routes traveled and interesting things seen.

** At camp, we will complete at least one 10 mile ride and one 25 mile ride. Rides will start and end from Camp Hinds. A 50 mile ride will be held after camp for those who can attend.

Equipment needs: All participants need to provide a bicycle suitable for road travel and a bicycle helmet that meets standard safety requirements.

Don't be left behind! Start Cycling today!



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



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.



Sea Adventures ~ 2010 Day Camps
Come join your Cub Scout mates' and meet the
Pirates of the Sea!

Special events each week celebrating the
100th anniversary of the BSA!

Day Camps –run 8:30 to 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council. Sports, BB's, archery, nature, crafts, water fun and much more will happen on your island adventures! Don't miss the best week of the summer!



2010 Cub Day Camp Dates & Locations:

Abnaki District:

Camp Gustin Aug 2 - 6

Casco Bay District:

Camp Hinds – July 26 – 30

Pride's Corner School- Westbrook –

July 19 - 23

Downeast District:

Union Fair – July 12 – 16

Topsham Fair – July 19 - 23

Kennebec Valley District:

Camp Bomazeen - Aug 2 - 6

York District:

Camp Nutter - July 12 - 16



Day Camp Fees ~ \$125 per week

Early bird discounts - Camp fee only \$100 if paid
in full by June 1st

Adult volunteers needed to help man
the pirate ships at camp! Parents -
volunteer for a week, your child goes
for only \$15 and you'll have fun with
us! Tot-lot care available for staff's
younger children!



Visit - www.pinetreetsa.org

for more camp information and registration forms

PTC Thank-you's

The Pine Tree Council would like to thank the following leaders and youth staff who have helped with some of the recent PTC events. Because of their efforts, we have made the Scouting program stronger!

Winter Camp:

SM– Dean Zaharis
ASM– Paul Guernsey
ASM– Matt Allaire
ASM– Tom Morris
ASM– Paul Gooch

Youth staff:

Connor Pillsbury
Ryan Donlon
Erin Donlon
Shane Dorval
Robbie Henson
Dustin Wiggin
Tyler Wakem

SCOUT DAY WITH THE SEA DOGS

Sunday, May 23rd at Hadlock Field, Scouts and their families are invited to meet the Sea Dogs Players in a special pregame autograph session! Baseballs will be given to each Scout for the autograph session. After, enjoy watching the Sea Dogs take on the Trenton Thunder!

The cost is \$20.00 per person and each Scout must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or Scout Leader. Tickets are available ONLY from the Pine Tree Council. There is no rain date or refunds (tickets may be exchanged per the Sea Dogs rain policy). Registration must be received by Monday, May 17th (ticket supplies are limited). Please direct questions to the Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 Ext 10.

SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SEA DOGS

Saturday, September 4th, come see the Sea Dogs vs. New Hampshire Fisher Cats. Admission to the game is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth (16 and under). Scouts can purchase a Portland Sea Dogs BSA hat for \$10.00 while at the game. Game starts at 6:00 pm with gates opening at 4:30pm. Registration must be received by Monday, August 30th.

OKPIK:

Director– Matt Gosselin
Guides:
Brock Major
Brian Dunphe
Seth Walker
Jeremy Tripp
Lucas Wade
Sean Longley

Operation Fly 1st Class:

SM– Scott Martin
ASM– Mary-Jane Vachon
ASM– Jason Downing
ASM– Alice Fish

Youth Staff:

Dustin Wiggin
Greg Solomon
Shane Dorval
Eri Martin



FunPack Weekends

There is no better way to enjoy the outdoor program of Cub Scouting than to attend one of our popular FunPack Weekends. Each weekend offers a great opportunity to experience the excitement of overnight camping with your son.

2010 FunPack Theme

Our Theme for FunPacks will be "Treasure Island Adventures"!!! FunPack Weekends will travel to visit different ports of call along the wild seas with lots of fun activities along with the chance to explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid! Our Saturday evening campfire will be filled with super island fun and lots of special guest pirates, so bring your "Pirates or Treasure Island Costume" and join the staff for lots of fun!



A GREAT PACK ACTIVITY!

Our purpose for the FunPack Weekend is to provide an environment to strengthen the parent/child relationship and introduce you to the fun and adventure of camping. Most Cub Scout Packs choose a particular weekend or weekends to attend and register together as a pack. Use this activity to qualify for the Summertime Pack Award or the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award!

Sorry, but due to space restrictions, siblings are not allowed at FunPacks!

Camp will provide the campsites with tents and cots along with a great program! The pack is responsible for food and cooking at all FunPack Weekends. Most packs find that this can be a very fun activity in itself. During the day, you will experience exciting activities! Enjoy your time at the Craftshop, BB & archery ranges, swimming, sports, nature hikes and games! As evening comes wind down with a quiet campfire and enjoy the fellowship of your pack in your site. Marshmallows and s'mores are a must!

A FPW Leaders Guide is on our wweb site at www.pinetreebsa.org. The guide gives information on arrival times, what to bring, health forms, daily schedule and directions to camp!

FunPack Weekends



**The FunPack Weekend
Fee is
\$25 per person**

2010 FunPack Weekend Dates & Locations

July 10 & 11	Camp Hinds
July 17 & 18	Camp Hinds
July 24 & 25	Camp Hinds
July 31 & Aug 1	Camp Hinds
Aug 7 & 8	Camp Hinds
Aug 14 & 15	Camp Hinds

Join us at a FunPack Weekend and use it to earn you Summertime Pack Award! All FunPack participants will receive one section of the 2010 special "100th Anniversary" patch!



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.pinetreesa.org



AREA SEA SCOUT UNIT HELPS COAST GUARD WITH "PARADE OF LIGHTS"

South Portland—Several Scouts from local Sea Scout Ship #12 spent part of a very cold and blustery day Saturday (Dec. 12) helping to decorate the USCG Cutter Shackle for the annual holiday "Parade of Lights" in Portland harbor.

The Scouts have done this for the past three years to help thank the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard has been very helpful to the Sea Scouts, providing various training sessions, on-board time on USCG ships, space for meetings, water safety advice and more.

The Shackle is a 65-foot icebreaking harbor tug that can perform multiple missions for the Coast Guard.

Sea Scout Ship #12 is chartered by the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club and serves young people ages 14-20 from the southern Maine area. Their leader is "Skipper" Steve Price, who may be contacted for more information at 885-9176.



Webelos 2010

Resident Camp

Webelos are you ready to try overnight camping? Pine Tree Council, B.S.A. offers a Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Hinds in Raymond! Resident camp gives the Webelos a 4 day/night program designed especially for them and is available for our 4th and 5th graders.

2010 Webelos Dates

4 Day/Night Resident Camp Program

Session 1 Aug. 15 – 18

Session 2 Aug. 18 – 21

How to go to Camp?

Den Camping

Most Webelos Dens go to summer camp with their own leadership. This is a great way for Scouts to attend summer camp and build lasting relationships, while enjoying camp with their own leadership.

Provisional Camping

A provisional camper is when a youth comes as an individual without his unit. In this case, the Pine Tree Council's camp staff provides leadership. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and to experience some of the Webelos programs.

Cost for Webelos Resident Camp

\$160.00 per Scout

add \$10 if attending as provisional

**\$20.00 early bird discount if paid in full
by June 1, 2010**

**2 Adult leaders come free for the first 5
Webelos in a den. 1 Free leader for each
additional 5 Scouts! Extra leaders and
Den chiefs are \$45 each.**

What is Webelos Resident Camp?

Archery	Crafts
Games	Sports
Scout Skills	First Aid
Swimming	Ecology
BB Guns	Boating
Fishing	Campfires
Songs & Skits	Trading Post
New Friends	Lots of Fun!

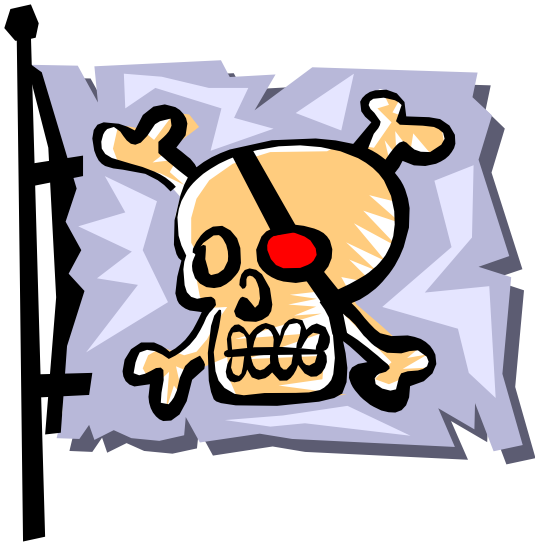
2010 Webelos Advancement

Activity Badges and advancement are earned with parents and den leaders, however some of the activity badges & advancements being highlighted this year at camp include:

- “Naturalist”
- “Outdoorsman”
- “Aquanaut”
- “Readyman”
- “Craftsman”
- “Boating”
- “BB & Archery Beltloops”
- “Leave No Trace”

Join us at camp for
**“A Pirates Life Aboard the
Ghost Ship Hinds”**





**W E B E L O S
P I R A T E S
O P E N H O U S E**
At the
Ghost Ship Hinds

**Tuesday June 29
6:30 PM to 8 PM
Dessert served at 7:30 PM**

**Come to our “Webelos Pirates Open House” featuring a “Dessert Buffet in the Pirates Galley”. This Open house is for all Webelos and parents for Webelos Resident Camp!!!
Come visit camp to meet the Captain and his crew, tour a campsite and see what camp is all about! Join us for some pirate-camp fun!**



For More Information Contact:
Camp Director Josh Gagnon at Joshua.Gagnon@gmail.com or
Program Director Karen Hawkes at kkhawkes@earthlink.net

Directions to Camp Hinds, 146 Plains Road, Raymond. Plains Road is between Route 85 and 121, both of which intersect Routes 302 and 11. From the Maine Turnpike-

- Take exit 63 Gray off the Maine Turnpike, Turn left onto Route 202, and turn right onto Rt. 26A, go 2.6 miles and turn left onto North Raymond Road (by Dry Mills Store), go 1 mile and turn left onto Egypt Road, at end of Egypt Road, take right onto Route 85, go 1.8 miles, past schools and down a large hill, turn left onto Plains Road and Camp Hinds is .3 miles on the left.



PTC Property Rentals



The 2011 rental season will open for reservation starting Sept. 1, 2010. 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 PHILMONT TREK 2011

2010 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2011: As in 2009, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2011. We will be sending 24 participants including leaders on the trek from **June 25-July 11, 2011**. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2011.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent.

A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required to secure a reservation for this trek ASAP if you want a spot!

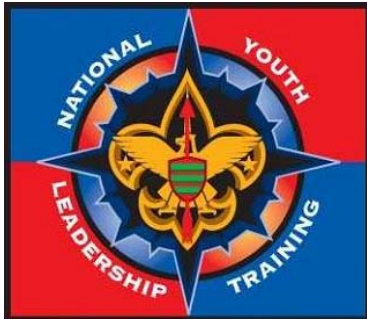
For more information, please contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 14.

The 2010 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for the week of June 21 through June 25, 2010 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. This is for any high school student interested in a law enforcement or military service career.

How to sign up: Application is on the web site www.pinetreebsa.org or call 797-5252 x 25.

The cost for this year's academy will be \$275.00. The Exploring district invites all youth in posts and in the general school population who are interested in pursuing careers in either law enforcement or the military services to apply for this academy experience.

Trooper Michael Chavez of Troop B, Maine State Police, will again coordinate this academy. We hope that Scouts in traditional Scouting programs will be interested in applying. Scouts provide great leadership at this academy.



National Youth Leadership Training June 24 – June 29th, 2010 For 1st Class Scouts, 13 years+

Course objective:

To teach the Participants the leadership skills necessary to be effective leaders in their home units, while helping them experience the fun and challenge of Scouting at its very best.

AND

Participants bring home life long leadership skills!

Cost: \$250 per participant
Space is limited, so sign up early!

This is an intense week-long leadership training course for Scouts. It is the most advanced Youth Leader Training that Scouting offers.

“Our Troop/Crew has never sent anyone before... Why should we now?”

Sending Scouts to NYLT helps them develop their leadership potential. This results in a smoother running unit. If your Troop is committed to having a true boy run Troop, your youth leaders need the skills presented in this course

What you will learn:

Concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO.

Leadership elements with a clear focus on the HOW TO.

Scouts will learn a “Toolbox of Skills”

The 4 stages of team development

(Forming/Storming/Norming/Performing)

Team and personal development

Model use the Patrol Method and PLC.



Experience Scouting at its finest.
Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law

New! Now open to Venturers!

Limited space available, only two spots per troop allowed unless space is still open after May 1, 2010!

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, Jim Thomas at 829-9235 -or email: jht@maine.rr.com or PTC Field Director Matt Randall at 797-5252 x 21 or email mrandall@bsamail.org

The Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America, rents out our camps for year-round use for all Scouting units. You can rent a campsite, cabin or the Messer Training Center Lodge for an outing of your pack, den, youth group or families. This is a great opportunity, at very reasonable prices, for your patrol or troop to plan a weekend away.

When you rent a building or campsite you can also use the grounds of the camp! Plan a weekend of canoeing, working on merit badges, winter camping, fishing, outdoor skills or just fun!!

To sign-up for a facility, call Kathy Higgins at PTC @ 797-5252 x 32 to find out availability and reserve your site, then submit a property use form with payment of rental fees. Reservations for campsites and buildings will be based on listed capacity. **If your group is larger** than the capacity of the building or site, **you will need to rent more facilities** to meet your groups needs.

Reservations through the fall of 2010 are available now.
Reservations for the 2011 calendar year will open Sept. 1, 210.
WEEKEND CAMP RENTAL RATES (Friday through Sunday)

CAMP HINDS located in Raymond	CAMP CAPACITY	Pine Tree Council Scout Groups	OUT OF COUNCIL & NON-SCOUT GROUPS
TRAINING CENTER (includes showers, commercial kitchen, sleeping bays and meeting rooms)	45	\$350.00	\$600.00
CADIGAN CABIN	28	\$65.00	\$125.00
BATES CABIN	16	\$50.00	\$110.00
TENNY CABIN & 12 Lean To's	8 + 24	\$60.00	\$125.00
TABOR PAVILION (Picnic Area)	N/A	\$25.00	\$50.00
14 CAMP SITES (Fee for up to 20 people)	20	\$30.00	\$40.00
Additional Campsites needed for more people!			
CAMP BOMAZEEN located in N. Belgrade			
McCURDY LODGE	28	\$65.00	\$125.00
PAVILION CABIN	16	\$50.00	\$110.00
8 CAMP SITES (Fee for up to 20 people)	20	\$30.00	\$40.00
Additional Campsites needed for more people!			
CAMP NUTTER located in Acton			
BADEN POWELL CABIN	20	\$65.00	\$125.00
SETON CABIN	10	\$40.00	\$90.00
15 CAMP SITES (Fee for up to 20 people)	20	\$30.00	\$40.00
Additional Campsites needed for more people!			
CAMP GUSTIN located in Sabattus			
12 CAMP SITES (Fee for up to 20 people)	20	\$30.00	\$40.00
**Additional Campsites needed for more people!			

Abnaki District

Special Thanks!

The Abnaki District Wants to thank the following units for outstanding support of District Program so far in 2010.

Troop 133 in West Paris for the 2010 Klondike Derby
Pack 111 in Auburn for the 2010 Pinewood Derby

Spring Camporee May 21 - 23 at Camp Gustin. It is being hosted by Troop 111. For more information please contact Matt Dubois at 212-9540 or mattdubwah@gmail.com

Tony Bessey, Abnaki Senior DE, 207-5252 ext 33. Email abessey@bsamail.org

Downeast District

Attention all unit leaders, STAFF NEEDED for Fun Pack Weekend and Day Camp. If you are interested in serving as staff for our Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds, Union Day Camp, or Topsham Fairgrounds Day Camp – please contact one of the following persons for more information.

Matthew Randall, Field Director – 799-5252 x21 or Mrandall@bsamail.org
Troy Norko, Fun Pack Weekend Director – tnorko@downeastenergy.com

Serving as staff at one of these camps is a great way to learn about Scouting from a new perspective, to meet new people, gain new ideas, and can help you get your son to camp at a reduced rate!!

Thank you to Troop 206 for hosting our 2010 Spring Camporee in Northport!! Their commitment to the program and to the Down East District is appreciated. It is no small effort to put on a camporee, and the folks from Troop 206 always to a wonderful job! GREAT WORK!

We want to Thank Frieda Carpenter and the Down East District Activities Committee for putting on our 2010 District Pine Wood Derby! The derby is being hosted at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, and we thank them for the use of their facility as well. This article is going out prior to the event, so the winners will be listed in the next issue of Pine Spills.

Thanks to Troop 621 and Ship 243 for hosting the 2010 Down East District Klondike Derby at the Maine Maritime Museum this past January. It was a cold and blustery day, but a well run and fun event. The two units hosted 177 scouts and leaders, one of the largest attendances at a Klondike Derby in recent memory!

Make sure your unit is sending a representative to our monthly Round Table at the Wiscasset Middle School on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This is where your unit is able to gain valuable information, updates, and training to better serve your youth. You can even develop a rotation system with your adults, so that every adult in your unit picks a month to attend. It is worth the planning and the effort to be at this activity!

Please check out www.pinetreebsa.org for up to date training dates, events, and information.

Casco Bay District

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS

Attention all Scouters! Have you observed a fellow volunteer giving their best? Have you witnessed behaviors that you might consider "over and beyond the call of duty"? Do you know someone in the Casco Bay District who exemplifies volunteer attributes towards are youth? Then perhaps they are worthy of the District Award of Merit! This award is a nomination award and should not be known to the possible recipient until awarded. Nomination forms with guidance and directions can be found online or you can ask Matt Mower at the Pine Tree Council offices at 797-5252 Ext 23 or mmower@bsaemail.org. Please note, forms must be received at the Pine Tree Council offices no later than May 20th for consideration.

2010 SPRING CAMPOREE

The Casco Bay Paul Bunyan Spring Camporee will be held from May 14th - 16th and will be sponsored by Troop 875 in Standish. The registration fee is due by May 1st and is \$10.00 per person. Registration fees after May 1st will be \$13.00 per person. **Please note: a current medical form will be needed at the Friday check-in!** Please contact Jamie Conolly of Troop 875 at 653-7309 or standishtroop875@yahoo.com with questions for this event.

DAY CAMP

The Quest for Baloo Beard's Treasure will be the theme for this years Cub Scout Day Camp. Camp will be held at Westbrook Camp July 19th - 23rd and again at Hinds Camp from July 26th - 30th both will start at 8:15am and end at 4:15pm. Fees are due by \$100.00 per Scout if paid by June 1st or \$125.00 after that. One Scout per family can go for \$15.00 if a parent volunteers for the week. Volunteers will need to complete Youth Protection and other training before camp. The following contacts are for further information:

Westbrook Camp-

Camp Director - Missy Bell, 839-8421 or missy131@maine.rr.com

Program Director - Jen Pringle, 749-0735 or jnnhardin@gmail.com

Hinds Camp-

Camp Director - Doug Riddell, 264-5486 or lessajr@securespeed.us

Program Director - Rita Loft, 232-4363 or mombullfrog@yahoo.com

FLAGS NEEDING DISPOSAL

Planning a campout? If during your next campout you would like to turn it into a patriotic event, contact Walter Bell and he will give your unit a cemetery flag that needs to be disposed of properly. It is important that we show our flags the proper respect after they have completed their service and this gives your leaders the opportunity to teach how to treat a flag. For more information please contact Walter at 774-0458 or wbelljr1@maine.rr.com.

COMMISSIONER STAFF NEEDED

Successful Scout units do not just happen. They are made. They are made by leaders who are trained, coached, and counseled along the way by those who went before. Commissioners have an opportunity to help leaders build strong units and ensure that the values of Scouting are brought effectively to more youth. Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They also oversee the unit charter renewal plan so that each unit registers on time with an optimum number of youth and adult members. Commissioners are needed across Casco Bay District especially including the area's below. If you have an interest in becoming a unit commissioner or learning don't hesitate to contact Bill Bradbury at scoutcamper@aol.com or 320-0060, or Matt Mower at mmower@bsaemail.org or 797-5252 ext 23.

PINE WOOD DERBY THANK YOU

Thank you to Pack 86, John Trott and everyone else on the officials/events crew who made the District Pinewood Derby happen!!!

K-Valley Bay District

District Chair Kelly Pillsbury at 453-4631 or kellyp22@myfairpoint.net
District Commissioner Charles Ferguson at 549-7751 or Chuckemian@aol.com
District Executive Scott Verrill at 797-5252 ext 27 or strictly@megalink.net

District Event Thank You's—We would like to thank all the individuals and units who helped sponsor District events including Pack 600 for the Pinewood Derby and all those who made the District Banquet a huge success. We would also like to thank our Training Team, those who made the Spring Merit Badge College Possible, and the entire Advancement Committee for helping our Eagles through the process.

2010 K-Valley District Spring Camporee, May 21 – 23, 2010 @ Clinton Fair Grounds:

This year's theme is Highland Games, or for our purposes, "Scoutish Games". Many of the events will be similar to the traditional Highland Games in Scotland and a few will have more of a Scout Skill twist to them. We are excited to have the opportunity to return to the Clinton Fair Grounds. It has been several years since we have held an event there. Please turn in your registration packets no later than the May 12th. Cub Scouts are welcome to attend the Camporee on Saturday as a day visitor. We are asking each Den and Patrol to pick a Clan Name and make a flag to enter into the flag competition. Details on the specifications and scoring can be found in this packet. Saturday morning we will open with a parade of flags. Patrol flags will remain at the opening ceremonies area until lunch time so that the judges have time to determine the winners of the flag competition.

We are looking forward to a strong turn out from all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Scout units. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please contact: Karen Douglas (207) 623-7298 or kdouglas@augustaschools.org

2010 K-Valley Tiger Fun Day, June 12, 2010 @ Old Fort Western & Kennebec Celebration

A Tiger Cub Recruiting effort is underway that will culminate in participation at the Kennebec Celebration along the Kennebec River @Old Fort Western in Augusta. There will be Tiger Cub Events for the whole family including; Nature Walk (the trail from Old Fort Western to the Kennebec Arsenal) identifying plants, animals, birds, and fish along the way, Kite Construction and Paper Airplane Piloting Project (fly your project on the lawn of the Kennebec Arsenal), Flag Etiquette (learn to raise, lower, and fold the flag in full view of the State Capitol (across the river), Litter Collection Project (beads awarded for bringing litter back to the registration table), Obstacle Course (take the challenge - no one fails when you "Do Your Best").

K-Valley Commissioners—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.

Round Table—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!

Stay Informed! - Scott Bernier, Boy Scout Round Table Commissioner, sends out an electronic newsletter a couple of times each month 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. Send your request to: moxieman@zwi.net

Thank you to all our Volunteers! - Thank you to our District Committee, Commissioner Staff, and Unit Volunteers for all you do to make Scouting possible. You make the difference in the lives of thousands of youth every day. Keep up the excellent work!

York District

Spring Cub Scout Recruit— If your Pack has an active summer time program and would like have a sign-up in May to recruit boys in Kindergarten, please contact Bill Fox at bfoxrox@gmail.com. We will provide all the recruiting material.

York District– continued

York District Camp-O-Ral!!! - May 21-23 in Shapleigh, the cost is \$8

The theme of the event is based on the 1929 Rally program (Scouting Old School) with a focus on the programs of the 20's, 30's and 40's. Each Troop is being asked to present an interactive display using historic programs from yesteryear. If your troop needs ideas contact David Wade dmwade@metrocast.net. He has books and ideas for you to use. He is especially looking for Troops to cover: 2nd Class Rank (1930), 1st Class Rank (1930) and Pathfinding Retro Merit Badge. That way, there will be a chance for Scouts to experience and earn all four of the Retro Merit Badges that can only be earned this year.

At the District Camp-O-Ral there will be a Cub Scout Day Event – Saturday will be open to all Cubs to walk around and see every thing. There will be a cub oriented program based on 1930's Cub Program. You could even coordinate eating with a Troop or as a Pack in an area set aside for the packs. will be set aside during the day. Stay for the campfire and make it a day.

FunPack Weekend Volunteers—On July 17th 0 18th York District will be hosting FunPack Weekend at Camp Hinds. If you would like to volunteer for the weekend and help provide a great program to Cub Scouts, please contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsaemail.org

York District Day Camp Volunteers—The York District Day Camp for Cub Scouts will be held on July 12– 16 at Camp Nutter. if you would like to volunteer for the week, your son can attend for \$15. Space is limited for volunteering, if your interested please contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsaemail.org

Call for Commissioners—York District is committed to providing great service to all the packs, Troops, and Crews, but we need the help of experienced Scouters. If you have a good knowledge of the program or you would like to be more involved in District operations contact District Commissioner Denis Hamann at smt399@yahoo.com to find out more about being a unit commissioner.

Tribute Funds

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.

Recent Tribute Donations received:

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Stephen Pappas

In memory of Tony Bessey's grandmother:

Tony Rogers

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.





Madockawanda Lodge Makes Annual Gift to the Pine Tree Council

Each year the council Order of the Arrow Madockawanda Lodge makes a contribution a contribution of support to the Annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. This year, Lodge Chief Matt Allaire presented the Council with a gift of \$1,184 at the March meeting of the Council Board of Directors. Pictured are Tony Rogers, Scout Executive; Matt Allaire, Lodge Chief; and Peter Ventre, Council President.



Special recognition and thanks to Jacob Moorman who recently became a James E. West recipient for the Pine Tree Council! Your support is appreciated!

The James E. West Fellowship Award is for individuals who donate \$1000 to the council's endowment fund. James E. West was the first Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America.

Shown receiving his James E West Award is Jacob Moorman, center, with Jen Mogavero, PTC VP of Planned Development and Tony Rogers, Scout Executive.





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