

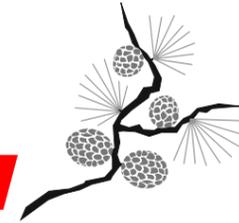


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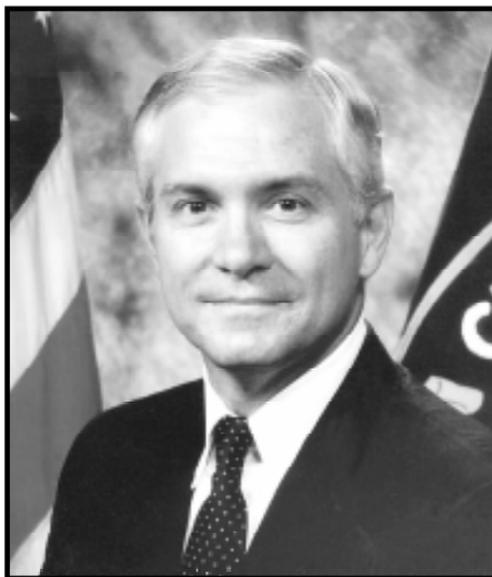
## The Largest Gathering of Eagles Ever in the Pine Tree Council

*The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce a special 1999 Eagle Banquet and Gathering of Eagle Scouts to be held at the Portland Elk's Lodge, Outer Congress St., Route 22, near the Jetport. A receiving line with National Eagle Scout Association President, Bob Gates, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. There will be no cost for the 1998 Class of Eagle Scouts' meals, thanks to the Portland Elk's Lodge. Seating will be limited, please reserve early.*

The Pine Tree Council presented 116 Eagle Scouts in 1998. This banquet will be held in their honor. The Portland Elk's Club will also present each new Eagle with a special recognition. In addition to this, we are inviting adult Eagles from across the Council to join in this celebration and special reunion.

Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is a significant achievement with only 2% of all Scouts reaching this high honor. According to Rees Falkner, Scout Executive, Pine Tree Council, "There are hundreds of adult Eagle Scouts, covering all ages, who are unknown to us at this time. Many earned their Eagle in other Councils, in other parts of the United States ... We would like to communicate with them about what Scouting is doing, both here and throughout the country. This effort is part of the "Year of the Volunteer" campaign to attract more volunteers to work at all levels within the Council. Many adult Eagles have lost touch with Scouting and this may be the catalyst to rekindle their interest, re-involve them and give them the opportunity to give back to Scouting what was given to them."

The "Gathering of Eagles" is an excellent opportunity to visit with others who have reached this high pinnacle of Scouting. Mr. Keith Vangeison, the new Council Chairman for National Eagle Scout Association, says, "We are planning an outstanding program with Dr. Robert Gates, National President of the Eagle Scout Association and former Director of the CIA, being our featured speaker."



Robert M. Gates

Keith Vangeison, President and CEO of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Eagle class of 1963, went on to say, "We want to know where Eagles are, what they are doing, their success in life, and hopefully enlist their support, in some fashion, with Scouting in their community. We are also seeking quality leadership for District and Council level opportunities."

**To receive an invitation to the Gathering, please contact the Council Service Center at 797-5252 and ask for Mike O'Brien or Eric Magendantz or mail your name, address, phone, year earned Eagle, and vocation to the Boy Scouts of America, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103, or use the coupon on page 11 inside this issue of Pine Spills.**

Robert M. Gates served as Director of Central Intelligence from 6 November 1991 until 20 January 1993. In this position, he headed all foreign intelligence agencies of the United States and directed the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. Gates is the only career officer in CIA's history to rise from entry-level employee to Director and the only intelligence analyst to become Director.

Dr. Gates served as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor at the White House from 20 January 1989 until 6 November 1991.

He joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1966 and spent nearly 27 years as an intelligence professional, serving six presidents. During that period, he spent nearly nine years at the National Security Council, the White House, serving four presidents of both political parties.

Dr. Gates is the author of an acclaimed memoir, *From the Shadows: The Ultimate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How They Won the Cold War*, published in 1996.

As a Boy Scout, Dr. Gates received his God and Country Award in 1956, his Eagle Scout Award in 1958, and became a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow in 1959. As a Scout, he attended Philmont twice, once as a hiker and in 1959 for the National Junior Leader Training Camp. Dr. Gates is a recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, presented to him in 1993 in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas, by Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole. Dr. Gates currently is a member of the national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America and president of the national Eagle Scout Association.

Dr. Gates received his BA degree from the College of William and Mary, his Master's degree in History from Indiana University, and his Doctorate in Russian and Soviet History from Georgetown University. Dr. Gates is 55, married, and has two adult children.



## 54 Years Later, Gouin Soars

*(Reprinted from the Advertiser Democrat, by C. A. Cousins)*

When a war starts, a nation tends to collectively drop everything to face the conflict. Art Gouin of Norway, who was a Boy Scout in 1944, saw his troop disband in anticipation of World War II.

At the time, Gouin had just completed the last requirement necessary to earn his "Eagle Scout" badge, the highest achievement in Boy Scouting.

The grim reality of wartime coupled with the sudden unexpected death of his Scoutmaster convinces Gouin that the door on his impending career as an Eagle Scout was forever closed.

On Sunday, January 3, 1999, 54 years later, Gouin's closed door was thrown open, awarding Gouin with both his long-overdue Eagle Court of Honor ceremony and a celebration event that Gouin says might be the high point of his life.

The event came about at the hands of Gouin's daughter, Lesley Gouin Dean, who also works at Pikes.

"I stuck my nose where it didn't belong," muses Dean. While going through some stored items at Gouin's mother's house, Dean and Gouin found the 54-year-old scout manual which detailed Gouin's four year progression to the rank of Eagle Scout. Gouin earned the last badge, which he never received, by spending 50 nights camping in the woods.

Dean forwarded the information to Rees Faulkner, Pine Tree Council Executive, who forwarded the request to the National Boy Scout Bureau. A few weeks later, Faulkner contacted Dean to announce that Gouin would receive his forgotten honor.

**See Gouin Soars, page 7.**



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# BULLETIN BOARD

## The Turtle Speaks The Order of the Arrow News

■ Did you know...An Order of the Arrow Lodge, as is the case with Madockawanda Lodge, is comprised of chapters which are directly related to the Districts in the Council. Our lodge is therefore comprised of five chapters: Abnaki, Casco Bay, Downeast, K-Valley and York. These chapters have officers and advisers who serve their area troops and camps, including the annual unit elections for candidates, and the call-out ceremony which is usually the highlight of the Spring Camporee. The 1999 Chapter Chiefs are as follows:  
Adrian Caron – Abnaki      Tim Butt - Casco Bay  
Ben Shean – Downeast      Aaron Nile – K-Valley  
Ben O'Brien – York



office in Portland or from any of the Lodge officers and advisers in every district. If you know of a deserving Boy Scout who wishes to attend a week of summer Scout camp, but may not have the resources to do so, please have them complete an application and return it to our attention. The deadline for the receipt of completed applications is April 1, 1999, so don't delay!

mer camps, so watch for these new programs this camping season!

- Youth and adult leaders from our lodge will again be well represented at the annual National Leadership Seminar (NLS) which will be held during the weekend of March 26th through 28th, 1999, at Camp Alpine in Alpine, New Jersey. This three-day, intensive seminar is designed to teach youth leadership and lodge management techniques to newly elected lodge officers and advisers from throughout the nation. Lodge Secretary Josh Gagnon of Abnaki and Lodge Treasurer Shawn Stearns from K-Valley will be attending as youth officers. Adults from the lodge who will attend this training include York Chapter Adviser Wayne Holden, and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser Geoff Howitt.
- Congratulations to Downeast Chapter for being awarded the "1998 Chapter of the Year" award by its peers at the Lodge Annual Banquet. We would also like to pass on our sincere appreciation to Founders' Award winners Matthew Dubois and Carl Gagnon.

These boys, as well as many others, dedicate themselves to their work at the unit level, and strive to serve their fellow members at all lodge functions. Talk to your OA chapters about the work they do in your area!

■ Madockawanda Lodge will offer two full Camperships for Registered Boy Scouts in our Council for the 1999 summer camp season. Specifically, in the spirit of camp promotion, the Lodge will provide to two deserving youths a full paid week at either Camp Bomazeen in North Belgrade or Camp Hinds in Raymond. Applications are available from the Council

■ The Lodge continues to plan for the upcoming summer camping season with a few major projects in area camps. In addition to the waterfront retaining wall project scheduled for Camp Hinds in the fall of 1999, projects in the works include the refurbishing and revitalization of the Bomazeen council ring area and the installation of benches at the council ring at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. The Lodge will also install new bulletin boards at each resident camp which will provide a completely enclosed display of Order of the Arrow activities, programs and memorabilia, as well as a current listing of members who serve on summer camp staff. An "OA Service Hour" is also being planned for Thursdays at both sum-

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### Silver Beaver Nominations Due: March 15, 1999

Peter Ventre, Silver Beaver Recipient and Council Treasurer, has accepted the position of Council Silver Beaver Chair. He has appointed a representative from each District and Division to serve on the 1999 Selection Committee. The Committee, all Silver Beaver recipients, will review and vote on all nominations submitted by March 15.

The Silver Beaver Awards will be presented at the Council Annual Recognition Event on May 1, 1999. The ceremony will take place at Central Maine Technical College at 1 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Join us for the celebration!!



## Bulletin Board

### HELP WANTED

#### Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

The Pine Tree Council is in need of a few good people to fill key positions at Camp Hinds, Camp Bomazeen, and Northeast Challenge Trek this summer. If you are looking for a fun and challenging summer and want to work in a great environment, please consider applying for one of the positions listed below.

**At Camp Hinds we are looking for the following:**

Aquatics Director      COPE Director  
Provisional Scoutmaster      Head Cook

**At Camp Bomazeen there are the following positions available:**

Aquatics Director      Commissioner      Head Cook

**Northeast Challenge Trek - High Adventure Base needs the following:**

COPE Director, Instructor (over 21 years old)  
Assistant Instructor (at least 18 years old)

If you are interested in a position at either Camp Hinds or Camp Bomazeen, please contact Audrey at the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 and request an application.

If you would like to apply for a position with Northeast Challenge Trek, please send a cover letter and resume to: Tom Doherty, Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

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### Brunswick BSA Troop 648 60th Anniversary



**Boy Scout Troop 648 members and Scout Leaders with Governor Angus King, Governor of Maine, Inaugural Ball, January 9, 1999.**

On January 2, 1939, Boy Scout Troop 48 of Brunswick, Maine, applied for a Charter for a New Troop with the Pine Tree Council of Portland, Maine. The first year, the Troop was headed by Scoutmaster Napoleon Gagne, Jr., was sponsored by the St. John's Catholic Church, and had a membership of 64 Scouts at the year's end. The Troop divided up into two separate Troops (Troops 42 and 48) in 1940. A third Troop, Troop 41, was established in 1941 and was active for one year. Troop 42 transferred to Harpswell in September, 1944, later became Troop 642 of South Harpswell, Maine, in 1969 and remains active to this day. The original Boy Scout Troop 48 was with District 3, the DownEast District from 1939 through 1968. The Troop became Troop 648 in 1969 and was with District 6, Quabacook District from 1969 through 1972. In 1973, Troop 648 was reestablished as District 3, DownEast District and has remained the same since that date.

Troop 648 has been led by nine Scoutmasters since its beginning. Napoleon Gagne, Jr., held the position in 1939 and 1940; Florido Thibeault - 1941 and 1942; Oliver Dumont - 1943 through 1946 and 1950 through 1968; Leon LeBlanc - 1947 and 1948; Merle Orne for 1949 only; with the largest membership on record of 91 Scouts; Gerard Pelletier - 1969 through 1981; David Poulin - 1982 through 1984; Bud Hedblom - 1985 through 1998, and the current Scoutmaster is Dave Caron for 1999.

Mr. Gerard Pelletier, former Scoutmaster, has been involved with Troop 648 for 41 years and is currently a Committee Member. Not only did he hold the position of Scoutmaster from 1969 through 1981, but he was Assistant Scoutmaster from 1958 through 1968, Committee

Chairman from 1982 through 1986 and a Committee Member from 1987 to this day.

The Troop has had the honor of giving the title of "Eagle" to 55 Eagle Scouts and has had only 9 Scoutmasters since its existence. It has received the "Honor and Quality Unit" award for the last 19 years. The Troop has participated in the summer camp programs at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine, every summer for the last 45 years. Ten National Jamborees and three World Jamborees have been attended by Scout members of the Troop.

The St. John's Catholic Church in Brunswick has sponsored the Troop since its beginning stages in 1938. The Church has opened its facility for District and Council use for Scout and Cub Leader Basic Training, Commissioners Training, Pinewood Derbies, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and many fund raising endeavors.

The troop hosted the 1998 Klondike Derby, participates in the St. John's Bazaar and the Maine Festival Clean-up, annually, sponsors an "Adopt-a-Family" for Thanksgiving and Christmas, is active in many community service projects and hosts frequent Camping Trips in the tradition of Scouting. Many fund raising projects are conducted by the troop to help sponsor Scouting activities such as the Maritime Jamboree '99, "To the Future and Back", to be held in Kouchibouguac National Park, New Brunswick, Canada, this summer. Troop 648 was given the honor of conducting the Coat and Hat Check for Governor Angus King's Inaugural Ball held January 9, 1999.

This year marks the 60th anniversary year for Troop 64 of Brunswick, DownEast District, Pine Tree Council. For further information contact Scoutmaster Dave Caron at 207 725-7414.

# Abnaki District

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**Pack 155 pictured with Cubmaster, Dave Rogers; Assistant Cubmaster, Todd McCullough; Den Leader, Steve Daigle; and, Webelos Leader, Joe Henry.**

## 1999 Klondike a Success!!!

Over the weekend of February 6 -7, 176 Boy Scouts and leaders gathered at Mount Apatite in Auburn for the annual Klondike Derby. Eighteen sled teams from 17 troops spent the morning on the trail. Along the way, there were stations that raised the Scout's handicap awareness through different challenges. While the tasks at these stations may have looked easy, Scouts learned that a disability can make simple projects difficult. They also learned that with hard work, they could overcome these obstacles.

After dinner, there were campsite inspections for those units who braved the chilly February night and camped overnight Saturday. The evening ended with an impressive Order of the Arrow Camp-

fire and awards ceremony. The following Troops and Patrols have earned bragging-rights for 1999:

### KLONDIKE TEAMS:

**Best Sled:** Troop 111

**1st Place:** Troop 116 Greatest Troop Participation,

**2nd Place:** Troop 195 (including campout): Troop 130

**3rd Place:** Troop 187

Congratulations to all of this year's winners! Special thanks go out to Troop 137 of Auburn for all the hard work they did as hosts of the Klondike Derby. Without their time, effort and ingenuity, this event would not have been the successful weekend that it was.

### March 1999

- 2 6:30 P.M.: District Meeting
- 8 7 P.M.: Roundtable
- 10 7 P.M.: Commissioner Staff Meeting
- 15 Silver Beaver Nominations Due at Pine Tree Council
- 20 Pow-Wow

### April 1999

- 6 6:30 P.M.: District Meeting
- 12 7 P.M.: Roundtable
- 14 7 P.M.: Commissioner Staff Meeting

## Abnaki District Strategic Plan

Over the next few months, the Abnaki District Committee will be developing its strategic plan for the next several years. By using the National Boy Scouts of America's and the Pine Tree Council's 1998 - 2002 Strategic Plans as guidelines, the District Committee hopes to develop mission and vision statements for Abnaki District. Once these statements are understood, Abnaki District can set measurable goals and identify key strategies to achieve these goals.

By using this process, the District Committee will determine where we are currently and decide on a course for the future. Based on that information, reasonable strategies will be established to move the district in that direction.

This is a new adventure for Abnaki District. By taking the time to work on a strategic plan, the Scouts served by Abnaki District will enjoy quality programs for years to come.

**More Abnaki District news on page 10.**



**Abnaki Adult Leader Training will be held on May 14, 15, 16. See page 10 for details and registration form.**

# Casco Bay District

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*Ben Tapley 797-5770*

Program Specialist  
*Starla Chew-Gleason 797-5770*

## FOS

Calls are being made to schedule unit presentations for Friends of Scouting. Please make arrangements to have your unit presentation at your Cub Scout Blue/Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor. Contact Lew Emery (854-4308) or Duane Havard (797-5252) with your date, if you have not been contacted.

## Pinewood Derby

Casco Bay District Pinewood Derby will be held at the USM Gymnasium in Gorham on Saturday, March 27, 1999. Registrations are due in the office by March 15 from your unit's Cubmaster. If you would like to help with the day's activities, please contact Bruce Beety (642-2991) or Duane Havard (797-5252).

## Spring Camporee, May 14-15

Casco Bay Spring Camporee will be held May 14-15 at Camp Hinds in Raymond. Contact Bruce Beety (642-2991) for information. You may also register at the Council Service Center.

## Recharter Coming Up?

Your Unit Recharter is due in the Council Service Center by the 15th of the month that you recharter in. If you have questions, contact your Unit Commissioner, Vicki Royer (925-1444) or Duane Havard (797-5252). If you have not received your charter packet, please let Duane know. We are asking that all units work at setting up next year's recharter in January or February. This will help the recharter process run smoother for the district.

## Looking for Day Camp Volunteers

Casco Bay Day Camp is looking for volunteers for this summer. If you are interested please contact Camp Director Sherry Robinson (772-1002) or Program Director, Michele Cheung (839-5744).

## Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts

Make sure that boys transferring from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts complete an application. If they are not properly registered, they won't get credit for merit badges they complete.

### March

- 3 Dist. Commissioner Meeting 6:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 3 Roundtable 7:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 3 O.A. 7:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 8 Eagle Board of Review
- 13 Cub Leader Training Parts I & II, South Portland
- 20 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Camp Hinds
- 27 District Pinewood Derby, USM Gorham Campus

### April

- 7 Dist. Commissioner Meeting 6:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 7 Roundtable 7:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 7 O.A. 7:00, L.D.S. Church in Windham
- 12 Eagle Board of Review
- 17 B.S.L.T. Part I and II, Gorham

## Meetings at L.D.S. Church

District Commissioner, Roundtable, and O.A. will meet at the L.D.S. Church on River Road in Windham on the first Wednesday of each month.

## May Roundtables to Feature Safety Training

If you are planning a water activity for your unit, you need to be certified in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. This course will be offered at the May 5th Roundtable. A refresher course for Youth Protection will also be provided at the May Roundtable.

## Changing Positions?

If you have changed positions in your unit, please fill out an adult registration form and turn it in to the Council Service Center as soon as possible. This will guarantee that you will receive appropriate information.



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729-7942

### Scoutmaster Fundamentals Course

This course—for all Boy Scout leaders, committee members and parents—is timed perfectly for parents and leaders of Webelos to learn all about how Scouting will continue to work for their boys.

Downeast District Boy Scout Training Chairman, Dan Bruce, has announced the dates for Spring SCOUTMASTER FUNDAMENTALS (SM FUN):

Part 1, Sat, April 17, 8:15 - 5 p.m.

Part 2, Thurs, April 29, 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Part 3, Sat - Sun, May 1 + 2, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Call DAN, at (H) 729-1993, (W) 729-3311, to register or for more information.

This course is targeted not only at the uniformed leaders of our units, but also committee members and PARENTS of Scouts. SM Fun is required of all registered adults in Boy Scouting and is a step to recognition items like the Training Award medal and Scoutmaster Key. More importantly, it is a look at the inner workings and hidden mechanisms of a Boy Scout Troop, quality meetings, and quality outdoor programs. SM FUN

focuses on how Scouting helps boys and their families.

*Here is what has been said about past courses.*

- "I didn't know it was going to be so much fun!"
- "The members of my patrol were so supportive. Now I know how every boy is able to feel right at home in his patrol."
- "The games we can use right now in our troop."
- "The session on 'Training Boys to Lead' was terrific!"
- "This course will be worth a fortune to our committee!"
- "FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN!"

Spring is a perfect time to get in on all the action and gain a knowledge base for visiting Boy Scout Troops or helping yours!

#### March

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 District Pinewood Derby
- 14 District Roundtable. Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders, 7 p.m.
- 21 District Commissioner Meeting, 7 p.m.

### New District Executive Welcomed!

Downeast District is pleased to welcome George Hamilton as our District Executive. His affable and humble nature does lend itself to bragging, but he did tell us that is favorite food is lasagne.

George was born in Brewer, Maine, was a Cub Scout there, and graduated from John Baptist High School. He migrated to Allentown, Penn. to earn a degree in Business from St. Francis DeSales College, and then to Chicago, Ill. In Chicago, he earned a Master of Divinity degree while working as a youth minister and religious education director.

Returning to Maine, he served as an assistant Scoutmaster in Katahdin Area Council, a religious emblems counselor and a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. George is a graduate of Scoutmaster Fundamentals.

**More Downeast News on page 10.**

#### QUESTION:

*Has your Pack had a conference for the parents of graduating Bears to tell them about the Webelos program and Boy Scouting? This is to be run by the Webelos Den Leader and a Scoutmaster.*

## Kennebec Valley

### Kennebec Valley Spring Camporee

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 30, May 1-2**

Check-in begins at noon on April 30.

Cub Scout check-in begins at 7:30 AM on May 1

Where: **Litchfield Fairgrounds**

Take I-95 to the Gardiner-Litchfield Exit (No. 14B). Turn right on to Rt. 126. Go 9 miles to the Country Store on your left. Turn left and go 2 miles to the Litchfield Fairgrounds.

Who: **All Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Tiger Cubs,** adult Scouting leaders, and parents are invited.

Boy Scout overnight camping begins Friday, April 30. Webelos Scouts who wish to camp overnight must be with a parent.

Cub Scouts, Webelos and Tiger Cubs should arrive on Saturday, May 1, 7:30 AM. All Tiger Cubs must have their adult partner with them.

Cost: **\$5 per youth and adult.**

#### Theme: Old Fashioned Country Fair and Merit Badge Midway

*Things to take note of:*

1. Pre-registration forms will be mailed to each troop and pack. Please use them.
2. Bring your own food. There will be limited concessions.
3. No ground fires allowed.
4. More troop merit badge presentations are needed. Please contact Richard Lane.
5. Plan to carry out your own trash.
6. One vehicle per troop will be allowed to enter the camping area to unload equipment only.
7. Each troop is responsible for: gateway, three 8-foot poles to be lashed for chariot race, cooking equipment, first aid supplies, tents, personal and troop gear, compass, seats, candles (that can be safely carried) for each person, field (class A) and activity (t-shirt) uniforms.

**See page 11 for Camporee Schedule.**

#### March

- 3 District Commissioner Meeting 6:30 PM Kirshner's District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Kirshner's
- 6 Commissioner Basic Training 8:30 AM Manchester Fire Station
- 10 Roundtables (Cub and Boy Scout) 7:00 PM Waterville High School
- 16 Roundtables (Cub and Boy Scout) 7:00 PM Strong Elementary School

#### April

- 7 District Commissioner Meeting 6:30 PM Kirshner's District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Kirshner's
- 14 Roundtables (Cub and Boy Scout) 7:00 PM Waterville High School
- 17 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 20 Roundtables (Cub and Boy Scout) 7:00 PM Strong Elementary School
- 30 Spring Camporee Litchfield Fairgrounds Continues on May 1 & 2

**Lots More Kennebec Valley News on page 11**





# Program

## Pine Tree Council Training News

### Attention ALL Registered Scouters

*What do you do after you have completed your Boy Scout Leader Basic Training Course? How would you like to learn more advanced outdoor skills and have lots of fun while you learn? Then...*

#### GREENWOOD RANGERS

...is for you!! Mark your calendar and reserve the weekend of April 23-25, 1999, at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

Bring yourself and a friend(s) to an exciting, energetic adventure full of fun and new experiences.

GREENWOOD RANGERS teaches adult Boy Scouters advanced training in such areas as: map and compass; utensil-less and dutch oven cooking; woods tools (you'll earn your Tot'N'Chip); fire-building; first aid; knots; and many more outdoor camping skills.

GREENWOOD RANGERS training has no limit on participants, since you will be camping outdoors. However, this course is ADULTS ONLY!

Cost for this weekend course is \$25 per person. This cost covers food for the weekend, handouts, a GREENWOOD RANGERS patch, insurance, etc. Please fill in the pre-registration form below and mail to: Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103 no later than April 19, 1999. Pre-registration is a must!!

#### What to bring with you:

Personal gear for an overnight camp out including cook kit, mess kit, stove, fuel, tent, tarp, flashlight, etc. Refer to the Scout Handbook (pages 51 - 54) for a detailed list. Whenever possible, try to coordinate with others from your district or troop for items you will need. Please be prepared for all types of weather as April can be unpredictable.

Check-in will begin at 6:00 pm Friday evening, April 23rd. Program will begin at 7:30 pm. Closing ceremonies will be late Sunday morning April 25th.

Should you have any questions, please contact your District Boy Scout Training Chairman.

### HAVE A GREAT SCOUTING YEAR AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN APRIL!!!

#### Greenwood Rangers 1999 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ POS \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$25 per person Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No later than April 19, 1999, mail to:**  
Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

### C.I.T.'s Counselor in Training



**WHAT:** Pine Tree Council's summer camps are in the process of accepting applications for Counselors in Training for the '99 camp season. The C.I.T. program is designed to allow Scouts the exciting opportunity to see how camp operates from a staff members point of view and earn valuable on the job training preparing him as a future camp staff member!

CIT's will sign up for two merit badges each week, attend older boy programs like COPE, mountain biking, kayaking, and canoe trips, work on conservation projects and life guarding at the waterfront. They will also be involved in learning the skills required to be a staff member, like campfire songs and skits, dining hall presentations, team building with staff members and more!

**WHEN:** There will be two C.I.T. sessions offered at Camp Hinds in 1999. Camp Bomazeen will run one C.I.T. session in 1999. Each session will run for 3 weeks and be limited to 12 Scouts per session. The C.I.T. program will follow the regular camp schedule from Sunday to Friday, with Saturdays off from camp.

SESSION 1 will run from July 11th to July 30th at Camp Hinds and Bomazeen.

SESSION 2 will run from August 1st to August 20th at Camp Hinds only.

**WHO:** To be eligible to become a CIT, a Scout must be 15 years old by July 1, 1999.

**REGISTRATION:** Scouts may apply to become a CIT by filling out a camp staff application available from the Pine Tree Council Service Center. Interviews will be scheduled with the Camp Director once a completed application is returned.

**COST:** The cost for the three week session is \$100. CIT's that are hired the following summer as staff members, will receive a \$100 bonus that summer in their salary.

**WHY:** The CIT program allows the Scout to earn valuable job experience while not having to commit to the entire camp season. The CIT Coordinator will be working on a daily basis with the CIT's, providing them with a good role model and adult supervision. Camps benefits by having the opportunity to meet and work with more potential staff members while they are in a training position.

### Backpacking 101



Backpacking 101 is again offered this spring for those adults interested in taking their Scouts and Explorers into the wilderness for the ultimate adventure. This is a two weekend course that teaches the essentials of trip planning, equipment choice, basic wilderness first aid, menu planning, food dehydration, and provides helpful hints and suggestions from the trail-wise staff. The first weekend will be spent at Camp Hinds learning and preparing for the second weekend hike in the White Mountains National Forest. Participation in both weekends is required.

Dates: April 16-18, April 30 - May 2

Cost: \$55

For further information, contact Gitana or Will Beriau (207) 657-2363 (evenings).



# Program

## Campmasters Corps

Will Beriau

Dear Scouters:

The 1999/2000 schedule for signing up for Campmaster weekends at Camp Hinds has been posted in the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds and will be left there for your convenience. Please notify the Ranger when you sign up and email me at gypsybe@aol.com. I will keep a master schedule for reference to all.

The ranks of Campmasters have thinned to little due to business pressures, relocating, retiring, etc. and we need new Scouters to help fill the bill. The Campmaster corps is a group of Scouters who act as caretakers of the facilities, sign in rental groups, make sure the property is left in good order and assist campers renting the facilities, should they need anything. It was also designed to give the Ranger a break on weekends to attend to other pressing matters.

If you have a friendly and positive

attitude (a sense of humor helps), this is a wonderful opportunity to come and spend the weekend in the outdoors, meet some fine folks and, if you wish, share a little of your own talent or Scout skills with the groups spending the weekend. Many of the groups have a planned activity, but those that do not, are often times willing to learn new skills. Come join the Campmaster corps and have some fun. It is kind of like being a grandparent. Everybody visits for a weekend and then the leaders take the Scouts home and life is back to normal. Everyone has had fun and it is back to the norm with just enough activity for everyone.

For further information, talk to Bob Gosselin, the Ranger, at 655-4878, and he will fill you in on what your responsibilities are. Please contact Will Beriau at 657-2363 for more information.

## Pow Wow '99

Date: March 20, 1999  
Location: Auburn Middle School

Sessions include: Crafts, Ceremonies, Songs & Cheers, Skits & Stunts, Games and Outdoors with your Cubs

*8:00 - 8:30	Registration
*8:30 - 8:45	Opening
*8:50 - 9:30	Session I
*9:35 - 10:15	Session II
*10:15 - 10:30	Break ... Coffee and donuts provided
*10:30 - 11:10	Session III
*11:15 - 11:55	Session IV
*12:00 - 12:15	Set your tables for Blue & Gold
*12:15 - 12:45	Grace, get lunch ... lunch provided
*12:45 - 1:30	Blue & Gold Program
*1:30 - 2:10	Session V
*2:15 - 2:55	Session VI
*3:00 - 3:00	Closing

Lunch time will be a Blue & Gold banquet. Packs are asked to bring centerpieces, settings, place mats, place cards, napkin holders, etc. for judging.

Packs may pick their own themes. Judging will be done spontaneously. Bring along your Blue & Gold settings to be judged.

Highlight of our Blue and Gold lunch period will be Day Camp, Funpack and Webelos camp staff making camping presentations, to fill you in on all the highlights of summer Cub camping.

Contact your Cub Training Chair for more information!

### Pow Wow '99 Registration Please register the following adults for the Pow Wow to be held on March 20

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ PACK # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Reg: \_\_\_\_\_ @6.00

Total Registrations Reg: \_\_\_\_\_ @6.00x \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and mail with your payment to:  
Pine Tree Council 125 Auburn Street Portland, ME 04103

## Is Wood Badge In Your Plans For This Fall?



Wood Badge is often described as the premiere training experience for adult leaders in the Boy Scout program. Pine Tree Council will be offering a Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge Course in the Fall of 1999. Wood Badge provides advanced leadership and Scout skill training. Participants must have completed Scoutmastership Fundamentals and be registered in a position of leadership with a Boy Scout troop. Note that Cub Scout leaders who meet these qualifications and would like the leadership training, may also apply.

However, Wood Badge is more than just advanced training! Hundreds of Scouters in Pine Tree Council have experienced the Spirit of Wood Badge. Look for the two small wooden beads that a Wood Badge trained Scouter wears with his/her uniform.

Tell them you are thinking about taking the course and ask them to talk to you about their experience. This is truly an experience you won't want to miss.

### The course dates are:

- Pre-course meeting August 7
- 1st weekend September 11-12
- 2nd weekend September 24-25-26

The course will be held at Camp Bomazeen, near Belgrade, ME.

Cost is \$150. A \$50 deposit will reserve your place at Wood Badge.

Invitation letters and acceptance forms are available at the Portland and Farmington Scout Service Centers, at district roundtables, or by contacting:

Paul Gooch  
P.O. Box 533  
Wilton, ME 04924  
645-3317 Home  
645-4499 Business  
645-3844 Fax  
e-mail gooch@tdstelme.net

After your application has been approved, an acceptance or acknowledgement packet will be returned to you.

Start thinking Wood Badge now so that you can arrange your personal and professional schedule to make the commitment to attend the course this fall. Regardless of your current or future Scouting positions, you will find that the leadership skills obtained at this course will benefit virtually every phase and responsibility in your life. . . family, church, employment. We look forward to having you join us this fall.

## Attention Troops and Venture Crews Philmont 2000



### Skip Richardson, Trip Advisor

Would you like to explore the high-country of New Mexico on a 12-day backpacking excursion? Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high. Learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques and blacksmithing. Relive the by-gone days of the Old West, learn the ways of the mountain man, pack burros and pan for gold in a clear Rocky Mountain stream. Discover the wonder of Scouting's Paradise as over 600,000 Scouts, Explorers and leaders have done since 1938.

Pine Tree Council is sponsoring two crews to Philmont in the year 2000. Applications are being accepted and the roster is expected to fill up quickly. The dates of the expedition will be July 6 through July 20, 2000. The trip is open to Scouts

and Explorers ages 14-21. The adventure crews will be led by adults who have led numerous Philmont and High Adventure trips. Co-ed leadership is being provided to give young women the opportunity to participate. Crews are limited to 10 youth.

The fee (to be determined) will include the cost of the Philmont adventure, white water rafting on the Arkansas River, sightseeing in the Colorado Springs area, a western show and an authentic chuckwagon supper at the "Flying W Ranch," accommodations, all air and ground fees and regular meals. Hikers will provide their own personal spending money. Interest in this "millennium trip" is building, so, contact the Council office at 797-5252 for your application. Get on board and have the experience of your life.

## Gouin Soars, from page 1.

"Keeping it a secret from you-know-who was the hardest part," says Dean, who managed to keep Gouin in complete darkness about the issue for four months. "Every time I'd try to make some calls to set something up, he'd be right there."

"What I saw really moved me," says Gouin slowly, in fond recollection. "All the most important people in my life all in the same place."

The ceremony, which is called the "Eagle Court of Honor," drew dozens of officials and well-wishers out on Sunday, despite the heavy snowfall. Present were several Boy Scout officials, including Faulkner, who read the "Eagle Charge," making Gouin's recognition official. Also present were the Hillsmen Chorus, representatives from the American Legion, the Marine Corps League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Gouin's best friend George Pulkkinen and grandson Ryan Dean performed music on the bagpipes and drums, respectively, as Gouin was escorted into the church.

"I'm still overwhelmed," says Gouin sincerely. "I think this will take months, even years to fully set in. Everyone there did something to make this work."

"What comes from scouting into life?" asks Gouin, pausing briefly before the answer. "Do the best you can," he says. "Be decent and respectful to everyone. It all gets back to one word: people."



# York District

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e-mail: ericmagz@cybertours.com  
www.cybertours.com/cubscouts

## District Pinewood Derby

The top three finishers from your Pack are invited to compete at the York District Pinewood Derby. Only three racers per Pack are allowed. The Derby will be held at the Kennebunk High School gym. The registration fee is \$5 per racer. Pre-registration by 4/1/99 is required in order to receive a participation trophy. Any registrations received after this date will not get a participation trophy. Registration is from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., the race starts at 9:00 A.M.. Please send registrations to Roger Gagne 29 Moody St., Saco, ME 04072 (include name(s), Pack #, and check to Pine Tree Council.) Any questions please call Roger 282-5289.

## Cub Scout Leader Training

... must be taken by all adults involved with the Cub Scout program, from committee members to den leaders to cubmasters. This a quality, time-effective course; it includes general and specific information about the Cub Scouting program. Your pack and your scouts will benefit from having trained leaders. You might want a bag lunch for day sessions. Please contact Jim Pettry at 985-4919, for a registration form. Times are 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.. Cost is \$9.

## Boy Scout Leader Training

BSLBT must be taken by all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and members of the Troop Committee. This is a quality, time effective course; it includes general and specific information about the Boy Scouting program. Your Troop and your Scouts will benefit from having trained leaders. Complete training includes Part I & II (Indoor) and Part III (Outdoor). Starting at 8:30 and finishing up around 5:00 p.m.. Please bring your own lunch or it can be ordered at the session to be delivered. This is for training session 1&2. Please contact Mike Milinski to register via phone 793-4740 or e-mail:kudo@waveinter.com Cost is \$5 each.

## District Executive's Letter

As of March first, I have assumed a new position in the Pine Tree Council. I have accepted a promotion to Finance / Marketing Services Director. I would like to take a moment to thank all the families and volunteers of the York District for a wonderful 2 1/2 years. You have truly made my family and me welcome.

Because of your efforts, we have been a Quality District the past two years and I am sure you will meet this goal again for 1999. Please remember to "Make the Ideal of Scouting become Reality" All too often we hear others comment, "That's pie in the sky" or "This will never work in reality." It will, it can and it does. The "it" I am referring to is the Scouting program as set forth by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. We quite simply have the best program for developing leadership in young men and women in the world.

In closing, I would like to remind you that he/she who puts 10 people to work, does far more than he/she who does the work of ten. Keep up the great work and I will certainly see you Scouting around.

*Yours in Scouting,  
Eric A. Magendantz*

### March

- 3 Commissioners Meeting, 7 P.M. - L.D.S. Church, Sanford
- 4 Roundtable / OA, 7:00 P.M. - Sanford High School
- 6 Cub Scout Leader Training, 8:30 A.M. - St. Mary's Church, Wells
- 11 District Meeting, 7 P.M. - LDS Church, Sanford
- 20 Boy Scout Leader Training, 8:30 A.M. - Buxton Town Hall

### April

- 1 Roundtable / OA, 7 P.M. - Sanford High School
- 7 Commissioners Meeting, 7 P.M. - L.D.S. Church, Sanford
- 8 District Meeting, 7 P.M. - LDS Church, Sanford
- 17 District Recognition Event
- 24 District Pinewood Derby



**Scout Day  
at Funtown/Splashtown  
June 26, 1999  
See details below**



## Scout Day at Funtown/Splashtown

Family Day of Fun & Excitement - June 26, 1999 (Rain Date: June 27, 1999)  
Tickets on Sale from May 3, 1999, through June 25, 1999, at the Council Service Center. Save \$8 on combination passes, \$6 on Funtown passes, and \$3 on Splashtown passes. (savings based on 48" and taller)

Brave the new "EXCALIBUR" and cross the bridge back into medieval time on the 4.5 acre wooden coaster ride, which tops out at 100 feet. This 2,700 foot long twister, with numerous drops, promises an action packed thrill.

A merit badge and cub advancement program will be offered on the day of the outing. You must sign up when purchasing tickets. Information on times and activities will be available at the Service Center toward the end of April. For more information call the Service Center at (207) 797-5252.

### Scout Day at Funtown/Splashtown

June 26, 1999 (Rain Date: June 27, 1999)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Funtown Passes only #Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Splashtown Passes only #Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Combination Passes #Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Passes #Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.95 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Admission for non pass holders is \$3.50 each.

Mail to Pine Tree Council 125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 04103



## The new Learning for Life home page on the World Wide Web! WWW.LEARNING-FOR-LIFE.ORG

Use it as a resource for your Learning for Life operations. Tell your Learning for Life Executives and Adult Leaders about it. Simply log on, download and print. An Adobe Acrobat Reader is accessible to help!

- Sample Learning for Life Lesson Plans**  
*download a copy whenever you need one*
- Quarterly Advisors Newsletters** - one for each Exploring career cluster. Copy and send them to your Advisors, or let them get it themselves
- Research Tools** - just print out information on  
(1) Building Character with Learning for Life  
(2) The Exploring Experience
- General Information** - on all programs
- Program Ideas** - each cluster site is filled with program ideas using the five programs of emphases
- Scholarship Applications** - Law Enforcement, Medical, Aviation and Skilled Trades scholarships available. Download the application and print it out!

**More resource coming ...  
Check the web site often for updates!**

Division Chairman  
 David Tassoni 236-1485  
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 Tammy Atwood 797-5770  
 Learning for Life Executive  
 Jeremy Lucas 797-5770

## Awards Ceremony

We are planning an Awards Ceremony on May 22nd to recognize Venture Crews and Explorer Posts for their service throughout the year. The awards include Most Improved Post/Crew; Super Fund-raiser Award; Community Service Award; Super Activity Award; Explorer Post/Venture Crew of the Year; Exploring/Venture Volunteer of the Year; Explorer/Venturer of the Year. We will be sending out a list of the awards and information on the nomination process. Here is your chance to be recognized!

## Family Campaign Coming Up!

This Division will kick off our Family Campaign during the months of March and April. Our division goal is \$5,000 and Tom Morris, Crew Leader for Venture Crew 116 of the Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, has agreed to be the Chairman of our Family Campaign.

We will ask Explorer Posts and Venture Crews to invite us to a meeting where parents will attend, so we can make a ten

minute presentation. We like to do these personal presentations where we have a chance to explain the Division budget and answer questions. We prefer to have the opportunity to meet with the parents face to face rather than conduct a phone-a-thon campaign.

We need your help in setting a date and inviting us to be a part of that meeting. Thank you for your help.

<b>April</b>	
9	Rock & Bowl Lewiston
9	Rock & Bowl York
30	Rock & Bowl Portland
<b>May</b>	
22	Awards Ceremony

## Foil Dinners Anyone?

On January 29, the two Alternative Education classes from Waterville Junior High and Hall Elementary School had their first outdoor adventure of the new year. It took place at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade Lakes. Although it was cool and brisk, we were lucky enough to have the weather cooperate with us.

The day consisted of some basic fire building rules and techniques that all of the participants did great with. We also prepared and enjoyed some foil dinners for lunch using our newly acquired fire building skills. Red Oak Sports in Farmington kindly lent us ten pairs of snowshoes to use for the day, an activity that kept the students active and warm.

All of the students had fun learning new skills and walking around on the snowshoes. It was a first for most! They cannot wait for the next outing and are hoping for some snow so that we can build snow shelters or go cross-country skiing.



**Learning  
for Life  
on the  
Internet.  
See details on  
page 8.**

## Letters we like to receive...

### Dear Boy Scout Administration

This is a letter to commend Luke Starkey and Paul Balentine of York Fire and Rescue Explorer Post 5 for their terrific community service.

On very short notice, Luke and Paul were able to give a wonderful talk on CPR and the Heimlich maneuver to my group of second year Webelos. This enabled the Webelos to qualify for their Arrow of Light Award before they cross over to Boy Scouts on February 7, 1999. The Explorers spent over an hour and a half talking to the Webelos and providing an opportunity for hands on practice with CPR mannequins. We had a great time and I think my boys really learned something. Thanks to Luke and Paul, and to their advisor Joe Fox, who was also present and helped out.

Sincerely,  
 Jeanine Means, Webelos  
 Flaming Arrows, Pack 314

### Dear Council,

On behalf of the Explorer Scouts Luke Starkey and Paul Balentine, we would like to notify you that the aforementioned persons did participate in teaching my Patrol of Webelos Scouts in CPR at York Fire & Rescue, York, Maine on January 17. They are members of Explorer Post 5.

My Scouts thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from this demonstration/training. They are to be commended.

C. Siegel, Den Leader  
 Webelos Pack 314

## L.L. Bean Orienteering Sessions

### Attention Boy Scouts and Webelos!

L.L. Bean is once again offering Orienteering Sessions at its Fogg Property on Desert Road in Freeport.

Two dates & times are offered for Spring 1999:  
 April 3 9:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-3:30pm  
 April 22 9:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-3:30pm



Ratio: 1 adult is required per every 10 Scouts; additional adults are welcome (but please be prepared to help along the course).

Maximum # per Session: 50 Scouts (plus Chaperones)

Fee: \$6.50 per Scout

Items to bring: A detailed list will be sent with a confirmation letter to your Leader. Please note that April could present any type of weather in Maine, so you must pay close attention to the "bring list"!

To Register: Troop or Pack Leaders need to complete the coupon at right and return with payment to Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 0410.

### Note:

April 3 sign-ups must be received no later than Monday, March 22  
 April 22 sign-ups must be received no later than Wednesday, April 7

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ or Pack # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # Scouts @ \$6.50 = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Scouts Attending:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Chaperones:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 04103



# "Spill" over...

## Downeast District News from page 5...

### District Pinewood Derby Features Top Cub Scout Competitors

Downeast District's Pinewood Derby has the reputation for top competing Cub Scouts from all over the district — and this year is no exception. Top three speed racing Tigers (novice division) and the top four Cub Scout speedsters (senior division) in each pack are invited to participate.

Also, in one of the favorite features of the Derby, "Best of Show" (design artistry), competitor from each pack will be permitted in the Tiger division and one for the Cub division.

Trophies will be awarded for top placing (speed) competitors in both divisions as well as for Best of Show. All competitors will receive a patch and certificate.

Date: April 10, 1999

Time: Tigers registration begins at 8 a.m.  
Cub registration begins at 10 a.m.

Place: Great Salt Bay School, Damariscotta.  
(The school is on Business Route 1)

Registration Fee: \$30 per Pack

Questions: Call Steven Smith 563-2153 or Bob Bernosky (rkbomb@ime.net)  
Packs are encouraged to contact local media to have them feature your participating Cubs in a pre Derby story. Use this story as part of your information to the media.

### Webelos And Parents Orientation—Genius level idea!

The new Scoutmaster Handbook has a section related to working with Webelos (page 136). It mentions the orientation for new Webelos and their parents at the beginning of the Webelos Scouting Year. The orientation should include contributions from both the Webelos Den Leader (how the program will differ from Wolf and Bear) and the Scoutmaster or Assistant (What is ahead in Scouting).

We have recommended this for a long time, but have recently begun to feel that this session should be held at the end of the Bear year. That way, program planning can be discussed and schedules handed out to ensure that everyone is ready in the fall.

Which way does your Pack and Webelos Den handle this important orientation? Email us at <mlabbe@gwi.net>.

#### INTERESTING QUESTION

Did you ever know an Eagle Scout who did not subscribe to BOYS' Life?



## Abnaki District News from page 4...

### Abnaki District Boy Scout Adult Leader Training

**Attention to all Boy Scout and Webelos Adult Leaders, training is scheduled for May 14, 15, 16, 1999, this will be at the same time as Abanaki Spring Camparee.**

The leaders taking training will need to bring camping equipment, personnel gear and food for the weekend. The Training Committee and the Trainees will be camping together at a campsite at Camp Gustin for the weekend. Adults doing training can not be one of the two deep leadership for the troop for the weekend.

Setup camp and registration will be between 6:00-7:00 P.M. on Friday evening. At 7:00 P.M. sharp, will start Part I, Saturday (May 15) we will be doing Part III all day Saturday. Part II will be done on Sunday morning, we will be done about noon.

**Participants will need to bring the following meals:**

Breakfast for two mornings, Saturday lunch and a bag supper for Friday evening, Saturday supper will be foil dinners (piece of foil, meat or poultry, vegetables). Dessert will be furnish for Saturday evening from the cooking demonstrations.

Coffee and hot chocolate will also be supplied through the weekend.

Please plan for cool, buggy weather and bring proper clothing and gear.

**MUST PRE-REGISTER by: May 7, 1999.**

PLEASE SEND PRE-REGISTRATION FORM AND MONEY TO: Pinetree Council Office

If you have questions please call Diane Demers at 345-9737, if no one is home please leave a message and I will return your call as I do work some evenings.

#### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM Abaniki Training - May 14, 15 & 16, 1999

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone day: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan to attend Parts I, II, II	Cost \$15.00 @ _____	Total _____
Plan to attend Parts I	Cost \$10.00 @ _____	Total _____
Plan to attend Parts II	Cost \$10.00 @ _____	Total _____
Plan to attend Part III	Cost \$10.00 @ _____	Total _____
Attending Parts I & II (Friday evening and Sunday A.M.)	Cost \$10.00 @ _____	Total _____

Make check payable to: Pinetree Council



### Roundtable Attendance

Abnaki District holds its Cub & Boy Scout Roundtables at 7 P.M. on the second Monday of the month at the Auburn LDS Church. Each month, the Roundtable Commissioners put together a fun-filled training program designed to help strengthen your unit's program.

New to Scouting? Have a question, (or 10 questions)? Then come to Roundtable! In addition to the monthly program, Roundtable is a gathering of leaders from across Abnaki District. These leaders have been there, done that, and own all the T-shirts, (and patches). They can answer any questions you might have, based on their years of experience in the Scouting program.

Throughout the year, special guests visit Abnaki District's Roundtables to shed some light on new programs or policies that effect your Pack or Troop. Upcoming trainings and events are discussed as well. If your unit misses Roundtable, you're missing the boat.

But our Scoutmaster works Monday nights. No problem! Although it helps to have the Cubmaster or Scoutmaster attend Roundtable each month, it's better to send a leader rather than no leader. All unit leaders are encouraged to attend Roundtable. Roundtable attendance is a requirement for most of the awards available to leaders.

If you want to have a stronger Scouting program, learn more about Scouting, find out what's going on in Abnaki District and the Pine Tree Council, earn leader awards, have fun, and win the cool door-prize, then Roundtable is for you! There is no cost for this wealth of knowledge - it's free!

Our volunteer Roundtable Staff put a lot of time and energy into their program. Their goal is to deliver helpful training and information to unit leaders in Abnaki District. Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop should send at least one leader to the monthly Roundtable. For more information, call (207)797-5252 Ex. 33.



## "Spill" over...

### Kennebec Valley District News from page 5...

#### Spring Camporee General Schedule

##### Friday, April 30

Noon to 9 PM Arrival and camp set up.  
 7 PM Campfire for all  
 8:30 PM Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader cracker barrel  
 9:30 PM Taps  
 10:30 PM Lights Out

##### Saturday, May 1

6:30 AM Wake up and breakfast  
 7:30 AM Cub Scout check-in  
 7:30 AM Parade of flags  
 8:00 AM Flag ceremony  
 9 AM to Noon Merit badge demos and activities  
 Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch  
 1:00 PM Merit badge demos and activities  
 4:30 PM General church service for all  
 5:00 PM Dinner and display take-down  
 7:00 PM Campfire and O.A. call out  
 9:00 PM Taps  
 10:00 PM Lights Out

##### Sunday, May 2

6:30 AM Wake up and breakfast  
 7:30 AM Parade of flags  
 8:00 AM Closing ceremonies and awards  
 9:00 AM Clean up and check out



Information: **Lisa Morris (Cub Scouts) 737-2082 or e-mail**  
 klmmorris@agate.net **Richard Lane (Boy Scouts) 268-4268**

#### Kennebec Valley Friends of Scouting Campaign

We appreciate those packs and troops that have scheduled a Family Friends of Scouting presentation at a meeting where parents are present during the months of January, February, March, and April.

It is our goal and expectation to have *every* pack and troop in the Kennebec Valley District participate in this important opportunity to show support of Scouting.

The alternative to a presentation at a meeting is to conduct a campaign within the unit. This can be done quickly and effectively. The following steps have proven to be successful:

1. The unit committee and charter representative draw up a list of all families in the unit. Add to this other neighbors, church or parish members, and others in your area who have supported Scouting, have been former Scouters, etc.
2. Organize a calling committee and conduct a "phone-a-thon" or calling night and ask for a gift or pledge. You'll either get a yes or a no. And the number of "yes" responses will pleasantly surprise you if you are courteous and sincere and make the ask.
3. Arrange for members of the committee to pick up the donations.
4. Follow the instructions in the Key-Bank envelope for making a deposit of money and pledge cards or contact Michael O'Brien or Dave Lachance for delivery or instructions.

Those units who have elected to hold a presentation at a meeting (and done so) and have, too, discovered the process is quick, efficient, and "painless."

Let's establish now a tradition of giving that will continue on for many years and leave with those who make a gift a good feeling about it.

If your Scouting unit has not yet scheduled a presentation or needs materials to conduct your own campaign, please contact Michael O'Brien 626-0625 or Dave Lachance 623-2415.

#### Bowl-a-Thon

The Pine Tree Council will not be conducting a council-wide Bowl-a-Thon this year. HOWEVER, individual districts may participate if they wish. Consequently the status of the Bowl-a-Thon in the Kennebec Valley District has been in question.

Paul Dunbar, district activities chair, has agreed to get the ball rolling (no pun intended). He has contacted a number of bowling alleys in the area who have agreed to allow the Scouts to participate. The upcoming district committee meetings and roundtables will have additional information. All the more reason to be represented there. Bear with us while we get things rolling (that pun again).



#### Thanks For The Blue and Gold

On behalf of the Kennebec Valley District, I wish to personally thank each Cub Scout pack who extended invitations to myself and other members of the District Committee and Commissioner Staff to attend your Blue and Gold banquets and dinners this past month.

I know that we attended as many of these fine functions as we possibly could and regret not being able to attend all of them. Without exception I found the meetings to be uplifting and inspiring to see so many boys, parents, grandparents, Scout leaders, etc. in attendance. I particularly enjoyed seeing so many Scouting leaders recognized and thanked for their hard work and dedicated service.

And last but not least, thanks for all the delicious meals and dishes of food that were prepared and served. We wish for all a very successful year of Scouting ahead.

*Michael O'Brien*  
*K-Valley District Executive*

#### Cub Scout Roundtable

Are you in a mid-winter Cub Scouting slump? Would you like fresh, new ideas for your Cub Scout den or pack? Could you use the support of experienced Scouters? Would you like to get the district news first-hand? Then make a commitment to join us for monthly Roundtables in Strong.

Strong Elementary School  
 3rd Tuesday of the each month  
 7:00 to 8:30 PM sharp!!  
 Christine Richards - Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
 Home: 684-3788 Pager: 378-1708 e-mail: crich@somtel.com

#### Look for the following Roundtable topics:

**March 16 Ethics in Action & Pack record books**

**April 13 Recognizing leaders**

Plus ceremonies, roundtable discussions, songs, stunts, and more!  
 3rd weekend October 8-9-10

#### Commissioner College News

Are you ready? Ready to head for the beach? Grab your sunglasses and crazy beachwear and join in the fun. The place is Oceanwood. The dates are April 9 and 10. Why? Because it's Spring Break. We're getting our stuff together and we want you to join us. So if you're planning to attend the Commissioner College, remember to pack your beach gear along with your regular Scouting uniforms. Beachwear will be in vogue for the Friday night activities.



*Charlene Spears and the Pine Tree Council Commissioner staff*

#### Eagle Banquet April 16, 1999, 6:30 p.m.

#### Eagle Banquet Reservation Form Portland Elks Lodge, Outer Congress Street, Route 22

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @\$15 each

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Pine Tree Council and mail it with this form to:  
 Pine Tree Council, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103



# Scout Shop News

## Regional Service Center at Farmington Receives Warm Welcome from the Community on Opening Day



Dignitaries, volunteers, Scouts and Cub Scouts turned out in record numbers for the Dedication Ceremony on February 18, 1999. Town Manager Pamela Corrigan and Don Alexander, Director of Economic Development, conducted the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Maryanne Gawlinski, Chamber President, and Deborah Flight, Chamber Executive Director, welcomed us to the community and presented us with beautiful flowers. The Town of Farmington Selectmen, Charles Murray, Emily Floyd, Mary Wright, Dennis Pike and Harold Adams joined us for the celebration.

Rees Falkner, the Executive Director for the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America, shared Scouting's goals and vision for the Regional Service Center in Farmington. Tyler Richards, of Pack 500 in Strong, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The first customer of the day was Derek Pomery, from Pack 518. He arrived bright and early to purchase his Boy Scout uniform for his Crossing Over Ceremony. Derek will be going into Troop 518 in Wilton and looks forward to earning his Eagle Scout Badge in the near future. Derek has already earned Cub Scouting's highest rank, The Arrow of Light.

### Scout Shops - Two Great Locations

**Regional Service Center at Farmington**  
 69 North Main Street  
 Farmington, Me 04938  
 PHONE 779-1617  
 FAX 779-0830

**Council Service Center**  
 125 Auburn Street  
 Portland, ME 04103  
 PHONE: 797-5441 FAX: 797-7183  
 TOLL FREE: 877-782-7467

**HOURS**  
 Sunday - Closed  
 Monday - Closed  
 Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Closed for lunch - 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Thursday - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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 Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**YOUR CUB SCOUT CAMP FUN STARTS AT**

**PINE TREE COUNCIL**

- Cub Scout Mandi-Lite, 01875
- 1-2-3 Starter Compass, 01071
- Tiger Cub Day Pack, 01796
- 1 Qt. Cub Scout Canteen, 01806
- Cub Scout Day Pack, 01802
- Cub Scout Sport Glasses, 01835
- Cub Scout Pocketsnife, 01885
- Cub Scout Pocketsnife, 01263

**GET READY FOR CAMP WITH GEAR THAT'S TRAIL TESTED**

**SCOUT APPROVED**

- BSA Bear® Four Fold Compass, 01074
- Boy Scout Pocketsnife, 01608
- 2-Liter Canteen, 01263
- Boy Scout Pocketsnife, 01264
- V8-L KIT, 01244
- Scout Camper First Aid Kit, 01082
- Don't Forget to Take Merit Badge Pamphlets to Camp!  
 - Orienteering, 33385  
 - Pioneering, 33377