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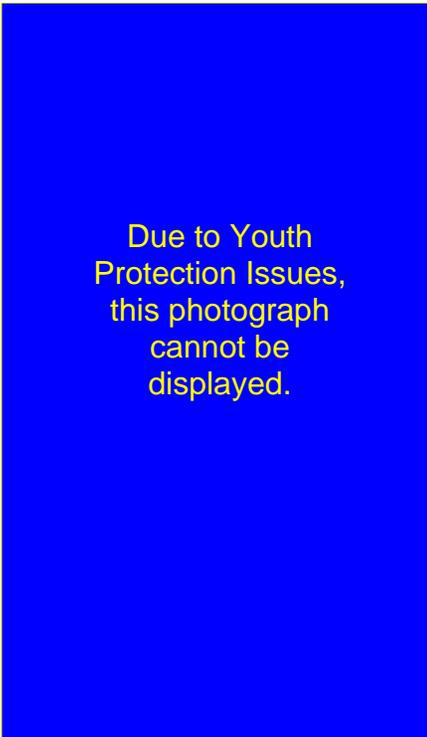


# Pine Tree Bulletin Board

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## Top Popcorn Seller!



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*Travis Cutler, the top popcorn salesperson in the Pine Tree Council, was recently recognized at a Portland Pirates hockey game. Travis, from Pack 60 in Yarmouth, sold \$3,687 worth of popcorn. He is pictured with a Portland Pirate.*

## Rechartering Tips and Guidelines

### *A note from the Pine Tree Council Registrar for Re-chartering your unit:*

I wanted to take the opportunity to help your unit with the annual re-chartering of your Pack, Troop, or Crew. I have included some tips and guidelines for you to follow.

- Executive Officer (IH) does not pay a fee.
- Tiger Cub Adult Partner does not pay a fee.
- Tiger Cub Adult wanting to register for another position such as den leader or committee member must fill out an adult application.
- All required positions must be filled.

#### **ALL UNITS MUST HAVE:**

- Executive Officer (IH)
- Chartered Organization Representative (CR)
- Committee Chairman (CC)
- Two** Committee Members (MC)

#### **PACKS MUST ALSO HAVE:**

- Cubmaster
- Den Leader
- Webelos Leader

#### **TROOPS MUST ALSO HAVE:**

- Scoutmaster

#### **CREWS MUST ALSO HAVE:**

- Crew Advisor

- Executive Officer must sign the front of the charter.
- Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor) must sign on the last page of the charter.
- Addresses and phone numbers should be checked for ALL persons on the charter.
- Training status should be updated on the charter. If the charter says N for trained but the person is trained, the N should be changed to a Y and the type of training and date should be written beside the Y. **We cannot change the N to a Y without the date.**
- If a person is not paying in this unit because they are already registered elsewhere in the council, circle the position and indicate the unit that they pay their dues in.
- Double-check the math. The \$20.00 charter fee is often left out of the total because it is printed and therefore missed when adding the column of figures that have been written in.
- Tiger Cubs listed on an overflow sheet need to have an adult partner listed on an overflow sheet also.
- Grades should be checked and updated on the charter.
- Ranks will automatically get updated when advancement is turned in. Scouts who have not advanced since 9/99 will probably have the wrong rank listed. The only way to change this is to attach a copy of the advancement form showing the correct rank.
- There is no longer an ID number. Most new applicants are found in scoutnet by their social security number. All others are found by name and address only. The old ID number has been removed from the system.
- Contact your unit commissioner, district executive, or Rhonda at 207-797-5252 ext. 15 or email at rswitzer@bsamail.org if you have any questions.



## INVESTMENT IN YOUTH

### 2002 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Don't forget that the Friends of Scouting Campaign is under way in the Pine Tree Council. We hope that you have scheduled your ten-minute unit presentation at your Blue/Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor. We want everyone to have the opportunity to make a donation to support the Scouting program in Maine.

This year, the program also means money back to the units like the program provided last year. Units that have a presentation where over \$500 is raised and paid in full by May 19, will receive 15% of that total returned to the unit account in the Pine Tree Council Office to use for awards, advancements, or anything camp related. Families that donate a minimum of \$80 will receive the 2002 limited edition Pine Tree Council shoulder strip for the Scout uniform. Units that hold a presentation will also be awarded a colorful recognition streamer for their unit flagpole and a Friends Of Scouting sticker will be awarded to every family that participates in the program.

Donations of \$250, \$500, and \$750 will be recognized with one of three Eagles statues featured in the January Pine Spills. A hand crafted pewter eagle in flight named Freedom Flight for \$250 donations, and a bronze Freedom Flight for \$500 donations. The hand crafted Touch 'n Go Eagle will represent a \$750 donation. All Eagles are created by nationally renowned wildlife artist Ray Shaw, and mounted on a hard wood base. The Base of the Touch 'n Go Eagle will have a space for three limited edition coins for 2002-2004 contributions of a minimum \$750 to the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

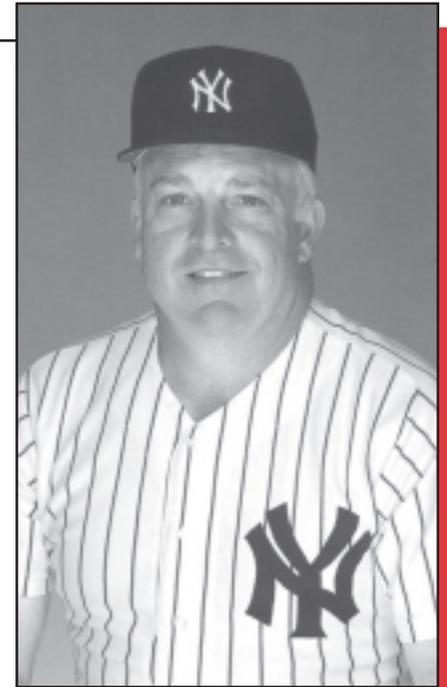
All pledges must be paid in full to receive the Eagle recognition and the 15% unit incentive will be determined after the May 19<sup>th</sup> date based on the total amount of money in the Pine Tree Council Office. We hope that every family will give \$80, but we appreciate any donation that you feel is appropriate. Please support the Scouting program by making a tax-deductible donation to the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America to keep the program available to every youth in Maine.

### 2002 Friends of Scouting Kick-off Dinner to Feature Carl (Stump) Merrill

The start of the 2002 Friends of Scouting Campaign will be held on Friday, February 1 at the Marriott Sable Oaks in South Portland. The keynote speaker will be former Brunswick Pack 48 Cub Scout Carl (Stump) Merrill.

Stump is a manager in the New York Yankee Organization as well as a Brunswick High School and University of Maine Graduate. One of the few Maine men to manage in major league baseball, the University of Maine grad piloted the New York Yankees for the better part of the 1990 season and the entire 91 campaign as the Yankees went through a rebuilding process. He has been a manager at all levels during 25 years in the Yankee organization. Stump has also served as first base coach and advance scout for the Yankees.

The Kick-off Dinner is held annually to recognize past contributors that have made significant donations to the Pine Tree Council Friends of Scouting program. Scouts and volunteers will be on hand to welcome the guests and to thank them for their renewed support for the 2002 FOS campaign. The Pine Tree Council looks forward to having Stump Merrill kick-off a successful Friends of Scouting dinner and Campaign for 2002.



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# Abnaki District

## Summertime is Around the Corner

Now is the time to start planning for summer camp. Whether you are a leader or a Cub Scout or a Boy Scout, camp is the best part of the summer. You do not want to miss your opportunity to attend summer camp. Please start making your arrangements for your camping experience at Camp Hinds or Bomazeen Adventure Base for older Scouts and Camp Gustin for Cub Scouts. Please call the Pine Tree Council for more information about summer camp registrations.

## Venturing in Abnaki District

Are you an older Scout? Do you think you have done all there is to do in Scouting? Are you looking for more adventure and good times? If you can answer all of these questions with a "yes," then Venturing is the program for you. Venturing is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 14 to 20. It is a program of high adventure and other interest based activities. For instance, you could have a Venture Crew that goes mountain biking or a Venture Crew that goes skiing or rock climbing. Venturing is the next big thing to happen in the Abnaki District. We already have some Crews in the district that are participating in activities. If you are interested in starting a Venturing program in your area or joining one of our existing Crews, please contact Brian Randle at (207) 797-5252 ext. 33.

## Friends of Scouting

Our Friends of Scouting campaign is underway in the Abnaki District. We appreciate the effort that you are making to help our campaign be successful. The first district to make their goals will be able to design the 2003 Friends of Scouting collector's patch. There are 12 patches in the series and we are currently on number six. Please contact Brian Randle at (207) 797-5252 ext. 33 for more information or to make a contribution.

## Popcorn and Scouting for Food are a Success!

I want to thank everyone that participated in the Popcorn sales and the Scouting for Food program. Congratulations go out to Matt Pike from Troop 580 for being the Abnaki District's Highest Seller. Way to go Matt! A big thanks also goes out to Susan Begin, our District Popcorn Kernel, for all of her hard work to help make the program a success.

The Scouting for Food program was also very successful this year. I appreciate the level of commitment that our Packs and Troops contribute to the program. Please keep up the level of enthusiasm for next year. Our communities really need our help.

*Brian Randle  
Abnaki District Executive*

## Scout Days with Portland Pirates!

Don't miss the largest Scout attended sporting event in Maine! Scouts, don't forget to wear your uniforms!



**Sunday, February 3, 2002 – 4:05 p.m.**  
**Portland Pirates vs. Manchester**

- Scouting Anniversary week begins
- Power Play Magazine handout (first 4000)

**Saturday, March 9, 2002 – 2:05 p.m.**  
**Portland Pirates vs. Providence**

- Bobbing head doll of Salty Pete (first 1200)

Come out to the rink and make it a great Scouting event! Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Pine Tree Council. Get your tickets today! Use the registration form on page 14 to order tickets.

## Maine Maritime Museum Scout Camp-ins "A Captain's Life"



Drawing from actual captains' journals, diaries and letters in the museum's collection, Scouts are invited to explore the daily life of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Maine sea captain. Scouts can study artifacts, ship models and transcribed captain's journals to learn how to prepare a vessel for sea, navigate and chart a course to a distant port and discover the challenges and adventure of seafaring life. They can also create logbooks, make and use telescopes, and complete a variety of other hands-on activities in this new, hands-on, interdisciplinary educational program.

The program begins at 6:30 PM and ends the following morning at 11:00 AM. The capacity is 40 and the cost is \$27 per Scout and \$25 for each adult. Pre-payment is required. Call 443-1316, ext. 0 for available weekend dates and other details.



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## Pinewood Derby

The 2002 Casco Bay District Pinewood Derby will be taking place on Saturday, April 6, 2002 at the Windham Middle School. Check-in is from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Racing will take place from approximately 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The top 5 racers from each Pack are eligible to race in the District Derby. The registration for each racer is \$6.00. An information packet, Derby rules, and registration form has been mailed out to the Cubmaster of each Pack. This information can also be obtained at monthly Roundtables or by calling Jason Agren at 797-5252 ext-23. If you have any additional questions, please call Bruce Beety at 642-2991.

## Klondike Derby

The Casco Bay Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, February 9, at 8:00 AM at Camp Hinds. The cost will be \$6.00 per Scout. Please plan on attending the January and February Roundtables for more information and registration forms. Questions can be sent to Bruce Beety at [brbeety@ime.net](mailto:brbeety@ime.net) or call 642-2991.

## Cub Scout Leader Training

Some great new changes have occurred in Cub Scout Leader training this past Scouting year! We have introduced New Leader Essentials along with leader specific training, including a new Tiger Rank program. There will be two CLBT (Cub Scout Leader Basic Training) sessions and one WLOT (Webelos Leader Outdoor Training) available this spring. The first CLBT session will be broken out into two consecutive Thursday evenings on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> in Gray at the First Congregational Church on Route 115. The second CLBT session will be an all day program on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> in South Portland at the First Congregational Church at 301 Cottage Road. WLOT will be offered on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Casco Bay Spring Camporee at Camp Hinds.

New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection and Cub Scout Leader Specific training, must be taken by all adults involved with the Cub Scout Program within 6 months of becoming a registered Leader. This training is for all Leaders from Committee Members to Den Leaders to Cubmasters. Those WEBELOS Leaders who wish to take their WEBELOS Scouts camping must take WLOT.

Remember that training is an ongoing event and one of the best tools you can have in your possession. For continued training information, please attend your Roundtables. Trained Leaders equals a safe and quality run program! Please pre-register for training events to allow for us to be prepared to more properly serve you. Registration, along with more specific information, can be obtained by calling 797-5252.

For those who have web access, our training schedule is now available on the web at: [http://w3.ime.net/~brbeety/cub\\_training.htm](http://w3.ime.net/~brbeety/cub_training.htm)

## Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Activity Badges

This month's theme is "Our Native Peoples". The activity badges are Scholar/Engineer. You can obtain more information about these in the Scout Shop.

## Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting campaign is currently underway. Dennis Worster, the Family Friends of Scouting campaign Chairman, has put together a great team of volunteers. This is the single most important fund raising effort by the District. If your unit raises a minimum of \$500 you will receive a 15% kickback, which will go into your unit account, based on the total amount of money raised. Thank you for all your support with this important campaign. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please call Dennis Worster at 892-1126 or Jason Agren at 797-5252.

## Boy Scout Leader Training

Boy Scout Leader training dates have been set for the spring sessions. New Leader Essentials, required by all Boy Scout adult leader positions, and Troop Committee Challenge will be offered January 31, 2002 AND February 7, 2002 or March 9, 2002. The January 31 and February 7 training is a two part session, from 5:45 PM to 9:00 PM and will take place at Gray First Congregational Church on Route 115 behind McDonalds. The March 9 training, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, will take place at the South Portland First Congregational Church UCC on 301 Cottage Road, Meeting House Hill.

Cost for these trainings is \$7.00 pre-registered or \$9.00 walk-ins.

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training will be offered on February 16, 2002 or March 23, 2002 at R.J. Grondin & Sons at 11 Bartlett Rd. in the Gorham Industrial Park. The training will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and the cost will be \$7.00 pre-registered or \$9.00 walk-ins. This training is MANDATORY for all new Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.

If you have questions or need a registration form, please contact Bob Robinson at 878-6484 or [Rrobinson@DragonProducts.com](mailto:Rrobinson@DragonProducts.com).

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# Downeast District

## Spring Training Announced!

Does your unit have leaders who need to be trained? Downeast District is pleased to announce the second opportunity to receive the new training program. It is being offered to all Cub and Boy Scout Leaders as well as Venturing Leaders who need to take mandatory training to remain on the unit's charter. It will be held on April 13, 2002 at the Rockland Congregational Church on Limerock Street. **Pre-registration is required** and check-in will begin at 7:30 am. The training session will begin at 8:00 am sharp and walk-ins will be turned away. The cost of the training will be \$7.00 and can be paid at the door, but be sure to contact the proper Training Chairs to pre-register. This is a leader specific training and is critical that we know the name, unit, and position of all people attending so we may properly prepare for you. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters should come prepared with your Scoutmaster's Handbook and Venturing Leaders should bring their Venturing Leader Handbooks. All leaders need to contact the people below to pre-register:

- ❖ Cub Scout Leaders contact John Chonko at [johnc@clinic.net](mailto:johnc@clinic.net)
- ❖ Boy Scout Committee Members, Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters contact Lance Eschholz at [leschhol@ime.net](mailto:leschhol@ime.net)
- ❖ Venturing Leaders contact Sue Kennedy at [scouter@blazenetme.net](mailto:scouter@blazenetme.net)
- ❖ For more information regarding training, contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28.

## Downeast District Pinewood Derby

The district will be conducting a district wide Pinewood Derby on April 6, 2002. We are looking for a pack to host the derby. Any pack that is interested should contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252. The location for this event has not been set yet, but we would like all of the packs to start thinking about who will be representing their pack at the big race. The cost will be \$5.00 per racer and trophies will be given out to the top four finishers. Each pack can send the top four finishers and have an alternate for the district race. Rules are available for the district race and should be followed at the pack level so there will not be any discrepancies. Look for more information in the March issue, as well as a mailing to each of the units.

## Friends of Scouting

We are now in the beginning phases of the Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign. If your unit has not signed up for a presentation, please contact Rhonda Switzer or Jeremy Lucas at the Council Service Center. The Downeast District has a team of presenters that are willing to attend your Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby or Court of Honor. The presentations take only a few minutes and help support the Scouting program to the 17,000 youth of the Pine Tree Council. Last year the district averaged less than 6 cents per boy. It costs \$80.00 per boy to fund the Scouting program for a year. This year we set a goal of \$20.00 per boy, which would help the district achieve its Family goal of \$20,000. There are a few different ways that your unit can help support the scouting program. Your unit can hold a presentation, conduct a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to the district or incorporate the donation into the charter renewal fees. The Downeast District is looking forward to a successful campaign.



## Downeast District Top Seller

The Downeast District had a very successful Popcorn Campaign this year. We had over half of the units sell and even had some take advantage of the extended sale. The top seller for the district with \$1,158.00 was Ben Carlton of Pack 646 in Topsham. Ben and his family were present at the Pine Tree Council's Annual Business Meeting at the Ramada Inn where he was recognized as the Downeast District top seller. Ben received his \$100.00 L.L. Bean gift certificate in front of the Council Executive Board. Congratulations Ben! We look forward to next year.

## Cub Day Camp

It is the time of year to start promoting the Downeast District Day Camps to your Cub Scouts. They will be held at the Topsham and Union Fairgrounds. Day camp takes place during July when the rest of the scouting program takes a break. Encourage your scout(s) to attend day camp and take advantage of all the fun activities. At Day Camp, the boys participate in BB and archery shooting, as well as crafts, sports and games. The weeklong program costs \$75.00 per boy, with an early bird registration discount of \$5.00. If you would like to volunteer for the week, your son can attend camp for just the cost of his t-shirt and patch.

Look for more information in the April issue of *Pine Spills*.



## Training • Training • Training

### Commissioner College Announced

If you are currently serving in a commissioner position and have taken commissioner basic training, then this is your opportunity to receive some awesome supplemental training. The date is March 23 at Central Maine Technical College in Auburn. This will be a one-day training for only \$10.00! Our Deans for the College are Clint Staples, Bachelors program, Liz Jagger, Masters program, and Mel Montpelier, Doctorate program. If you have not received your registration packet, please call your District Commissioner or Bill Coffin, Council Commissioner at 784-9250.

### Winter Camp 2002

During the deep snows of February school vacation, 40 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2002, February 17-22.

Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older, and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Some of the merit badges being offered this year include Radio, Winter Sports, Computers, Citizenship in the World and Nation, Bugling, Woodworking, Auto Mechanics, Wilderness Survival and Graphic Arts.

Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in qunizees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$175 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 40 Scouts who sign up. To register, contact Mary, the Pine Tree Council camping secretary at 797-5252.

Mark your calendars for Winter Camp. It's a great way to spend school vacation!

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### Pine Tree Council Pinewood Derby

**Gentlemen, start your engines.** As in the last two years, there will be a council wide Pinewood Derby race in May. The tentative race date and location is Saturday, May 18, 2002 in the Lewiston/Auburn area. Pack 355 of Sanford is running the race for the council. The rules for the council race were given to leaders at the District January Roundtables.

For details, contact Lou Young at 324-9297 or Frank Gilcreast at the PTC office, 797-5252, ext. 24.

## Camp Hinds 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Camp Hinds 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Adams Scout History Museum

We are pleased to recognize **Bill and Elizabeth Adams**, long time supporters of Camp Hinds and the Pine Tree Council, with the new **Adams Scout History Museum at Camp Hinds**. The Adams Scout History Museum will be located in the center room of the Rec Hall at Camp Hinds and will feature Camp Hind's memorabilia from the past 75 years.

Bill Adams, now retired, worked as an architectural engineer and served many years on the Pine Tree Council Property Committee. A major force behind many of the buildings and projects at Camp Hinds, Bill helped design and draw up the plans for the restructuring of the Rec Hall, the Konecki Health Lodge, the dining hall addition, the remodeling of the Training Center kitchen and the plumbing plans for the new shower houses.

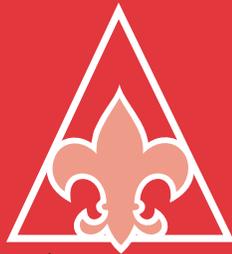
The Adams family has been a long time financial supporter of camp and the major donor of funds for the Hinds COPE course and the new Training Center kitchen. Bill also helped secure other donations for the Training Center kitchen.

The Adams Scout History Museum will feature 75 years at Camp Hinds. On display will be a collection of camp patches, t-shirts, hats, mugs as well as stories and photographs of camp. It is fitting that the museum will be located in the Rec Hall as that building was there when camp opened in 1927. The building was a large one-room structure with a stage at one end.

In the 1960s, when the building was found to have major structural problems and rotten sills, camp volunteers were called upon to fix the problems. Bill Adams designed a system to reinforce the structure of the roof and carrying beams in the building. Walls were added to create the camp office and trading post and volunteers laid down the hardwood flooring that was left over from the donated wood for the Training Center.

Camp Hinds and Pine Tree Council are pleased to recognize the Adams family for their contributions to camp and for the special memories that their gifts have provided to the Scouts who have attended Camp Hinds.

We are looking for scout memorabilia to add to the museum. If you have photographs that could be copied, special camp memories or camp articles that you are willing to have displayed in the museum, please contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5770.



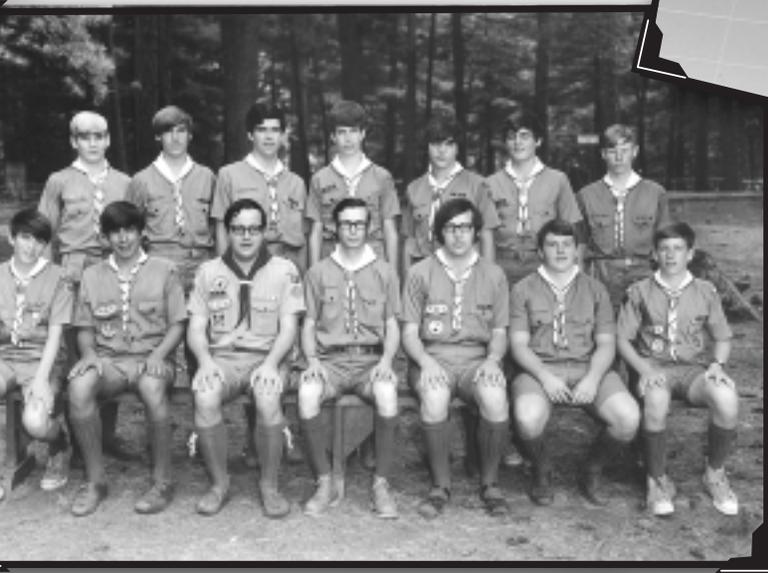
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# Pine Tree Bulletin Board

## Meet The Pine Tree Council Staff

This section in the Pine Spills gives Scouting members a chance to meet Pine Tree Council staff members and learn a little bit about them.

### This month features....

#### Jean Roes Scout Reach Executive

*How long have you worked at the Pine Tree Council?*

8 Months

*What is your favorite movie?*

Remember the Titans

*What type of work did you do before you worked for the Council?*

I was a Residential Counselor for adults with Dual Diagnosis.

*What is your favorite book?*

Eye of the World Series by Robert Jordan.

*What are some of your hobbies?*

Reading, riding snowmobiles, lifting, and flag football.

*What is the most interesting thing you have learned about Scouting?*

Scouting is a great resource for at-risk youth and can be a tremendous program to help them develop into strong adult leaders.



## Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2002. The Boy Scouts of America has designated Scout Sunday as the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. If this date is not viable, it is permissible for a Chartered Organization to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the Pastor and Congregation.



The following are some recommendations for a Scout Sunday Worship Service. When planning a worship service for Scout Sunday, strive to involve Scouts who are church members. Youth members should be used to sing, usher, greet, pray, and read. Occasionally a youth is allowed to prepare the sermon for the service.

At the very least, have the worship committee and the pastor select a date and announce that all members involved in Scouting should wear their uniforms. In turn, each member should be recognized for leadership to others.

Most Churches plan worship services in advance, so requesting consideration for a Scout Sunday observance ahead of time might be more successful.

## The Turtle Speaks

### News from Madockawanda Lodge 271

- ➡ As we approach February, please note the following two important membership functions in Madockawanda Lodge:
- ➡ First of all, if you haven't paid your **2002 Dues**, they are now overdue! Please visit our website at [www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html) and download the dues coupon, and get this in! We need your support!
- ➡ Second, **Unit Elections and Troop Visitations** by our various Lodge and Chapter election teams begin February 1<sup>st</sup> and run through April 30, 2002. If you haven't already scheduled this OA visit, please do so as soon as possible. Again, contacts for each chapter are available on our web site.
- ➡ 32 members of the Lodge met all the requirements and were able to earn the new **Arrowman Service Award** during 2001! This was the first year of a three-year window where active members of the lodge can earn this award, as well as annual updates. Requirements

- include service in chapter of lodge officer positions, or involvement on a unit election team, as well as participation in a lodge or chapter service project, or serving as an elangomat at an Ordeal. Similar to the universal arrow ribbon worn on the chest pocket, this award is a white ribbon with a red arrowhead with a compass rose superimposed on the arrowhead. A wallet size certificate is issued with each award, and all 32 brothers have or will be receiving their award shortly. Get involved, and you can earn the ASA in 2002!
- ➡ The Lodge will again be sending a full contingent of 18 brothers to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This year's NOAC will be held from July 27 through Thursday, August 1, 2002 on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington. Approximately 7,000 Arrowmen are expected to attend or staff the Conference. This is the eighth time that IU has hosted the conference, and our contingent will be meeting soon to develop travel plans for this great event.



# K-Valley District

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## Unit Inventory

A Special thanks goes out to E-Pro of Augusta, for letting K-Valley volunteers use their facilities and phone lines to conduct the district's annual unit inventory. A thank you also goes out the unit leaders for giving up their Sunday afternoon to assist with the inventory. Thanks to the following volunteers for assisting with the inventory; Bill Vogt, Charlene Spears, Lynn Corson, Paul Hallee, Joe Levasseur, Ken Flagg, Marlene Brooks and Jim Medeiros.

## Woodbadge

Woodbadge is Scouting's premier training course, sometimes



called the PHD of Scouting. But, Woodbadge is more than just mechanical course work; it is the embodiment of the Scouting Spirit. Congratulations to the following K-Valley volunteers for completing Wood Badge Course NE-1-201; Lynn Corson, Steve Craig, Donald Demers, Judith Andrews, Paul Dunbar, Peter Nadeau, Maureen Smith, Ronald Emery, Charlene Spears, Cynthia Davis, Ken Flagg, Paul Hallee and Philip Libby. Each can now proudly wear the Gilwell neckerchief, woggle and beads of Woodbadge Trained Leaders.

## K-Valley Scout Web Site

The next time you get on the internet, be sure to check out the "Kennebec Valley District" website ([www.kv-scouts.org](http://www.kv-scouts.org)). You can get a complete listing of Unit Commissioners and the units for which they provide assistance. There is also information on the District Staff as well as District News, Bomazeen Oldtimers, other Scout unit websites and a library, which contains forms and publications, many of which can be downloaded.

## Friends of Scouting

The FOS Family Campaign for this year is well underway with many units having already had or scheduled a presentation. This is the single most important fund raising event for the District. The F.O.S. team is in place and ready to go, we will be conducting presentations in February. If you would like to help with presentations, for the F.O.S. campaign, or if you have any ideas for fundraising, please call Nate Bailey at 797-5252.

## Re-Chartering

District Re-chartering is now in full swing. This is one of the most important duties of adult leaders. Charter clinics will be held one hour prior to the start of Roundtables in Waterville and Strong in both February and March. If you are having difficulty with your Charter, please contact your Unit Commissioner. K-Valley is pushing for 100% on time re-chartering.

## Roundtables

The District Roundtables held in Waterville and Strong are important District events. Information concerning District activities is presented, as well as a program devoted to helping adult leaders deliver a quality program to the Scouts of K-Valley. It is also a great way to meet and talk with experienced adult Scouters. A typical Roundtable has well over a thousand years of Scouting experience represented. Please insure your unit is represented at Roundtable.

## The Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby will be held on March 2, 2002 at China Middle School from 9AM to 3PM. Pre-registration (\$5.00 per scout-includes patch), must be in by February 13, 2002. Activities will be for all Tigers, Cubs, WEBELOS and Scouts. Those who do not pre-register will be welcomed, but may have to pay an increased entry fee and may not receive patches.

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### Good Turn at Ledgewood

Through the hard work of Pack and Troop 307 in Saco, the Ledgewood Terrace Community Christmas tree was decorated for the holidays. The boys enjoyed a wonderful pizza party dinner and then proceeded to donate their time to the center preparing for Christmas. All who participated had a good time, and the center looked great after all the dust and tinsel settled.

### Cathedral Pack Light Up the Holidays

A HUGE thanks goes out to all of the parents for the children in Pack 937 at Cathedral School. They put on a wonderful Christmas Party for the Cub Scouts - and all enjoyed themselves. The youngsters also went on to make beeswax candles as gifts for their families. Thank you to all for your help and support in this wonderful event.

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# York District



## Friends of Scouting

The time has arrived for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. In 2001, a 15% rebate incentive program was introduced to encourage units to do Family Presentations. If your unit has pledged and paid a minimum of \$500.00 into the PTC office by Saturday, May 18, 2002, your unit will receive a 15% rebate in your PTC unit account. Last year, nearly \$2,400.00 was rebated back to York District units. If you know of any organizations or foundations that would like to support the PTC through the FOS program, it can be used towards your unit's FOS donation. If you have not scheduled your unit's Family presentation, or helped give a presentation for a unit, please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

## Attention All Cub Scout Packs

As it has been in the past, all packs re-charter in March. The pack charters have been given out to the commissioners and you will be contacted to set a date to fill out the Charter. We run the re-charter this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and so that we do not lose track of any of the charters. Please work with the Commissioner so we can raise our Quality Unit percentage to 90%+. If you have any questions about your charter, please call Clint Staples at 636-1597.

## Klondike Derby 2002

Mark Saturday, February 2, 2002 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby. The Klondike Derby will be held at the Exit 4 Business Park in Biddeford and start at approximately 8:00AM. This year, Dave Wade and his crew have set up a program completely different from years before and he promises that it will test the skills of the scouts of York District. For any last minute information, please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937.

## Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Webelos Activity Badges

The month's theme for February is "Our Native Peoples". The Webelos activity badges are Scholar and Engineer. You can obtain more information about these in the Scout Shop.

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Who is Responsible for Them?

Since becoming the District Executive for York District, I have had the pleasure of attending a few Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremonies. Recently, someone asked me who is responsible for the Eagle Scout Ceremony. Is it the Eagle Scout's family, the Scout's Troop or is it a combination of both?

The answer depends on the policies determined by the troop committee. Ideally, the ceremony should be developed by the troop committee, Eagle Scout's family and of course the Eagle Scout himself. The Eagle Scout Ceremony can be as simple as the awarding of the Eagle Scout Award at a Troop Court of Honor or at a separate ceremony, which may include a dinner. Of course, if the parties involved choose to include a dinner, they must determine who should prepare and pay for the dinner for the ceremony.

An important point to remember is that very few young men achieve the Eagle Scout Rank and, in many cases, this is the first significant achievement a young man attains in his life. The Eagle Scout Rank has also been a combined effort of the Eagle Scout, his parents, the troop volunteers and the scouts of the troop. The ceremony should reflect the combined effort that goes into attaining the award. The more people involved in the ceremony, the more special the ceremony becomes. These special events may encourage younger scouts to work hard and strive to be an Eagle Scout. Resources for Eagle Scout ceremonies are as close as a click of the computer mouse button. Visit the York District website at [www.cybertours.com/cubscouts](http://www.cybertours.com/cubscouts) and go to Scouter Links. This can open a door for Eagle Scout and other ceremonies. Also, contact the York District Advancement Committee; they may have other resources that can help you prepare for an Eagle Scout ceremony to be remembered.

## York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2002

July 8-12 and 15-19, 2002 are the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton

This year's theme is **CUB SCOUT CIRCUS**. The cost for Day Camp has increased to \$70 per week if paid before 6/1/02 and \$75 if paid after 6/1/02. Please register before 6/1 to allow proper planning time of equipment required and volunteers for the program. Volunteers do not have to be current leaders. Parents are also welcome to participate as Day Camp leaders. For more information, please contact Dorrie Whittier at 324-8860 or [mdwhitt@psouth.net](mailto:mdwhitt@psouth.net) or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or [fgilcrea@bsaemail.org](mailto:fgilcrea@bsaemail.org).

## Welcome Explorer Post 801

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Boothbay Harbor Explorer Post 801. Explorer Post 801 began on Thursday, December 6, 2001. Sixteen youth signed up to become members of this newly formed post. The Post Advisor is Chief of Police Stephen Clark. We, at the Council, look forward to supporting you.

## Formation of the Explorer Officers' Association

On January, 26, 2002, the Explorer Officers' Association was formed. Elections were held and youth officers were appointed. In a future article, the names of these officers will be announced.

## Purpose of the Explorer Officers' Association (EOA)

The basic purposes of the Explorer Officers' Association are as follows:

- To provide each officer additional leadership training and program ideas so that he or she can be a more effective post or ship leader.
- To support the planning and promotion of activities and conferences that allow all Explorers in the council to share ideas, plan council-wide activities, and improve their post or ship program.
- To give Explorers a representative voice in the program and policies of Exploring, sharing leadership responsibilities with adult advisors.
- To provide program assistance and counsel to posts and ships needing help.

## 2002 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Explorer Academy will be conducted the week of June 24 through 28 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. Detective Michael Middaugh of the Knox County Sheriff's Department and Officer Jeff Shisler of the Eliot Police Department guarantee an excellent program with an abundance of "hands-on" activities. This year's academy will run for an entire week. It also promises to be even "tougher" than last year (just in case you may have wondered). We look forward to the excellent leadership from last years' cadre staff. We, in Exploring, express our gratitude to those law enforcement agencies that "loan" us their talent during this week.

## NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

We would like to hear more from our Posts. What have you been up to lately? What community events/projects have you been involved in? What new

ideas do you have to share with other posts? What type of fundraising events are you involved in? We are anxious to hear! The Fax number at Pine Tree Council is: 797-7183. Our telephone number is: 797-5770. Posts would love to hear about your events and programming. Please, submit your articles to Kathryn Moorehead or Michael Dyer so that we can share it with all members of the Exploring Community.

## Law Enforcement And Fire Exploring Posters

Some of you have received the new 22" x 34" posters. How do you like them? Do you need more? If so, contact your district executive for additional posters. If we run out, we will order more. These should be great membership-building tools and should be posted in places where youth gather such as schools, YMCA/YWCA, recreational facilities, churches, etc.

## Exploring Expansion

Help us expand the Exploring Program to other career fields. Exploring is for all occupations. We'd love to see Skilled Trades, Healthcare, Business, Law & Government, Aviation, Science and High Technology Explorer Posts. Another idea is a Website Development Post. If you know of a group of youth interested in pursuing careers in these fields and would be interested in the creation of an Exploring Post, please let us know.

## 2002 All Nighter at Togus

A reminder that the 2002 All Nighter will be held on March 2 beginning at 4 pm. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

## 2002 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

The 2002 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference will be held July 8 to July 13 on the Northern Arizona University campus. The program will include several days of exciting team competitions, individual events, seminars and exhibits. View the conference guidebook on the Web at [www.learning-for-life.org](http://www.learning-for-life.org).

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**See Scoutreach on page 11.**



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Plans are under way for the best Cub Scout camping season in Pine Tree Council yet! Cub Scouts can attend day camps; FunPack weekends with Mom & Dad, and Webelos have a special 1/2 week or full week program just for them at Camp Bomazeen. This summer's camp theme will revolve around the Circus and "Under the Big Top."

Watch your mail for the summer camp flyers, which are being mailed in February directly to all registered Cub Scouts and Cub Leaders.



## Camp Hinds Campmasters Needed

Bob Gosselin, Council Property Superintendent, is looking for more volunteer Campmasters to serve at Camp Hinds. Campmasters are weekend rangers who are responsible for checking units in and out of camp during off-season use. Campmasters arrive at camp on Friday evening and are usually finished by noon on Sunday. The campmaster season runs from November through May.

Campmasters stay in the first floor Campmaster Room at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. The Campmaster Room is equipped with a bunk bed, TV, and small refrigerator. Meals can be prepared in the Training Center kitchen.

This can be a great weekend get-a-way for those who love camp. Bring your spouse and enjoy some quiet time! Contact Ranger Bob at 655-4878 for more information.

## February 2002 Event Registration Form

*Note: If you don't want to cut out this registration form, you can make a photocopy.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Post# \_\_\_\_\_ Crew # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed

Credit Card (complete box at right)

### Event Registration

PORTLAND PIRATES SCOUT DAYS (FOR DETAILS, SEE PAGE 4.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002

\_\_\_\_\_ # Youth\* @ \$6ea \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults @ \$7ea = Total \_\_\_\_\_

\*Youth = under 18

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2002

\_\_\_\_\_ # Youth\* @ \$6ea \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults @ \$7ea = Total \_\_\_\_\_

\*Youth = under 18

**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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# February 2002

## February 2002 Calendar

**Sunday**   **Monday**   **Tuesday**   **Wednesday**   **Thursday**   **Friday**   **Saturday**

						OKPIK Week 5 Feb 1-3	
Scouting Anniversary begins 3 Scout Sunday	4	5	6	7	FOS Kickoff OA Elections 1	8	2
						OKPIK Week 6 Feb 8-10	9 Scouting Sabbath
10	11	12	13	14		OKPIK Week 7 Feb 15-17	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28			

- Council Calendar**
- 1 FOS Kickoff
  - OA Unit Elections
  - 1-3 OKPIK Week 5
  - 3 Scouting Anniversary begins
  - Scout Sunday
  - Scouting Anniversary Day
  - 8-10 OKPIK Week 6
  - 9 Scouting Anniversary week ends
  - Scout Sabbath
  - 15-17 OKPIK Week 7
  - 17-22 Winter Camp
  - 18 Council Office Closed
  - Scout Shop Open
  - 19 Council Outdoor Program Committee Meeting
  - 20 Council Commissioners' Meeting
  - 21 Executive Board Meeting
  - FOS 1st report
- Abnaki**
- 5 District Committee Meeting
  - 9-10 Klondike Derby
  - 13 District Commissioner Meeting Roundtable
- Casco Bay**
- 6 District Commissioner Meeting
  - Roundtable/OA
  - 9 Klondike Derby
  - 13 District Committee Meeting
- Downeast**
- 2 Klondike Derby
  - 6 District Committee Meeting
  - 3 Roundtable/OA
  - 21 Eagle Board Review
- K-Valley**
- 6 District Committee Meeting/ District Commissioner Meeting
  - 13 Roundtable/Waterville OAWaterville
  - 26 Roundtable/Strong OA-Strong
- York**
- 2 Klondike Derby
  - 6 District Commissioner Meeting
  - 7 York District Roundtable/OA Meeting
  - 14 York District Committee Meeting
  - 15 Storm Date for Klondike Derby

# *New for You!*

## WOLF CUB SCOUTS



New yellow neckerchief and low-profile cap with the Wolf rank logo!

## BEAR CUB SCOUTS



New blue neckerchief and low-profile cap with the Bear rank logo!

## WEBELOS SCOUTS



New low-profile, olive cap with plaid front sports the new oval Webelos badge!



New Webelos Oval Shaped Badge

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