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Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner and Gathering of Eagles April 25, 2003, 7:00 P.M. Portland Elks Lodge

The Pine Tree Council will hold its Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner and Gathering of Eagles on Friday, April 25, 2003 at the Portland Elks Lodge #188 (across from the main entrance to the Portland Jetport) on Outer Congress Street.



We are pleased to announce that General Wallace H. Nutting, U.S.A. (Ret.) will be the keynote speaker at this year's Eagle Banquet honoring the class of 2002 Eagle Scouts. General Nutting is a Four-Star General with 40 years of service to the United States Army. He grew up in Saco, Maine and is a graduate of West Point. General Nutting is the District Chairman for the York District and is a Silver Beaver recipient. He is also the Chairman of the Board and faculty member for the Osher Life-

long Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine.

Paul McKenney, President of the Pine Tree Council's National Eagle Scout Association (NESA), will conduct an annual NESA meeting, prior to the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge. All NESA members, and Eagle Scouts are invited to attend.

Registration for the Recognition Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$14.00. There will be no cost for the 2002 Class of Eagle Scout's meal, thanks once again to the Portland Elks Lodge. To register for the gathering, please use the reservation form in the back of Pine Spills. Be sure to include your check with name, address, phone, year you earned your Eagle award, and guests names and mail to the Pine Tree Council, BSA at 125 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103. For more information, please contact the Pine Tree Council Office at 797-5252.

2003 Law Enforcement Academy

Please prepare your minds and bodies for this upcoming challenging and exciting event!



The Explorer Law Enforcement Academy provides youth with a week-long, hands-on experience in the career field of law enforcement. Young men and women, ages 14 through 20, learn the structure and discipline required for this career field. Activities include challenging (and fun) exercises in team-building, accountability, academics, physical fitness and decision-making.

As in past years, we look forward to a fulfilling experience for this year's participants. We especially appreciate the leadership provided by Detective Michael Middaugh, District Executive Committee Member and organizer of the Explorer Law Enforcement Academy.

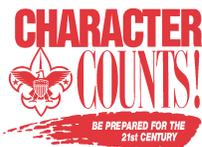
As soon as the date has been confirmed, we will notify all posts immediately.



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Scout Executive's Corner

Recently, the *Lewiston Sun Journal* published an article entitled "One nest, eight Eagles." This article highlights the sons and grandsons of Irving and Betty Grant, all eight who have earned the rank of Eagle (*Sun Journal*, February 18, 2003). What a great family story and what a great testimony to the potential in each young person to achieve great things in Scouting. Each Webelos Scout who earns the Arrow of Light and each young man who finally reaches the pinnacle of Scouting, earning the Eagle rank.

On April 25, our newest class of Eagle Scouts will gather together with family, friends, and fellow Scouters, to celebrate Scouting in the Pine Tree Council. This Eagle Banquet will be a great opportunity to showcase our brightest and best. Each one of these young men had the guidance and support of parents, unit leaders, and of course their Scoutmaster. So we also celebrate their achievement, for no one earns the rank of Eagle without help from others. In March of 1981, I was able to proudly accept the Eagle Medal as my mother pinned it on my uniform. That medal and those memories continue to remind me why I joined this noble profession and why we (unit leader, parent, board members and staff) can work together to do wonderful things in this great community. Thanks to each of you for your continued efforts this spring to prepare the way for the

young people of Maine. Your efforts will introduce young people to Scouting, prepare thousands for day camp and summer camp, and give that special youngster the chance to experience the great "school of the woods" called Scouting.



Over the next several months, as events unfold in the Middle East, and as the war on terror continues, let's work together to provide a safe and learning environment to those that have been entrusted to your care. Regardless of your opinion on military action, I am sure we can all agree that the young men and women gathering now by sea, on sand, far from home, deserve our support and prayers. Rest assured that among them are thousands who developed their love for country, belief in service, leadership and outdoor skills in a Scouting program somewhere in this country, many from right here in the Pine Tree Council. Thanks to leaders all across America and in Maine, we know that our service men and women are prepared for what faces them. Let's remember that the next time we stand with our Scouts and recite with them the Promise, Oath and Law. And, let's say a little prayer that they return to our great nation safe and sound.

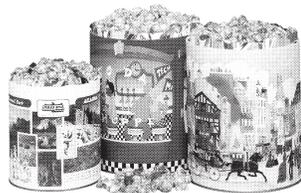
Advancement Paperwork

Did your unit recently change adult leadership positions? If you answered yes, the Pine Tree Council asks that all new leaders be well informed of procedures that need to be followed concerning paperwork. One of the biggest areas that every unit should look at is Advancement forms. All rank advancement paperwork must be submitted on an official advancement report form, which can be obtained from the Scout Shop. A copy can also be found on page 30 of the 2002-2003 Planning Calendar and many units use the Pack Master or Troop Master computer software which includes this information. Improper paperwork will cause orders to be delayed until these forms are completed. Thank you for your assistance and attention to this issue.



Plan Your '03-'04 Budget Now! Fund it with just one fundraiser! Trail's End Popcorn!

Troops and Packs find that it's no longer necessary to do multiple fund-raisers every year. Instead, they do one large fund-raiser using Trail's End Popcorn, and raise enough money to pay for an entire year of Scouting. You can, too!



First, plan your year. List all the activities you want to do. Then, write down the expenses you'll have, including advancements, program materials, camp leader training, registration, annual dinners, etc.

Use the Trail's End Web Page to help with your budget planning!!!

- 1: Go to trails-end.com
- 2: Click on Unit IYOS (Ideal Year Of Scouting)
- 3: Create your own log in name and password
- 4: Follow Directions on how to plan your Ideal Year Of Scouting

Next, set a goal!!!

Those who do the budget on the Trail's End system will have their goal calculated for them, and the amount each Scout needs to sell to reach that goal. The Trail's End System will also generate a calendar of events for the unit.

Attend Popcorn Training for your District.

Locations, dates, and times soon to be announced.
Motivate everyone to sell! (We'll tell you how at training.)
Then, have an Ideal Year in Scouting!

Questions???

- Abnaki District: Brian Randle 797-5252 ext. 33
 Casco Bay: Jonathan Widmark 797-5252 ext. 23
 Downeast: Jeremy Lucas 797-5252 ext. 28
 K-Valley: Matt Randall 797-5252 ext. 27
 York: Frank Gilcreast 797-5252 ext. 24

PTC Popcorn Campaign Administrator

Jason Agren 797-5252 ext. 21

Friends of Scouting

The 2003 Friends of Scouting Campaign is well underway. We want to remind everyone to help support the Scouting Program by making a contribution at your unit FOS presentation. The program is very affordable, but without donations the cost would make Scouting too expensive for every youth in your community. If your unit has not scheduled a presentation, please contact your District Executive at 797-5252. The presentation only takes ten minutes, and everyone should have the opportunity to contribute.



Don't forget the 15% incentive plan. If your unit raises over \$500 at a presentation and a minimum of \$500 is paid by May 16, your unit will receive 15% of the total returned to your unit Scout account at the Pine Tree Council Office to use for anything Scouting related. Keep Scouting affordable in your area by making a contribution.

Pine Tree Council Announces Automated Phone System

The Pine Tree Council has recently switched to an automated phone system. When you call in to the Council office, the receptionist will no longer answer the call. Instead, you will hear a message asking you to enter the extension of the person that you are trying to reach. Below is a listing of the employee extensions for your convenience. Please keep this handy.

JT Dabbs, III- Scout Executive	Ext. 20
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Cathy Gosselin- Camping & Program Administrator	Ext. 14
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Ernie Wallach- Scout Shop Retail Coordinator	Ext. 22
Joanne Wiley- Receptionist/Activities Assistant	Ext. 10
Laurine Coggins- Receptionist/Activities Assistant	Ext. 10
Kathy Higgins- Admin. Mail/Scout Shop Clerk	Ext. 12
Rhonda Switzer- Registrar	Ext. 15
Brian Randle- Abnaki District Executive	Ext. 33
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Jeremy Lucas- Downeast Senior District Executive	Ext. 28
Matt Randall- K-Valley District Executive	Ext. 27
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Abnaki District

Cub Scout Day Camp is Coming Soon

Ahoy Mates! Summer Day Camp will be the

first week in August at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. We are looking for volunteers to serve as Den Leaders. Please contact Tom Morris at 353-9416 if you are interested in helping as a Den Leader.

District Activities

The District Pinewood Derby Race will be held on Saturday, April 5. The top four finishers from each Pack should be ready to race that day. If one of the top four finishers cannot attend, please send an alternate in their place. Please check out the district website for more information and updates.

Abnaki District will hold its annual Tiger Day for Tiger Cub Scouts. This is a mini day camp, minus swimming. It is held at Camp Gustin in Sabattus, where we hold Day Camp each year. We are looking for a few Boy Scout Troops to help with a model campsite and other activities. Please contact Tom Morris at 353-9416 if your Troop can help. Also, check the district website for more information and updates.

The Spring Camporee is scheduled to take place the weekend of May 16-18, 2003 in Rumford this year. The theme for the event is First Aid and Rescue. There will be special demonstrations and many activities. Webelos are encouraged to observe the events on Saturday, May 17. Please check the district website for information and updates.

Ham Radio Course

There will be a Ham Radio Course offered to Scouts and Parents on April 7- May 12, six Monday evenings, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in Auburn, Maine. The location was not available at time of print. By completing this course, you can earn your radio merit badge and get your Ham Radio license. Cost is \$115 per family, which includes books and materials. For more information and location information, please contact Ray Sirois at 583-4803 or e-mail at ray@sirois.com.

Friends of Scouting

We have started our Friends of Scouting Unit Presentations and we need your help to get us to our \$9,000.00 goal. Please schedule a Unit Presentation with Ray Begin at 784-3301 or Brian Randle at 797-5252 ext. 33 so that we may

reach our goal. A local Friends of Scouting campaign is the primary way families can help support the Boy Scouts of America. We appreciate the support of the units that have been able to schedule presentations this year. Thank you for your time and contributions to Scouting.



Oxford Plains Speedway "Days at the Races"

We are pleased to announce the 2003 "Days at the Races" at Oxford Plains Speedway. Due to an overwhelming response to the WWE Monster Truck event last



year, we have arranged for not one, but two monster truck events and a thrill show! The dates are as follows: May 18 – WWE Monster Trucks, July 27— Sport Trucks and Tim Chitwood Thrill Show, and August 24 – Dodge Monster Trucks. Tickets are \$4.00 for ages 6-12 and \$8.00 for ages 13 and older. Please use the registration form on page 15 or visit the Abnaki District website to download a registration form.

Spring Recruitment

Any unit that wishes to do spring recruiting needs to contact Brian Randle to get flyers made. The information that you need for the flyers is time, date, location, contact person and their telephone number. This is a great way to introduce Scouting to the boys that have busy fall schedules.

Training

The Abnaki District will offer Basic Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Challenge on Saturday, June 7, 2003 beginning at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The Training will be held at the High Street Congregational Church in Auburn. The registration cost is \$7.00. Please contact David Darling at wenzel@midmaine.com or Brian Randle at 797-5252 ext. 33 or brandle@bsamail.org to register. All registration must be completed two weeks prior to the training session.



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Due to Youth Protection Laws we are unable to publish this photo on the website. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Pinewood Derby

Casco Bay Pinewood Derby will be Saturday, April 5, at the Jordan Small Middle School on Route 85 in Raymond. Check-in for the event is from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. Be sure to register the **five top racers** from your Pack before the event. All racers must follow the Casco Bay District Derby rules as outlined in the rules packet. For more information or to obtain a registration form or rules packet, please contact Bruce Beety at 642-2991 or e-mail at brbeety@prexar.com.

Spring Camporee

The Casco Bay Spring Camporee will be held on the weekend of May 16–18 at the Fryeburg Fairground. The Theme for the Camporee is Pioneer Camping. The pre-registration date for the Camporee is May 2. There will be a \$10.00 flat rate late fee charge for any unit that does not register before the May 2 deadline. If you sign up before the May 2 deadline and need to add additional Scouts to your registration, you will NOT pay a late fee charge. For more information or questions, please call Bruce Beety at 642-2991 or e-mail at brbeety@prexar.com.

Friends of Scouting

The Casco Bay Friends of Scouting campaign is half-way completed. Dennis Worster, this year's Chairman, and his team are doing a great job. At the time of print, the Family Friends of Scouting campaign had raised \$16,910 or 42% of the \$40,000 goal. Last year, the Packs, Troops, and Crews of the Casco Bay District showed tremendous support and helped us exceed our goal. We are seeing the same great support this year and want to thank everyone for their help. The Friends of Scouting campaign helps to ensure that the Scouting program and support stays strong in all our communities. If you have not set a date for a presentation, please contact Dennis Worster at 892-1126.

Den Chief Training

Casco Bay Den Chief Training will be held on Saturday, April 12, at the Windham LDS Church on the River Road. Den Chief Training is intended for Boy Scouts who want to work with Cub Scout Packs and Dens. This is a good way for younger Scouts to develop leadership skills. For more questions or a registration form, please contact Jon Patten at 775-4650 or e-mail at jpatten1@maine.rr.com.

Pinewood Derby racers from Pack 85 get a close-up view of Tim Plumer's Mini-cup Race Car during the Pack's Pinewood Derby held on Saturday, March 8.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp is almost here. This year's theme is "Sea Adventures – Pirates Island." Casco Bay District will offer two weeks of Day Camp:

- Week 1 at Ingallsides Campground, July 21-25
- Week 2 at Camp Hinds, August 4-8.

Missy Bell and Tracy Murphy are the Directors for the week at Ingallsides, and Sherry Robinson and Mary Trott will direct the week at Camp Hinds. Both camps need volunteer staff to help out, so if you are interested in helping out, call Sherry Robinson at 878-6484 and Missy Bell at 839-8421. Remember, if you volunteer, it will only cost \$10.00 for your child to register and Tot Lot is FREE.

Spring Recruitment

It is the goal of the Casco Bay District membership team to provide the opportunity for every youth in every community, the opportunity to join Scouting. Many times a youth will not join Scouting because he or his parents are not aware of the opportunity. Recruiting Scouts is a year-round process. Spring recruiting is a great way to recruit youth to your unit and allow them the opportunity to attend Cub Scout or Boy Scout camp. Flyers to help with your recruitment are available to any unit that is interested. If you have any questions or need any additional ideas, please contact Tom Guertin, Casco Bay District Membership Chairman, at 854-2619 or e-mail at tguertin1@yahoo.com.

Casco Bay Activities

If you have any questions or ideas about all of the activities that are going on in the Casco Bay District, we would love to hear from you. Please visit our activities Web site @ <http://w3.ime.net/~brbeety/>. Questions may be e-mailed to brbeety@prexar.com

Yours in Scouting, Bruce and Sherry

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Downeast District

Spring Camporee — Get Ready!

- Who:** All Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews in Downeast District
- What:** Two Night Fun-filled Camporee
- Where:** Meadowbrook Campground, 33 Meadowbrook Road, Phippsburg
- When:** May 16-18, 2003
- Why:** We need to get outdoors to have fun and be challenged!
- How:** See flyer (already mailed to SPLs, Chairmen, and Scoutmasters)
- Cost:** \$6 per participant.

If your troop does not have a flyer or would like more flyers, contact Sue Kennedy 798-7920 or scouter@blazenetme.net. Pre-registration is GREATLY appreciated.

District Scouter Dinner

The Downeast District will be holding our annual Recognition Dinner on April 26 at 5:30pm at St. Philip's Church Fellowship Hall, Hodge Street, Wiscasset. Pre-registration is by April 17. Business Attire or Scouter Uniform.

We had such a good time last year for the Scouter Dinner, we thought we'd do it again! We hope you will join us for this FUN evening of laughter and Scouting. The district dinner is for YOU, the registered Scouter in your unit and your spouse or a friend.

This year's District Scouter Dinner carries over the winning combination of last year. A modest fee of \$5 and a covered casserole or salad gets you in the door for an evening of camaraderie and fun. The dinner committee will provide soft drinks, coffee, tea, rolls/butter, and dessert. The ovens will be "on" and ready to keep your casserole hot and the refrigerators will store your salad until serving time. Bring every Scouter from your unit to have fun and meet other Scouters from the district.

Scouter Dinner Registration

Please make your check payable to Pine Tree Council.

Unit # _____ Name _____

Please reserve _____ seats for us at the Scouter Dinner at \$5 per person.

Please reply before April 17 to Gloria Boogusch,
PO Box 123, Bristol ME 04539-0123
FMI, Sue Kennedy, 798-7920,
or email: scouter@blazenetme.net

Cub Spring Rally

Saturday, June 7, 2003, Topsham Fairgrounds

Registration will begin at 4:15pm. We will celebrate Cub Scouting with a Rally for parents and Cubs. Games, crafts and a campfire with songs, skits, and stunts! Bring a picnic dinner for the two of you. Meet other cubs and parents. Have Fun! Call Activities Chair, Sue Kennedy for more information, 798-7920, scouter@blazenetme.net.

Program Planning Meeting

Special for SPLs and ASPLs - Jeremy Lucas, District Executive and Sue Kennedy, Activities Chairman invites all YOU to a special program planning meeting, Sunday April 6 at 4 p.m. at the Bath Savings Institution Conference Room, Church Road, Damariscotta.

We want YOUR input on district activities for Boy Scouts. What's good and what could be changed? Do you like Klondike Derbies? Do you want to participate in a Scout Show next year? Join us for an ideas session and PIZZA! Call Sue Kennedy at 798-7920 to RSVP or by e-mail at scouter@blazenetme.net

Day Camp Staff Needed

The Downeast District is looking for people to work on staff for each of the two District Day Camps that are offered. We are looking to fill such positions as Crafts Director, Archery and BB Directors, Sports and Nature Directors, as well as individuals that might be available to offer assistance in any of these areas. There are great benefits to working on staff. Your son will be able to attend the week of Day Camp for only \$10 and you will be delivering a meaningful program to about 100 - 125 Cub Scouts. The Union Day Camp will be held at the Union Fairgrounds during the week of July 14-18 with the Topsham Day Camp, July 7-11 at the Topsham Fairgrounds. Anyone interested in working on staff should contact Cathy Gosselin or Jeremy Lucas for an application at the Council Service Center.

Downeast Pinewood Derby

The Downeast District Pinewood Derby is being held on April 5, 2003. It will take place at the Union Elementary School. Rules for the derby have been distributed at several Roundtables for use in your Pack's derby. These same rules will apply. The cost for the derby will be \$5.00 per racer. The District Derby will take the top racers from each Pack in both the Cub and Tiger Division. Once again, there will be honors for the "Best of Show" for each of the respective classifications. Event flyers have been mailed to all Cubmasters and Committee Chairs. If you have not received one, call Sue Kennedy at 798-7920. For specific information regarding the derby, contact Richard Fortuna at 785-5669.



Help Wanted

Summer Camp Staff Opportunities

Camp Hinds and Bomazeen are currently hiring camp staff to work for the summer season. What a great way to earn money, gain valuable work experience, meet new people and live at camp all summer long. Positions are available for adults and youth (16 years and older) at both camps. Interested personnel should complete a staff application, available on our web site www.pinetreebsa.org or at Pine Tree Council.

Pine Tree Council welcomes back Matt Randall and Anne Reed as Camp Hinds Director and Program Director, Paul Fisher as the Bomazeen Base Director and Adrian Caron as Program Director at Bomazeen. These folks are hard at work to make sure our Scouts have the best summer camp experience possible and would love to have you join their teams!

Cub Scout Camp Staff Needed!

Scouters – are you looking for a part time job this summer! We are currently interviewing for two FunPack Weekend Coordinators, one for Hinds and one at Bomazeen, to help coordinate and oversee FunPacks. These paid positions are from Friday night through Sunday noon for five weekends. Training is available. Contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 ext. 14 for more information!

Scoutreach Program Specialist

The Pine Tree Council is looking for part-time program specialists to work and deliver a positive program to youth in the Scoutreach division. Position would work 15 to 20 hours per week in the Portland area with some work in Old Orchard Beach and Saco area. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.

Job Responsibilities:

- Attend summer camps
- Provide and recruit leadership
- Develop activity program for Scoutreach youth
- Attend weekly meetings
- Coordinate adult training
- Work with parents

Send resume to: Duane Havard
Pine Tree Council
125 Auburn Street
Portland, ME 04103

For information, contact Duane at dhavard@bsamail.org or 797-5252 ext. 25

Turtle Treks

News from Madockawanda Lodge 271

- ➡ If you haven't already scheduled your troop visitation and OA election for the 2003 year, remember the deadline for hosting elections and lodge visitation is April 30, 2003. All members should encourage their troop leadership to get this scheduled for the Spring! For more information, please contact your chapter advisers. A list of their emails can be found on the Lodge Website: www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge. You can even sign up to be on the lodge's special email list, which will keep you up-to-date on all activities of our Order. Just register at our website!
- ➡ On March 22, 2003, the Lodge will host its annual Ordeal Planning Conference which will set the projects and schedules for the 2003 Spring Ordeals. By the way, Spring Ordeal weekends for 2003 will be May 30 through June 1 at Camp Hinds in Raymond, and June 13 through June 15 at Camp Bomazeen!
- ➡ On June 6 through 8, our Section will hold its annual Conclave weekend at Camp Roosevelt in East Eddington, Maine. Hosted by Pamola Lodge and Katahdin Area Council, over 250 brothers are expected to attend. Watch for more news in the March/April issue of *Turtle Soup* and for the special flyer which will be mailed later this spring.
- ➡ And finally, if you know of a brother who hasn't yet paid his 2003 dues, please encourage them to register. Membership has its privileges, including mailings of the lodge newsletter, *Turtle Soup*, and regular updates on special Lodge, Section, and Ordeal happenings. It's the single most important thing you can do as a member of the Order!

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Jr. Maine Ranger - 12
Aquatics Week - 13
Mountain Man - 13
Sea Kayaking Trek - 14
SCUBA - 14

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7/6 - 7/11 WEEK 1
Be a First Class - 11 (age requirement)
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BSA Lifeguard - 14
Fishing Trek- 12
Mountain Man - 13
Sea Kayaking Trek* - 14
CIT Session (3 week program)

7/20- 7/25 WEEK 3

Be a First Class - 11
Jr. Maine Ranger - 12
Aquatics Week - 13
SCUBA* - 14
Canoe / Whitewater Rafting Trek - 14
Survivor Island Week - 14



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Trail to Eagle

7/6 - 7/11 WEEK 2
Troop & Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard
CIT Session (3 week program)

7/27 - 8/1 WEEK 5
Troop & Provisional Camping
8/3 - 8/8 WEEK 6
Troop & Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard

7/13 - 7/18 WEEK 3
Troop & Provisional Camping

8/10 - 8/15 WEEK 7
Troop & Provisional Camping
Trail to Eagle

7/20 - 7/25 WEEK 4
Troop & Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard

Woodworkers needed for Day Camp!

York Day Camp is looking for volunteers to help pre-cut lumber to be used for craft projects by Cub Scouts at Day Camp!

We also need leather, dowels, and scrap lumber! If you can help, please contact Laurie Webb, Day Camp Program Director at 477-0308 or by email at bbps@south.net. Thanks for your help!!

"AHOY MATES ~

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scout program all summer long? Then join me at summer camp!"



The summer camp theme is "Sea Adventures - Pirates Island!" Our programs will use this fun filled theme to bring Cub Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

We offer four exciting programs for you and your Cub to enjoy!

Local Day Camps, FunPack Weekends, Webelos Resident Camp **and new this year, Family Camp!**

Sign up forms for all camp programs were in the Cub Camping Brochures mailed out in January or are available on our web site www.pinetreetsa.org or at Pine Tree Council.

2003 Day Camp Dates

District & Location	Dates
Abnaki - Camp Gustin, Sabattus	Aug 4 - Aug 8
Casco Bay - Camp Hinds, Raymond	Aug 4 - Aug 8
Casco Bay - Ingalsides Rec, Scar.	July 21 - July 25
Downeast - Topsham Fairgrounds	July 7 - July 11
Downeast - Union Fairgrounds	July 14 - July 18
K Valley - Camp KV, Readfield	Aug 4 - Aug 8
York - Camp Nutter, Acton	July 7 - July 11
York - Camp Nutter, Acton	July 14 - July 18

Family Camp 2003 at Bomazeen Adventure Base

Yes, Reserve our spot and send me more information!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (D) _____ (N) _____

_____ # of people Attending Family Camp

A Family Camp Guide with information on arrival time, what to bring, activity schedule and more will be sent to families once spot is reserved!

Cost: \$195 for a family (up to 4 people)
\$20 per additional family member!

Please mail this form with \$50.00 deposit to:
Pine Tree Council, BSA,
125 Auburn St., Portland, ME 04103

Pine Tree Council Summer Camp



Funpack Weekends

A Great Pack Activity!

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

2003 Funpacks start July 12 & 13 and run through August 9 & 10 at both Camp Hinds in Raymond and Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade.

2003 Webelos Program Schedule

3-Day Resident Camp Program

Aug 3 –5 and Aug 6 – 8

6-Day Resident Camp Program

Aug 10– 15

2003 Webelos Advancement

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

- ❖Athlete ❖Craftsman ❖Scientist
- ❖Naturalist ❖Outdoorsman ❖Readyman ❖Aquanaut
- ❖BB and Archery Beltloops

Check out our web site for more camp information!
www.pinetreebsa.org

Pine Tree Council Treks

Specially designed treks are available if your troop, patrol or crew would like a trek just for your group! Programs available include 50 miler canoe treks on the Moose River or Sebago Lakes Region, or Sea Kayaking off the coast of Maine.

Dates specially designed treks are available start July 27th thru August. Call PTC Camping Department at (207) 797-5252 ext 14 for age limits, group size requirements and price structure!

Philmont Trek 2004

As in 2003, the Pine Tree Council will send a contingent of Scouts and Scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. We will send 24 participants including leaders on the Trek from July 17-29, 2004. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2004.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this Scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. For information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, Philmont staff advisor, at 797-5252 ext. 24. or fgilcrea@bsa.mail.org

Medical Forms For Summer Camp Which One Do You Need?

All of our camp programs require health forms for every camper, parent, staff and leaders attending camp. Camp programs require specific forms according to BSA Standards and the State of Maine camp rules! Here are some helpful reminders for health forms.

FunPack Weekends – All adult and youth participants need a Class I health form.

Day Camps- All youth and leaders need a Class I health form.

WEBELOS Resident Camp

– All youth and *leaders need a Class I and II health form. Adults over the age of 40 need a Class III. **Please note – even though the BSA Class II form says it is for camp stays of over 72 hours – All Webelos must complete it - as the State of Maine camp rules require the Class II form.**

Boy Scout resident camp at Hinds and Bomazeen- All youth and *leaders need a Class I and Class II health form. Adults over 40 need a Class III.

High Adventure Programs at Hinds and Bomazeen

(includes SCUBA, Island Survivor, Canoeing and Kayaking Treks) – All participants must have a completed Class III health form which requires a doctor's physical within the last twelve months.

**Leaders staying in camp for less than 72 hours can use a Class I health form but will not be allowed to go swimming or use the boats.*

Class I health form includes a health history, immunization dates and parent/guardian signature (signed and dated within the last 12 months) for permission to treat in an emergency. No doctor's physical exam is needed.

Class II health form includes Class I information along with a doctor's physical exam done within the last three years of date of attending camp. Youth and adults (under age 40) can use this form.

Class III Health form includes health history, immunization dates, emergency permission to treat and doctors evaluation done within past 12 months of attending camp. This form is required for high adventure programs and for adults over the age of 40.

Please make sure that immunization dates are noted on all health forms. It is not acceptable under State of Maine camp rules and regulations to put "up to date."

Blank copies of health forms can be found in the back of the Pine Tree Council Calendar or on the council web page www.pinetreebsa.org

Your camp literature will tell you where to send your health forms. Please send your forms out so that they arrive at least two weeks prior to your arrival at camp. This allows the health officer time to preview the forms for missing signatures or information.

Please keep a copy for your unit records and bring an extra copy (photocopies are acceptable) with you to camp to be prepared for late mail or missing forms.



Pine Tree Council Training

Boy Scout Leader Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Course Casco Bay / York Districts

The Boy Scout Training Teams of Casco Bay and York Districts have combined talent and knowledge to host an Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills course to be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond on **May 2-4, 2003**. This is the **MANDATORY** outdoor training course for **ALL** Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. If you have taken the classroom training, you must also take the outdoor training to be fully trained. The cost for the course is **\$20 per person** if paid into the PTC Service Center by **Monday, April 28, 2003** and will be **\$30 per person** if you pay at the door. The registration fee will cover the use of the facility, food and insurance for the weekend. More information will be available at the April Roundtable or you may contact Bob Robinson at 878-6484 (Casco Bay District) or Butch Farnsworth (York District) at 641-2287.

Adult Boy Scout Leader Spring Training In Downeast District

The next Boy Scout Leader Training session will be offered on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at the Federated Church on Hylar Street in Thomaston. The session will include: New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, Troop Committee Training, and Scoutmaster and Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training.

SM and ASM Training will include a break for lunch. Please PRE-REGISTER to allow the team to properly prepare for the participants. Cost is \$5.00 for Troop Committee Training and \$7.00 for SM & ASM Training. Additional \$3.00 fee for non pre-registered walk-ins. Check-in is 7:30 - 7:45AM. Starting time is 8:00 AM sharp! Participants are expected to complete all sessions!

Troop Committee Members should bring a copy of the Troop Committee Handbook. Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters should bring a copy of the Scoutmaster Handbook.

Please pre-register with Lance Eschholz at leschhol@ime.net or 729-0798 or by calling Pine Tree Council, B.S.A. at 797-5252 with the following information: name, unit, position, mail address, e-mail, and phone number.

SMs and ASMs are reminded that to be fully trained they need to take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Formerly Greenwood Rangers) which will be offered at Camp Bomazeen April 25 - 27, 2003.

K-Valley Spring Training Dates

Here are the training dates for the Kennebec Valley District in the spring of 2003. If you have any questions, please call Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training

- Cianbro Corporation Offices, Pittsfield.
- June 7th
- 8 to 8:30 am registration and 2 pm departure

Greenwood Rangers -

- Camp Bomazeen, McCurdy Lodge, Belgrade
- April 25th - 27th
- 6 to 6:30 pm registration and noon departure

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training -

- Camp Bomazeen, McCurdy Lodge, Belgrade
- June 14th
- 8 - 8:30 am registration and 4 pm departure

Outdoor Leader Training

"Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills"

(A/K/A Greenwood Rangers) will be offered at Camp Bomazeen the weekend of April 25-27, 2003. It is required training for all Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters.

This is an excellent training course that will encompass cooking, campfires, all aspects of setting up your campsite, woods tools, and much more. Do not miss this opportunity!

Any registered committee member is also invited to participate this weekend and really get a feel for the role of your Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters when camping with Scouts.

For more information, please contact your district training chairperson.

Additional Boy Scout Leader training sessions will be held on the following dates and locations:

- April 12 at the Federated Church, Hylar Street in Thomaston. **This session will include New Leader Essentials, Troop Committee Training, Scoutmaster and Asst Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Youth Protection.** Cost is \$5 for committee members and \$7 for Scoutmaster and Assts. Check-in is 7:30 a.m. sharp!

Please contact Lance Eschholz at 729-0798 or leschhol@ime.net

- June 7 at High St Congregational Church in Auburn at 8:00 am. **This will include Basic Leader Essentials and Leader Specific for all leaders.** Cost is \$7. Contact Dave Darling at 753-1974 or wentzel@midmaine.com

- June 7 at Cianbro, Pittsfield. **This will include New Leader Essentials and Basic Leader Essentials.** For details about cost and time, call Joe Levasseur at 495-2673.

Please remember: You can be charged an additional \$3 at the door for failure to pre-register! This is essential for the trainers to provide adequate supplies and handouts for all who attend, etc.



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Klondike Derby A Success

Big thanks to Scott Adams, Troop 479, and the Klondike Derby Committee for a wonderful event. All who attended enjoyed good weather, good cheer, and good fun. For those who missed out, plan on attending in 2004! Special thanks to the Klondike Committee and Cianbro for their generous donation of over \$400 worth of prizes to this event!!

Friends of Scouting

If your unit has not signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation, please do so as soon as you can. It takes only ten minutes out of your meeting schedule, and helps so much to support the Pine Tree Council, and the work we all do for our youngsters. Our campaign is off to a good start, but we need your help and support to make it a success. To schedule a presentation, please contact the District Executive, Matt Randall, at 797-5252.

Spring Camporee

This year, the Spring Camporee will be held in Fairfield, on the weekend of May 16 – 18. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. on May 16 and departure will be at noon on May 18. Please look for specific information regarding this event to be available at roundtables in the months to come. This promises to be a fun event for all, especially since the theme of the Camporee is “Back to the Basics of Camping.”

A big thanks to John Berryman, Mitch MacArthur, Troop 460, and the Spring Camporee Committee for their hard work so far towards what will be a fun way to end the winter and usher in the summer camping season! If you have any questions, you can call the District Executive at 797-5252.

Pine Tree Council Training Continued

WOOD BADGE

Just a reminder that the Boy Scouts of America’s **premier** training program for any and all registered scout leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, Varsity) is being offered this fall right here in Pine Tree Council. The course will be offered in two 3 day weekends on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 19, 20, 21 and October 10, 11, 12. It is definitely a commitment on your part to attend all six days and also meet the registration fee of \$170.00. However, this is one training that you will never forget. The skills learned in this National BSA training program are skills that you will use not only in your scouting position, but also in your home, job and any other group to which you may belong. The only requirements for participation in the training are that you must be a registered scout leader, you must have completed the Basic Leader Training for your scouting position, and you must receive an invitation to attend the training. There are no tenure or time requirements. The uniform for the course will be the standard full field uniform for your registered scouting position. If you wish to receive an invitation, please send your request including your name, address, telephone number, scouting position, and scout unit by mail or e-mail to Bill Coffin, 47 Mark Street, Lewiston, ME 04240 or bjc@gwi.net. The clock is ticking and there are only 48 openings on the Wood Badge Course so, please don’t be left out of this truly great experience. Send in your invitation request today. For those of you that have already received your invitations, remember to get them back in as soon as possible so as not to be left out.

Youth Protection Online Training

As one of America’s largest youth serving organizations, we are continually trying to address important issues that impact young people; among these is youth protection. We are committed to making the Scouting environment as wholesome as possible for our youth and adults. “Youth Protection Guidelines for Adult Leaders and Parents” is now available for everyone to take online through the Pine Tree Council at www.pinetreebsa.org. Youth protection training is the most important training we offer. We hope that offering this training via the convenience of the internet will be well received by our volunteers. Simply log-on to the council website, find the youth protection training, and begin. To complete the training, a passing score of 80% must be achieved. Upon completion of the training, the volunteer will provide name, address, e-mail, and council information. The volunteer’s name will be matched through the council’s database of registered leaders. If the name is matched, the volunteer will receive a certificate of completion, letter from the Scout Executive, youth protection reporting procedures, and course handout. If the name is not matched, the volunteer will receive everything but the certificate of completion. As of January 1, 2003, the new BSA Tour Permit policy requires that at least one youth protection trained leader is present on all trips and outings requiring a tour permit. If you need help or have any additional questions, please call the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.

More Training on page 14.

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York District



Cub Scout Themes and Webelos Activity Badges

The month's theme for April is "Land of the Pharaohs." The activity badges are Sportsman/Family Member. For the month of May, the theme is "Lights, Camera, Action" and the activity badges are Outdoorsman/Handyman. The month's theme for June is "Fun in the Sun" and the activity badges are Traveler/Artist. You can obtain more information about these in the Scout Shop.

Friends of Scouting

We are halfway through the Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fund raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, camperships, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. In 2002, York District exceeded its district goal for the second straight year. We hope to do the same in 2003. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2002 will be available again in 2003. For the convenience of sustaining members and friends of scouting, a pledge may be made and paid at specified intervals throughout the year. If you have not scheduled your unit's family presentation, contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or fax 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

York District Spring Camporee

Time is fast approaching for the York District Spring Camporee. This year's theme is "Indian Lore" and will take place in Buxton, ME on May 16-18, 2003. Troop 349 of Buxton is hosting the event and is busy planning a fun and educational weekend program for all that attend. More information will be coming out over the next couple of months at the roundtable meetings, on the York District website or call Bruce Theriault at 929-4581.

Unit Inventory

Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark **Wednesday, May 14, 2003** for the York District Spring Unit Inventory night. We will contact each unit to verify the youth in your program. This is vital to make sure each youth is accounted for in York District. For information, contact our District Commissioner, Clint Staples at 636-1597.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2003

AHOY MATES!! Join the **Cub Scout's Sea Adventures - Pirates Island** of fun from **July 7-11 and 14-18** at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. How do I get my scout to Camp? So glad you asked! In the Winter 2003 issue of *Pine Spills*, you will find all the information a parent needs to know about day camp, including a registration form that can be sent to the Pine Tree Council office with the Scout's registration fee. Once your registration and registration fee is received, we will send you an information packet with:

- An introduction letter providing almost everything your scout will need to attend camp.
- A medical form that **must** be completed and sent directly to the Camp Director **prior to June 20**. The information packet will have the appropriate address for mailing all medical forms. Please remember to include insurance information and dates of immunizations. **The medical form will be returned to you if incomplete. Using the statement of "immunizations are up to date" is not acceptable by the State of Maine or by the Day Camp Director.**
- A transportation form that must be provided to the Camp Director if your scout will be car-pooling with anyone other than a parent or guardian.

Parents or Scout leaders who volunteer for a full week of camp enjoy a fee reduction to \$10 for their scout. Staff applications are available from the Day Camp Director. Otherwise, the cost of the camp is \$70 per week (if paid by June 1) and \$75 per week after this date. For those in need, Council camperships are available. Please see your Cubmaster for the appropriate forms. Many Cub Packs hold fundraisers to get their scouts to camp. Others offer camperships and some pay the full cost by having Scouts do things like writing an essay on why they want to go to camp. Please check with your leadership to learn if any assistance is available for those in need.

Parents must provide transportation for their scouts to and from Day Camp. Often, car pool arrangements are available, so again check around your pack to determine who may be available to drive.

Please make every effort to register by **June 20**. If you do not, you may be declined. Early registration allows your Day Camp Directors to adequately plan for supplies, safe shelter and enough adult supervision. Late registration means plans may not support all scouts. Sometimes, major adjustments must be made to the program. This is not fair to those scout families who registered early.

Your Day Camp Directors are looking forward to another two weeks of fun this summer. We hope lots of scouts and adults will join us at the **Cub Scout's Sea Adventures-Pirates Island. AHOY MATES!**

For more information, please contact Lisa Winfrey at 247-4469 or shipmates17@yahoo.com or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or fgilcrea@bsamail.org.

More York District on next page

2003 Friends of Learning for Life/Exploring Campaign

The 2003 Friends of Learning for Life/Exploring Campaign kicked off on January 31, 2003. Once again, John Jamieson of MBNA America has agreed to be the Friends of Learning for Life Finance Chair.

The Friends of Learning for Life Campaign has three key components that include: Community Campaign, the Second Annual Learning for Life Auction, and a Post fundraising event.

Learning for Life and Exploring appreciate the support of our posts in this annual fundraising effort. Already, nine of our posts have agreed to conduct fundraisers on behalf of the Learning for Life/Exploring Districts. We thank all of you for your commitment to the district financial goals.

2003 State Fire Muster and Championship

The State Fire Muster and Championship will be held on Friday, 1 August through Sunday, 3 August 2003 in Fairfield, Maine. We encourage both Fire and Law Enforcement Explorer Posts to mark their calendars accordingly. Like last year, the Fire Explorer community invites the Law Enforcement Explorer community to attend this event in a show of support.

This will be the 10 year anniversary of this State Fire Muster and Championship. For further information, please contact David Ludden, Post Advisor for Fire Explorer Post 400, Fairfield Fire Explorers. David's e-mail is: luddend@gwi.net.

York District Continued

Pal & Me Campout

Mark June 6-8, 2003 as the dates for the York District Pal & Me Campout at the Acton, ME Fairgrounds. Last year, we had interesting weather but great participation from our York District Cub Scout Families. This year should be better than last year with new activities for the scouts and families to do and a wild campfire for Saturday night. More information will be available at the April and May Roundtables and on the district website. Pack 302 of Kennebunk has stepped forward to host the event this year but could use your help to make the event successful. For more information or to help out, please contact Bill Kennedy at 985-6754 or Tim Dunn at 985-9206.

2nd Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous Weekend

Mark your calendars for April 4-6, 2003 as the date for the 2nd Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous Weekend at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. This will be a weekend to learn and share some of your old Boy Scout knowledge. Need an idea to jumpstart your program? Tired of the same old camp meals? Ever wonder what Green Bar Bill meant when he said to get it up to eight for a patrol size? This weekend will give you a whole new appreciation of the scouting program. Join us for a great adult weekend of scouting. The cost of the weekend will be \$10, payable at the door. Bring your own food to eat and something to share for the Saturday Night Cook Off. Bring your tent or just bring your sleeping bag. For more information or to sign-up, contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 or dmwade@metrocast.com.

York District Pinewood Derby

Gentlemen, start your engines. The York District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the Bonny Eagle High School. Pack 349 of Buxton, ME is running the race for the District. The rules for the district race were sent out in January to all the leaders in York District. For more information, please contact Tom Hogan at 929-3764.

Joker's Fun Nights For ALL Scouts and Family Members

Be on the lookout for registration forms coming in the mail for three fun-filled evenings at Joker's in Portland. The dates are May 5, October 20, and January 19. These fun nights will be for Scouts and families only!

Every person who registers will receive a collector's edition Scout cup, one ticket to all-you-can-eat pizza buffet with soda refills, and entry into prize drawing.

Look for the registration forms in the mail and sign-up for these exciting nights! For more information please call the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.



Pine Tree Program / Bulletin Board

More Council Training

Counselor In Training Program:

Pine Tree Council offers a program for interested Scouts that are at least 15 years old as of July 1, 2003, that will introduce them to life at camp as a staff member. *The course encompasses 3 weeks of the summer, and requires the candidates to work and live at Camp for the three weeks.* Scouts completing this program will gain valuable on-the-job training in the program areas of camp, practical experience in leadership, communication, teaching, camp-fire etiquette, basic counseling, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

Cost of program is \$100, with the understanding that, if the Scout completes the program and is hired on Camp staff the following year, he will receive a \$100 bonus that summer. While taking the program, Scouts can participate in parts of the camp program and earn advancement.

To apply to become a CIT, complete a staff application, available at Pine Tree Council or on our web site www.pinetreebsa.org.

Dates:

- Camp Hinds CIT Program ~ July 6 to July 25
- Bomazeen Base CIT Program ~ July 6 to July 25

Spring Gilwell Adventures

Do you wish you had the knowledge necessary to hike with your scouts using only a compass and map? Maybe you feel unsure of your skills! Well, Pine Tree Council Training is offering you and your scouts a chance to learn these valuable skills. "Orienteering" is an opportunity to spend the day at the Training Center at Camp Hinds having fun and learning with your scouts and other registered adults. This will be held on May 31.

Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the course will end by late afternoon. The cost is \$10 per person, which covers cost of insurance, lunch, etc.

Please bring the following: compass, pencil/notepad, hiking or comfortable shoes (there are activities outdoors), water bottle. Don't forget to come prepared for inclement weather. This is Maine!!

Pre-registration by May 23, 2003 is a must! Send a check or money order to PTC, 125 Portland Ave, Portland 04103. Contact Don Miskell at 833-6381 with questions. Please also remember the 2-deep leadership rule when bringing scouts with you!

The 2003 Sea Dogs Experience

Once again, the Pine Tree Council is teaming up with the Portland Sea Dogs to offer a new and exciting exclusive opportunity to all Scouts, parents, and siblings. The dates for this year's Sea Dogs experiences are Saturday, May 24, Sunday June 8, and Saturday, June 28.



The gates will open two hours before the game and all Scouts, parents, and siblings will head on down to the playing field. Upon entrance EVERY person will receive a Portland Sea Dogs collector's baseball with a Sea Dogs and Pine Tree Council Logo. Sea Dogs players will be on the field and will provide autographs, photo opportunities, and will answer any questions that you have. Slugger will also be on the field.

After this session, everyone will head back up to the stands to enjoy the game. During the game, there will be several prize drawings for Scouts. These include a chance to be a bat boy at a future game, the chance to throw out the first pitch at a future game, tickets to future games, and a whole lot more. Tickets are \$10 per person. There will be a mailing, including the registration form, sent out to all registered scouts in the middle of April.

For more information please call the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.



Memorial/Tribute Fund

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Please Send Card To: _____

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In Honor of: Wedding Anniversary

Graduation Other _____

Or

In Memory of: _____

(Name of Deceased)

Your Name (Donor) _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Amount \$ _____



For All Scouts and Scouting Families!

Once again, the Pine Tree Council will offer discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun in the newly expanded park which includes three new body slides and new live stage shows. The prices for the 2003 season are the same as in 2002 and are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$15.00
Splashtown Pass	\$12.00
Combination Pass	\$19.75

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council office May 1 through July 31, 2003. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can be used anytime during the 2003 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. If you have any questions, please call Jo or Laurine at 797-5252.



Days at the Races

May 18 VIP Motor Mayhem #1
Ladies, Outlaws, WWE Monster Trucks

July 27 VIP Motor Mayhem
Sport Trucks, Ladies, Tim Chitwood Thrill Show

August 24 VIP Motor Mayhem
Dodge Monster Trucks

The Abnaki District and Oxford Plains Speedway offer this special deal to parents and youth in the Pine Tree Council. Races begin at 1 p.m. on these dates. Oxford Plains Speedway is located off Route 26 in the Oxford Hills area. For more information about the Oxford Plains Speedway, visit: 222.oxfordplains.com

Ticket Prices:

\$4 Junior (ages 6-12) • \$8 Senior (ages 13 and older)

Please use the Event Registration Form below to pre-order your tickets. If you have questions, call the Council at 797-5252

Spring/2003 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)

Mail to:

Pine Tree Council, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
125 Auburn Street
Portland, ME 04103

Event Registration

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION DINNER (SEE DETAILS ON COVER PAGE)

_____ # guests attending dinner @ \$14 each = Total

OXFORD PLAINS RACE SUNDAY MAY 18 (SEE DETAILS ABOVE)

_____ # age 6-12 @ \$4 _____ # Age 13 and up @ \$8 = Total _____

OXFORD PLAINS RACE SUNDAY JULY 27 (SEE DETAILS ABOVE)

_____ # age 6-12 @ \$4 _____ # Age 13 and up @ \$8 = Total _____

OXFORD PLAINS RACE SUNDAY AUGUST 24 (SEE DETAILS ABOVE)

_____ # age 6-12 @ \$4 _____ # Age 13 and up @ \$8 = Total _____

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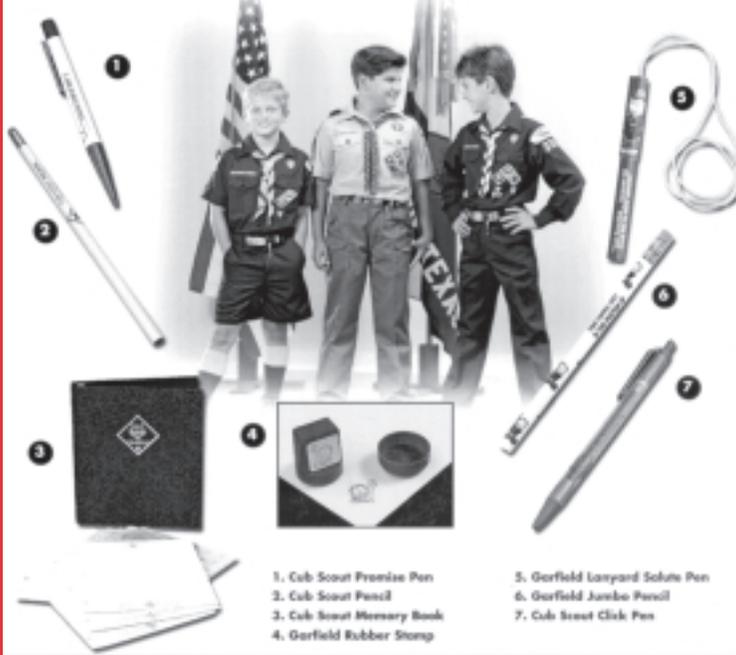
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April-June 2003 Pine Tree Council Calendar

Council

April

- 15 Outdoor Program Committee
- 16 Council Commiss. Mtg.
- 18 Council Off Clsed Good Friday
- 18 Scout Shop Open Easter Sunday
- 21 Council Off Clsed Patriots Day
- 21 Scout Shop Open
- 25 Eagle Banquet

May

- 1 OA Unit Elections end
- 5 Campership Deadline
- 11 Mother's Day
- 21 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 26 Council Off Clsed Memorial Day
- 26 Scout Shop Clsed

June

- 6-8 OA Spring Ordeal -Hinds
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 Outdoor Program Committ. Mtg.
- 20-22 OA Spring Ordeal -Bomazeen
- 26 School Night Chair Orient.
- 29 Camp Hinds-Week 1

Abnaki

April

- 1 Dist Committ Mtg
- 5 District Pinewood Derby
- 9 Roundtable/OA

- 12 BALOO Training
- 30 Distr Committ Mtg

May

- 3 Tiger Day
- 6 Dist Committ Mtg
- 10 WLOT
- 14 Roundtable/OA
- 16-18 Spring Camporee
- 28 Distr Committ Mtg

June

- 3 Dist Committ Mtg
- 7 Basic Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training for SM, ASM and Troop Committee
- 11 Roundtable/OA
- 16 Program Launch
- 25 Distr Committ Mtg

Casco Bay

April

- 2 District Commis. Mtg.
- 2 Roundtable/OA
- 5 Pinewood Derby
- 9 Dist Committ Mtg

May

- 7 Distr Committ Mtg
- 7 Roundtable/OA
- 14 Dist Committ Mtg
- 16-18 Spring Camporee
- 17 WLOT

June

- 4 Distr Committ Mtg
- 4 Roundtable-District Kick-off/OA
- 11 Dist Committ Mtg

Downeast

April

- 2 Dist Committ Mtg
- 5 District Pinewood Derby

- 9 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
- 26 District Recognition Dinner

May

- 7 Distr Committ Mtg
- 14 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
- 14 Unit Inventory
- 16-18 Spring Camporee

June

- 4 Distr Committ Mtg
- 7 Cub Scout Day Event
- 11 Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
- 11 Program Launch @ Roundtable

K-Valley

April

- 2 District Meeting & Commis. Meeting
- 5 District Pinewood Derby Race
- 9 Waterville Roundtable
- 22 Strong Roundtable
- 25-27 Greenwood Rangers

May

- 4 District Banquet
- 7 District and Commis. Mtg.
- 14 Waterville Roundtable
- 16-18 Kennebec Valley Spring Camporee
- 20 Strong Roundtable

June

- 4 District and Commis. Mtg.
- 7 New Leader Essential and Leader Specific Training
- 14 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

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