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"Trail to
Treasures!"

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at Bomazeen Adventure Base
• **2003 Cub Scout Camping** •
Program Guide

Includes Programs, Dates and Registration Forms
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Resident
Camp
"Pirates
Beware"



Family
Camp



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Me to Cub
Scout Day
Camp



Winter
Camp!





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Exciting Opportunities Await Us In 2003

This issue of Pine Spills has a special pull section with highlights of our 2003 Cub Scout Outdoor program. I encourage each leader and parent to look over the programs offered and make plans to register your youth. Also, updates on our summer camp plans for 2003 are in this issue. Thanks to the great work of our Outdoor Program Committee we have incredible programs planned for Camp Bomazeen and Camp Hinds. If your troop has not received its summer camp 2003 program CD, then please give us a call so we can send one out to you.

Our recruitment theme for this spring is Character Connections: Reaching Youth with Scouting. This nationwide effort to organize a Scouting unit in every neighborhood of our community begins on February 5, 2003 with a nationwide broadcast of a video conference designed to communicate to potential chartered organizations what Scouting can do for their youth. We plan to invite churches and community organizations from around the Council to a district video conference site. I would encourage each of you to talk to your pastor or civic club leader and encourage them to start a Scouting unit.

Thanks to you and to the parents of our newest Scouts for providing an exciting program for this community. Thanks for what you do for our youth, and thanks for your volunteer service and support. May 2003 be a blessed year for you and your family.

J.T. Dabbs, III, Scout Executive

OKPIK — Winter Survival Course

Pine Tree Council will host nine OKPIK weekends starting in January and running through the beginning of March. This popular course will be held at Camp Hinds Rotary Training Center.

OKPIK participants learn winter survival skills, safety requirements of the outdoors, along with food and clothing basics. Participants head out on cross county skis or snowshoes for an overnight in snow shelters. Can your troop handle the challenge!

Cost is \$75.00 for in-council Scouts and \$90.00 for out-of-council Scouts. For more information and reservations call the camping department at Pine Tree Council 797-5252.



Winter Camp 2003

During February vacation, have fun at Winter Camp!

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! Activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in quinzies (snow shelters), snow-shoeing, and cross-country skiing.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$180.00. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who register (call Pine Tree Council Camping at 797-5252).

Paul Fisher is looking for Scouts ages 15 and above to serve on Winter Camp staff! If interested, contact him at fisherwt@suscom-maine.net.



Pine Spills Goes to Quarterly Format

Pine Spills has moved to a quarterly format. The issues released, starting with this issue, will cover the following months: Issue 1- January, February, March; Issue 2- April, May, June; Issue 3- July, August, September; Issue 4- October, November, December. The first issue will be mailed to all registered Scouts and adults while the remaining three issues will be mailed to registered adults only.

Pine Tree Bulletin Board

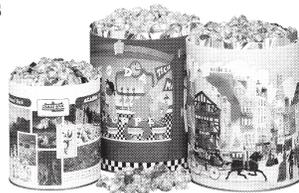


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2002 Popcorn Campaign

Congratulations to all the units and youth that participated in this year's popcorn campaign. We want to especially thank the district Popcorn Kernels and their teams for helping to run this successful sale.



Top individual and unit sellers for each district were:

Abnaki	Pack 160	\$20,269	
	Joshua Martin	Troop 111	\$2,138
Casco Bay	Pack 805	\$13,347	
	Travis Cutler	Pack 60	\$2,637
Downeast	Pack 646	\$7,416	
	Nick Barrows	Troop 200	\$2,045
K-Valley	Pack 599	\$8,990	
	Brandon Gilbert	Pack 647	\$2,178
York	Pack 338	\$11,134	
	Billy Weiss	Pack 338	\$1,215

Friends of Scouting 2003

For 93 years the Scouting program has been alive and well in America. One of the major reasons for the success is volunteers that devote at least one hour a week



to make sure that kids have a good time playing games, learning new skills, and becoming better youth. Another reason for the success of the program is the volunteers that not only devote their time to the program, but also make the financial investment in our future leaders, through the Friends of Scouting Fundraising program.

The Annual Friends of Scouting Program starts in January with both a community and family campaign. The community campaign includes donations from businesses and community leaders and the family campaign allows parents and family members to make a contribution.

The Family Campaign consists of a ten-minute unit presentation that will be done at a Blue/Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, or a Court of Honor. This year, as with the last two years, your unit will have the chance to get money back from your presentation.

Units that have a presentation where over \$500 is raised and paid in full by May 16, 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 \$100 or more will receive the 2003 limited edition Pine Tree Council shoulder strip for their Scout uniform. Units that hold a presentation will receive a colorful recognition streamer for their unit flagpole, and a Friends of Scouting sticker will be given to every family that donates. Individual donations of \$1000 or more will receive a special recognition award.

The 15% unit recognition will be awarded after the May 16 deadline.

We hope that every family will give \$100, but we appreciate any donation that you feel is appropriate. Please support the Pine Tree Council Boy Scouts of America by making a tax-deductible contribution to keep the program available to every youth in Maine.

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Abnaki District

Cub Scout Day Camp is Right Around the Corner

Mark your calendars now for Cub Scout Day Camp. Day Camp will be held at Camp Gustin in Sabattus the week of August 4-8, 2003. We had a lot of fun last summer with the Circus theme and the Circus Midway on Friday of that week. We hope you will come out to Day Camp to see what fun we can have this year. We are now looking for parents to serve as Den Leaders at Day Camp. We would prefer to have two or three per Den. Please contact Tom Morris at 353-9416 if you are interested in being a Den Leader at Day Camp this summer (your son can go for a reduced cost if you are on staff as a Den Leader).

District Activities

Please check the Abnaki District website for all announcements about upcoming District Events such as the Klondike Derby in March, and the Pinewood Derby in April. We will have the most current information about each of these events and an Event Registration form that you can print and mail to the Pine Tree Council Service Center.

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 support the Boy Scouts of America. We thank you for your support and contributions over the past years and we hope you can help us again this year.



Roundtables and You

Are you a new Cub Scout or Boy Scout Leader? Are you a current Scout Leader that is fresh out of ideas? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then Roundtable is the place for you. Roundtable is all about sharing ideas and learning new ways to keep the boys interested in the program. The Abnaki District Roundtable is held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Middle School. We hope to see you there! We are also looking for additional staff members for Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader Roundtable sessions.

Snow Sports Merit Badge and Mt. Abram Family Resort Ski Days

Mt. Abram Family Resort and the Abnaki District are going to offer Snow Sports Merit Badge as part of a Jr. Ski Instructor Venture Crew this Winter-Spring. You must be at least 14 years old to participate in this program. The course will be offered over 5 weekends.

Boy Scouts will earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge and everyone will become part of the Jr. Ski Instructor group at Mt. Abram Family Resort. Please visit the Abnaki District website or call Brian Randle at (207) 797-5252 ext. 33 to learn more about this opportunity.

We will also have Ski Days with Mt. Abram Family Resort again this year. Please go to the Abnaki District website to learn more about each of these events.

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.

Youth Protection Training

The Cub Scout Roundtable staff will offer Youth Protection training at the February Roundtable. Any adult leaders that need to be Youth Protection Trained are encouraged to come to this important session. All units that take trips of 50 miles or more one way, plan to stay overnight, plan to hold water activities, and travel to other parts of the country need to fill out Local or National Tour Permits and need to have at least two leaders that are Youth Protection Trained.

Boy Scout Summer Camp is FUN!
Check it out -
See the insert in this issue!



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The Vote is in! Scouting Works!

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The Scarborough High School was a bustle of activity on Election Day 2002. Community members filed in to fulfill their civic duties and vote for the best interests of the town. The Cub Scouts of Pack 47 were excited to be in the first municipality to have Scouts participate in the election process.

The boys of the Webelos 1 and 2 ranks handed out stickers in one hour increments. Their "thank you for voting" remarks were often met with a "and thank you for being here" from the townspeople of Scarborough. The following are the boys that volunteered their time on Nov. 5, 2002:

Jesse Murphy, Brad Bell, Scott Delisle, Casey Bell, Justin Carroll, Cody Kilton, Steven Delano, James Aldrich, Eric Angelo, Sam Larrabee, Charlie Sanborn, Cody Tracey, Ben Acker, Ryan Jamison, Kyle Jamison, Michael Kelley.

Governor John Baldacci takes time for a photo with some Cub Scouts from Pack 47. From left to right: Jesse Murphy, Ben Acker, Gov. John Baldacci, Charlie Sanborn, Cody Tracey, and Sam Larrabee.

Klondike Derby

The Casco Bay Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, February 8, at 8:30 AM at Camp Hinds. The cost will be \$6.00 per Scout. For more information, contact Bruce Beety at 642-2991 or e-mail brbeety@ime.net.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting campaign will be kicking off in January. Dennis Worster, the Family Chairman, has put together a great team of volunteers. Someone from each unit will be contacted to schedule a presentation. Please help support our efforts by having a date in mind for your presentation. This is the single most important fundraising effort by the District. If your unit raises a minimum of \$500, you will receive a 15% kickback on the total amount of money raised, as long as the minimum of \$500 is paid by May 16. 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 892-4916 or Jason Agren at 797-5252.

District Re-charter Clinic

Does your unit have a hard time understanding the re-charter process? Would you like some assistance filling out all the paperwork to make sure it is completed properly and turned in on-time? If you are interested, plan on attending the Casco Bay re-charter clinic on Wednesday, January 8, at 7:00 PM at the Windham L.D.S. Church. The re-charter clinic is for all units that re-charter in January and February. Please contact Jason Agren at 797-5252 ext-23 for questions, directions, or a registration form. We will have a team of unit commissioners and District Personnel on hand to help answer questions and fill out the charters. All re-charter paperwork is due into the Council by the 15th of your re-charter month. Do not miss out on this great opportunity.



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Downeast District

Friends of Scouting Presentations

A new calendar year marks the start of the Friends of Scouting campaign. Last year, the Downeast District surpassed the Family goal of \$20,000 under the leadership of Rhonda Switzer. Again, Rhonda will be Family Chairperson for the campaign and the district is excited and anticipates another successful year. The presentations take no more than 10 minutes and can be done at your Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop's Court of Honor. Once again, the 15% Incentive Plan will be available for your unit. At a FOS presentation, if your unit raises \$500.00 or more and at least that much is paid at the Council Service Center by May 16, then 15% of the paid pledges will be put back into your unit account. This money can be used for camp and advancement awards. If you need to schedule your presentation call Rhonda Switzer at 798-4829 or Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252.

Spring Camporee

The Downeast District Activities team, along with Troop 633, will be hosting the Spring Camporee. It will be held on May 16 – 18, 2003 at Meadowbrook Campground in Phippsburg. Troop 633 has been working hard to prepare different competitions based around the "Survivor" theme. The cost for the camporee will be \$6.00 per person, which will include a patch. For more information about the camporee, join us at Roundtable or call Sue Kennedy at 798-7920. Hope to see you all there.

Downeast District Pinewood Derby

Pack 207 from Union will be hosting the Downeast District Pinewood Derby. The date will be announced, but the derby will take place in early April. The rules and regulations are available and should be used in your Pack race. The set of rules will be the same rules that will be used at the District race. Be sure to attend Roundtable to get these rules. If you would like them emailed to you, contact your District Executive, Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252. For more information regarding the race, please call Richard Fortuna at 785-5669.

**Need Pinewood Derby supplies?
Visit the
Pine Tree Council Scout Shop!**

January is Recharter Month!

By now, all of you have received your 2003 Annual Recharter Packets. These packets are due at the Council Service Center or to your Unit Commissioners by January 15, 2003 to ensure Quality Unit status. This gives the Commissioners and District Executive time to review your charter and calculate the fees to ensure that the process has been completed properly. Please keep in mind that effective January 1, 2003 the registration fee will be \$10.00 per person. Boy's Life subscriptions will remain \$9.00 for the year. If you have any questions or need to get your Charter Renewal Packet, please call your respective Commissioner. They are:

District Commissioner: Tim Moody – 442-2084
Asst. District Commissioner
(South): Sue Kennedy – 798-7920
Asst. District Commissioner
(Central): Gloria Boogusch – 677-3300
Asst. District Commissioner
(North): Richard Fortuna – 785-5669

Klondike Derby 2003

The Downeast District Activities Team will be hosting the Klondike Derby for this year. It will take place on February 1 at a location to be announced. It will be a one-day event to demonstrate your skills and highlight your Troop. Get out the dogsleds and dust them off because we have already seen enough snow this year. Information will be available at Roundtable and via the Beacon. Scoutmasters should look for a mailing to go out in early January with all of the specific information. If you have any questions call Sue Kennedy at 798-7920.

Check out the Pine Tree Council, B.S.A. Web Site

Make sure you check out the updated web site of Pine Tree Council. Thanks to Matt Dubois and Josh Gagnon, our volunteer webmasters, the PTC web site has gotten a new look! Save this site as one of your favorites and check in often for updated camp and program information from Pine Tree Council! Our thanks to Josh and Matt for their time and great efforts! Visit us at pinetreetsa.org



WOOD BADGE

Do You Know about Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the—**premier** and highest level of adult-leader training in the Boy Scouts of America. The syllabus for the Wood Badge course is a National BSA syllabus. Pine Tree Council has been approved to hold Wood Badge Course no. NE-1-217 in the fall of 2003.

Wood Badge won't teach you how to tie knots, or how to rub two sticks together, or find your way with a compass. What it will teach you is how to be the most effective and best leader that you can be. Wood Badge is the highest level of **leadership skill** training offered for **all** adult leaders in the Scouting program. The skills you learn in the Wood Badge course will assist you in more successfully operating your Den, Pack, Troop, Post or Crew. It will also carry over into many of your non-scouting activities by making you a more successful leader with your family, church, work, and may even help in dealing with your spouse. **Any** registered adult leader in **any** role in the scouting program is eligible to take the course.

The next Wood Badge Course in Pine Tree Council is being offered this fall. The dates are September 19, 20, 21 and October 10, 11, 12, 2003. The cost is \$170.00. This covers all course costs (ie: food, materials, property rentals, recognitions, everything). **It does require that you attend all 6 days of the course, including two full days on Friday.** You will have to make arrangements for these days to be available to you.

If you are interested in participating in this truly great Wood Badge experience, **you must request that an invitation be sent to you!** This request for an invitation must include your name, mailing address, telephone number, BSA registered position (ie: Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Crew Advisor, Etc.), and your district name. Your request must be given or sent to **Bill Coffin, 47 Mark St., Lewiston, ME 04240** or e-mail bjc@ghi.net. Upon receiving the request, you will be mailed an invitation with all of the details regarding the course.

If you are interested, you must fill out the invitation and return it with a \$30.00 deposit. There are only 48 openings on a Wood Badge course, so I remind you that the "Early Bird catches the worm." Don't be left out of the course, send in your request for an application today.

The Turtle Speaks

- ➔ The lodge hosted another very successful **Lodge Leadership and Development weekend (LLD)** at Camp Hinds during the weekend of October 25-27, 2002. Despite the very soggy Saturday weather, training sessions on elections, new camp promotional material for 2003, elangomats, and Native American Dance were held. The Lodge Executive Committee also approved its 2003 calendar and its budget for the New Year. Over 70 brothers and guests turned out for the events, including the enactment of "Beat the OA Geeks" during Saturday night's activities!
- ➔ On Sunday at the LLD, the Lodge held its **Annual Business Meeting and election of officers for 2003**. As has become the norm over the past few years, brothers from throughout our lodge competitively sought after all elected positions. Congratulations go out to our new 2003 slate of officers, including our new Lodge Chief, **Evan Bonney** from K-Valley Chapter, our Vice Chief **Justin Colby**, **Andrew Buckley**, who was elected as Secretary, and **Sam Niman**, who was elected Treasurer. Andrew also hails from K-Valley Chapter, and Sam joins Justin who both have moved up in leadership responsibility after serving as Chapter officers in York Chapter.
- ➔ Speaking of 2003, please remember to **pay your dues** for this new Lodge year. A dues coupon was mailed to all active brothers in the November-December issue of *Turtle Soup*, and a coupon can be found on the downloads page of the Lodge Website: www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge. It is the single most important thing a brother can do to support his membership in this great Order. We are counting on your support, so please don't delay!
- ➔ And finally, as we look back on the lodge year and 2002, all of the members of the lodge would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing **Lodge Chief Adrian Caron** for his two years of service in this capacity, and thank his slate of officers for their service as well. Also stepping down after two years of service as Vice Chief is **Nathan Colby**, as is **Nick Gauvin** who served this past year as Lodge Treasurer. As mentioned above, Evan Bonney, who served as Secretary in 2002, was elected as the new Lodge Chief for 2003. Adrian has served the lodge well during his two terms as Chief, and the achievements that all of these young men put forth over the past two years speak for themselves, including the Honor Lodge recognition in 2001, hosting a wonderfully successful Section Conclave at Camp Hinds this past year, and earning the National Honor Lodge (and #1 website in the Nation) website designation at the 2002 NOAC! Congratulations on a job very well done!



Pine Tree Council Summer Camp



The Bomazeen Adventure Base, in North Belgrade, adds excitement to your troop summer plans with specialty and high adventure programs, for all ages of Scouts! Challenge your older Scouts with a high adventure trek like canoeing or sea kayaking, while your younger Scouts work on the First Class program or the Junior Maine Ranger!

Join Base Director - Paul Fisher, Program Director - Adrian Caron and the Bomazeen staff at the base for some fun and outstanding programs!

New this year ~ Survivor Island a week of challenges just to survive!! Also for 2003 we are bringing back the popular Fishing Week and adding more SCUBA and Sea Kayaking Treks! Make your reservations early!



**Bomazeen Adventure Base 2003
program kickoff meetings
for Scoutmasters and SPLs
will be held
Friday May 30th at 7:00 p.m. and
Sunday June 8th at 3:00 p.m.**

2003 Program Schedule Bomazeen Adventure Base

July 6 - 11 WEEK 1

Be a First Class
Jr. Maine Ranger
Mountain Man
BSA Lifeguard
Fishing Week
Sea Kayaking Trek*
Counselor in Training (3 weeks)

July 13 - 18 WEEK 2

Be a First Class
Jr. Maine Ranger
Aquatics Week
Mountain Man
Sea Kayaking Trek*
SCUBA-PADI Certification*

July 20 - 25 WEEK 3

Be a First Class
Jr. Maine Ranger
Aquatics Week
Island Survival Trek*
SCUBA-PADI Certification*
Canoeing & Whitewater Rafting Trek*

2003 Camp Fees:

\$220.00 per week for Pine Tree Council Scouts

\$300.00 per week for Specialty Programs / Treks*

Add \$40.00 per week for Out of Council Scouts

Add \$25.00 to fee for Provisional Campers.

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD - Deduct \$20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1, 2003.

For Reservations: To reserve a troop campsite, the reservation fee is \$10.00 per person. Reservations can be made through the Pine Tree Council Camping Department, at 207-797-5252.

Camp space is limited so reserve early.

Pine Tree Council Summer Camp



For over seventy-five years, Camp Hinds has a history of scouting excellence with strong traditions and spirit! This camp of 280 acres on Panther Pond, which is part of the Sebago Lakes Region of Maine, brings you the best in traditional Scout Camping along with some older boy and Trail to Eagle programs that you will not want to miss!

Join Camp Director Matt Randall and Program Director Anne Reed and their outstanding staff for a great week at camp!



**Camp Hinds 2003
Leader's Program Meetings
for Scoutmasters and SPL's
will be held June 4th at 7 PM
&
June 8th at 1 PM in the
Camp Hinds Dining Hall**

2003 Program Schedule Camp William Hinds

WEEK 1

June 29th to July 4th

Troop and Provisional Camping
Trail to Eagle-Session 1

WEEK 2

July 6th to July 11th

Troop and Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard
Counselor In Training (3 weeks)

WEEK 3

July 13th to July 18th

Troop and Provisional Camping

WEEK 4

July 20th to July 25th

Troop and Provisional Camping
BSA Lifeguard

WEEK 5

July 27th to August 1st

Troop and Provisional Camping

WEEK 6

August 3rd to August 8th

Troop and Provisional Camping

WEEK 7

August 10th to August 15th

Troop and Provisional Camping
Trail to Eagle-Session 2

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Pine Tree Council Training-at-a-Glance

Greenwood Rangers

April 25-27 @ Camp Bomazeen

For more information, contact Lance Escholz at lescholz@ime.net.

New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training

Abnaki- January 18 (Cub Scout Leader specific training only)

Casco Bay- January 30 & February 6 (2 part Training)
March 8- (For all Scout Leaders)

Downeast- April 12- (Boy Scout Leader Specific Training only)

York- March 15- (For all Scout Leaders)

Troop Committee Challenge

Abnaki- February 15

Casco Bay- January 30 & February 6- (2 part training)
March 8

Scoutmaster and Asst. Scoutmaster Training

Abnaki- February 15

Casco Bay- March 29

Downeast- April 12

BALOO Training

Abnaki- March 15

Casco Bay- March 15

Snowbirds-

Winter Camp training for adults- January 25 & 26
@ Camp Gustin

For more information about any training, please contact the appropriate District Executive. Information is also available on the Council Web-site at www.pinetreebsa.org

2003 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner and Gathering of Eagles

The Pine Tree Council will hold its Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner and Gathering of Eagles at the Portland Elks Lodge #188 (across from the main entrance to the Portland Jetport) on Friday, April 25, 2003. The National Eagle Scout Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please look for more information on the Pine Tree Council website and in the April issue of *Pine Spills*.

Adult Volunteer Screening Process

Why does BSA need Volunteer Screening?

- For the safety and protection of our youth members and participants.
- To insure the quality of our leadership.
- Protection of the Boy Scouts of America.

Criminal Background Checks

- All new adult volunteers in BSA's traditional programs will require a criminal background check effective April 1, 2003.
- Choice Point, a nationally recognized vendor in criminal background checking, has been selected to provide this service.
- National office will cover the costs for the initial two year period (2003-2004).

BSA's Standards of Membership

- The criminal background checking process will supplement the current application process, reference checks, and ineligible volunteer checking process already in place.
- The decision concerning eligibility will continue to be made by the council following the process defined in "Procedures for Maintaining Standards of Membership."
- A paragraph will be added to the 2004 Annual Local Council Membership Validation Procedure (form # 28-325) for the Scout Executive's signature verifying that the proper screening procedures are being followed.

Why Choice Point?

- New software technologies have greatly improved the ability of non-profit organizations to accurately and reliably conduct nationwide criminal background checks on applicants for volunteer positions.
- ChoicePoint is the largest commercial firm providing criminal background checks for employers. The company's service is the most comprehensive and accurate available for volunteer screening.
- After in-depth study and testing, the National Council has contracted with ChoicePoint to conduct criminal background checks for adult volunteer leaders.

Adult Screening Procedures

- The Volunteer Screening will normally be processed by the registrar under the direction of the Scout Executive or his designee. Other employees could be involved to lighten the workload during high registration periods.
- New Adult Volunteer Application: All new adult applications must meet the following guidelines before the applicant can be registered. Once met, the application can be processed in PAS.
 - The Social Security number must be listed on the adult application.
 - The applicant must sign the adult application giving informed consent to conduct the check.
 - If the required information is missing, the application must be returned to the Appropriate Scouting Professional for follow up.



K-Valley District

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“Scouts of Troop 518, Chartered by the United Methodist Church of Wilton, march on a sunny April day, celebrating their 90th year of Scouting. Congratulations!”

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Klondike Derby –

The 2003 Klondike Derby will be held on the weekend of January 11 – 12th at the China Middle School, Lake View Drive, China, Maine. All units are encouraged to attend this outstanding event. Playing in the snow is appealing to everybody, and to do so while learning practical skills and participating in fun challenges makes it all the more enjoyable. Registrations will be available by mid-December. If you have any questions, contact Scott Adams the Klondike Derby Chairman (685-4751) or Matt Randall (797-5252).

Unit Inventories and Re-Charterers

Keeping accurate records ensures that the boys (and units) have accurate records (for advancement and membership) at the council office, as well as keeping all our Scouts protected under the Pine Tree Council’s insurance plan. The district will be holding a Unit Inventory phone-a-thon on December 8th, in order to make sure unit rosters are accurate. Please make sure you have accurate records in preparation for this event. As the New Year begins, we will also be re-chartering units. Take the time to inform all of your unit membership of this event, and get all the necessary fees and paperwork ready as soon as you can. Keep in mind that the registration fee for 2003 has changed from \$7.00 per person for a year’s membership; to \$10 (the increased fee covers the BSA’s costs for new leader background checks).

FOS Presentations

The 2003 Friends of Scouting season is fast approaching! For the majority of the winter and spring, the Kennebec Valley and its many volunteers will be endeavoring to raise funds in order to support the costs that the Pine Tree Council incurs over a year providing



quality Scouting programs in Maine. We are asking that each unit provide an opportunity for volunteers to come and visit one of their meetings; Courts of Honor, dinner, or Blue and Gold Banquet for a 8 – 10 minute presentation about how folks can help the district raise our fair portion of the council’s operating costs. Monies raised help to provide for camperships, facility improvements, equipment purchases, secretarial fees, insurance costs, office supplies, professional costs, volunteer training costs, and much more. We will be asking units on the 8th of December, as well as at all district events, for possible date’s volunteers can come visit. Together we all make the Scouting program the success that it is in Kennebec Valley and Southern Maine.

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York District



Attention All Packs and Troops

As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and the packs re-charter in March. The commissioners have the charters and will be contacting units to set a date to fill out the Charter. We run the re-chartering this way so that the Commissioner can help answer questions and so that we do not lose track of any of the charters. In 2002, 78% of the units in York District were Quality Units. Please work with the Commissioner so we can raise our percentage to 80%+. If you use a Packmaster or Troopmaster software program, please submit your roster information on a floppy disc with your re-charter. It will make the data entry easier for the registration office. If you have any questions about your charter, please call Clint Staples at 636-1597. Remember OTTO!!!

Attention ALL York District Leaders

Starting in 2003, the York District will be offering Supplementary Training to all leaders. Topics may include Utensiless Cooking, Camping Equipment, How to Run a District Event and a whole lot more. More information will become available at the Winter Roundtables. If you have any ideas for topics, please let us know.

Friends of Scouting

The time has arrived for 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. Over \$2,600.00 went back to York District units in 2002. If you have not scheduled your unit's Family presentation, or would like to help 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.

Cub Scout Monthly Themes and Webelos Activity Badges

The month's theme for January is "Strike up the Band". The activity badges are Fitness / Readyman. For the month of February the theme is "Uncle Sam Depends On You" and the activity badges are Scholar/Engineer. The month's theme for March is "Why Does It Do That?" and the activity badges are Athlete / Engineer. You can obtain more information about these in the Scout Shop.

Klondike Derby 2003

Mark Saturday, February 1, 2003 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby. The location for the Klondike Derby will be the Lyman Recreation Area on Brock Road in Lyman and will start @ 8:00AM. This will be a serious sledding event in the woods around Bunganut Pond and we can be sure Dave Wade and his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. More information will be available at the January 2003 Roundtable. Please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 for further information. Storm date for the Klondike Derby is Saturday, February 15, 2003.

York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2003

Mark **July 7-11 and 14-18, 2003** on your calendars as the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The theme for 2003 is "**High Sea's Adventures.**" In 2002, 250 Cub Scouts and more than 75 volunteer leaders participated in the York District Day Camp Program. Where else can Scouts do crafts, cook, earn BB & Archery recognition, learn about nature and swim in a safe environment with 100 other Scouts?

To make sure we have another successful Day Camp season, we can always use volunteers to help run our program and they do not have to be current leaders to help out. Parents are welcome to participate as Day Camp Leaders. If you help with day camp, your scout's fee will be reduced for the first scout. A great deal and you may even have some fun while you help out. More information to follow at upcoming roundtables.

See Adult Leader Training on next page.

2003 Law Enforcement Academy

Although the date has not yet been established for the 2003 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy to be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, please prepare your minds and bodies for this challenging and exciting event. The Pine Tree Council expresses its appreciation to the Leadership provided by Michael Middaugh, District Executive Committee member and organizer of the Explorer Law Enforcement Academy. We look forward to another great program this year. When a date has been firmed up, each post will be contacted for a tally of academy participants.

2003 Friends of Learning for Life/Exploring Campaign

The 2003 Friends of Learning for Life/Exploring Campaign will kick off in January. Once again, John Jamieson of MBNA America has agreed to be the Friends of Learning for Life Finance Chair. The campaign consists of three key areas that include a Community Campaign, the Second Annual Learning for Life Auction, and a Family Campaign. Learning for Life and Exploring appreciate the support of our Posts in this annual fundraising effort. Already, four posts have agreed to conduct fundraisers on behalf of the Learning for Life/Exploring Districts. John will be contacting each post to discuss how they might contribute to this district-wide effort. In advance, we thank all of you for your unselfish support.

York District

New Adult Leader Training

For **ALL New Leaders** that have signed up since the fall, it is time to get the right training for the position you hold. Mark **Saturday, March 15, 2003** on your calendars as the York District spring training date. This training program will be for all new Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture leaders. This training is also available for all current leaders who would like to brush-up on their respective leadership skills. More information regarding training fee, location and what to bring will be available at upcoming Roundtable Meetings.

Explorers at the 25th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

Kristel Plante from the Cumberland Police Explorers and Tom Selby of the Westbrook Fire Explorers represented the Exploring community at this year's Annual Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner. Tom Selby headed the Color Guard and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kristel Plante shared her story of Exploring and how participation in the Exploring program has provided her with valuable tools for success in life. Kristel is currently attending Thomas College and studying Law Enforcement.

Explorer Post Advisor Training

Learning for Life/Exploring extends its appreciation to Douglas McCafferty and Michael Middaugh for their leadership in providing an opportunity for Post Advisors to receive Explorer Leadership Training. During the months of November and December, training sessions were held at Federal Distributors in Lewiston. If you were unable to attend this training but would like to attend Post Advisor Training, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

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Pine Tree Council 2003 Ski Days

SUNDAY RIVER

Sunday, January 5

Make-up day is January 26

(Registration deadline: December 30, 2002)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$23	Adult Tickets	@ \$33
Ski Rental	@ \$21	Snowboard Rental... @ \$21	
Learn to Ski (ages 7-12)	@ \$33		
Learn to Ski (13 & over)	@ \$39		
Learn to Snowboard (7 & over)	@ \$48		



SHAWNEE PEAK

Monday, January 20

Sunday, March 2

Make-up day is March 9 for both ski days

(Registration deadlines: January 13 and February 21)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$19	Adult Tickets	@ \$25
Ski Rental	@ \$18	Snowboard Rental... @ \$23	
Learn to Ski (ages 7 and older)	@ \$32	Barbecue Lunch	@ \$7
Learn to Snowboard (7 & older)	@ \$32		



SUGARLOAF U.S.A.

Sunday, February 9

Make up day is Sunday, March 23, 2003

(Registration deadlines: January 31, 2003)

Junior Tickets (ages 6-18)	@ \$23	Adult Tickets	@ \$33
Ski Rental	@ \$21	Snowboard Rental... @ \$21	
Learn to Ski (ages 7-12)	@ \$33	Learn to Ski (13 & over)@ \$39	
Learn to Snowboard (7 & over)	@ \$48		



Ski Day Rules

- Distribution of tickets is from 8:00 - 10:00 am.
- Tickets are non-refundable, but are transferrable to other people. Tickets may be used on the scheduled dates or make-up dates ONLY.
- Limited number of Learn-to-Snowboard tickets available; registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Learn to Ski or Learn to Snowboard packages include limited lift ticket (learning area only), equipment rental, and lesson.
- Family and individual registrations are preferred; however, unit registrations are accepted. Payment by check or money order only.

Please register for Ski Days using the registration form you receive in the mail. If you don't receive one or if you have questions, contact the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.



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2003 JLT Conference

August 10 - 16

Junior Leader Training is an intense weeklong leadership-training course for scouts. The course is intended for a troop's current and future boy leaders. Scouts who are about to assume the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader can all benefit from this course.

This is a week of fun and hard work that will provide the participants with a working knowledge of the leadership skills that have been proven successful in Scouting over the years. The skills acquired at JLT are useful outside of scouting as well.

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To qualify for admission to JLT, a boy must be recommended by his Scoutmaster, be 13 years of age as of 8/1/03 and First Class or above. The fee is \$160.00 for the week and will be held at Camp KV in Readfield. Camp KV offers a beautiful site with 65 acres, a sports field, and other amenities for this course.

Participation is limited to only two Scouts per troop, with enrollment capped at 48 Scouts. The cost is \$160. For more information call Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14.



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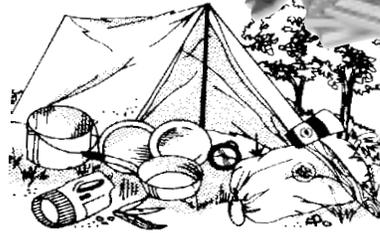


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January-March 2003 Pine Tree Council Calendar

Council

January

- 1 Council Office Closed/
Scout Shop Closed
- 2 Scout Shop/Office
Closed- Inventory
- 3-5 OKPIK Week 1
- 10-12 OKPIK Week 2
- 17-19 OKPIK Week 3
- 20 Council Office Closed/
Scout Shop Open
- 22 Council Coord. Mtg.
- 24-25 OKPIK Week 4
- 31-2 OKPIK Week 5

February

- 1 OA Elections Begin
- 2 Scout Anniversary
Week Begins/Scouting
Anniv Day
- 2 Scout Sunday
- 7-9 OKPIK Week 6
- 8 Scouting Anniversary
Week Ends/Scout
Sabbath
- 14-16 OKPIK Week 7
- 16-21 Winter Camp
- 17 Council Office Closed/
Scout Shop Open
- 26 Council Commissioner
Meeting
- 28-2 OKPIK Week 8

March

- 7-9 OKPIK Week 9
- 19 Council Coord. Mtg.
- 22 Council Commissioner
College

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January

- 7 Dist Committee Mtg
- 8 Roundtable/OA
- 18 Basic Leader
Essentials and New
Leader Specific
Training for Cub
Scout Leaders
- 29 Dist Commissioner
Meeting

February

- 4 Dist Committee Mtg
- 12 Roundtable/OA
- 19 District Commissioner
Meeting

March

- 1-2 Klondike Derby
- 4 Distr Committee Mtg
- 12 Roundtable/OA
- 15 BALOO Training
- 26 District Commissioner
Meeting
- 29 Leader Training

Casco Bay

January

- 8 District Commissioner
Meeting/Roundtable/OA
- 8 District Recharter Clinic
- 15 District Committee
Meeting
- 30 New Leader Essentials/
Leader Specific Training
for all Adults, Troop
Committee Challenge

February

- 5 District Commissioner
Meeting/Roundtable/OA
- 6 New Leader Essentials/
Leader Specific Training
for all Adults, Troop
Committee Challenge
- 8 Klondike Derby
- 12 District Committee
Meeting

March

- 5 District Commissioner
Meeting/Roundtable/OA
- 8 New Leader Essentials/
Leader Specific Training
for all Adults, Troop
Committee Challenge
- 12 Dist Committee Mtg
- 15 BALOO Training
- 29 Scoutmaster and
Assistant Scoutmaster
Training

Downeast

January

- 8 Dist. Committee Mtg
- 15 Dist. Roundtable / OA
- 15 All Unit Charters Due

February

- 1 Klondike Derby
- 5 Dist Committee Mtg
- 12 Dist Roundtable / OA

March

- 5 Dist Committee Mtg
- 12 Dist Roundtable / OA

K-Valley

January

- 8 District Committee/
Commissioner Meeting
- 15 Roundtable/OA-
Waterville
- 21 Roundtable/OA- Strong

February

- 5 District Committee/
Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable/OA-
Waterville
- 25 Roundtable/OA- Strong

March

- 1 Klondike Derby
- 5 District Committee/
Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable/OA-
Waterville
- 18 Roundtable/OA- Strong

York

January

- 2 Roundtable / OA
- 8 District Commissioner
Meeting
- 9 District Committee

February

- 1 Klondike Derby
- 5 District Commissioner
Meeting
- 6 District Roundtable /
OA
- 13 District Committee
Meeting
- 15 Storm Date for
Klondike Derby

March

- 5 District Commissioner
Meeting
- 6 District Roundtable /
OA
- 13 District Committee
Meeting
- 15 Basic Leader Essentials
and Leader Specific
Training for all
Scouting Leaders



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