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Unit Commissioners: Resources Free For The Taking

In our lives outside of Scouting we all rely on numerous people for various resources, services, advice, guidance, and just plain support and friendship. We have doctors for medical needs, clergy for spiritual needs, friends and family for friendship and support, internet service providers for information needs, and the list goes on and on. These support systems have worked for centuries but they have one flaw, you have to go to many different sources for different needs.

In the Boy Scouts of America we have what we think is a better system. We have one person who is a "friend", a "representative", a "doctor" a "teacher" and a "counselor" all rolled into one. Want to find this mysterious person? Try picking up your telephone and calling your "Unit Commissioner" Every scouting unit (Pack, Troop, Post, Crew, Team) has or should have a Unit Commissioner. This man/woman should be visiting your unit meeting and/or unit committee meeting at least on a monthly basis. This person is your best resource for all your unit scouting needs. He/she can assist in representing you and your unit's needs to the local council, he/she can be a great resource with unit needs such as youth recruiting and retention, program, advancement, fund raising, adult recruiting, re-chartering, achieving quality unit status, and the list goes on. He/she

may not know all of the answers but would know where to go to get the answers. A fresh set of eyes can also be a valuable asset in identifying a potential problem within your unit before it actually surfaces. He/she can also work with you in helping to build a strong support system with your Chartering Organization. I'm sure you'll find, after meeting your Unit Commissioner, you have just developed a new and lasting friendship with a great scouter like yourself. A friend that can greatly assist you in providing the best program for the youth that you serve.

If for no other reason than strictly for "Information" purposes, your Unit Commissioner would be a valuable contact on a regular basis. He/she will have all the up to date information on District, Council and National happenings. Want the correct information on your upcoming District Pine Wood Derby, Day Camp, Camporee, Summer Camp, Scout Show, National Jamboree? How about the Philmont experience or other High Adventure program?

If you do not know who your Unit Commissioner is, call your District Commissioner. Your District Commissioner's name and phone number are listed in your district section of every Pine Spills.

Space Exploration Event at Michaels Stores

Michaels "the arts and crafts store," is promoting, in conjunction with the Estes Industries, a "Space Exploration Rocket Days." This event, held at Michaels stores throughout the country from April 17, 2004 to May 1, 2004, will provide Scouts the opportunity to complete requirement 3 of the Space Exploration merit badge, except for the two rocket launches.

Each Scout participating in the event will receive a FREE Estes Rocket Kit and a certificate of completion. The certificate can be presented to the merit badge counselor as proof of completion. This is a Boy Scout event, and does require registration prior to participation. To find the Michaels store nearest you, please call 1-800-642-4235 or visit www.michaels.com.

Camp Hinds has Nursing Openings

Want a relaxing week away from home this summer? Summer camp is looking for a few good nurses! Camp Hinds is located in Raymond and runs 8 weeks, with approximately 250 campers per week.

Each week runs Sunday through Friday, and preference is given to nurses able to work a minimum of one week, but some part time day positions are available. Nurses must hold a current State of Maine license as a R.N. or L.P.N. and have current CPR certification.

The Health Officer falls under the supervision of our on call camp doctor and our Chief Medical Officer and is responsible for overseeing medication distribution, first aid for accidents and injuries and keeping health logs. Specific training for camp is offered.

Camp is located on scenic Panther Pond and offers activities like boating, swimming, shooting sports, nature and more!

Benefits include room and board, a free week of summer camp for your Boy Scout or Cub Scout and a weekly stipend plus a relaxing week away & a chance to help your community!

For a staff application, contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping and Program Administrator at Pine Tree Council, at 797-5252 ext. 14.

Health & Safety Corner- BE PREPARED FOR SAFE SCOUTING



To help plan, carry out and ensure the safety of our Scouts, leaders and parents in Scouting activities, all units need to be aware of the policies and guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

Some things to keep in mind when planning an activity:

- * Age Appropriate Activities - are your Scouts ready for the activity planned?
- * Tour Permits- needed for an overnight, water activity or when traveling 100 miles or more
- * Permission Slips - suggested for every activity out side of regular meetings.
- * Communications - are you able to communicate with at least one parent back home?
- * Do you have local emergency numbers with you and directions to your site?
- * First Aid - do you have a properly stocked first aid kit and a trained first aid leader?
- * Weather - what precautions have you taken for changing Maine weather?
- * Plan B - always have a plan B in case your best-laid plans don't work!

Training available to units by the Health & Safety Committee:

Scouting Safety...Begins with Leadership - An interactive training for units covering the "Sandwich Principle" of safety and features the Guide to Safe Scouting. Units can schedule presentations by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14.

Boy Scouts of America Introduces "Legal Issues" Website

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has introduced a new website that informs the public of legal issues that confront Scouting. Across the nation, Scouting has been under a legal assault and publicity barrage since the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the Scouts' First Amendment right to freedom of association in 2000. The website is www.bsalegal.org.

Please visit this site often as it will be updated. You are invited to register to be kept current on its contents. You will be notified by e-mail when new information and features are added and when there are developments in the issues.

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Pinewood Derby

Pack 160 of Lewiston is hosting the District Derby on Saturday, April 3rd at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. The top 5 racers from your Pack Derby are eligible to go plus one alternate. Registration for racers is \$6. There is no admission charge

for alternates and spectators. Please register with the Pine Tree Council.

Spring Camporee

This year's King of the Kitchen Spring Camporee will be held Friday, May 14th through Sunday, May 16th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. More information will be out soon, but mark your calendars as Troop 116 plans a full slate of camp culinary competition. Contact Bob Reed at 782-5482 if you are interested in helping out..

Activities

The activities committee is always looking for units that are interested in hosting district events. Such events include but are not limited to the Fall 2004 Camporee, 2005 Klondike, 2005 Pinewood Derby, and the Spring 2005 Camporee.

If your unit has an idea for an event and would like to help organize it, contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33. We would love to have events in some new places.

Merit Badge College

The Advancement Committee is hosting the 9th Abnaki District Merit Badge College on Monday evening, March 29th, April 5th

and April 12th from 6:30 till 8:30 at Auburn Middle School.

There is no admission, but you must pre-register with your counselor. For a list of badges offered and counselor contact information please see the notice being sent to Scoutmasters and also displayed on www.abnakidistrict.org, contact Mike Leveille at 783-6781 or mike.levaille@envirologix.com or Matt Mower at mmower@bsaemail.org or 797-5252 ext33.

Friends of Scouting

The Abnaki District is off to a great start with our 2004 Friends of Scouting Campaign, but to reach our goals we need to offer as many parents, leaders, family and friends as possible the opportunity to support Scouting. Allowing us to do a brief presentation is an easy way to help the campaign and can be done at Blue and Gold Banquets, Courts of Honor, or at most any other meeting and event.

If your unit has not signed up for a Friends of Scouting presentation yet, please contact Bob Reed at 782-5482, Ray Begin at 784-3301 or myself, Matt Mower, at 797-5252 ext 33.

Sign-up Nights

It is never too late to bring more Scouts into the program. If you would like assistance or some ideas on how to grow membership in your Unit, contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext. 33. Please consider a spring sign-up night or open house.

Remember Cub Leaders that in June kindergarteners become eligible to join Tiger Cubs. What better time to bring in new Scouts than during the warmer months when you can do more outdoor activities.

If you have registration forms that have not been turned into the office, please send them in. The Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy of the Pine Tree Council only covers youth and adults that are registered.

The Turtle Speaks

* 18 youth Scouts and Scouters from our lodge will be heading to Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa during the week of July 31st through August 5th for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). This year's theme is: Chosen to Serve, Inspired to Lead. Our contingent will join approximately 7,000 arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia for five days of leadership training, competitions, shows, as well as some fun and fellowship.

* Brothers should also be looking towards their mailboxes, and the latest issues of Turtle Soup for a few important forms. First of all, there are the 60th Anniversary Award requirements that any active member can earn during this lodge anniversary. Second, there is the annual flyer and registration form for the 2004 Section NE-1A Conclave, which will be hosted by Passaconway Lodge of New Hampshire at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation during the weekend of June 11-13th. Finally, a special pre-order form for our 60th anniversary merchandise is also available. These items are only available in a pre-order basis, so get your orders in by the deadline! Remember, all lodge information is in the latest issue of Turtle Soup, and updated on the website at www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge.

Also, watch for the special 60th Anniversary celebration that is being planned at Camp Hinds for July 10, 2004!

* Unit leaders and members of our lodge should review their unit election results and make sure that elected candidates pre-register for one of the three Ordeal Weekends that will take place during 2004. Two weekends are scheduled during June, and a final fall Ordeal weekend during September. Invitations to these Ordeal weekends are mailed to all elected candidates during May, so don't delay!

* And finally, thanks to all Brothers that braved a winter delay and attended our Annual Banquet. Congratulations go out to Joshua Shean of Downeast Chapter and Mike Mirisola of York Chapter as the 2003 Founders' Award recipients, and to Abnaki, Casco Bay, and K-Valley chapters for their Honor Chapter designations. In closing, the membership would like to thank outgoing Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas for his 5 years of service in this capacity, and welcome new adviser Matt Randall to this position. Thanks to both for stepping forward in service!



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Casco Bay District Scout Show

The Casco Bay District held a Scout Show on Sunday, February 1st at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. More than 40 Scout units participated, and an estimated 1,200 people attended.

The Show's theme was "What Scouts Do". Each participating unit demonstrated some aspect of its Scouting program, offering the general public a wonderful opportunity to see the variety of activities Scouts are involved with.

Also participating were several area organizations - e.g., the Civil Air Patrol, Windham Fire Department, the Red Cross, as well as local ski areas and rafting companies.

The Scout Show Committee thanks the South Portland Professional Firefighters local 1476 and the Civic Center for their generous financial support of this event.

Day Camp Supplies Needed!

Summer day camp was a great deal of fun last year. Buck Tooth Bonnie and Captain Cocoa set sail for distant shores, but sent their identical twins to replace them. You'll be meeting these new cow pokes soon. In the meantime, we are attempting to wrangle up some supplies to help the new herd of Scouts learn the ways of the Wild West. Please take a gander at the list, and give us a holler if you can lend a hand by providing anything.

Wood (2 X 4 lengths of at least 12")/plastic netting (like a produce bag)/leather lacing (at least 24" in lengths)/feathers/key rings (at least 2 1/2 " in diameter)/brown yarn/small wheels for a hobby size project/rope (assorted sizes and lengths ok)/wrapping paper core rolls or paper towel core rolls/box tops with edge (at least 8 1/2 X 11)/bandana fabric (at least 18" X 24")/wax/twine (at least 12" pieces)/sandpaper/banana boxes.

Also, we are looking for anyone who would allow us the use of candle molds for hand dipping and child size hammers.

Thank you!

Tracy Murphy

Program Director for Camps Ingallside and Hinds.

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Spring Camporee

The Casco Bay District Spring Camporee will be held May 14-16 at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds. This year's theme is the "Blue and the Gray" and the event will be hosted by Troop 315. The District Activities committee has been busy putting together a Civil War themed program that is sure to excite all those who attend. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in what will undoubtedly prove to be an unforgettable camporee. Register early so that you don't miss out on the fun and excitement. Any questions should be directed to Bruce and Sherry Beety at 642-2991 or

Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Day Camp Volunteers Needed

Casco Bay District will be hosting two weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp this year. The first week will be at Camp Hinds in Raymond from July 19th through July 23rd. The second week will be at Ingallsides Recreational Area in Scarborough from July 26th through July 30th. This year's theme is the Wild West and there is no question that the kids are going to have the time of their lives. As always, the district needs volunteers to come and lend a hand at camp for the week and help us run our programs. Anyone who is willing to volunteer for the week at camp may register his or her son for the bargain price of \$10. Saddle up for a wild ride through the Old West! Any questions should be directed to the following:

Camp Ingallsides (Scarborough)-Missy Bell-839-8421

Camp Hinds (Raymond)-Laura Higgins-892-2852

Pine Tree Council-Jonathan Widmark-797-5252 ext. 23

Casco Bay District Committee Welcomes New Members

The Casco Bay District would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of our District Committee. Bob Rand and David Higgins have both recently joined the Committee as Marketing Chairman and Cub Scout Training Chairman respectively. Both individuals have jumped right into their new positions and are doing a fantastic job. Welcome Bob and David!

Sea Scouting

Sea Scouting is a co-ed program for youth ages 14 to their 21st birthday. Founded in 1912, Sea Scouting offers participants a traditional advancement program tempered with the opportunity to learn the traditions of the sea, while at the same time developing leadership and seamanship skills. If you have ever wanted to learn how to sail, or how to operate a power boat; if you are interested in seamanship and being on the water, then Sea Scouting is for you. Any questions about Sea Scouting should

Do you want to be a Camp Ranger? Come Earn your "Ranger in Training" patch!

Join Ranger Bob to help get camp ready for the season and earn the new "Ranger in Training" patch! Camp Hinds will be hosting a workday on May 22nd from 9 AM till 4 PM.

Projects for all ages and skill levels! Free camping for the weekend! A BBQ lunch will be provided for all workers on Saturday plus helpers will



receive the "Ranger in Training" patch.

Skilled adults are needed to put the finishing touches on camp and help keep the cost of camp down for the kids! Let's all help to do our part!

Folks wanting to help out are asked to reserve their spot by calling Ranger Bob at camp at 655-4878.

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Downeast District

Hop on the wagon and join us for Day Camp!

If you have not registered your son for Downeast Day Camp, now is the time to do it. Once

again, we will be hosting two different weeks of day camp. Day camp is Monday through Friday and the cost is \$75.00 with an early bird discount of \$5.00, if registration fees are paid in full by June 1, 2004. All Cub Scouts will have the option of attending either of the locations. Camp in Union will be July 12-16 and will be held at the Union Fairgrounds. Downeast offers the same exciting program in the southern half of the district as well. Topsham Day Camp will be during the week of July 19-23 at the Topsham Fairgrounds. Saddle up and get ready to enjoy a fun filled week of sports, nature, archery and BB shooting. The boys will earn different Activity Pins and Belt Loops throughout the week. Information about all of the Pine Tree Council's Cub Camping Programs has been mailed to all registered households. If you did not receive your copy call today to get yours. There are several opportunities to serve as a staff member and your son can attend camp for \$10.00. Contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center to obtain an application. For further questions regarding camping programs, contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext.28.

Downeast District Annual Recognition Dinner

Join us for a fun-filled, action packed evening of socializing and recognition. Do you know someone who deserves the prestigious District Award of Merit, maybe the Distinguished Scouter Award? Nominations are needed for recipients of these two great honors. Does your Chartering Organization go out of their way to support your pack or troop, are they deserving of the Chartered Partner of the Year Award? We would like to know so that we can show our appreciation for what they do. The Annual Recognition Dinner will be held April 24 at St. Phillips Church in Wiscasset. The cost for the evening is \$5.00 per person and a "potluck" dinner will be served. Get out the casserole dishes, dust off the dutch ovens and bring your most famous dish for all to enjoy. As always there will be a secret guest speaker to lighten up the evening. A flyer with registration information will be available at

Roundtable or by contacting Sue Kennedy at 798-7920 or scouters@blazenetme.net. Hope to see all of you there!

Spring Camporee to be in Union!

The spring camporee is set for May 14-16 and will be at the Union Fairgrounds. The theme is "If I Were Not A Boy Scout, I Wonder What I Would Be" and will feature many different occupations and professions. Join us in exploring the many career fields that are available to you and your scouts. Troop 207 will be hosting the camporee and recommends that your troop bring 25 of the same item, i.e. 25 plastic forks. The cost will be \$6.00 per scout or leader, and every registered participant will receive a patch. Bring your scout spirit and a song or skit to share at the campfire. More information will be available at Roundtable or by contacting Frieda Carpenter at 785-4607.

Friends of Scouting Update

This year, the Friends of Scouting Campaign has been very successful. At the time of this printing the district is at 55% of the \$38,000 goal. Many of the units have been very supportive and it is never too late to schedule a FOS Presentation. We would like to see 100% of the 49 packs; troops and crews participate in presentations. The team of presenters has been busy attending Blue & Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor. Thanks to Richard Fortuna, Sue Kennedy, Frank Wonder and Frieda Carpenter for all of their hard work. The Community Campaign under the leadership of Johnny Ring and Austin Treworgy has been equally successful. There is a lot of community support for our great program and the wonderful things that the scouts do. If you would like to contribute or donate supplies, please contact the Pine Tree Council Service Center.

Merit Badge Counselor List

The District Committee is looking for help to maintain the Downeast District Merit Badge Web page. If you have experience in web design and a desire to help this link be as useful as possible we would love to hear from you. There are updates that need to be made because we are constantly receiving Merit Badge Counselor Applications. The Downeast District would also like to establish our own web page to relay up to date information to all of our leaders. We currently have the "Beacon", which is an email newsletter that is sent out on a weekly basis. We are the only district that does not have our own page and we would like to change that. Contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 ext. 28 if you are interested in helping.

FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

Attention All Scouts and Scouting Families!

Once again the Pine Tree Council will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. The prices for the 2004 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$15.50
Splashtown Pass	\$12.50
Combination Pass	\$20.25



The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center May 1 through July 31, 2004. As with last year's ticket sale, these tickets can be used anytime during the 2004 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252.

Spring Recruitment Incentive

As a springtime recruitment incentive, the Pine Tree Council along with Funtown/Splashtown will be offering a FREE Funtown ONLY pass to ALL NEW Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers. This special offer is ONLY good for new youth who sign up from June 1-30, 2004. The program will work like this; after the new scout application is received in the Pine Tree Council Service Center between June 1-30, 2004, a welcome letter from the Pine Tree Council will be sent to the new Scout. In order to receive the Funtown ONLY pass, the new scout will have to come in person to the Pine Tree Council Service Center and redeem the letter for the Funtown ONLY pass. Welcome letters cannot be redeemed through the mail. It must be done in person. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, York District Executive at 797-5252 ext. 24.

2004-2008 Strategic Plan A Vision for our Future



During 2002 and 2003 hundreds of volunteers gathered together to develop the Pine Tree Council Strategic Plan. This plan is a blueprint for operations that will guide us for the next few years. The highlights of this plan include:

Program

- A separate “Cub World” camp for Cub Scouts at Camp Bomazeen will ensure Scouts visit multiple camps throughout their Scouting Experience, and achieve 55% of Cub Scouts Camping.
- Use the training center for a High Adventure Base at Camp Hinds, while expanding our Camp Hinds program and achieve 65% of Boy Scouts Camping

Membership

- Recommend an aggressive unit sales campaign to increase traditional program growth and to achieve a 2% growth in traditional membership each year and 100 new units by 2008.
- Develop an aggressive Venturing marketing and outreach program to take advantage of the underserved teenage market.

Property

- Camp Bomazeen
Convert existing facility into Cub Adventure Camp
- Camp Hinds
Replacement of dining hall and kitchen
Renovate Training Center for High Adventure Program
- Camp Gustin
Add handicap latrine
- Camp Nutter
Finish work on Kiwanis Hall
Upgrade Seton & Baden Powell cabins
- New Service Center
Plan, design and construct a new 10,500 sq. ft. service center at Johnson Rd. site in Portland.



Marketing

- Focus on increasing the number of Cub Scouts through recruitment and retention efforts and work with membership committee in organizing growth efforts to achieve 2% growth per year.
- Reinforce Scouting’s traditional benefits in the public eye by developing a marketing program to be used by the Scouts themselves.

Organization and Manpower

- Emphasis must continue to be placed on recruiting and training quality district and council leadership. Add a Vice President of District Operations to assist in this effort.
- Districts maintain 100% of standard district structure.

Finance

- Continue to develop district manpower structure to achieve a 4% yearly Friends of Scouting increase.
- By the end of 2008, increase or maintain a fund 3 endowment balance of at least \$430 per traditional registered youth member (approximately: \$5,160,000).

Pine Tree Council Summer Camp

Camp Opportunities for Cub Scouts: Have you signed up for Summer Camp yet?

Changes for 2004 ~ If you haven't heard yet, we have some exciting news in Cub Camping! Camp Bomazeen in North Belgrade is closed for this summer season to begin the construction process as it is transformed into our primary Cub Camp!

This will give our Cub Scouts and their families a camp designed especially for them! So during construction, some programs are moving to Camp Hinds in Raymond! Camp Hinds will expand their Cub program areas and equipment this year to ensure the Cubs have a great camp season!

Our programs will use fun filled themes to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

Join us for a Funpack Weekend, an overnight camping experience for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! What a great chance for him to learn about camping out with Mom or Dad there to lend a helping hand!

2004 Funpack Dates

At Camp Hinds:

July 10 & 11

July 17 & 18

July 24 & 25

July 31 & Aug 1

Aug 7 & 8

Aug 14 & 15

Day Camps give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at different locations throughout the council.



2004 Cub Day Camp Dates:

Abnaki District:

Camp Gustin Aug 2-6

Casco Bay District:

Camp Hinds-July 19-23

Scarborough - July 26 -30

Downeast District:

Union Fair - July 12-16

Topsham Fair - July 19-23

Kennebec Valley District:

Camp KV - Aug 2-6

York District:

Camp Nutter July 12-16

July 19 - 23, July 26-30

Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond! Join us for an exciting 4-day overnight camp for our 4th & 5th graders! Resident camp gives the Webelos a program designed especially for them!

2004 Webelos 4 Day Resident Camp is Aug 22 - 25

Sign up for camp with the camp registration forms found at www.pinetreebsa.org or call Pine Tree Council 797-5252

Summer Camp Staff WANTED

Camp Hinds is looking for motivated and high-energy individuals with a love for teaching and the outdoors! Are you interested in spending your summer away from home, teaching scout skills, making new friends and memories of a lifetime while earning a paycheck? Then give us a call!

Positions are available for youth age 15 and up, adults and even retirees! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more. The High Adventure Base at Camp

Hinds is looking for trek guides at least 21 years old with a strong outdoor background and junior guides age 18 and older!

Camp Staff applications can be downloaded from our web site: www.pinetreebsa.org or contact Matt Randall, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 27 or email mrandall@bsamail.org or Matt Mower, High Adventure Base Director, at 797-5252 ext. 33 or email mmower@bsamail.org

Pine Tree Council Summer Camp

CAMP HINDS BOY SCOUT CAMP 2004 DATES & PROGRAMS:

July 4 - 9	WEEK 1 Troop & Provisional Camping Trail to Eagle	7/11 - 7/16	WEEK 2 Mountain Man 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek Sea Kayaking Trek*
July 11 - 16	WEEK 2 Troop & Provisional Camping BSA Lifeguard CIT Session 1 - 3 weeks	7/18 - 7/23	WEEK 3 Mountain Man Sea Kayaking Trek 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*
July 18 - 23	WEEK 3 Troop & Provisional Camping	7/25 - 7/30	WEEK 4 Mountain Man 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek Sea Kayaking Trek*
July 25 - 30	WEEK 4 Troop & Provisional Camping BSA Lifeguard	8/1 - 8/6	WEEK 5 Survivor Island Sea Kayaking Trek 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*
Aug. 1 - 6	WEEK 5 Troop & Provisional Camping CIT Session 2 - 3 weeks	8/8 - 8/13	WEEK 6 Survivor Island 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek Sea Kayaking Trek*
Aug. 8 - 13	WEEK 6 Troop & Provisional Camping BSA Lifeguard	8/15 - 8/20	WEEK 7 Survivor Island Fishing Trek 50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek*
Aug. 15 - 20	WEEK 7 Troop & Provisional Camping		
For More High Adventure & Boy Scout Camp Information and Registration Forms: www.pinetreebsa.org			

2004 P.T.C. High Adventure Base DATES & PROGRAMS

Older Scouts & Venturers - Are you looking for something different this summer? Are you ready to break away from your troop's traditional week at a camp? Bring a buddy and try a week of High Adventure!

7/4 - 7/9	WEEK 1 Mountain Man Sea Kayaking Trek
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All High adventure programs are for Individual sign-ups except for one weekly trek*

*Treks reserved for patrols or Crews

To sign up for a High Adventure Trek use the individual or group registration forms included in the Boy Scout Camp CD or call PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14.

Pine Tree Council Bulletin Board

TRAIL TO EAGLE ADVANCEMENT WEEK:~

Camp Hinds will again be offering its' popular Trail to Eagle week during Week 1 this summer, which runs July 4th - 9th! This program is only open to Scouts 13 + years old, and who are a minimum of 1st Class Rank. Trail to Eagle Scouts will select from Eagle required merit badges in this intensive program including all three Citizenships, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Personal Management and more! Trail to Eagle Scouts will also participate in a daily Leadership Seminar - learning communication, teamwork, and leadership skills. The seminars will also include a service hour to camp in order to put their lessons to practical use. Scouts not attending with their troop during the week will be assigned to a Trail to Eagle Provisional Troop. Sign up now for Trail to Eagle!

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM:

Pine Tree Council offers a CIT program for interested Scouts, 15 years old, at Camp Hinds that will introduce them to life at camp as a staff member. The course encompasses three 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, campfire etiquette, basic counseling, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

While taking the program, Scouts will be able to participate in parts of the camp program & earn Merit Badges, as well as visit the many areas of camp. Scouts who complete this program will be able to apply for staff positions the year following their CIT experience.

Cost of program is \$100.

Dates:

Session 1 - Weeks 2-4 July 11 - July 30

Session 2 - Weeks 5-7 Aug. 1 - Aug. 20

To apply for the CIT program, fill out a Pine Tree Council Staff Application. Applications available by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 14, on the web site www.pinetrebsa.org or on the 2004 PTC Camping CD.

Special Discounts to Youth and Scout Groups

Whitewater Rafting on the Kennebunk River
10 yrs and older

\$49.00 includes BBQ and Wetsuit Rentals

Whitewater Rafting on the Dead River
12 yrs and older

\$69.00 includes BBQ and Wetsuit Rentals

Also offering:

Rock Climbing

Climbing Wall

Whitewater Merit Badge

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Campground

Overnight Trips

Call 1-800-207-7238 for info or a brochure
www.magicfalls.com or e-mail adventures@magic-falls.com

Your Hosts

Dave & Donna Neddeau

Cub Scout Day Camp Patch Contest

Calling all Cub Scouts! Do you like to draw? Here's your chance to design the patch to be used this summer at Day Camp! Draw your idea for a cool day camp patch using the summer theme of the "Wild West." The winning patch artist will receive \$50.00 in Scout Bucks! Scout Bucks can be used for summer camp or at the Scout Store in Portland!

Contest rules:

Designs must use the "Wild West" theme!

Artist must be a Cub Scout!

Can be in black & white or color.

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

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

Entries must be received by April 20, 2004

Send designs to:

Pine Tree Council

Attn: Day Camp Patch

125 Auburn St.

Portland, ME 04103

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Friends of Scouting

Money raised from Friends of Scouting helps to keep the operating costs of Scouting in Southern Maine low. All we ask is the ability to send a volunteer speaker to either a Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet in order to inform the

families present about the campaign, where the monies get spent, and how folks can help out.

We ask that every unit contact the District Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Director Chip Clary, at 582-8587 or cclary@allofmainecu.org, and provide him with a time, place, and location for a guest speaker to attend during the early part of 2004.

Units who do not have a Friends of Scouting presentation will be put on our Phone-A-Thon list for early May, 2004.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Chip Clary and his team for all their good work with our Family Campaign thus far, and to Roger Pomerleau from NRF Distributors and his team for their work with our Community Campaign.

Camping

Summer Time is camping time! Each boy and leader is lured into the realm of Scouting with an image of being outdoors flashed someplace in front of them. It is what we refer to as "delivering the promise" - of having fun outside. The Pine Tree Council has many offerings available to our youth in order to help provide each boy with the chance to go camping.

- **Day Camp** - For Cub Scouts of all ages, the Kennebec Valley is offering a week of day camping (early morning to late afternoon, Monday through Friday) at Camp KV in Readfield. Youth participate in shooting sports, swimming, crafts, and much more. Day camp will be held the week of August 2 - 6, 2004.

- **Fun Pack Weekend** - For Cub Scouts who come as a unit, there is a 2 day opportunity to enjoy the amenities of Camp William Hinds with friends and family. The Kennebec Valley will be holding our Fun Pack Weekend the weekend of July 24th. If you have ever wanted to sleep over night and play at scout camp - this is your

chance.

- **Webelos Week** - For our Webelos scouts, there will be a special half-week of programming, held at Camp William Hinds, where they youth may work on activity pins, try out the different areas of camp, and find out what it is like to spend more than one night at camp. This will be held from August 22 - 25.

For adults interested in helping with any of these programs, please contact Matthew Randall at 797-5252 x27.

Membership

Spring time is the IDEAL time to be recruiting new boys into our programs. I wish to encourage each of our units to investigate the possibility of doing a spring recruitment activity of some sort. In the spring, sport teams and school are dying down, the weather changes to the point where a unit can finally do outdoor activities, and the youth who join in the spring have the immediate rewards of attending the Spring Camporee or Summer Camp!!

Do not let the prospect of extracurricular activities or sports keep a youth from joining Scouts. Our program is designed to be flexible enough to allow a youth to participate in both activities. Troops should be visiting their local pack and making the 2nd Year Webelos feel comfortable about joining the camp, and packs should be out getting those young Tiger Cub aged kids involved in the largest, most successful youth program in the world.

For units who wish to investigate the possibilities for doing a spring recruiting event, you have the full resources of the Kennebec Valley District at your disposal to help you with this task. Feel free to call Charlie Matthews, Matthew Randall, or Rick Lees for help.

We would also like to visit as many of our schools as possible. Venturing is the Boy Scouts of America Co-Ed program, for youth between the ages of 14 and 20 years of age. It is a wonderful program, and we'd love to see it grow in 2004. If you are involved in any school, or know somebody who is involved in a school which caters to kids within this age span - please contact Matthew Randall.

Remember - we are about serving as many kids as we can! We have the "Cadillac" of youth programs, so let us be proud to provide it to as many youth as we can. If you get the youth, I'll get you the support!

Thank you all for serving the youth that you do! It is because of dedicated folks, such as yourself, that I am still involved in this wonderful program!

CAMP HINDS 2004 PROGRAM KICKOFF MEETINGS:

- April 28th, at 7 pm at the Hinds Training Center, or
- May 1st, 4 pm at the Hinds Training Center

The 2004 Program Kickoff Meeting is an informational meeting to update Scoutmasters and/or Troop Camp leaders of the changes and program info for the 2004 camp season. Both meetings will cover the same information.

CAMPERSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Individual campership applications must be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC. Please call 797-5252 and ask for a campership application. The campership application deadline is May 15th, 2004.

York District

Friends of Scouting

We are half way 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, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. In 2003, York District exceeded its district goal for the third straight year. We hope to do the same in 2004. Please note that the 15% rebate program utilized in 2003 will be available again in 2004. 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, please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location..

York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2004

Howdy Partners!! Join the Wild West Rodeo of fun from July 12-16, July 19-23 and July 26-30, 2004 at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. How do I get my Scout to camp? So glad you asked! Early March, 2004, a special Cub Scout Camping newspaper was sent out to all registered cub scouts. In the brochure you will find 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, you will be sent an information packet that will contain the following:

- An introduction letter providing everything your Scout will need will need to know to attend camp.
- A medical form that must be completed and sent directly to the Camp Director prior to June 20th. The information packet will have the appropriate address for mailing all medical forms. Please remember to include insurance information and dates of immunizations. Medical forms 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 will enjoy a fee reduction to \$10.00 for their Scout. Staff applications are available from the Day Camp Director. Otherwise, the cost of the camp is \$70.00 per week if paid by June 1st, and \$75.00 per week if paid after this date. Council camperships are available to help with the cost of camp if necessary. Please see your Cubmaster for the appropriate forms. Many Cub Packs have fund raisers to get their Scouts to camp, some offer camperships and others pay the full cost by having the scout do things like an essay on why they want to go to camp. Not all Packs have the ability to provide support so please check with your pack leadership to determine if any assistance is available.

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 your Scout by June 20th. If you do not, you will run the risk of being declined due to lack of leadership. Early registration allows your Day Camp Directors to adequately plan supplies, safe shelter and adequate adult supervision. Late registration means plans are inadequate to support all scouts and, sometimes, major adjustments must be made to the program. This is not fair to those Scout families that have registered early. Our current need is certified Lifeguards and Nurses. Your Day Camp Directors are looking forward to another three weeks of fun this summer. We

hope lots of Scouts and adults will join us at the Wild West Rodeo.

For more information, please contact Lisa Winfrey at 247-4469 or ship-mates17@yahoo.com or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or fgilcrea@bsaemail.org.

York District Pinewood Derby

Gentlemen, start your engines. The York District

Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2004 at the Bonny Eagle High School Cafeteria. Pack 349 of Buxton, ME is running the race for the District. The rules for the district race were sent out in December to all the leaders in York District. The cost for the event will be \$5.00 per scout. For more information, please contact Jim Smith at 929-6374.

York District Spring Camporee

Time is fast approaching for the York District Spring Camporee. The camporee is going to be located in North Berwick and is being sponsored by Troops 312 and 327. Mark May 21-23, 2004 as the dates for this springtime ritual. More information will be coming out over the next couple of months at the roundtable meetings, on the York District website or call Ed Guptill. at 696-3162.

York District Pal & Me Campout

Mark June 2004 as the time 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 on the exact dates will be available at the April and May Roundtables and on the district website.

Third Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous Weekend

Mark your calendars for April 2-4, 2004 as the date for the 3rd Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous Weekend at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The program will have a SPL Program on Saturday AM, Webelos Leaders Transition Forum Saturday PM and a Fireside Chat with Helen West (daughter of James West). Join us for a great adult weekend of scouting. The cost of the weekend will be around \$10.00 and is 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.

Unit Inventory

Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark Wednesday, May 12, 2004 for the York District Spring Unit Inventory night. Each unit will be contacted to verify the youth that are in your program. This is vital to make sure each youth is accounted for in York District. For more information, please contact our District Commissioner, Clint Staples at 636-1597

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Exploring/LFL

2004 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy

The 2004 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is being held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro during the week of June 21 through June 25, 2004.

We urge our law enforcement explorers to mark this on their calendars now. The coordinator for the 2004 academy is Trooper Michael Chavez.

This year's academy will feature three levels of training: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Below is a summary of the tentative curriculum for each level.

Basic Program: History of Law Enforcement, Police Power, Authority & Discretion, Police Ethics & Moral Issues, Report Writing & Note Taking, Traffic Control, Basic Patrol Techniques, Basic Law Procedure, Domestic Violence, Courtroom Procedure, First Aid, Details, D&C, Mock Crime Scene, Mock Trial, Radio Procedures, Handcuffing, Laws of Arrest, PT

Intermediate Program: Fingerprinting, Intermediate Patrol Techniques, Details, D&C, Search Warrants, Child Abuse, Crash Investigation, Radio Procedures, Handcuffing, Traffic Control, PT, White Collar Crime, Burglary in Progress, Interview & Interrogation, Basic Law Procedure, First Aid, HAZMAT, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Domestic Violence, Courtroom Procedure, Mock Crime Scene, Mock Trial

Advanced Program: Fingerprinting, Advanced Patrol Techniques, Drug Identification, PT, Details, D&C, Search Warrants, Child Abuse, Computer Fraud, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Hostage Negotiations, Bomb Threats, PT, White Collar Crime, Burglary in Progress, Interview & Interrogation, First Aid, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Domestic Violence, Courtroom Procedure, Mock Crime Scene, Mock Trial
Applications for this year's academy will be sent to Posts during the month of March. We look forward to a fun and interesting academy this year.

Specific questions regarding the 2004 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy should be directed to Trooper Michael Chavez through his e-mail address: Michael.J.Chavez@maine.gov



First Day - 2003 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy

Vice President, Learning for Life & Exploring

The Learning for Life/Exploring District extends a warm welcome to Roxane Cole. Roxane has accepted the board position of VP, Learning for Life and Exploring. We look forward to her leadership and direction throughout the year.

Welcome Maine State Trooper Post 1000!

During the month of December, 2003 the State Trooper Explorer Post 1000 chartered through the Turner Fire Department. This is the first State Trooper Post in the Pine Tree Council, and possibly, in the State of Maine. Trooper Michael Chavez, advisor of this post also serves as the Coordinator of the Explorer Law Enforcement Academy in Vassalboro. We look forward to the many contributions that Trooper Chavez is making as a Post Advisor and as the Explorer Academy Coordinator. Welcome Aboard!

Health Careers Exploring at Maine Medical Center!

Thanks to a former Explorer and the Maine Medical Center, the Pine Tree Council welcomes a new addition and a new dimension to its Explorer programming. During the month of January, Steve Heim, a former Explorer, created an opportunity for youth to learn about careers in the health industry. An employee of Maine Medical Center, Steve brings lots of experience and ideas with him. Thank you, Steve, for accepting the challenge and providing direction to the many youth interested in pursuing careers in healthcare

Pine Tree Council 2004 Junior Leader Training Conference

August 8-14, 2004 Cost- \$160

Do you want the youth leaders in your Troop to be more effective? Are you interested in helping them grow into more confident, better skilled leaders of other young men? Would you like patrols to operate better by using the patrol method? Do you need excited, motivated, knowledgeable patrol and troop leadership? If you as Scoutmaster, answer "yes" to any of these questions, I invite you to achieve these aims by sending your youth leaders to the Pine Tree Council Junior Leader Training Conference



JLT is perhaps that most powerful Boy Leadership teaching tool available in Scouting! Lord Baden-Powell once said, "Train your Scouts to do the job, then let them do it!"

Junior Leader Training is an intense week-long leadership-training course intended for a Troop's current and future boy leaders. 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.

To qualify for admission to JLT, a boy must be recommended by his Scoutmaster, be 13 years of age as of 8/1/04 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, lodge and other amenities for this course.

Participation is limited to only 2 Scouts per troop with enrollment capped at 32 Scouts. This popular course fills up quickly.

For more information, call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org or JLT Course Scoutmaster Dave Sinclair at 646-2394 or email scout356@earthlink.net

Kayaking BSA - A new addition for Older Scouts!

Kayaking BSA provides an introduction to kayaking skills and safety procedures and serves as a program opportunity for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing units in camp or out. Mastery of Kayaking BSA skills is a first critical step towards satisfying Safety Afloat guidelines for safe kayak excursions.

Safety Afloat for kayaking is now available!

Accidents arise from similar situations for all human-powered craft, including kayaks. A lack of understanding, skill, or judgment can combine with environmental factors such as cold water, river currents, or offshore wind to put a person in jeopardy. It is no surprise that fewer accidents occur when boaters are properly trained and equipped. Simply wearing a personal flotation device would prevent many boating tragedies. Be prepared is always sound advice. Scouting has a set of guidelines, called Safety Afloat that helps you determine your state of preparedness.

Safety Afloat has been adapted to meet the specifics of kayaking. It is provided merely to give additional information specific to kayaking, and does not replace the official wording of BSA's Safety Afloat. Before reviewing how Safety Afloat applies to kayaking, consider this seemingly strange fact about the sport: Accidents occur most often to two groups-those poorly trained, and those highly skilled. Whitewater kayaking has become an extreme sport, with experts continually challenging the limits of both boater and boat. Attempting a feat for which there is no margin for error is extremely dangerous and inappropriate as a Scouting activity. Kayaking can be a safe sport as long as you avoid situations where a simple mistake carries undue risk.

For more information on Kayaking BSA contact Cathy Gosselin 797-5252 ext. 14 at Pine Tree Council.

Eagle Recognition Banquet and Gathering of Eagles

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the class of 2003 Eagle Banquet and Gathering of Eagles to be held on April 30, 2004, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

Registration is from 5:30 -6:00 PM. The dinner starts at 6:30. Cost of this year's dinner will be \$15. There will be no cost for the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts' meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2003 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

This year's guest speaker will be Governor John Elias Baldacci. Governor Baldacci was born and raised in Bangor. He was first elected to public office in 1978, when he won a seat on the Bangor City Council at the age of 23. In 1982 he was elected to the Maine State Senate, where he served until 1994. From 1994 to 2003, Baldacci served the Second District of Maine in the U.S. House of Representatives. Governor Baldacci will be available to greet dinner attendees prior to the banquet from 6-6:30 PM. There is no reserved seating so come early to get the best table and greet the Governor.



All 2003 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. This shoulder strip will also be available to purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

Less than 4% of all Scouts achieve the Eagle rank. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and celebrate the accomplishments of tomorrow's leaders.

2003 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet Registration

Name _____

(check if 2003 Eagle Scout)

(Class of 2003 Eagle Scouts attend at no charge)

Number of guests (not including 2003 Eagle Scout) _____ X \$15 per person = _____

Make check payable to: Pine Tree Council

Mail registration form and payment to:
125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

Training at a Glance



Spring Dates

April		
3	Downeast	New Leaders Essentials, Troop Committee Challenge Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specific
16-18	York & Casco Bay	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Training Skills at Camp Hinds
17	K-Valley	Baloo - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor for Cub Leaders
30-1	K-Valley	WLOT - Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training
May		
1	Downeast	WLOT - Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training
15	Casco Bay	WLOT - Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training
June		
5	K-Valley	New Leaders Essentials with Cub & Boy Scout Specifics at Moscow Elementary School
12	K-Valley	WLOT - Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training

For more information on training, contact your District Executive at 797-5252 and use the extensions listed below:

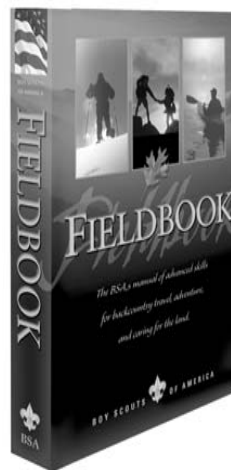
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K-Valley	Ext. 27	York	Ext. 24	Exploring	797-5770

The 2004 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 22, Saturday, June 5, and Saturday, June 12. The gates will open 2 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 the chance to throw out the first pitch at a future game, tickets to future games, and a whole lot more. Tickets will be \$10.00 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.



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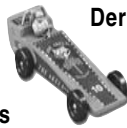
Uniforms



Awards



Derby



And Much More!

April, May, June Pine Tree Council Calendar

Council

April

- 9 Good Friday-Scout Shop open/Council Office closed
- 19 Patriot's Day-Scout Shop open/Council Office closed
- 20 Outdoor Program Committee
- 21 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 30 Eagle Banquet

May

- 1 OA Unit elections end
- 8 OA election results must be submitted
- 18 Outdoor Program Committee
- 19 Council Coordinated Meeting
- 31 Memorial Day-Scout Shop closed/Council Office Closed

June

- 4-6 OA Spring Ordeal-Camp Hinds
- 6 OA LEC-Lodge Executive Committee
- 11-13 OA Conclave
- 15 Outdoor Program Committee
- 16 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 18-20 OA Spring Ordeal-Camp Bomazeen
- 24 School Night Chair Orientation

Abnaki

April

- 3 Pinewood Derby
- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable/OA
- 28 District Commissioner Meeting

May

- 1 Tiger Day
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 12 Roundtable/OA
- 12 Unit Inventory
- 14-16 Spring Camporee
- 26 District Commissioner Meeting

June

- 1 District Committee Meeting
- 2 Safe Swin Defense/Safety Afloat
- 9 Roundtable/OA
- 16 Nominating Committee
- 23 Program Launch I
- 30 District Commissioner Meeting

Casco Bay

April

- 3 Pinewood Derby
- 7 Commissioner's Meeting
- 7 Roundtable/OA
- 14 District Committee

May

- 5 Commissioner's Meeting
- 5 Roundtable/OA
- 12 District Committee
- 14-16 Spring Camporee
- 15 WLOT Training

June

- 2 Commissioner's Meeting
- 2 Roundtable (PROGRAM LAUNCH)/OA
- 9 District Committee

Downeast

April

- 3 BS Training
- 3 Pinewood Derby
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable/OA
- 17 District Scout Show
- 24 District Recognition Dinner

May

- 1 Webelos Outdoor Training
- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 12 Roundtable/OA
- 12 Unit Inventory
- 14-16 Spring Camporee

June

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 5 Cub Rally
- 9 Roundtable/OA
- 17 Nominating Committee

K-Valley

April

- 3 Pinewood Derby
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable/OA- Winslow
- 27 Roundtable- Strong

May

- 2 District Awards Banquet
- 5 District Commissioner Meeting
- 5 District Committee Meeting

12 Roundtable/OA- Winslow

- 14-16 Spring Camporee
- 18 Roundtable- Strong

June

- 2 District Commissioner Meeting
- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 9 Kickoff- Winslow
- 12 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

York

April

- 1 York District Roundtable / OA
- 2-4 3rd Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous at Camp Nutter
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting
- 8 District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall
- 10 Pinewood Derby @ Bonny Eagle High School Cafeteria

May

- 5 District Commissioner Meeting
- 6 York District Roundtable / OA at the Sanford Junior High School
- 12 Unit Inventory
- 13 York District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall
- 21-23 York District Spring Camporee North Berwick, ME

June

- 2 District Commissioner Meeting
- 3 York District Roundtable (Program Launch) / OA at the Sanford Junior High School
- 10 York District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall

Learning for Life & Exploring

April

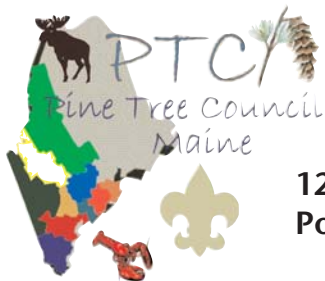
- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 10 EOA Meeting

May

- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 15 Adult Leader Training

June

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 21-25 Exploring Law Enforcement Academy



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