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The Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette Scout Service Center



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Message from the President

As you can tell from the cover of this issue of Pine Spills, the opening of the new Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette Scout Service Center is something that we are very excited about. We will be paying tribute to a man who helped make the Pine Tree Council, and the State of Maine, a better place for our youth. The New Service Center will allow us to better serve all of the youth and volunteers in the Pine Tree Council.

Another exciting aspect of the Capital Campaign, is the capital improvements to our camp properties. You can read more about these improvements in the Council News section of this issue of Pine Spills. These capital improvements will allow us to better serve all of the youth and volunteers in the Pine Tree Council.

The final piece of the capital campaign is to help build the Council's endowment

fund, which is critical to the future of Scouting in the Pine Tree Council. Having a strong Council endowment fund will allow us to better serve all of the youth and volunteers in the Pine Tree Council.

As you can see, the common theme throughout my article is enhancing the ability to better serve the youth and volunteers in the Pine Tree Council. The better our ability to do this, the better the chance that Scouting will continue to grow and flourish in the Pine Tree Council.

These are certainly some exciting times in the Pine Tree Council. I look forward to working with all of you to help make Scouting the best it can be!

Yours in Scouting,
Paul Spellman
Pine Tree Council President

Message from the Council Commissioner

Re-charter time is here once again and it will be a busy time for the entire Commissioner staff.

We all have to keep in mind that just because a Scout has not been fully active for some time it does not mean he is intending to drop out of the Scouting program. We should all make the effort to visit with our unit leaders and assure that personal contact is made with each Scout rather than assume that one of our Scouts is not intending to stay involved. We should be making an effort to learn why a Scout has become less active and determine whether there is anything that can be done to keep this youth as a valued member of the pack, troop or post.

Another big event for every second year Webelos is also at hand. That is the Webelos to Scout transition. This graduation should be taking place in all of our packs during February and March. As Commissioners, we should be making sure that every second year Webelos is personally invited to join a Boy Scout Troop. Please, let's work to make sure that this story is not repeated here in Pine Tree Council by assuming that every second year Webelos is personally invited to join a Boy Scout Troop.

We should also be meeting with our

unit leaders to explain the benefits of Spring Recruiting. By conducting a spring recruiting program, we can help our units become stronger and make the great Scouting program available to more youth. This is a great time to bring in new Scouts, just in time for summer camp and summer activities.

All of the above-mentioned efforts to keep our youth in the Scouting program, and also to recruit more youth into the program, are important for the continued success of the Scouting programs; but more importantly, these efforts are of critical importance to the youth themselves. In this day of so many outside negative influences that our children have to face every day, the opportunity to be part of a totally positive activity, such as Scouting, is vital to their personal growth.

This growth in character, values, leadership, and the reinforcement in the ideals of God, Family and Country are just the ideals that our youth need to grow into the strong leaders of tomorrow. Let's all work to "Keep the Scouting Promise" to our children.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

What's New

New Cub Scout Activity Award

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boys receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders are encouraged to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on



the award for a successive year.

The requirements for the award are rank specific and details on the award can be found on www.pinetreebsa.org or by calling your District Executive at Pine Tree Council.

Camping

Cub Scouts ~ Join us at Summer Camp and become a Knight in Akela's Kingdom!!!

Join us for a Funpack Weekend, an overnight camping experience for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub!

2005 Funpack Dates

At Camp Hinds:

July 9 & 10

July 16 & 17

July 23 & 24

July 30 & 31

Aug 6 & 7

Aug 13 & 14



Day Camps run 9:00 to 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2005 Cub Day Camp Dates:

Abnaki District:

Camp Gustin Aug 1 - 5

Casco Bay District:

Scarborough - July 18 - 22

Camp Hinds - July 25 - 29

Downeast District:

Union Fair - July 11-15

Topsham Fair - July 18-22

Kennebec Valley District:

Camp KV - Aug 1 - 5

York District:

Camp Nutter July 11-15,

July 18 - 22, July 25-29

Webelos Resident Camp will be offered at Camp Hinds in Raymond!

2005 Webelos Schedule

4 Day Resident Camp

Session 1 Aug. 14 - 17

Session 2 Aug. 17 - 20

See more Cub Scout camp information with registration forms on our website at www.pinetreebsa.org

Webelos Crossing to Boy Scouting

How to go to Summer Camp

2nd year Webelos customarily cross over to a Boy Scout Troop in the spring and often wonder how to go to summer camp. A troop traditionally chooses a week to attend summer camp together as a troop with the Scoutmaster and other leaders or parents going along to provide leadership. Sometimes a troop can't attend together and Scouts can go as a provisional camper to any week of camp where the camp provides a provisional Scoutmaster with assistants to provide camp leadership!

As a new Boy Scout, check with your Scoutmaster to see what plans the troop has made to attend summer camp so that you can be part of the fun!

Trailblazer Day coming again in October

Cub Scouts and families, mark your calendar for October 1st for Pine Tree Council's next Trailblazer Day! The Trailblazer Day will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond, in conjunction with the Sportsman Alliance Association, and will be a fun filled day filled with activities like BB and archery, fishing, wildlife groups and more! More information on the Trailblazer event will be out in June!

What's New

Youth Leadership Training

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the new Youth Leaders Training that will replace the Junior Leader Training. The new "YLT" can be done in a one-week course or in two weekends. The course features more hands-on training for our youth leaders with an emphasis

on team building, leadership skills, confidence building and much more. Dave Sinclair, Tr. 356 Scoutmaster, and David Collins, Tr. 83 Scoutmaster, attended the 2 day training course last fall at camp Alpine and are anxious to present the new course in Pine Tree Council. Watch for more information on the new "YLT" coming out soon!

Advancement

Merit Badge Updates for 2005

The BSA has announced some changes and revisions in the following merit badges:

Astronomy, Canoeing, Chemistry, Citizenship in the Community and Nation, Electricity, Electronics, Family Life, Fire Safety, Fish and Wildlife Management, Nuclear

Science (formerly Atomic Energy), Plumbing, Scholarship, Small Boat Sailing, Space Exploration and Surveying. These new requirements are now in effect!

Scoutmaster and merit badge counselors can find the latest revisions to merit badges in the Boy Scout Requirement 2005 book or at www.meritbadge.com

Camping

PTC Contingent Crew Set to Sail at the Florida Sea Base

Pine Tree Council has confirmed a date for our 1st council contingent to attend the Florida Sea Base for February 2006! Openings are now available for Feb. 18 - 25, 2006 (school vacation week) in the P.T.C. crew for the "Sea Exploring Adventure" on a seventy foot tall ship in the Florida Keys. The crew will learn how to sail and work with the boat's captain on operating their vessel.

Openings in this high adventure program are available for currently registered Venturer's, Sea Scouts or Boy Scouts interested in becoming Venture Scouts and who will be at least 14 years of age by 9/1/06. Four adult leaders will accompany the crew! All participants must be strong swimmers and able to easily pass the BSA Swimmers Test.

Activities to include:

- Sailing a Tall Ship over 70 foot long
- Learning onboard navigation
- Snorkeling & exploring the Florida Keys' reefs
- Salt-water fishing
- Sailing with dolphins and sharks
- Day visit to Key West
- Escaping a week of winter in Maine!

During the weeklong odyssey, you will snorkel several reefs as you sail the Florida Keys, while along the way enjoying salt-water fishing for barracudas and mahi-mahi, learning on board navigation, studying the stars, and enjoying the warmth of the Keys! Join us for this once in a lifetime experience!

Do you want to be part of this rugged voyage on a large vessel? Call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council 797-5252 x 14 to reserve your spot!

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2006

As in 2004, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2006. We will be sending 24 participants, including leaders, on the trek from July 15-27, 2006. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2006.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by

traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. **A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required by 4/20/05 to secure a reservation for this trek.** After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations.

Preference will be given to individuals who have not been on a PTC Philmont Trek in the last 3 years to allow all who have not been to Philmont a chance to attend. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, PTC Philmont Contingent Advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

Camping continued

In 2005 the BSA will be holding your National Jamboree!

Most Scouts have the opportunity to attend only one National Jamboree in their life and the 2005 Jamboree is your chance to go! A few openings for Scouts are now available. Join the four Pine Tree Council troops attending the Jamboree from July 20th through August 3rd, 2005.

The Pine Tree Council contingent will leave from Camp Hinds on July 20th, traveling by bus to Washington, DC. We will spend four days and nights touring the National Capital area and a day at a national amusement park and then it's off to the Jamboree at Fort AP Hill in Virginia!

At the Jamboree you will find more exciting activities than you will have time to do - including archery, bike-athalon, buckskin games, confidence

course, conservation programs, scuba, kayak, racing shells, rafting, rappelling, trap shooting, arena shows featuring nationally known stars and an audience of 50,000 people, a daily merit badge midway where you can meet national experts in over fifty merit badge topics; daily stage shows all around the Jamboree, and more fun and excitement than you have had all your Scouting days put together. At the Jamboree you will meet Scouts from all over the world and from every state in the USA, share campfires and fun with them and exchange souvenirs!!!

Scouts must be age 12 and First Class by 7/1/05, but not yet 18 by 8/2/05, and have written approval of your scoutmaster. The jamboree fee is \$1,250!

For more Jamboree information, call Cathy Gosselin at PTC 797-5252 ext. 14

Check out the 2005 National Jamboree on our web site at: www.pinetrebsa.org

Provisional Week at Summer Camp!

Boy Scouts ~ are you not able to attend summer camp the week your troop is attending? Do you need merit badges? Would you like to attend camp for a second week? Or go with a friend from another troop? Every week of summer camp is open for provisional Scouts to attend camp. All Scouts attending camp without

their own troop leadership will be in the provisional troop with the camp Scoutmaster!

This is a great way for Scouts to attend summer camp, earn merit badges, make new friends and enjoy the summer! Provisional Scout reservation forms are available on our web site at www.pinetrebsa.org.

TRAIL TO EAGLE ADVANCEMENT WEEK

Camp Hinds will again be offering it's popular Trail to Eagle week during Week 1 this summer, which runs July 3rd - 8th! This program is only open to Scouts 13 + year 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. 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.

Merit Badges included in Trail to Eagle week include Citizenship in the World, Community and Nation, Communications, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Swimming, Lifesaving, First Aid, Environmental Science and Emergency Preparedness.

Scouts who attend Trail to Eagle can stay with their own troop if they attend Week 1 or can come as a provisional Scout where they will be assigned to a Trail to Eagle Provisional Troop. TTE Provisional Scout applications are available online at www.pinetrebsa.org or on the PTC Camp CD sent out to all Scoutmasters!

Pine Tree Council Website Update

The Pine Tree Council Website, www.pinetrebsa.org, has recently gone through some structural and organizational changes. The result? Some resources may not be in the same place they were last time you visited the site! Please take some time to review the new site and see where everything is now.

Some of the enhancements include an expanded forms section (now under the Resources link) as well as

streamlined menus. Highlighted programs and initiatives are on each page, such as the Eagle Scout Search initiative- and yes, the Boy Scout and Cub Scout summer camping forms are up on the site!

As always, if you find errors, typos, or missing information, or would like to suggest additional content for the site, please send a note to webmaster@pinetrebsa.org.

BOY SCOUTS

Matching Gift Programs

Matching Gift Programs Can Help Double Your Support to Scouting

It is that time of year when Friends of Scouting presentations are taking place within your district. As volunteer presenters travel around and make these important presentations, we hope that you will show your support. Please remember that in some cases you may be able to double your support of the Scouting program. The following is a list of some companies that have matching gift programs in the Pine Tree Council. This is not a complete list, and if you have any companies to add to the list, please call 797-5252 ext-21.

Matching Gift Companies

Agilent Technologies
Albertsons (Shaw's Market)

Allstate Insurance Company
Altria Group, Inc.
American Express
Analog Devices
Automatic Data Processing (ADP)
BankAmerica Corp.
Chase Manhattan Corp.
Citibank Citicorp, N.A.
Coca Cola Company
Embassy Suites
Equitable Financial Co.
Fairchild Semiconductor
Gap Stores
General Dynamics
Genetech
Georgia Pacific
Hartford Company
Home Depot
J.C. Penny
Johnson Controls, Inc.
K-Mart Corp.
Kemper Group
Key Bank

Mass Mutual
MBNA
McDonald's Corp.
McKesson Corp.
Mead Westvaco
Merrill Lynch & Co.
Minnesota Mining & Minerals(3M)
National Semiconductor
PepsiCo. Inc.
Pitney Bowes, Inc.
Price Waterhouse
Ryder
Sappi
Sherwin Williams
Simplex Grinnell
State Farm
Tandy/Radio Shack
Unum Provident
United Parcel Service(UPS)
United Technologies(Pratt Whitney)
Verizon
Wal-Mart
Waste Management

Scout Shop Feedback Needed

Now that we're moving into the new Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette Service Center, we will be able to better serve our loyal customers with an expanded Scout Shop. In order to provide the best possible service, we are asking for your feedback. Please fill out the following form, clip out, and mail back to the Pine Tree Council at 125 Auburn Street, Portland ME 04103.

Please circle one: Pack Troop Crew Post # _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

EMail _____

Please provide suggestions of items/merchandise you would like to see offered in the new Scout Shop:

Scout Shop Clerk Wanted

The Pine Tree Council is looking to hire a full-time Scout Shop Clerk. Scouting and retail background are a plus, but not necessary. For more information about this opening, please contact Jason Agren at 797-5252 ext-21.

What's New

Venturers and Sea Scouts now eligible for VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States rewards excellence with recognition and scholarships.

For more information or to submit an entry, please visit www.vfw.org. Click on the program icon, then youth development, then

Scouting program, then the Scout of the year award icon on the right side of the screen.

The winner of the National competition receives a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to the VFW's National Convention, which is held annually at a select host city. Second- and third-place winners are awarded \$3,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

Advancement

Changes for Venturer Scouts working on Boy Scout Advancement

There have been some minor updates to the Boy Scout advancement ranks regarding Venturer Scouts working on Star and Eagle ranks.

The following positions are now approved positions of leadership that can be used for the positions of responsibility for completing the Star and Eagle ranks: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, or storekeeper.

Camping

High Adventure Treks at Hinds ~ 2005 Basic Information for Patrols & Crews

Do you have what it takes to Trek!!!!

Camp William Hinds has been serving Scouts with outstanding resident camp programs for over 78 years! Now in 2005~ The High Adventure programs will move to Camp Hinds so that we may continue to serve Scouts the best way possible! A High Adventure program for Venture & Boy Scouts 14 years and older to challenge them! Programs designed around Maine's great lakes, rivers, coastline and mountains!

The P.T.C. High Adventure Base will operate out of the Training Center and run simultaneously with mutual support of the Camp Hinds resident camp so that troops can bring their Scouts and have a progressive program for all!

The high adventure patrols will check in on Sunday and meet their trek leaders! After med & swim checks, it's off to prepare for your trek! Treks will leave out of the Training Center on Monday and return on Friday afternoon in time for the Camp Hinds closing campfire with their parents!

2005 Hinds High Adventure DATES & PROGRAMS:

7/10 - 7/15WEEK 2
7/17 - 7/22WEEK 3
7/24 - 7/29WEEK 4
7/31 - 8/5WEEK 5
8/7 - 8/12WEEK 6

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

Survivor Island
50 Miler Wilderness Canoe Trek
Sea Kayaking Trek

OTHER TREK OPTIONS:

"Design your own Trek"

Groups do have the option of designing their own trek with their adult leaders and High Adventure Guide. Take one of the featured treks and add elements to it to fit your group's personality and needs! Options include a day of rock climbing, whitewater rafting, and backpacking!

TREK registration forms are online at www.pine-treetsa.org.

Training at a Glance - Upcoming Dates

April

1-3	York	Scouting Rendezvous at Camp Nutter
2	Downeast	New Leader Essentials with Cub & Boy Scout Leader Specifics
15-17	PTC	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills at Camp Hinds

May

7	York	BALOO & WLOT
21	Casco Bay	WLOT - Webelos Leader Outdoor Training/BALOO

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

Abnaki	Ext. 33	Casco Bay	Ext. 23	Downeast	Ext. 28
K-Valley	Ext. 27	York	Ext. 24	Exploring	797-5770

April is Youth Protection Month!

The Boy Scouts of America believe that all adults and youth members should be informed on how to keep the youth of America safe! Join us in recognizing April as the National Youth Protection Month! The B. S. A. has many publications, videos and trainings to assist both its' youth and adult members in youth protection.

Here are some of the trainings and resources available to leaders and parents at Pine Tree Council. The videos can be checked out at PTC.

"It Happened to Me" video for children ages 6-11 deals with sexual abuse.

"A Time to Tell" video for boys ages 11-17.

A video for males and females ages 14 - 20 delivers

important messages on safety including date rape, vehicle safety and much more!

Youth Protection Online training for all adults to help them recognize child abuse. Go to www.pinetreebsa.org and click on the training icon.

"Be Safe on the Internet" Power Pals coloring books for ages 6 - 10 are available to units at PTC! Supply is limited and distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Help do your part in keeping our youth safe! These great resources are available free to you! Call Cathy Gosselin at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 ext. 14 with any questions!

Wood Badge NE-1-237

Pine Tree Council is pleased to announce that the Boy Scouts of America's premier training program called Woodbadge, open to all registered scout leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, Varsity) is being offered this coming fall 2005! The course will be offered in two 3-day weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) on September 16, 17, 18 and October 14, 15, 16, 2005.

It is a definite commitment on your part to attend all six days and also meet the registration fee of \$200.00; however, this is the one training that you will never forget. The skills learned in this National BSA training program are skills that you will use not only in your scouting position, but also in your home, job, and any other group to which you may belong. You must be a registered scout leader, have completed the Basic Leader Training for your scouting position, and receive an invitation to attend the

training. There are no tenure or time requirements. The uniform for the course will be the standard full field uniform for your registered scouting position.

If you wish to receive an invitation or would like an invitation extended to someone in your unit, please send your request including name, address, telephone number, scouting position, and scout unit by mail or e-mail to Woodbadge Scoutmaster Dick Morris, 698 Bath Road, Wiscasset, Maine 04578 or survival@zwi.net.

The clock is ticking and there are only 48 openings on the Wood Badge Course so please don't be left out of this truly great experience. Send in your invitation request today. For those of you that have already received your invitations, remember to get them back in as soon as possible so as not to be left out.

Health & Safety Corner

Fire Safety

As we enter the summer camping season, here are some helpful reminders regarding fire safety. All scouts need to practice and take precautions to ensure everyone is safe around fires.

When camping, make sure you follow the following tips:

- Build ground fires only in established fire rings.

- Use fire barrels to keep fires off the ground where ground fires are not allowed.
- Do not cut live trees for firewood.
- Make sure all fires are completely out and cold to the touch before leaving.
- Do not leave any fire unattended.
- Keep fires small and controllable.
- Follow all local laws - fire permits are not needed for cooking fires or small warming fires. All other fires need a fire permit from the local fire department.

The Turtle Speaks

News from Madockawanda Lodge 271

To commemorate the **90th Anniversary of the Order**, approximately 12 lodge members will travel to Philadelphia during **July 14-18th** to join Unami Lodge



in celebration of this event. Planned through the direction of **York Chapter Chief Noah Lemire**, and with the direction of **York Chapter Adviser Phil Taschereau**, the troop will fly from Manchester, NH to Philadelphia for this three day weekend of fellowship. Watch for news of this trip in upcoming issues of the Lodge newsletter, Turtle Soup!

Scoutmasters and lodge members should review their Troop's unit election results and make sure that elected candidates pre-register for one of the three **Ordeal Weekends** scheduled at **Camp Hinds** this year. Two weekends are scheduled during June, and a final fall Ordeal weekend during September. Registrations and invitations to these

Ordeal weekends are mailed to all elected candidates during May, so don't delay!

Thanks to York Chapter and the Lodge for a very successful **2004**

Annual Banquet! Our guest Speaker, former Unami Lodge 1 Chief Mark Chiluti provided a poignant story of leadership and service despite significant odds! Congratulations go out to **Mike Price** of Casco Bay Chapter and **Phil Taschereau** of York Chapter as the **2004 Founders' Award** recipients, and to Casco Bay chapter for the lone Honor Chapter award last year!

Also, if you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, please remember that you are also invited to register for **Brotherhood Conversion**, both at the Spring Ordeal weekends, and during summer camp. Watch for your registration material in April!

Explorers Attend Inauguration

Learning for Life would like to thank the Eliot Police Explorers (Post 903) and the Scarborough Police Explorers (Post 883) for representing the State of Maine at the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C.

A contingent of 15 youth from these two youth programs marched in the inaugural parade. Joe Burns of the Scarborough Police Explorers carried the American Flag. Participation in an event like this requires lots of preparation and Dawn Tripp, Eliot Explorer Post Advisor, as well as Joe Giacomantonio, Post Advisor for the Scarborough Police Explorer Post, ensured that these kids were prepared to represent the State of Maine, their respective police departments, and the Learning for Life and Exploring program. Very special thanks, as well, to Sergeant John O'Malley of the Scarborough Police Department for providing detailed marching instructions and assistance with providing directions to the event. We thank you for your time, your mentoring, and your commitment.



LODGE 271

FEATURE UNIT

Council Annual Dinner

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2005 Council Annual Dinner to be held on April 29, 2005, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

This will mark the first year that the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest honor given to a council volunteer, will be presented at this event, along with recognition of the 2004 Class of Eagle Scouts.

At this event, we will recognize over 130 youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2004. Thousands of hours of volunteer service have been completed under the direction of these scouts and this recognition is very much deserved.

Registration is from 5:30 -6:30 PM. The dinner starts at 6:30. Cost of this year's dinner will be \$16. There will be no cost for the 2004 Class of Eagle Scouts' meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge, and also no cost for the 2004 Silver Beaver recipients. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2004 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

Once again, all 2004 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edi-

tion 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.

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and adult volunteers as we celebrate the accomplishments of these leaders.

2005 Council Recognition Banquet Registration

Name: _____

_____ (Please check if '04 Eagle Scout
or '04 Silver Beaver Recipient)

(Class of '04 Eagle Scouts and '04 Silver Beaver Recipients
attend at no charge)

Number of guests

(not including '04 Eagle Scout or '04 Silver Beaver)

_____ X \$16 per person = _____

Make check payable to: Pine Tree Council

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

FUNTOWN/ SPLASHTON USA

Attention All Scouts & 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 2005 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass.....\$16.50

Splashtown Pass.....\$13.50

Combination Pass.....\$21.50

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center May 15 through August 15, 2005. As with last year's ticket sales, these tickets can be used anytime during the 2005 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.



Project Updates

Progress Updates on PTC Camp Projects

We are continuing to improve our camps and update our properties with needed camp improvements.

Some of the Training Center projects completed to date include:

- Complete remodeling of bathrooms, adding handicap accessibility
- Installed new shingles and ice shield over roofs over Ranger's office, bathrooms and kitchen
- Replacement of the old furnace, complete with a new oil tank.
- New Rinnai gas hot water system

Our thanks to the following companies for donations and assisting with

our recent camp improvements:

- Applicator Sales in Portland donated shingles and ice shield products
- Downeast Energy donated labor and oil
- HCI Craftsman donated bathroom partitions

Cub Adventure Camp Improvements

Camp Improvements for the Cub Adventure Camp at Camp Bomazeen in the works include new BB Range with Wild West Fort, Archery range with teepees, updates to the waterfront with lighthouse lookout tower, a playground, improvements to the camp road, updates to the campsites and bathroom facilities.

Scout Overnight Event with the Portland Sea Dogs

The Pine Tree Council has teamed up with the Portland Sea Dogs to offer an exciting overnight opportunity to Scouts and their families at Hadlock Stadium in Portland.

The cost of the event is TBD, but admission will include a general admission to the 6:00PM Sea Dogs game, overnight stay on the outfield

of Hadlock Stadium, a movie shown on the jumbo screen that night, and breakfast on Sunday morning. This event will be on a first come-first served basis, and is open to all family members. Please be on the lookout for informational and registration flyers that will be mailed to all registered Scouts, available at Roundtables, and at the Scout Shop.

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www.abnakidistrict.org

Abnaki District News

Quality Performance

I want to thank all of the unit leaders and district volunteers who helped us achieve the Quality District Award for 2004. Because of your efforts, we were able to have growth in membership in all programs, provide excellent district programming and make our financial goals. Great work everyone!

Spring Recruitment

Pack leaders please get us your dates, times and locations for your April Pack meetings (or another meeting or activity where potential cub scouts can come sign up). If May works better, let us know.

Also, we would like to do Tiger Cub promotions in kindergarten classes for local packs. Let us know if your pack is interested in helping out.

Pinewood Derby

Saturday, April 9th at Montello School on East Ave. in Lewiston. We will be taking the top racers from each pack, who will all get to race, for \$5 per racer. Registration starts at 8:30AM with racing starting at 9:30.

Tiger Day

We will be having our annual Tiger Day on Saturday, May 7th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. Current Tiger Cubs and their Adult Partners are invited to a one-day day camp just for them! Registration is \$12 for the cub and the partner. Additional family members can come and participate for an extra \$6. Any family member who comes just to watch

or help out is free.

Spring Camporee

We will be having our Spring Camporee at Camp Gustin in Sabattus from Friday, May 13th to Sunday, May 15th. Registration is \$6 per Scout and Leader. The theme will be Scouting through the Ages.

Merit Badge Counselor List

Available at www.abnakidistrict.org. Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the list.

Friends of Scouting Family Presentations

You can still sign up for a Friends of Scouting presentation at your next Blue and Gold Dinner, Court of Honor or any other unit function. Our presentations are brief and give parents and leaders a great opportunity to invest in the Scouting program.

Funpack Weekend

Abnaki District is looking for adults and Boy Scouts (13 or older) to come help out during our weekend to host Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds on Saturday, July 16th and Sunday, July 17th. If you are interested, please contact our district's coordinator Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614

Program Launch and Kickoff

We will only be having one Program Launch this year and it will be in August. Look for information to come out before summer. Also, we will not be doing a Safe Swim Defense/ Safety Afloat clinic. If you or your leaders need it, let Matt know and we'll help arrange for you to get it.

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Casco Bay District News

Spring Camporee

The Casco Bay District Spring Camporee will be held May 20-22 at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Medieval Times" and Troop 41 of Portland will host the event. The district activities committee, along with Troop 41, has been busy putting together a medieval themed program that is sure to excite and enthuse 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 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 Ingallsides

Recreational Area in Scarborough from July 18th through July 22nd. The second week will be at Camp Hinds in Raymond from July 25th through July 29th.

This year's theme is Medieval 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. Don't miss out on the experience of being a knight in Akela's kingdom this summer! Any questions should be directed to the following:

*Camp Ingallsides (Scarborough)-Missy Bell-839-8421
Camp Hinds (Raymond)-Jonathan Widmark-797-5252 ext. 23*

Casco Bay District News continued

Casco Bay District Commissioner Staff Welcomes New Members

The Casco Bay District would like to extend a warm welcome to several new members of our District Commissioner Staff. John Fallon, Bob Butt, Jason Beever, Allan Crabtree, Dean Zaharis, Gabor Korthy and John Schuettinger have joined the commissioner ranks as Unit Commissioners. In addition, Tracy Murphy has joined the commissioner staff as our new Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to these dedicated Scouters.

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 be directed to Jonathan Widmark at 797-5252 ext. 23 or jwidmark@bsamail.org.

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Downeast District News

Downeast District Spring Camporee

Troop #214 Thomaston will be hosting the Spring Camporee at Camden Hills State Park from May 20- 22, 2005. Please note that this is a change from the date in the council program calendar. The troop has organized a full slate of activities and promises an action-packed, fun-filled weekend. Scouts will build Catapults, participate in Quintain Jousting and Tug of Wars, as well as test their skills during the much-anticipated Highland Games.

The Troop is coordinating a Live Steel Demonstration as well as planning on a Haggis Presentation to be given by the St. Andrew's Society. Registration, campsite and scheduling information will be available at the March Roundtable.

Downeast District Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby season is upon us and most packs have had their races to determine who will make it to the district race. This year the district will be hosting the derby on April 2, 2005 at the Wiscasset High School on Route 27. Each pack can send the top 4 finishing Tigers Scouts and top 4 finishing Cub Scouts to the race. Packs are also allowed to send a "Best of Show" for Tigers and Cubs. The Downeast District has a separate race and "Best of Show" judging for the Tigers. Please have two standby racers ready in case one of the top finishers cannot make it on the day of the big race. There is a \$5.00 fee for all racers and "Best of Show" participants. Registration forms have been sent to all Cubmasters. Completed forms should be mailed to the Pine Tree Council Service Center. Registration will begin at 8:00am, with races beginning at 9:00am sharp. There will be concessions available throughout the day with proceeds benefiting the Downeast District Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Sue Kennedy at 798-7920 or scouter@blazenetme.net.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training Course

Continuing with the success of the fall course, we will be hosting another Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills weekend. This past fall proved to be very beneficial for about a dozen or so Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. It will be held on April 9 & 10, 2005 in Nobleboro at Camp Kieve. The fee for the course will be \$15.00, which includes meals. Registration forms will be available at Roundtable or by calling the Pine Tree Council. This course is designed to sharpen your outdoor skills in many areas including knots, orienteering, woods tools, fire building and outdoor cooking. The staff that we have put together possesses an extensive knowledge in all these areas and is willing and excited to share this with you.

All Scoutmasters and their assistants that have not been through this course are strongly encouraged to attend. Without this course, you are not considered to be fully trained. This course is designed to help SM's and ASM's, but anyone is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 or jlucas@bsamail.org.

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 23, 2005 at the West Bath Volunteer Fire Department. 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 Jeremy Lucas at 797-5252 or jlucas@bsamail.org. Hope to see all of you there!

Calling all Knights, Kings and Dragons

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 \$90.00 with an early bird discount of \$10.00, if registration fees are paid in full by June 1, 2005. All Cub Scouts will have the option of attending either of the locations. Camp in Union will be July 11-15 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 18-22 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.

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K-Valley District News

Training

Folks, get your new leaders to training! It is the most important factor in creating successful units and happy youth. The Kennebec Valley is pleased to announce that Earl Stevens, from Pack 600, will be assuming the role of Cub Scout Training Chair this winter! Please refer to the district website for further details on the location and dates for our training events.

Unit Recruitment

Spring time is a good time to recruit new youth into our programs! Camping, unit activities, etc., all help to lock interested youth into the values-driven program of the Boy Scouts of America. You will be receiving e-mails, letters, and reminders at Round Tables about considering and preparing for a spring recruiting drive. The District Committee and the District Executive are available to help you in these endeavors.

District Staff

Our program in the Kennebec Valley District will only get better with additional help. Most of what happens in a year for the youth in KV is thought up, planned, organized, run, and wrapped up by volunteers - many of whom retain strong affiliations with their local units. As the saying goes "many hands makes light work." The KV district needs "many hands." You need not have a certain number of years under your belt with regards to experience, and you need not have prior experience in planning and running district level events. All you need is a desire to learn and a willingness to help the youth we serve. Requests for assistance vary from singular tasks to being involved in a committee. All aspects of our district operations can use help - training, advancement, finance, program/activities, public relations, Commissioner Service, and membership - all need more help.

If you are at all interested in learning more - please contact Matthew Randall at the council office - 797-5252 x27, at home - 725-9760, or on the internet - Honors_pride@hotmail.com.

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York District News

York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2005: Greetings Knights of Akela's Kingdom!!

Join the Medieval Days of Day Camp fun from July 11-15, July 18-22 and July 25-29, 2005 at Nutter Castle (aka Camp Nutter) in Acton, ME. Please look for the Cub Scout Camping brochure in your mailbox for information on how to register your son for day camp.

For more information on how to volunteer at day camp and get a reduced rate for your Cub Scout, please contact our Day Camp Director Diana Vermette at 324-2582 or 4vermette@msn.com, or Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or fgilcrea@bsamail.org.

York District Spring Camporee

Time is fast approaching for the York District Spring Camporee. The camporee is going to be located at Spring Hill in South Berwick and is being sponsored by Troops 338 and 340. Mark May 20-22, 2005 as the dates for this spring time ritual. As our camporee is the same weekend as "Armed Forces Day", we will be preparing "Care Packages" to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. More information will be coming out over the next couple of months at the roundtable meetings, on

the York District website or call Jeffrey Koch at 439-8513 or Jason King at 384-5696.

York District Pal & Me Cub Scout Family Campout

Mark June 10-12, 2005 as the time for the York District Pal & Me Campout at the Acton, ME Fairgrounds. Last year we had great weather and participation from our York District Cub Scout Families. This year should be better than last year with new activities for the scouts and families to do and a wild campfire for Saturday night. More information will be available at the April and May Roundtables and on the district website. We are currently looking for a pack or two to help run the program. Please contact Ed Guptill at 696-3162 if you would like to help out with this event.

Unit Inventory

Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark Wednesday, May 11, 2005 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, Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

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Exploring/LFL District News

Learning for Life Auction

On Thursday, May 12, 2005 Learning for Life will be conducting the 4th Annual Learning for Life Auction at the Pavilion in Portland, Maine. This event is the key fundraising event for Learning for Life and proceeds from this fundraising effort directly supports school-based character and career education programs throughout the Pine Tree Council. Learning for Life, through its school and work-based programs serve and support over 8,900 youth. If you or your company would be interested in donating to this auction, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through e-mail at: midyer@lflmail.org.

Explorer Law Enforcement Academy

During the week of June 20 through June 24, 2005, law enforcement Explorers throughout Maine will be attending the Explorer Law Enforcement Academy that is hosted by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro. If you are a Boy Scout that is interested in attending this week-long event, please call

Michael Dyer at 797-5770. We invite both Explorers and Scouts (interested in pursuing either military or law enforcement careers) to participate in the academy experience. The cost for this weeklong training session is \$185.00. Graduation will be held at about 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24th.

Youth Leadership Development Training

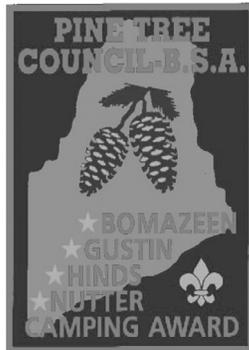
Learning for Life is currently working on developing youth leadership development workshops for Explorers and other senior high school youth. This program will be offered in the fall and in the spring. While planning is still in the initial stage, we wanted to let our schools and our posts know about this planning stage. We are looking for Explorers that would like to participate in the planning stages of these events to contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through e-mail at midyer@lflmail.org. We are looking for 3 to 4 youth members (ages 14 to 20) to participate as members of the Youth Leadership Development Training Committee.

Camperships for Summer Camp

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, 2005.

Council Camping Award

The Pine Tree Council ~ Council Camping Award was established to promote the use of the camping facilities at the Pine Tree Council Camps and to recognize those units that utilize at least four camps in their yearly program.



Pine Tree Council camps for a unit activity during a consecutive 12-month period. Activities must be for at least a 24-hour period, and each activity must be attended by no less than 25% of the registered youth in the unit.

Each unit that qualifies for the award will receive a streamer for their unit flag and a certificate. A special patch is available for members of the qualifying unit if they attended all 4 unit camping activities! The Camping Award application form is available on the web site www.pinetreebsa.org.

To qualify for the Council Camping Award, a unit will need to have utilized 4 out of the 5

Race to Scouting 2005



This year, the Boy Scouts of America is hoping that you are getting ready to Race To Cub Scouting. This year's recruitment program will work with chartering organizations to bring in more kids than ever to the Scouting program. Every child should be invited to join Scouting.

Start preparing now for late spring and fall recruitment by asking a unit leader to organize everything from the location of the recruitment night to the publicity that will be placed in the local paper inviting kids to join.

Information will be distributed at roundtables in the coming months on how to hold a successful recruitment event. Don't forget that when the kids join the Scouting program, the parents need to come along. Most parents will help if asked. Big and small tasks need to be completed for your unit this year, and identifying parents early will help the unit run smoothly.

Watch for more Race to Scouting info at your district events or contact your district executive for more information.

Spring Retention and Recruitment 2005



Did every youth rejoin scouting when you completed the re-charter of your Scout unit this spring? The Pine Tree Council wants to remind you that after you have completed your re-charter paperwork for the year, to make sure that the boys that have not stayed with the program are asked to rejoin. Please make sure that as a leader, you take the time to find out why a youth left the program. What was the reason, and did anyone ask them to stay, or did we assume that they just wanted something else?

Hundreds of kids leave Scouting each year because no one asked them to stay. They may have missed a few meetings and it was assumed they were not interested in Scouts. Make sure that each boy that doesn't re-charter with your unit is asked why he left, and is asked to rejoin.

Has your unit realized the value of spring recruiting? Many kids are active in extra curricular activities but some of these families don't understand the value of the Scouting program until they get involved.

This spring your unit is invited to get more leaders involved with their kids doing spring recruitment. Families are deciding what to do in the summer and Scouting offers numerous camping opportunities. Special Scouting events this year include, an overnight event with the Portland Sea Dogs available to Scout families only, discount tickets to Fun Town Splash Town, and great camping opportunities just to name a few.

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April, May, June Pine Tree Council Calendar

Abnaki

- April**
5 District Committee Meeting
9 Pinewood Derby
13 Roundtable/OA

May

- 3 District Committee Meeting
7 Tiger Day
11 Roundtable/OA
11 Unit Inventory
13-15 Spring Camporee

June

- 1 Safe Swim/Safety Afloat
7 District Committee Meeting
8 Roundtable
8 Commissioner Meeting
15 Program Launch

Casco Bay

- April**
2 Pinewood Derby
6 Commissioner's Meeting
6 Roundtable
6 OA
13 District Committee

May

- 4 Commissioner's Meeting
4 Roundtable
4 OA
11 District Committee
20-22 Spring Camporee
21 WLOT/BALOO Training

June

- 1 Commissioner's Meeting
1 Roundtable (PROGRAM LAUNCH)
1 OA
8 District Committee

Downeast

- April**
2 Pinewood Derby
6 District Committee Meeting
13 Roundtable/OA
19 Commissioner Meeting
21 Eagle Board of Review
23 District Recognition Dinner

May

- 4 District Committee Meeting
11 Roundtable/OA
11 Unit Inventory
13-15 Spring Camporee
17 Commissioner Meeting
26 Eagle Board of Review

June

- 1 District Committee Meeting
4 Cub Rally
8 Roundtable/OA

- 16 Nominating Committee
21 Commissioner Meeting
23 Eagle Board of Review

K-Valley

- April**
6 District Committee Meeting
26 District Key 3

May

- 4 District Commissioner Meeting
4 District Committee Meeting
5 District Dinner
11 Roundtable/OA- Winslow
17 Roundtable- Strong
20-22 Spring Camporee
31 District Key 3

June

- 1 District Committee Meeting
1 District Commissioner Meeting
8 Roundtable- Winslow
28 District Key 3

York

April

- 1-3 4th Annual York District Scouter's Rendezvous at Camp Nutter
2 York District Pinewood Derby at the Marshwood Middle School Gym located on Route 236 in South Berwick, ME
6 District Commissioner Meeting
7 York District Roundtable / OA at Sanford H.S.
14 District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall

May

- 4 District Commissioner Meeting
5 York District Roundtable / OA at Sanford H.S.
11 Unit Inventory
12 York District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall
20-22 York District Spring Camporee South Berwick, ME

June

- 1 District Commissioner Meeting
2 York District Roundtable (Program Launch) / OA at the Sanford High School
9 York District Committee Meeting @ Saco City Hall
10-12 Pal and Me Camporee at the Acton Fairgrounds

Exploring/LFL

April

- 6 District Committee Meeting

May

- 4 District Committee Meeting

June

- 1 District Committee Meeting
20-24 Exploring Law Enforcement Academy



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