

PINE SPILLS OCTOBER 2008



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President's Message

I just returned from Camp Hinds where I enjoyed my annual FunPack Weekend outing. As a Den Leader, I look forward each year to the weekend. My son will cross over to Boy Scouts next spring, so I fear this may be my last FunPack Weekend. As always, we had a fabulous time. It's hard not to in beautiful Camp Hinds. I was struck by the joy I saw in faces all over camp, whether they were Scouts, parents, or the selfless volunteers operating the program. They were all there dedicated to Scouting, and the fun and learning it offers in the outdoors on a summer weekend. For me, as for most boys, Scout camp was the galvanizing Scouting experience. A week at Scout camp always generates enough stories to last a full year, when it's time to go back for another dose. I hope you all took the opportunity to participate in the Council's long term camping program this summer. There is nothing quite like it. Enhancing our camps and programs, and planning for the Council's future is constantly on the minds of your Executive Board members. We have, in late May, just initiated our next five year strategic planning process. The process will require much of the Board's attention over the next six months. Four subcommittees have formed to study the following focus areas: finances, membership and marketing, organization and manpower, and quality programs and properties. Each Board has pledged to participate in a specific subcommittee. As a Scouter or parent, I personally welcome your involvement in any subcommittee. No one knows where the Council should focus its future resources more than our volunteers and Scouting families. If you can spare the time, please call the Council and speak directly with Tony Rogers, our Scout Executive, to get involved in the strategic plan. Lastly, by the time you receive this, you will be gearing up for a new Scouting year. I wish you all the best success in your fall recruiting drives and activities.

Yours in Scouting,

Pete

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Message from the Council Commissioner

Greetings Scouts, Scouters and Commissioners,

Well another great scouting summer has passed. Our camps were packed with very enthusiastic youth all summer. All of our camping programs were well received, and from all reports, every scout and scouter that participated in at least one of the camping programs came away very happy and ever so ready to begin another new year of scouting fun and adventure. I want to thank all of the scouts, scouters, parents and staffs that made these great scouting experiences possible. To our commissioner staffs, I hope you all took the great opportunity to visit your units while they were in camp. I also hope that you provided your many camping adults the opportunity to step up to one of the most important and rewarding positions in the scouting program. I'm, of course, talking about becoming a Unit Commissioner. As a den leader you can positively affect the lives of eight young boys, as a pack or troop leader this number can rise up to 20, 30, 40 or higher but as a commissioner you will be working with three units. In this respect, you could affect the lives of three to four times the number of youth. Please think about it. You already have the skills and talent. We can give you the training to become a real life changer for the units that you will serve. Give your District Commissioner a call to see what it will take to become a Unit Commissioner. At this time, I must tell you that this will be my last Council Commissioner's Article in Pine Spills. I am stepping down as the Pine Tree Council Commissioner. I have accepted a new position as the Area One Commissioner. In this position, I will be providing service to twelve councils in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. I am looking forward to this new challenge and opportunity. However, I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity and honor to serve all of you as your commissioner for the past seven and a half years. I want to thank all of you, especially all the District Commissioners, and my professional advisors that have helped me and guided me through these past years. I will no longer be the Council Commissioner but I will always be a member of this great Pine Tree Council.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Coffin

COUNCIL NEWS

Silver Beaver Nominations

Silver Beaver nominations are due at the Pine Tree Council no later than January 31, 2009. We hope that you are already thinking about your Silver Beaver nominee. It is not too early to begin the process of filling out the nomination form. Nominations are based on the following criteria:

- Record of service in the Boy Scouts of America
- Statement covering nominee's standing in the community
- Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the jurisdiction of the Pine Tree Council

Please contact your district executive for the nomination form or call Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or email me at midyer@lflmail.org.



PTC Property Rentals

Rental opportunities are now open for this fall and 2009 season. Rental opportunities at all of our camps include campsites, cabins and the Training Center Lodge at Camp Hinds. These rentals are open to all Scout groups.

To reserve, check availability with Kathy Higgins at PTC @ 797-5252 x 32, complete a Property Use Form and send in with the fee to PTC.

Weekend rental fees range from \$30 for a campsite for up to 20 people, \$50 - \$65 for a rustic cabin with sleeping space from 16—28 people to the Messer Training Center that has a commercial kitchen, hot showers, and sleeping bays for up to 48! Non-Scout groups can also rent the facilities at a different rate.

You can download the Property Use Form on our web site <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/resources/forms/camping/Propertyuseform2009.pdf>

Due to the increase in fuel cost, the rental price for the Messer Training Center at Hinds will be going up to \$350 per weekend (holds 48 people!) effective Jan. 1, 2009

Groups who do not leave their rental in a "Scout-like" manner will be charged a minimum \$25 cleaning fee.

2008 Pine Tree Council 2nd Quarter Eagle Scouts ~ Congratulations to our newest Eagles!

AB	T-111	William	Kester
AB	T-187	Corey	Olsen

CB	T-156	Thomas	Hamilton
CB	T-51	Anthony	Charron
CB	T-58	Scott	Fournier
CB	T-58	Devin	Page
CB	T-817	Matthew	McCullough
CB	T-817	Benjamin	Smart
CB	T-83	Jonathan	DuBois
CB	T-86	Kyle	Rucker
CB	T-92	Seth	Crean
CB	T-92	Leeman	Woodside

DE	T-200	Todd	Nason
DE	T-202	Michael	Hanscom

KV	T-454	George	Feliciano
KV	T-497	Koel	Talpey, II
KV	T-603	Kevin	Lind
KV	T-613	Benjamin	Berlew
KV	T-672	Nicklaus	Berlew
KV	T-672	Alexander	Hanscom
KV	T-672	Brian	Liscomb
KV	T-698	Ethan	Perry

YK	T-320	Joseph	Belanger
YK	T-345	William	Rideout
YK	T-349	Michael	Elfring
YK	T-356	Paul	Johnson



Special Events

Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!!

Boston Museum of Science

Spring Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009 - 400 SLOTS

It's time to start planning for the 2009 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$51.00 per person. (Please note: The Museum charges a fee of \$5 per car for people parking in the Museum garage during the Camp-In.) **The event is limited to CUB SCOUTS and ADULTS only. Siblings and unregistered youth cannot attend – no exceptions!** In order to provide an equal opportunity for all of our Packs to participate in the Boston Museum trip, please follow the guidelines below.

Application Procedure

Each Pack must submit a deposit of \$15 for each person who plans to attend. Please send a check made payable to Pine Tree Council, along with the registration coupon below. Phone applications **will not** be accepted.

All applications must be received at the Pine Tree Council by the end of the business day on November 13, 2008. Please do not request reservations for more slots than you actually plan to use (**for those who are selected, deposits are non-refundable.**) A drawing will be held on November 14th. Those who were selected from the drawing will be notified, and the remaining payment and confirmation of number of participants will be due at the Pine Tree Council by January 16, 2009, end of business day. Any reserved slots not paid in full by this date will be lost and offered to those on the waiting list (**again, the initial deposit for those selected is non-refundable.**) Those Packs not selected will also be notified and deposits will be returned.

Once participants are confirmed, the Pine Tree Council is required to pay for those spaces. It is the policy of the Boston Museum of Science not to grant refunds to anyone who does not participate in the Camp-In, unless the MUSEUM cancels the event.

This program provides the youth with a wonderful learning experience in science. Don't delay – Start planning today! If you have questions, contact Jo at 797-5252 x10.

Boston Museum of Science Drawing

Mail to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Contact Name _____ Day Phone

_____ Pack # _____

Address _____ Town, State & Zip _____

_____ #Cub Scouts _____ #Adults (21+) x \$15 =

_____ Enclosed

2008 -2009 Scout Nights with the Pirates



\$10.00 Main Deck Tickets
(a savings of \$7.50 per ticket)

November 8th @ 7:05 vs. Philadelphia
January 10th @ 7:05 vs. Springfield

Scout Night Sleepover at the Civic Center
\$22 Main Deck tickets including
a night of activities.
(Skating and a Movie)
March 21st @ 7:05 vs. Hershey

Offer is available to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Venturers and their families and friends

To order tickets call Ryan Delaney at
(207) 828-4665 x 309

If you would like to have your unit do the flag ceremony for a game or you know someone who would like to perform the National Anthem, please contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23

Boy Scout News

Matt Miller, Troop 317, participated in the Counselor in Training (CIT) program at Camp Hinds. The CIT program is three weeks long and is for 15 year old Boy Scouts that are interested in finding out more about summer camp and working on camp staff. Here are some comments from Matt about his summer !

What was the best part of being a CIT?

The best part for me was meeting new people and seeing what goes on other than the stuff scouts see when they come to camp. I enjoyed spending more time at Camp Hinds than I ever have before in one summer.

What was your favorite area or job that you had a camp as a CIT?

Oh, my favorite most definitely was a multi-tie between aquatics, shooting sports, and helping out Sunday before the campers arrived. Aquatics and shooting sports most people like, and I am one of those people. But not everyone likes the hard work that comes with Sundays. I loved being able to make the campsites livable and clean for new scouts.

What was the worst job you were given?

The worst job I had was actually out of one of the areas I loved. I was helping out at boating, and the group we had during the last morning period would not listen at all. It was really frustrating how we couldn't get them to listen to us. But because of that, I understand and respect what the staff has to deal with sometimes.

What were some of the things you learned as a CIT?

I learned most of the responsibilities of normal staff (most of which I never knew of) and I learned that when you teach a group of kids, you may have to change your teaching ways to help different kids learn different rules and skills.

Why should others become a CIT?

I think that anyone who can should become a CIT. It is a wonderful experience. You'll meet new people from all over the council (and sometimes out of council). But the biggest reason to become a CIT is because it's fun.

Winter Camp 2009

During the deep snows of next February school vacation, 32 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2009 February 15th – 20th. Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in quizees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. A variety of merit Badges will be offered including some Eagle required ones.

Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation! Registration form coming out soon! Watch our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org for more info!

PINE TREE COUNCIL

Presents

OKPIK High Adventure Winter Camping

2009 OKPIK DATES

Jan. 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-2/1

Feb. 6-8, 13-15, 27-3/1

PRICES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Reservation for the popular OKPIK program should be made as early as possible. We do fill up! You can make a reservation by phone.

**Call Pine Tree Council at
(207) 797-5252 ext. 14**

Fees for 2009

\$75.00 for PTC youth and adults

OKPIK Maine offers:

- Backpacking style trail food
- Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew
- Hundreds of acres at and around Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine
- Cold weather first aid and camping training
- Equipment sleds, skies, snowshoes, and other cold weather camping gear
- Supplemental cold weather clothing and sleeping systems
- Emergency Radio communication
- OKPIK Maine participant patches
- Shower facilities in our heated lodge
- OKPIK Trading Post



2010 BSA National Jamboree

MAKE SURE YOU
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of four troops with a total of 144 Boy Scouts and 16 leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA! This jamboree promises to be "The best, most exciting, fun-filled, safest jamboree ever!"

Registration must be done online! Visit the Jamboree web site at www.bsajamboree.org to sign up and for more info!

What is There to Do at the Jamboree?

You name it! The jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting—physical fitness, environmental conservation, our national heritage, and the true spirit of Scouting.

See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to try.

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows are a highlight for all participants. The jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

JAMBOREE DATES July 21 – Aug. 4, 2010

TOTAL COST \$1800 +/- (depending upon final travel costs) for Scouts

Reservation fee \$100 with application which must be done online at www.bsajamboree.org

SCOUTMASTERS – PROMOTE THE JAMBOREE TO YOUR TROOP-

A 2010 National Jamboree DVD is available at the Pine Tree Council. Troops can sign it out to show at a

patrol or troop meeting. Reserve it by calling 797-5252 x 10 or pick it up at the front desk at PTC (if available).

TRAVEL PLANS The Pine Tree Council jamboree contingent will leave Camp Hinds on Wednesday July 21st and travel to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, D.C., ample time will be allowed to tour the Smithsonian Institution, the White House, and many more of the federal offices and local sites. Plans also include a trip to a local amusement park! We will camp at the jamboree until the morning of August 4 and then return by bus to Maine.

ORGANIZATION The jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come basis. After our 4 troops have been filled, a stand-by list of alternates will be established. Scouts will be assigned to a jamboree troop consisting of 36 Scouts and four adult leaders.

WHO CAN GO?

Boy Scout Qualifications

You can only go with the council contingent, not on your own!

Each Scout must be:

- At least a First Class Scout
- Have completed sixth grade *or* be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached his 18th birthday by August 3, 2010
- Have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010
- be approved by his Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

Unit Leader Qualifications-

Leaders interested in attending must sign up online, with the PTC Jamboree Committee having final approval of leadership. Leaders, once registered, will be notified of the approval process. Leader Qualifications are outlined on the jamboree web site at www.bsajamboree.org.

Questions on the Jamboree- contact Cathy Gosselin, PTC Jamboree Advisor at 797-5252 x 14 or email at cgosseli@bsamail.org.

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From the Abnaki District Executive

What a great year so far! We have witnessed the start of 5 new Units, among them our first Sea Scout Ship! We had excellent attendance at all of our camps and each District Event has been exceptional. There is a new sense of community and pride sweeping the District as we prepare for another year of Scouting. The countless hours that each of you contribute to Scouting does not go unnoticed, or unappreciated. The result is found in both the quantity and quality of the youth that are impacted by the programs that you provide. The work you are doing now is changing the future of our communities, our District, our Council, and our State.

The Best Is Yet To Come! We are still climbing a mountain, but soon we will begin to enjoy the view from the top, and it will be worth it. We kicked-off an amazing Popcorn Sale in August, paired up with the Lewiston MAINEiacs for an incredible recruiting event in September, & anticipate a fantastic "Midnight Madness" Fall Camporee this month. As we move forward the scale and visibility of our District will increase and we will achieve our goal of making a quality Scouting program available to all the youth of Oxford & Androscoggin Counties.

Thanks,
Scott Verrill,
Abnaki District Executive

Abnaki Training Dates

This fall we will offer New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training to ensure that each Unit has trained and qualified leaders. We are also very flexible in our training options and will come and train your Unit together at the location of your choice. There are many types of training now available online. Visit this link to register for online training <http://www.scouting.org/Applications/MyScoutingFull.aspx>.

For more information on the current training schedules or to schedule training in your area, please contact Scott Verrill, Abnaki District Executive at strictly@megalink.net or 592-8077.



We are very excited about the new Sea Scout Ships that have taken shape over the last few months in Abnaki District. Community support for the new units has been exceptional, from the Chartering Organizations themselves, to donations of numerous small crafts, storage and use of yacht club facilities, and cooperation with recruiting efforts. Many organizations have come together in this venture and made progress a reality.

If you are interested in joining the Sea Scouts please contact Gus LeBlanc, Skipper of Lewiston Basilica Ship 741 at 786-8755 or 9leblanc@lewistonpublicschools.org & Ray Frechette, Skipper of Auburn VFW Ship 1603 at ray@gfboat.com or (207) 786-6998.

Scout Law Showcase

We are very excited to bring you this powerful and innovative event. Twelve individuals in Abnaki District have been identified as personifying a point of the Scout Law. On November 13, 2008, at the Lewiston Vineyard Auditorium we will honor those individuals with a Red Carpet Reception and a Scout Law Showcase highlighting each life and how it reflects the Scout Law. You will already know some of the Honorees as public figures. Others, you may not know, for they have been living the Scout Law in their quiet, everyday life.

Come and Join us for this Celebration of the Principles of Scouting as seen in the lives of our Citizens. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact the Scout Law Showcase Committee Chair Bob Reed at BReed@NorthCountryAssociates.com or 782-5482, or Scott Verrill @ strictly@megalink.net or 592-8077.

Fall Camporee ~ Don't miss the Abnaki District Fall Camporee... Midnight Madness - BSA Style! This Camporee will be hosted by Troop 007 of the Lewiston Vineyard and held October 17 & 18 at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. We will include several night time events as designed by Lord Baden Powell himself. The schedule includes overnight events Friday beginning at Midnight - till dawn! Morning is quiet time in camp, followed by lunch and Troop sporting competitions with human foosball, soccer, wiffleball, volleyball and other events. Afternoon will include camp site inspections, followed by Dinner w/cooking competition and Scoutmasters Dessert Challenge! All awards at Campfire following Dinner, Troops can then depart or stay for the remainder of the weekend. This allows LDS Troops and others to be home by evening Saturday but participating in ALL events and awards! For more information contact Bob Reed at scoutreed@aol.com or 782-5482 & Mike Morin at gldsmt@adelphia.net or 782-8786.

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1st Annual Casco Bay District Halloween Ball

Casco Bay's first Halloween Ball will be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2008 from 6 to 10 PM at the Westbrook Armory. The evening will be a great and safe Halloween event for Scout families and members of the Greater Portland Community. There will be refreshments, costume contests and live entertainment will be provided by Coos Canyon. Tickets are \$20 per adult and each adult ticket gets two children in for free. Tickets can be purchased via the mail or in person at the front desk in the Service Center. For more information, please feel free to contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Leader Training

Flyers are available for this fall's trainings.

For more information on trainings, please feel free to Contact Jen Rondeau, Cub Scout Training Chair at 583-6580 or Jim Thomas, Boy Scout Training Chair at 829-9235.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership ITOLS – November 14-16 at Camp Hinds

Webelos Leaders Outdoor Training WLOT – November 14 - 15 Camp Hinds

Basic Leader Outdoor Training BALOO – November 14 - 15 at Camp Hinds

Cub Scout and Boy Scout new leader training, youth protection, and Cub specific and Troop Committee Challenge will be held on two dates. The first will be 10/11/08 and the second will be at 11/1/08 at the Windham Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on the River Road in Windham at 8:30 am.

Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training will be held on 11/8/08 from 7:45 am to 5 pm at R. J. Grondin & Sons, 11 Bartlett Rd. – Gorham Industrial Park

Fall 2008 Back to Basics Camporee

Registration has started for the Casco Bay District Fall Camporee. The Back to Basics Camporee will be held on October 17 – 19, 2008 at the Moore Farm in Auburn, Maine.

Program information, directions and basic information can be found on the Camporee Flyer. For more information please feel free to contact John Trott at 512-4708 or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23

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Fall Camporee ~ The Downeast District Fall Camporee will be held in Northport on October 17-19. The Theme will be "Scouting Through Time". Webelos II are invited to come with a host Troop for the weekend, and all other Cub Scouts are invited to come for activities on Saturday, October 18. If you have not registered for the event, please do so. If you have any questions, contact Bill Benner at 594-8747.

Tiger Rally ~ The Downeast District will be hosting a Tiger Rally on October 11 at 5:30 PM. It will be at the Damariscotta Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This FUN, traditional event is an introduction to Tiger Scouting. It is held each year in Downeast District for our new Tigers and an adult. The program runs about 1.5 hours. Share the news and bring ALL the Tigers in your pack. For more information, please contact Freida Carpenter at carpenters3ofclarryhill@hotmail.com.

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Adult Leader Training ~ The Downeast District will be conducting Adult Leader Training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture Leaders on October 11, 2008. The cost of the Training is \$7. Registration is from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. New Leader Essentials will begin at 9:00 AM, Leader Specific Training will begin at 11:30 AM and go to 4 PM. Please encourage all untrained Leaders to attend. For more information, please contact Paul Galipeau at 273-4156 or bluegate@tds.net.

Den Chief Training ~ The Downeast District will be offering Den Chief Training to all Boy Scouts Second Class and above, and adult leaders. The training will be held on Oct. 11, at the Damariscotta LDS Church, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost of the training will be \$7 and this includes the Den Chief Guide. For more information please contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsaemail.org

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RACE TO SCOUTING

If you haven't already, please turn in any applications you still have from new Scouts that have joined this fall. Please contact Matt Mower if you still have any.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Please let us know what date works best for us to do our annual Friends of Scouting presentation. For troops who have scheduled a Court of Honor in the fall, we can do presentations now.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This year's Scouting for Food effort will be taking place during November. The recommended day for distributing the flyers is Saturday, November 1st and the official day for pick up is Saturday, November 15th.

Please contact K-Valley Scouting for Food Chair Karla Talpey at 668-4420 or ktalpey@verizon.net to confirm your unit's participation and to give her your unit's contact person for Scouting for Food. More information will be available at the October Roundtable in Waterville.

CENTENNIAL AWARD

If your unit still has not turned in a Centennial Quality Unit Form please contact your unit commissioner, District Commissioner Lynn or Matt Mower.

DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER

Scott Bernier sends out a regular K-Valley E-newsletter with all kinds of important information about Scouting in this area including Trainings, Roundtable info, events, and much more. To get on the list (all Scouters are welcome) simply send him an email at moxie-man@gwi.net asking him to add your email address.

DAY CAMP & FUN PACK THANK YOU

Thank you to Ray Jacques & Sheila Adkins for their leadership with our District Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen, thank you to Kristen Spears for her leadership of our Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds, and thank you to the dozens of volunteers who served on their staffs! We had a great season and we hope to see your Cub Scouts with us next year!

POPCORN ~ Popcorn Distribution is on Saturday, November 15th. To arrange your pick-up time, please contact District Kernel Regina Larsen at 592-3737. Remember that Show 'n' Sell money is due at Pine Tree Council by October 24th and Take Order money is due by December 5th. Paying on time helps your unit earn an extra 3% commission!

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York District Day Camp and FunPack

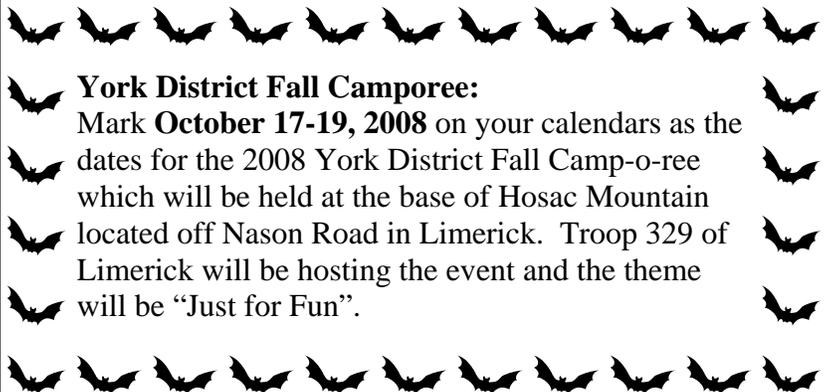
Weekend 2008:

A **HUGE Thank You** to Diana Vermette and Ed Caron for all their hard work setting up our 2008 Cub Scout Day Camp, and Tracy Grogan our FunPack weekend coordinator at Camp Hinds. Our scouts and parents had an awesome time at Camp Nutter and Camp Hinds. Thank you also to **ALL** the volunteers who help make the program a huge success.

Popcorn Sale 2008: By now, everyone should have received all the information for a successful Fall Popcorn Sale. If you need any additional forms, please stop by the Pine Tree Council Service Center to pick up the information you need. As a reminder, the York District Popcorn Pick-up will again be at **Hussey Seating in North Berwick on Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM.** We will need volunteers on Friday night, November 14th from 5:30 PM until all the orders are picked. You can then take your order home with you. Please contact our York District Kernel, Shannon Belfance, at 934-7275 if you can help or need any ideas for your popcorn sale.

York District Annual Business Meeting: The Annual York District Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Saco City Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, including all Unit Charter Organization Representatives who are the unit's voice on the operation of the District Committee. Come see what is in store for York District in 2009.

District Award of Merit: At York District's Annual Leader Recognition Program and Ice Cream Social held in June at Camp Nutter, York District had the pleasure of presenting the District Award of Merit to three well deserving Scouters. This year's recipients are Rose McManus of Troop 310 in Saco, Megan Segalla of Troop 301 in York and Scott Valcourt of Troop 313 in Berwick. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication to the Scouting Program in York District.



York District Fall Camporee:

Mark **October 17-19, 2008** on your calendars as the dates for the 2008 York District Fall Camp-o-ree which will be held at the base of Hosac Mountain located off Nason Road in Limerick. Troop 329 of Limerick will be hosting the event and the theme will be "Just for Fun".

Friends of Scouting:

The time is approaching for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fund raising campaign. Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouters and their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fund raising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keeping camp fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff and support for professional staff. Please note that any unit can schedule a presentation in December and have it count towards the 2009 campaign. If you have not scheduled your unit's Family presentation, or would like to help give a presentation for a unit, please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 or FAX # 797-7183 with your date, time and location.

Learning For Life District

Michael Dyer 797-5770 midyer@lflmail.org.

Learning for Life's Exploring Programs

Throughout schools in Maine, young people are studying hard to prepare themselves for careers beyond high school. The Exploring program helps young people acquire life and social skills and provides career information that will help them gain them a competitive advantage while attending high school. Exploring programs help young people understand the relevance of their school-based education to the real world of work. If you are interested in helping us develop new Exploring programs for high school students, we would enjoy hearing from you. Our office number is 797-5770 or you can email the Learning for Life office at 207-797-5770 or midyer@lflmail.org.

Youth Leadership Development Conference

The second annual Youth Leadership Development Conference is scheduled for Saturday, January, 10 2009. If you have a high school student, you will definitely want them to attend this event. This conference will assist students with the development of their personal and group skills. Within these categories the following courses are offered: Time Management, Meeting Management, Communications, Decision Making, Goal Setting, Team Building, Effective Group Management, Managing Through Others, Motivating and Analysis and Evaluation. This is a top quality conference. Our key speakers last year were Congressman Tom Allen and Acadia Insurance Past President, Bill Thornton. More information will be available in the coming months. In the meantime, our contact information is: Michael Dyer, Learning for Life, 797-5770 or you can email me at midyer@lflmail.org. This conference is being made available to all high school students, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on a first come basis.

2009 Learning for Life Auction and Benefit

The 2009 Learning for Life Auction and Benefit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009. This event is one of two key fundraising events for our Learning for Life and Exploring programs. If you would be interested in supporting this event through an item donation please give us a call at 797-5770. Examples of donations include: artwork, getaways, rafting adventures, canoeing trips, dance lessons, golfing excursions, etc. We at Learning for Life appreciate all the support we received from the Scouting community at last years auction and benefit.

Record Year at the 2008 Youth Law Enforcement Academy

This was a record year for attendance at the 2008 Youth Law Enforcement Explorer Academy with 54 youth applying and 48 graduating. If you have a teenage son or daughter or know a high school student that is interested in law enforcement or military service, they will want to apply to the 2009 academy. Give us a call, anytime, as we make preparations for another great academy year. Please call us at 797-5770 or email Michael Dyer at midyer@lflmail.org for more information regarding the registration procedure for the 2009 academy.

Pine Tree Council Welcomes New Employees!

We would like to welcome two new employees to the Pine Tree Council Scouting family.

Linda Poland is our new bookkeeper, taking over for Dick Duplisea, who is enjoying retirement. Linda lives in Scarborough and has worked for many small companies doing accounting. She likes going to the movies, reading, loves the beach and spending time with family

Sharon Kierstead is the new morning receptionist. She lives in South Portland and worked for Verizon for 35 years. Sharon likes traveling, going to Patriots games and spending time with family.

We welcome both of them to Pine Tree Council.

Summer Camp Thanks



Summer Camp Recognition & Thanks

As the summer season ends, the Pine Tree Council would like to extend its' gratitude and thanks to all of the leaders, staff, volunteers and parents who assisted at our many summer camps this past season!

Over 1,600 Boy Scouts and Webelos, along with their volunteer leaders attended Camp Hinds Boy Scout camp in July and August! Our sincere thanks to the leadership of Camp Director, Steve Saucier; Program Director, Wayne Holden and their staff for their dedication to the program! Over four thousand merit badges were earned and, hopefully, many great memories around the campfires with their troop's leadership!

At our day camps for Cub Scouts held through out the council, the Cubs enjoyed the "Super Hero" theme. Our gratitude goes to the our Camp Directors Missy Bell, Diana Vermette, Elissa Miller, Marilee Verrill, Heather Judkins and Ray Jacques along with their Program Directors Grace Everest, Ed Caron, Michelle Josephson, Sheila Adkins, Aimee Sanfilippo and Andy Breau for their leadership and planning. A special thanks to all of the volunteer den leaders, program aides and parents who also made sure the Cub Scouts had a fun and safe time!

FunPack Weekends were just what the name says, fun packed! FPW's were held at Camp Hinds this past summer. The Cub Scouts, along with Mom or Dad, found out that "Every Day Heroes are Super!" The Cub Scouts wrote letters of thanks to our active military personnel, tested their skills at the Fireman's Muster, competed in the Olympics, shot at the archery and BB ranges, and much more! Our thanks to our District Coordinators, John Trott, Tracy Grogan, Mary Jane Vachon, Kristen Spears, Phillip Miller and FunPack Coordinator Leslie Ellis, along with all of their volunteers. Also, thanks to Tom Morris for his instruction in BB and archery to all the staffs.



Turtle Speaks

Four Bestowed Vigil Honor – In July four members of Madockawanda Lodge were selected for the Vigil Honor. This year's Vigil Class included Lodge Chief Caleb Frederick, former Lodge Vice Chief Stephen Molina, K-Valley Ceremonies Adviser Bunny Wiggin and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser John Trott Jr. The Lodge thanks them for their continued service in the Scouting program.

ArrowCorp5 a Great Success – Five sites, five weeks, five thousand Arrowman is what best describes ArrowCorp5 the largest service project carried out by the Order of the Arrow. Madockawanda Lodge sent a contingent of almost thirty that attended the Bridger-Teton National Forest project. They were part of the 1,034 participants and staff that completed the project. Work crews worked on more than 10 miles of trail. The new trail at Teton Pass was named the Arrow Trail. The Lodge contingent was also able to visit Yellowstone National Park and participate in other recreational activities.

LLD 2008 Oct 24-26 – The annual Lodge Leadership Development weekend will be held at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham, ME on October 24-26. The weekend will feature OA and leadership trainings, as well as many other activities, such as survival skills taught by the Maine Primitive Skills School, and search and rescue demonstrations by the Maine Search and Rescue Dogs, and a whole lot more! The weekend will conclude with the Lodge Annual Meeting with the election of the 2009 Lodge Officers. Visit the Lodge website for the registration form or talk with your chapter chief: <http://lodge.pinetrebsa.org/>.

Lodge Annual Banquet Dec 6th – Mark your calendars now - the annual banquet is the highlight of the year and will be held on December 6th by K-Valley Chapter. Location and registration material will be available soon on the Lodge website: <http://lodge.pinetrebsa.org/>.

Other important dates! – 2009 will be a very eventful year and there are some important dates you want in your calendar now: Section NE1A Conclave, June 12-14 @ Camp Hinds, Raymond ME NOAC 2009, August 1-6 @ Indiana University



**PINE TREE COUNCIL
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The Scout Shop is giving away three \$50 Gift Certificates! To enter, just come to the Scout Shop, fill out an entry slip, and drop it into the contest box. No purchase is necessary. This contest ends on December 31, 2008.

While at the Scout Shop, check out the new Boy Scout Centennial Uniform. Also see what's new in camping equipment and outdoor books. The Scout Shop also has games, craft kits, scrapbook supplies, science kits, educational games and lots of Scout stuff to help with your Christmas shopping.



Tribute Funds



The Pine Tree Council lost a dear friend with the unexpected death of John P. Messer in May.

John was on the Executive Board of the Pine Tree Council serving as the Vice President of Programs, had been a dedicated Scouter for many years, and had been presented the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition in Scouting for a volunteer. He started in Scouting with Troop 39 in Scarborough when his sons joined Scouting. Last fall, he served as the Chairman for the Maine Jam, was on our COPE committee, and oversaw the Outdoor Program & Training Committees and much more!

John was very generous of his time, talent and resources. He is responsible for many of the donations to our camps, including heavy equipment with trucks, a snowplow, backhoe and much more. The Messer Training Center at Camp Hinds was named after him! He oversaw the family business, Messer Trucking Inc., in Westbrook, Maine. Whenever Scouting needed a friend- John was there! John left behind his wife, Terri, sons Jeff and Kevin, a daughter Stephanie and 3 grandchildren.

Tribute Gifts made to the Pine Tree Council in Memory of John Messer:

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In Memory of Katherine Zwetloot

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Your gift to the Tribute Fund is your recognition of a special occasion and/or person. It can be used to recognize a job promotion, presentation of the Eagle Award or the Silver Beaver, to honor an outstanding Scout leader, or in memory of a family member or good friend.

Please mail your tributes to: Pine Tree Council, BSA c/o Tribute Funds, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102.

Please be sure to include contact information for your honoree and for yourself so that recognition may be made. Individual tribute gifts, unless otherwise designated, are placed in the councils' endowment fund as a perpetual source of support of the Pine Tree Council.



WINTER WILL SOON BE HERE, THINK SKI DAYS!!!

The Pine Tree Council, BSA will once again team up with Maine's most popular ski resorts to offer discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals for the 2009 ski season. Do not miss out on the great times Scouts and their families have on the slopes. Flyers with specific dates and information will soon be made available to Scouts and their families with information.

For more information contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 27 or mmower@bsamail.org.

Pine Tree Council, BSA 2008 Fall Popcorn Campaign Highlights and Dates

October 17th – Show & Sell Popcorn Money Due to PTC

October 24th – Prize Orders Due to PTC

October 31st – Take Order Sale Orders Due to PTC

November 15th – Take Order Sale Orders Picked Up at District Distribution Centers

December 5th – Take Order Sale Monies Due to PTC

Below are some resources and tips to help out your sale this fall –

- Visit www.Trails-End.com. The website is full of great information, flyers, forms, budgeting tools, videos, and training. A must for all unit leaders. You can get a copy of the 2008 Popcorn Kernel guide on the homepage of www.pinetreetsa.org. This has all the sale dates, forms, and information specific to our council's sale.
- Make sure you COST OUT your year of Scouting – so you know how much money you need to raise with popcorn.
- PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES! Keep track of your filled sheets for entry into our four drawings this year, and a chance for your Scouts to win great stuff like a Nintendo DS game system or a home computer system.
- Take full advantage of our Military Sale Program! This is not a program that involves any exchange of product – just money. The customer is approached by the Scout and asked to make a \$25.00 donation to the unit. This gift benefits THREE organizations at once – your unit, the Pine Tree Council, and some military outfit in the world who will receive a can of popcorn on behalf of the donor. It is a great program, and one that your local American Legion, VFW, or military focused families would probably enthusiastically support. Look online or contact us for more information on this program.
- If you missed the late spring trainings or your district trainings this summer, attend the fall roundtable to get trained by your district leadership. This will be one step of three to make an extra 3% commission on your sale.
- PLAN AHEAD, PLAN YOUR SALES AREA, and use the BLITZ DAY method of selling. Youth sell more when they sell in groups.
- Have Fun!

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