

PINE SPILLS February 2009



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President's Message

As we move through the last of the winter months of 2009, we look forward to spring in the beautiful State of Maine and all the opportunities it will bring us in Scouting!

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Congratulations to all of the Webelos that will be finishing their Cub Scouting career and earning the Arrow of Light! I hope you are ready to go into your local troop and join the ranks of Boy Scouts! This is an exciting time as you make the cross over into Boy Scouting and I hope your rewards are many!

Even though the snow is still deep and plentiful, we say goodbye to another season of our snowy programs, Winter Camp and OKPIK and look forward to green grass and camping outdoors this summer!

Our summer camp staffs are already underway planning programs for all of you that I encourage you to take advantage of! Attending summer camp is a highlight for all Scouts, whether it be a day camp or FunPack Weekend for our Cub Scouts or an overnight camp for our Webelos and Boy Scouts!

Also in the near future, we will begin planning activities to highlight the 100th year anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America! Hard to believe 100 years and still going strong as one of the best and strongest youth programs! I look forward to celebrating our anniversary with you!

Yours in Scouting,

WOODBADGE- LEADER TRAINING



What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting careers!!!

Wood Badge Training offers a unique opportunity for learning and for leadership. Participants live and work together in a patrol with other Scouters, while they learn about the skills of leadership. The skills of Wood badge will help you in your personal and professional life along with Scouting!

Who is Woodbadge for? All registered Scout Leaders who have completed basic training for their position. The course content benefits Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders as well as Council and District leaders.

Dates: Thursday - Saturday ~ Sept. 24 - 26, 2009 & Oct. 8 - 10, 2009.

Arrival will be on Thursdays at 8:30 AM with departure on Saturdays at 5 PM.

Cost: \$240 per person and includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?

Problem Solving techniques for adults and youth
Leadership Skills
Managing Conflict and Change
Communications
The Outing in Scouting

Management of Youth Programs.
Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
Team Development
Leading to Make a Difference

Woodbadge Questions? Contact the Course Directors: Bruce Rueger @ rueger@roadrunner.com or 872-5920 or John Hume @ jhume@maine.rr.com or 797-2154

COUNCIL NEWS

Learning for Life Auction

On May 12th the Pine Tree Council will once again be holding the Learning for Life Auction at the Portland Club in Lewiston. John Jamieson is again acting as this year's chairman and he promises the event will be bigger and better than ever. So whether your pleasure is art, sports, electronics, travel, we'll have something for you. We look forward to seeing you there. As a reminder, it is the proceeds from this event that make it possible to continue to provide high level Exploring Programs throughout the Council.

Council Golf Tournament

The Twenty-Second Annual Pine Tree Council Golf Tournament to be held May 18th at the Woodlands Golf Club. This event is hosted annually by the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America to provide a premier golfing experience while financially supporting local Scouting programs of southern and central Maine. Specifically, dollars raised benefit the Boy Scout's Scoutreach Initiative and help to provide financial assistance to young men who otherwise might not be able to participate in Scouting or attend summer camp. For information on how you can take part call Bryan Thomas at 797-5252 ext. 25.

2009 Pine Tree Council Annual Recognition Banquet

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2009 Council Annual Dinner to be held on **April 24, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge** located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

This event we will recognize over **120** youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2008 and also the 2009 Silver Beaver recipients.

Cost of this year's dinner will be **\$20.00** per person. There will be no cost for the meals of the 2008 Class of Eagle Scouts or 2009 Silver Beaver recipients thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge.

Once again this year all 2008 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our youth and adult volunteers as we celebrate the accomplishments of these leaders.

For a reservation form contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 x 24 or email fgilcrea@bsamail.org

2008 Pine Tree Council 4th Quarter Eagle Scouts ~ Congratulations to our newest Eagles!

AB	T-109	Zachary	Moulton
AB	T-111	Robert	Miller
AB	T-116	Stephen	McDonough
AB	T-160	Raymond	Goulet
AB	T-196	Ronald	St. John
AB	T-565	Nicholas	Kingsbury
AB	T-580	Justin	Welch
CB	T-135	Scott	Albert
CB	T-30	Leopold	Ledman
CB	T-35	Brendan	Canfield
CB	T-81	Benjamin	Perkins
CB	T-86	Nicholas	La Rochelle
DE	T-142	Shaun	Turner
DE	T-202	Brian	Farnsworth
DE	T-206	Eric	Mauricette
DE	T-206	Stephen	Morrison, III
DE	T-206	Benjamin	Ward
DE	T-633	Andrew	Thibeault
DE	T-633	Zachary	Washburn
DE	T-639	William	Melcher
DE	T-642	Benjamin	Graves
DE	T-669	Samuel	Guerrette
KV	T-428	Nathaniel	Olsen
KV	T-454	Jeffrey	Damon
KV	T-479	Jason	Goggin
KV	T-479	Connor	Pillsbury
KV	T-518	Matthew	Allen
KV	T-518	Lawrence	Dwight, III
KV	T-594	Ryan	Howatt
KV	T-606	William	Wilson
KV	T-622	Michael	Lachance
YK	T-301	Christopher	Jordan
YK	T-308	Samuel	Putney
YK	T-324	Nikolas	Earnest
YK	T-324	Matthew	Wright
YK	T-340	Philip	Furbish
YK	T-345	Douglas	McCadden
YK	T-345	Michael	Nagy

Special Events

Join us for the 5th Annual
University of Scouting at the
Central Maine Community College
Saturday, March 21, 2009

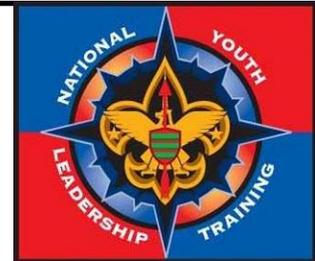


Join us for a _____ day of fun
and fellowship with
Great Scouting Resources!!!

The University's Catalog of Courses is online and offers classes for leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Commissioning, the Order of the Arrow and much more!

Check out the registration form and catalog of classes for Pine Tree Council's *University of Scouting*. It's for all leaders, committee members, and parents.

National Youth Leadership Training



NYLT is designed for the youth leadership of your troop to help strengthen their Leadership skills and give them the knowledge they need to run the troop!

June 28 – July 3, 2009

At Camp Hinds for Scouts age 13 years old +

NYLT Course Objectives:

Teach concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO.

Teach leadership elements with a clear focus on the HOW TO.

Give Scouts a "Toolbox of Skills"

Guide through 4 stages of team development

Forming/Storming/
Norming/Performing

Team and personal development

Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law

Use the Patrol Method and PLC.

Experience Scouting at its finest.

Scouts must be at least 13 ^T years old and be approved by their Scoutmaster.

Cost of the program is \$250.00 for the week!

Limited space available, only two spots per troop allowed unless space is still open after May 1, 2009!

Scoutmasters:

Your Scouts will come back enthusiastic, skilled and with a wealth of program material for your troop. Sending your boy leaders is a win-win for you, for them and for your Troop! Perhaps the troop can help pay for your boys to go! Reserve your troop's spots now!

For more information call NYLT Scoutmaster, Dave Sinclair at 646-2394-or email: scout356@earthlink.net or PTC Field Director Matt Randall at 797-5252 x 21 or email mrandall@bsamail.org

Boy Scout News



Operation – Fly 1st Class during April School Vacation

Operation Fly 1st Class is Pine Tree Council program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13, Tenderfoot rank to First Class! This four-day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April school vacation with other Scouts under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

Program Features to include: Cooking, Woods tools, 1st aid, Camp Gadgets, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Native Plants & Wildlife, an overnight outdoor adventure, orienteering, service project, flags & ceremonies, Scout's Own Service, and plenty of Scout Spirit!

Program Requirements: Be a registered member of a Boy Scout Troop, up to age 13, have permission from parents & Scoutmaster and have a Class 1 & 2 health form which requires a doctor's physical within past 3 years.

2009 dates for Operation Fly First Class are: April 20th – 23rd

Operation Fly 1st Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$160 per Scout and includes all meals, program equipment, and accommodations in the Training Center, experienced adult & older boy leadership! The program will be set up like a real troop with patrols and adult leadership. The staff will fill the roles of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader and patrol leaders to insure a great quality program. Program is limited to 32 Scouts per session and filled up early last year! Download a registration form from the PTC web site and send in with your \$25 registration fee.

Questions??? Call Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator at Pine Tree Council, 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org

Camp Hinds in conjunction with
Maine Divers
Offering in 2009



SCUBA
(Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus)

Offered Weeks 3 & 5 only
Come as a Provisional Scout or with your Troop.

Come to Camp and get your SCUBA Certification! Youth & Adults!

Work with Maine Divers Scuba Center (www.mainediversscubacenter.com) and their

Master Instructors on your PADI certification! PADI is the internationally recognized

“Professional Association of Dive Instructors.”

Participants that successfully pass the course will receive their

Open Water PADI Certification

And will be registered with PADI. Divers under the age of 18 will have limits on their certifications as to whom they can dive with until they reach age 18.

While in Camp, Scouts can attend either a morning or afternoon session of SCUBA. The program will encompass the full morning or afternoon time frame.

Scouts can also choose to take merit badges in the morning or older boy activities in the afternoon to round out their camp program. More SCUBA info on www.pinetreetsa.org

PTC E-List ~the easy way to stay informed!

Sign up at www.pinetreetsa.org

Sign up for electronic newsletters!

Stay up-to-date with district and council events and activities!

CAMP HINDS 2009 DATES & PROGRAMS



- WEEK 1** 7-5 – 7/10
- WEEK 2** 7/ 12 – 7/17
- WEEK 3** 7/ 19 – 7/24
- WEEK 4** 7/26 – 7/31
- WEEK 5** 8/2 – 8/7
- WEEK 6** 8/9 – 8/14

Programs Offered:

Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts- every week

BSA Lifeguard Weeks 2, 4 & 6

CIT Session 1 - Weeks 2-4

CIT Session 2 – Weeks 5-7

SCUBA Week with PADI Certification Weeks 3 & 5

Trail to Eagle- Weeks 1 & 6



2009 CAMP FEES:

\$280.00 per week for PTC Scouts

Add \$25.00 to fee if attending as a Provisional Camper for Regular and Trail to Eagle Programs

\$500 per week for SCUBA ~ PADI certification and week at camp

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD Deduct \$20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1st, 2009.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP:

To Reserve a Troop campsite: Scoutmasters should call the Pine Tree Council, at 207-797-5252 x 14, to confirm a week and campsite. Camp space is limited so reserve early. To hold your campsite the reservation fee is \$10.00 per Scout.

To sign up for a provisional week: Parents need to use the 2009 Provisional Scout registration form and send into PTC that are available on our website or by calling PTC at 797-5252.

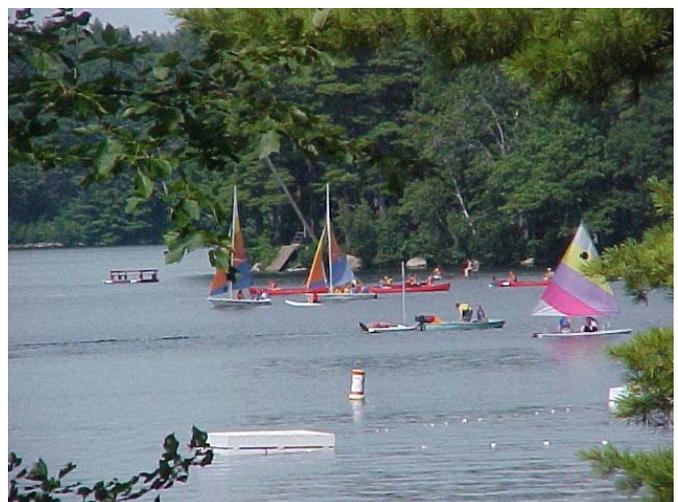
Parents and Scouts should check with their Scoutmaster to find out the troops summer camp plans and make sure you are signed up to go with the troop! If unable to go with the troop, use the Provisional Scout registration form to sign up for provo camp or a specialty program.

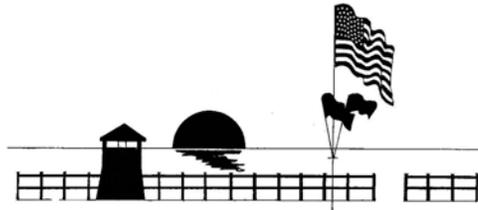
www.pinetrebsa.org

CAMP STAFF:

Our camp has a trained staff of Scouts and adults. Our camp staff are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and our mission is to help promote the aims and methods of Boy Scouting, to their fullest, here at Camp Hinds.

The camp is lead by the Camp Director who works with the Program Director. Each of our program and support areas are overseen by an Area Director, many of whom have attended the National Camping School program for training specific to their job. Our health lodge is fully staffed 24 hours a day with licensed medical personnel, assisted by our on-call camp physician Dr. Don Burgess.





CAMP HINDS

Welcome to the 2009 Camp Hinds season! Pine tree Council would like to introduce you to our new camp administration at Camp Hinds! Joshua Gagnon will be the Hinds Camp Director. Josh is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor OA member, a long-time Camp Bomazeen staff member and a school teacher in York! Karen Hawkes, will be joining the Camp Hinds staff as the program director! Karen has served as an adult leader and comes to us from Gorham! Many of you know Karen through her children Ian, Jessie and Spencer who have all worked at Camp Hinds! Both Karen and Josh are very excited to be joining the staff family at Camp Hinds and look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

If you have specific camp questions you can contact Josh at joshua.gagnon@gmail.com or Karen at kkhawkes@earthlink.net

Camp Hinds goal is to make sure everybody who attends camp this summer has a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience during their visit! We have something for every age and level of Boy Scouts from our 1st year program for the newly crossed over Webelos to older boy activities and employment opportunities for the 16 year old and above Scouts that want some great job and leadership training!

Scouts can come to camp on a schedule week with their troop or sign up to come for a week or two under our provisional scout program where camp provides the camp leadership and have a traditional week at camp or enjoy a week in a specialty program!

Parents and Scouts should check with their Scoutmaster to find out the troops summer camp plans and make sure you are signed up to go with the troop!

Highlights for the 2009 season & Specialty Programs include:

Strong merit badge program with new additions for '09

Basic Scout Skills program with opportunities for the Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class ranks.

Afternoon troop and patrol activities to help strengthen these bonds

Older Boy Afternoon activities

Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp offered weeks 1 & 6

3 week Counselor in Training (CIT) programs for 15 years old offered weeks 2-4 and 5-7

SCUBA – PADI certification offered weeks 3 & 5

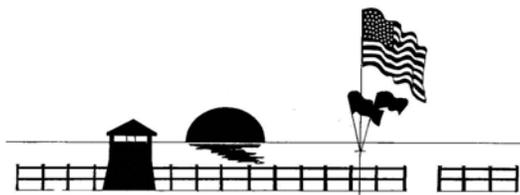
BSA Lifeguard offered weeks 2, 4 & 6

COPE- Challenging low and & high ropes courses

Do you need financial help to attend camp? Fundraisers to help with camp maybe available through your troop, or sign up and "Earn your Way to Camp" with the spring popcorn sale. A limited amount of campership funds are available for those with true financial hardships may be available for Scouts from the Pine Tree Council. Complete the 2009 campership application and send to PTC by May 15th to be eligible.

Please visit our web page at www.pinetreebsa.org for the 2009 Leaders Guide and registration forms to sign up for camp! Forms are also available by calling the Pine Tree Council at 797-5252.

See you at Hinds ~ the best part of the summer!



CAMP HINDS

Summer Camp Employment and Training Opportunities

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM:

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

While taking the program, Scouts will be able to participate in parts of the camp program and earn Merit Badges. Scouts who successfully complete this program will be encouraged to apply for staff positions the year following their CIT experience. Cost of program is \$200.

Dates:

Session 1 – Weeks 2-4 July 12 – July 31

Session 2 – Weeks 5-7 Aug. 2 – Aug. 22

TO APPLY FOR THE CIT PROGRAM: fill out a Pine Tree Council Staff Application. Applications available by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. 28 on the web site www.pinetreetsa.org

Camp Hinds Summer Staff WANTED

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

Positions are available for ANYONE age 16 and up. Adults/retirees are encouraged to apply! Skill areas include waterfront, boating, nature area, archery and shooting sports, ropes courses, camp commissioners and more! The high adventure programs at Camp Hinds are looking for trek guides at least 21 years old, with a strong outdoor background, and junior guides age 18 and older!

CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE:

www.pinetreetsa.org, or contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at 797-5252 ext. 14 or email cgosseli@bsaemail.org

2010 BSA National Jamboree

The countdown has begun to the 2010 National Jamboree!



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 jamboree ever!”

Come Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with us! 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!

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 up at the front desk at PTC.

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 and be approved by his Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

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

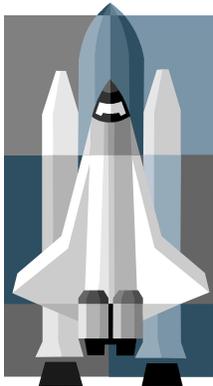


Space Odyssey



Space Odyssey 2009

*Cub Scouts ~ Come to summer camp & explore Space Odyssey 2009!
Join your friends at camp and you will discover galaxies far, far away! Travel
through a time warp to meet the aliens and other space creatures that will
join you at camp!*



2009 Cub Day Camp Dates:
Abnaki District: Camp Gustin Aug 3 - 7
Casco Bay District: Camp Hinds July 13 - 17
Pride's Corner School in Westbrook July 20 - 24
Downeast District: Union Fair - July 13 - 17
Topsham Fair - July 20 - 24
Kennebec Valley District: Camp Bomazeen Aug. 3 - 7
York District: Camp Nutter - July 6 - 10



Join us at a FunPack Weekend, "Blast Off in your Spaceship to explore the Great Beyond!" FunPacks are an over-night camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! Comes complete with a campsite for your Pack, tents, cots and a fun filled weekend!

2009 FunPack Dates

At Camp Hinds:

July 11 & 12
July 18 & 19
July 25 & 26
Aug 1 & 2
Aug 8 & 9
Aug 15 & 16

Earn a special
"Trip around the
Moon" two piece patch
by attending a day camp
and a FunPack
Weekend!

Webelos Resident Camp will be at Camp Hinds!! A chance for the Webelos to explore camping their journey to Boy Scouting! Come with your den and den leaders or you can sign up to go as an individual Scout!

Session 1 Aug. 16 - 19
Session 2 Aug. 19 - 22

Mini Camps- new in 2009!

Open to families! For kids 1st to 5th grade!
Experience a mini camp with great camp activities like BB and archery, nature, scout skills, crafts, cooking and games! Special camp space hats and patch for all!
Held on Saturdays from 9 to 3!
May 30th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus
June 20th Prides, Corner School in Westbrook
Aug. 15th at Camp Nutter in Acton
Date to be announced at Union Fairground

Cub Leaders-
Let's schedule a Cub Camping promotion for you pack! Every Scout should be attending summer camp! Let us come and show the exciting possibilities to them and your parents! Lots of great things are planned! Call Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 and ask to schedule your camp promo!



Mini Camps



*Mini Camps ~ new in 2009!
Open to families! For kids 1st to 5th grade!*

Experience a mini camp with great camp activities like BB and archery, nature, scout skills, crafts, cooking and games revolving around the Space theme!

Special camp space hats and patch for all!

Held on Saturdays from 9 to 3!

Mini Camps give the working parents a chance to attend camp with their kids!

Round robin of family based activities! Bring your own picnic lunch, snack to be provided!

2009 Mini Camps Dates & Locations

May 30th at Camp Gustin in Sabattus

June 20th Prides Corner School in Westbrook

Aug. 15th at Camp Nutter in Acton

Date to be announced at Union Fairground

Mini Camp Cost

\$20 for a child and 1 parent

\$8.00 for each additional parent or child

A den leader or parent can bring a group of children but must have a 1 to 3 ratio of adult to child.

**Watch the PTC web site for more mini camp info and registration forms
www.pinetreebsa.org**

PTC Contingent Crew Set to Sail at the Florida Sea Base

Pine Tree Council has confirmed a date for our 3rd council contingent to attend the Florida Sea Base For February 2010! The date is Feb. 14 – 21, 2010 (school vacation week). The P.T.C. crew for the “Sea Exploring Adventure” will live and sail 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 Venture’s, Sea Scouts or Boy Scouts interested in becoming Venture Scouts and who will be at least 14 years of age by 9/1/10 (13 ½ by date of sail). 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 Key’s 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, along the way enjoying salt-water fishing for barracudas and mahi-mahi, learn 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 or for a Sea Base slide show!



K-Valley District

District Chairman Kelly Pillsbury

District Executive Matt Mower 797-5252 x 27 mmower@bsamail.org

District Website www.kv-scouts.org

Spring Camporee

This year's Spring camporee on May 15-17th will be hosted by Troop 433 & Crew 443 in Winslow and will focus on Scouting activities done in the early 1900's as demonstrated in the original Scout Handbook. The chair is Chris Bernier at who can be reached at 872-2499 or twstdfte@gwi.net.

Cost is \$8 if registered in advance, \$10 at the door. Webelos are welcome if invited by an attending troop. More information to come.

Fall Camporee

Troop 603 of Augusta and Troop 654 of Monmouth are coming together to plan this fall's camporee, which is tentatively set to take place in Augusta's Mill Park and will likely include a hike to Fort Western. The dates are October 16th through 18th. More info to come.

Pinewood Derby

This year's District Pinewood Derby Championship will take place on Saturday, April 4th at Windsor Elementary School. We will accept the Pack's top 3 finishers, plus a Best in Show entry. Cost will be \$5 per participant, concessions will be available for sale.

Program Launch

This year we will offer 2 program launches. The first will be Wednesday, June 10th and the second will be Wednesday, August 12th. If you can get a representative to the June program launch that will allow your pack, troop, crew or post more time to plan for your fall program with the information your given.

We will have information on fall recruitment, popcorn, trainings, district and council activities and more! Time and Location TBD

Popcorn Trainings

Juanita Spaulding will be serving as District Kernel for this year's campaign. She is looking for information on which units plan on selling this fall (both for Show 'n Sell and Take Order sales) and who their kernels unit will be. If you have information for your unit feel free to contact her at 257-7341 or cubjuanita@midmaine.com. She is also an experienced kernel from her own Troop and Pack's sale so feel free to ask her for advice on how to make your sale more effective.

Trail's End will be sponsoring three Kernel Trainings; Tuesday May 26th, Wednesday May 27th and Thursday May 28th. The Tuesday May 27th will take place in K-Valley District in Augusta at the Senator Inn. More info to come.

To get the maximum commissioner available to your unit you must attend one of these three trainings in May.

District Volunteers Wanted

If you would be willing to help us out on either a District Committee member or on our Commissioner Staff please let us know by contacting Matt Mower or Kelly Pillsbury. The work done by district volunteers allows us to grow Scouting and support units in operating their program.

For More Info...

Feel free to contact Senior District Executive Matt Mower for more information regarding any of these articles. Also, more information for all these events will be coming out via Scott Bernier's District E-news Letter. To join the list simply email Scott at moxieman@gwi.net asking to be put on.

York District

District Chairman Wallace H Nutting 284-7842

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2009 York District Pinewood Derby: The Official 2009 Pine Tree Council Pinewood Derby Rules are on the YD website and were e-mailed to all CS leaders. Please make sure all individuals making cars has a copy of the rules so there will not be any questions regarding the race at the YD PWD which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11, 2009** at the Marshwood High School in South Berwick. The event is being sponsored by Troop 340 in Eliot. The YD website, www.yorkdistrict.org is now set up for the on-line registration. All CS packs will need to use the on-line program to register their YD PWD racers.

York District 2009 Spring Camporee: The YD Spring Camporee will be held on **5/15-17/09** will be held in North Waterboro. The event is being co-sponsored by Troops 345 and 399 and the theme for the event will be **"Amazing Race"**. More information to follow over the next couple of months.

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Spring Camporee 2009

The Spring Camporee Committee has been meeting frequently since September. Troop 51 has some amazing program planned for the Highland Game Camporee. Next month they will be releasing the Camporee Booklet and Sign-up information at Roundtable. Please note you will want to sign up for this Camporee as soon as possible. Sites at the Camporee will be selected on a first come, first served basis regardless of which district you are from. Also units that sign up in the last week will be assigned a camp fire skit. For more information please feel free to email Nicole Cyr at nikki_cyr@hotmail.com or call 893-3413.

District Award of Merit

This year's deadline for to submit District Award of Merit applications is the close of business April 3, 2009. An Application is attached with this email.

District Pinewood Derby 2009

The District Derby will be run on April 4, 2009 at the Jordan Small School in Raymond. Sign up forms will be available on the Casco Bay District Website for packs to sign up the top 5 racers and list 2 alternates. For more information please contact John Trott Jr. at trottj@roadrunner.com or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

Friends of Scouting

Would you still be involved in the scouting program if it costs \$100 a year just to register. Your Scout wouldn't enjoy going to summer camp without tents to sleep in or archery equipment to use, would they?

This time of the year is critical to the Pine Tree Council and to the families that are involved in the program because we are in the process of scheduling Friends of Scouting presentations at you Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor. Friends of Scouting allows families to make a tax-deductible donation which helps keep the scouting program affordable to ever youth that wants to be involved. It also helps pay for camp equipment, pay for upgrades at camp, and provide leadership support for your unit leaders.

If you have not talked to your District Executive or the district Friends of Scouting Chair please give them a call as soon as possible to schedule your presentation. Remember, that if you are looking for a program with the values that your youth will receive in Scouting you will pay a lot more with other organizations. If you are looking for an example, compare the cost of one week at either Cub Scout camp or Boy Scout camp with other camps that your kids participate in. That value is available to you because of your Friends of Scouting contributions. Please help us raise the necessary funds to continue the great service you currently receive this spring.

Get signed up now and support the largest youth organization in the world as we prepare for our 100th anniversary.



The PTC Invites You to Have Fun with the Sea Dogs this Summer!



Proud AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox

Don't miss out on this exclusive, Scouts & family **ONLY**, opportunity to camp out at Hadlock Field.

June 6th Sleep Over at the Sea Dogs! Please wear your Scouting uniform!

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person. Each ticket includes:

Admission to the June 6th game – Sea Dogs vs. Trenton Thunder

PG-Rated movie after game on the Ford JumboTron

Overnight on the field!!! (Weather permitting)

A Portland Sea Dogs Baseball Cap with BSA Emblem

Scout families should enter the game at the special Scout entrance at the end of the handicap parking lot. Only families with tickets purchased through the Pine Tree Council will be allowed in this entrance. Late arrivals should check in with the information desk inside the front entrance.

After the game, Scouts will be allowed 30 minutes to collect overnight camping equipment from vehicles. Tents are welcome but cannot be staked into the ground! We must keep the field in top shape! No outside food or drink will be allowed into the stadium. Concessions will be open until 12:00AM. Three light towers will remain lit throughout the night with bathroom facilities remaining open. Quiet time will be from midnight until 6AM. Please be considerate of other campers.

SCHEDULE



REGISTRATION IS JUST \$20.00

Reg. Must be received by May 29th
(If tickets are still available)

Date for this event is June 6th!

Saturday:

4:30pm – Gates Open

6:00pm – Game Starts

9:00pm – Game Ends

9-9:30pm – Collect gear from vehicles

10:00pm – Movie on the JumboTron

Sunday:

6:00am Wake Up Call

7:00am Departure

Each youth must be supervised by an adult, guardian, or Scout Leader. Tickets are available **ONLY** through the Pine Tree Council. There is no rain date for this event (**There will be no refunds in the event of a rain-out**). Tickets may be exchanged per the Sea Dogs rain policy. If you have questions, please call 207-797-5252 ext. 10.

**There are a limited number of tickets for this event and they are on a first come first served basis only!!
Sign up now!**

August 22nd SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SEADOGS

Tickets for the event are \$6 for Adults and \$3 for Youth (16 & Under). Each ticket includes:

- Admission to the August 22nd game – Sea Dogs vs. Bowie Baysox, Game Time 6:00PM

Law Enforcement Academy

On the morning of June 23, 2008 -they came. They came from the north and the south; the east and the west. They came from large schools and small schools, from public schools and private schools. They came from communities with and without Exploring programs. And, they came from traditional and not so traditional households.

It was here, at the academy, that each student, male and female, would gather on equal footing, to test their mettle. This was opening day at the 2008 Youth Law Enforcement Academy in Vassalboro, Maine.

The massive academy structure at the top of a hill that overlooks the Kennebec Valley area is truly an awesome sight – a bit intimidating. In the thick early morning haze, they arrive and then begin unloading their gear. Mothers take a final inventory of the “items to bring” list. Questions and comments are directed my way. “When will he be able to call me?” one mother asks. “Jimmy has been doing his pushups, faithfully,” another adds.

It is now 0900, military time. The students and their parents are told what the week will be like. “Any questions?” I ask. A dozen hands are raised, questions and concerns addressed and then, THEY, the Cadre arrive – their commanding presence and precision marching holds us all in awe. This is the beginning of an unforgettable week of discovery at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy!

The Youth Law Enforcement Academy is designed to help students understand the challenges and opportunities available to them should law enforcement be their career choice. Personal fitness, mental toughness, attention to detail, parade and ceremony, team-building, mentoring, and an evening of fun-filled activities with a question and answer session is the regimen of this week.

There is plenty of classroom time learning about Maine criminal and civil law. The students are also visited by professionals from Inland Fish and Wildlife, Game Wardens, the State of Maine Crime Lab, Sheriff’s Departments, State Police, Municipal Police, Armed Services, and representatives from other state, municipal and county agencies. The academy introduces these youth to as many career professionals and specialties as possible during this week so that students are exposed to a vast array of career paths associated with law enforcement.

In 2008, 54 high school students started the program and 49 graduated. The academy is being held again this year from June 22-29, 2009. The message is simple, very simple; if you are interested in a career in law enforcement in any capacity, this can be your first step to a successful career path.

For information contact Bryan Thomas at 797-5252 ext 25.

Sea Dogs Ticket Registration Form

Please mail form to: Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

ō(PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)ō

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Pack# _____ Troop# _____ Crew# _____ Post# _____

June 6th Sea Dogs Overnight:

of Tickets _____ @ \$20.00/ticket = \$ _____ June 6th TOTAL \$ _____

August 22nd Scout Night:

of Youth (16 & Under) Tickets _____ @ \$3/ticket = \$ _____

of Adult Tickets _____ @ \$6/ticket = \$ _____ August 22nd TOTAL \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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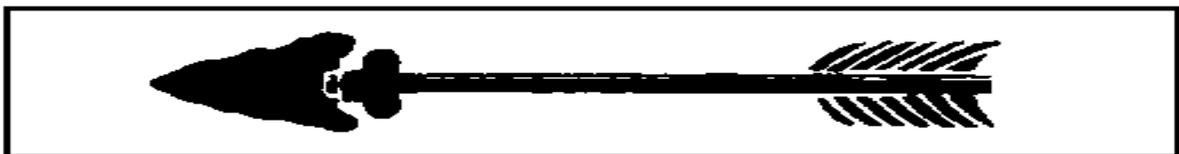
Turtle Soup

2009 Dues – Dues for 2009 are now due, they are only \$10 for the entire year! Don't let your membership lapse, stay an active member in Madockawanda Lodge by paying your dues. You can find a dues coupon in the latest issue of Turtle Soup or on the Lodge website

OA Unit Elections – OA Unit Election season is in full swing, it runs from Jan 1 thru April 15th. If you're a unit leader that has not yet had an OA election completed or scheduled please contact your Chapter Adviser or find an OA member at your Roundtable. Most chapter meetings are at the Roundtable so stop on by!

Conclave – The Section NE-1A Conclave hosted by Madockawanda Lodge at Camp Hinds is only a few months away! If you're interested in being on Conclave Staff register online at <http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org/csr.html>. Conclave workdays are also quickly approaching: April 4th, May 1-3 (Ordeal), May 30th, June 5-7 (Ordeal). Other registration material will be available online.

NOAC – The National Order of the Arrow Conference is this summer, are you there? Planning is already underway for the Lodge contingent that will be attending the conference on Aug 1-6th at Indiana University. Contingent slots are filling up fast, but if you're interested in attending contact National Events Chair Brian L'Heureux at rlheure2@maine.rr.com or Bruce Rueger at rueger@roadrunner.com



PINE TREE COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

Toll free: 1 (877) PTC-SHOP Visit the PTC Scout Shop Online @ www.pinetreebsa.org

Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri. - Open 9am to 5pm Thur. - Open 9am to 8pm Sat. - Open 9am to 2pm

Closed Sundays and Holidays

“Supplying all of your Scouting needs”

PINEWOOD DERBY DIGITAL SCALE \$ 41.99

Accurate digital scale displays in pounds, ounces, or grams with an 11 lb capacity.

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Kit includes shaft, fletching, flint arrowhead, coup feather kit, and instructions.

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An easy-access on/off switch activates one brightness setting or the strobe mode.

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This finely crafted, lock back knife has a total open length of 6.8". Assembled in the USA.

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Measures 3" x 3-3/4" folded. This is the perfect gift for an Eagle Scout.

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Features a pen blade, nail file, precision scissors, key ring and Duralens handle.

MARCH CUB SCOUT THEME

WHEN I GROW UP

This month, explore career possibilities of the 21st century.

Den Meeting in the Box \$ 37.49

All the materials a Den Leader needs to produce four weeks of meetings.

When I Grow Up Emblem \$ 1.19

Recognize your Cubs for participating in the monthly theme with this embroidered patch.

Professor Noggin's Card Games \$ 9.95

Titles include: Life in the Ocean, Wonders of Science, Life on the Farm, and Outer Space.

Kidz Labs Science Kits \$ 9.95

Kits include: Detective Fingerprint Kit, Night Sky Projection Kit, and Cosmic Rocket Kit.