

# PINE SPILLS Sept. 2009



Welcome to our new Scouts and Families!

**Pine Tree Council, BSA**  
**[www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)**



## President's Message

Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe that fall is upon us and another summer, even though it was woefully short, is gone!

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Fall is the season we welcome many new Scouts and the world of Scouting as we hold many recruitment nights! I love seeing the excitement of the brand new Tiger Cubs as they sign up, and hear about all the activities they will be able to do in Scouting!

Fall brings lots of new activities and I hope you will get out to enjoy a fall camporee, attend Trailblazer Day, a sports event or pack or troop activity with your Scouts!

It is also time to reflect on our summer camp season on what we did well and what areas we need to improve on for next year as we start that planning process! On behalf of the Pine Tree Council, I would like to thank all of the leaders, parents and camp staff members that volunteered and helped bring Scouting to life at camp!

A special event held this summer, was the 1st Eagle Scout Reunion with over 400 Eagle Scout and their families enjoying a day of reminiscing and activities at Camp Hinds! The oldest Eagles that attended earn their Eagle back in the 1930's! It was a great day and my thanks to the Camp Hinds staff for putting it on!

So enjoy the fall and all of the great activities along side your Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

*Pete*

## Winter Sports Safety-Helmets

The Boy Scouts of America have announced an upcoming change to the Winter Sports Safety section of the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Currently, Section 3 states that "Suitable clothing for the activity and environment should be worn at all times, and equipment should include gloves and helmets when appropriate."

Based upon the review of General Liability claims history, along with a recommendation by the Risk Management Advisory Panel (two Scout executives from each region), and input from the Health and Safety Support Committee, the following change will be made to the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and published as an Alert on Scouting Safely.

"Appropriate personal protective equipment is required for all activities. This includes the recommended use of helmets for all participants engaged in winter sports such as sledding and other sliding devices. The use of helmets is required for the following activities: downhill skiing, snowboarding, and operation of snowmobiles (full-face helmets)."

When units are engage in winter sports, they should only use designated areas where rocks, tree stumps, and other potential obstacles have been identified and marked, cleared away, shielded, or buffered in some way.

# Boston Museum of Science

**Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!!**  
**Boston Museum of Science**  
**Spring Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**Only 500 SLOTS!**

It's time to start planning for the 2010 Camp-In Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$52.00 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 12, 2009. 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Those who were selected from the drawing will be notified, and the remaining payment will be due at the Pine Tree Council by

January 15, 2010, 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.

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**Boston Museum of Science Drawing**  
**(To be submitted by Pack contact person for group**  
**registration/not for individual use)**

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

# Special Events

## UPCOMING LEADERS TRAINING

**BALOO, WLOT & ITOLS**  
**Oct. 23rd—Oct. 25th at Camp  
Hinds in Raymond**

BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Course. This is REQUIRED for any Cub Leader wanting to take their pack on overnight adventures. \$15.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee). BALOO runs Friday night until 5 PM on Saturday!

WLOT – Webelos Leader Outdoor Training. This is REQUIRED for any Webelos Leaders wanting to take their den camping. \$15.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee). WLOT runs from Friday night until 8 PM on Saturday.

ITOLS – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Outdoor Leader training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Invaluable knowledge to make your troop camping adventures fun and safe. \$20.00 to participate (Early Bird Fee). ITOLS runs from Friday evening until Sunday noonish! Registration flyers will be at Round Table and can be downloaded from [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org). You can also contact Bob Robinson at 878-6484 or email at [rrobinson@hancocklumber.com](mailto:rrobinson@hancocklumber.com) or Matt Randall at [Mrandall@bsamail.org](mailto:Mrandall@bsamail.org) (797-5252 x21).

**You won't want to miss the 2010  
University of Scouting coming on  
March 27th! Course Catalog to be re-  
leased later this fall!**

# Save the Date!

**PTC's  
University of  
Scouting!  
March 27, 2010**

**Something for  
everyone!**



Pine Tree Council

Boy Scouts of America

**“Celebrating a Century of Values”**

# Maine Jam 2010

**October 8 – 10, 2010**



**Save the Date for the 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration!!!**

**This milestone will bring to-  
gether the best of the Scouting  
community to mark this special  
event. Promises to have some-  
thing for all ages!**

# Boy Scout News

## Winter Camp 2010



### *What are you doing during February school vacation??*

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 2010 February 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 qunizees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$260.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. A \$25.00 deposit holds your space with full payment due by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign –up. Contact the Pine Tree Council Camping at 797-5252 x 14 to sign up or send in registration form below! Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

Anticipated merit badges:

Chemistry

Citizenship in the Community

Citizenship in the World

Computers

Electricity

Electronics

Geology

Graphic Arts

Oceanography

Personal Management

Pulp & Paper

Radio

Sculpture

Shotgun Shooting

Snow Sports

Woodworking

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#### Winter Camp 2010 Reservation Form

Please save my spot in Winter Camp 2010 ~ enclosed is a \$25.00 deposit.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## A Century of Values

"If you are going to celebrate a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, do it in a big way." That's the philosophy of six adult volunteers from Michigan who visited the Pine Tree Council on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> during a unique 45,000 mile, year long road trip, helping all Boy Scout councils throughout the United States kick off their local celebration of 100 years of Scouting's role in character and leadership development.

Dubbed "A Century of Values," the road journey team launched their official kickoff in Laingsburg, Michigan on February 8, 2009. The caravan is winding its way across the country, scheduled to end in Irving, Texas at the National Boy Scout Museum on February 8, 2010, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. For more information on the entire tour you can visit them at [www.acenturyofvalues.org](http://www.acenturyofvalues.org).

At each stop the group is donating a commemorative "Century of Values" print to each council. That print is pictured being accepted from left to right by Council Vice President of Marketing, John Newcomb, Marketing Committee members Kevin Reader, Fred Aboroa and Jeff Messer, as well as Scout Executive, Tony Rogers.



### 2009 Youth Law Enforcement Academy

They came from as far north as Caribou, and as far south as Scituate, RI to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Law Enforcement Academy at the Maine State Police Training Center in Vassalboro. This year twenty-nine young men and women (pictured) graduated from the intense and rewarding program. All had great things to say about the program, and a week's worth of memories they will cherish forever. Most who attended also expressed their interest in pursuing Law Enforcement as a career as a result of their week-long experience.



From practicing traffic stops to the F.A.T.S. (Firearms Training System) machine, the youth learned the ins and outs of Law Enforcement. The Academy concluded on Friday with the youth getting a chance to show off the marching they had learned for their parents followed by a graduation ceremony.

None of this could have been possible without the support of the Maine State Police, this year's Cadre, and Course Director, Trooper Michael Chavez (also pictured). Thank you very much and congratulations on another great year.



# Trailblazer Day

OCT. 3 RD, 2009

**At Camp Hinds in Raymond  
or at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade**

***Welcome to Scouting! Calling all new  
Cub Scouts and families! Join us for a  
fun day of activities!***

The Trailblazer program is a fun-filled day for Cub Scouts and parents to introduce them to the Outdoors and the adventures of Scouting and Camp!

## Trailblazer Day Features:

Round robin activities for Cub Scouts and parents!

***BB Guns Safety & Shooting***

***Archery Target Shooting***

***Slingshot Course***

***Obstacle Course***

***Wildlife Activities & More***      *Camp Trading Post Open*

Check-in @ 8:30 – 9:00 with Activities running from 9:15 – 3:30

Cost only \$8.00 per person includes BBQ lunch!

***Trailblazer Patch for all!!!***

Trailblazers Day is sponsored by the U.S. Sportsmen Alliance

In conjunction with Pine Tree Council, BSA

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## Trailblazer Pre-Registration Form

Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Check which location:

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  Camp Hinds in Raymond  
 Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Pine Tree Council

Return form to: Pine Tree Council 131 Johnson Rd. Portland, ME 04102

**For more information, call PTC at 797-5252 or see our web site:**

[www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

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# OKPIK

## High Adventure Winter Camping



### OKPIK (ook' pick)

Is the Inuit name for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol of the official Boy Scouts of America cold weather camping program.

### OKPIK OPPORTUNITIES: Back Country Skiing

Learning to ski in the backcountry is easy thanks to our specially designed skis. Miles of scenic trails, allow skiers of all abilities to enjoy Maine's beauty.



### Shelter Building

Learn to build your own quinzee or thermal shelter out of snow and natural materials. A quinzee will remain at a cozy 25 degrees even when the temperature is far below zero!



### Snow-shoeing

The traditional method of travel in the Maine woods, is still a fun and efficient way to get where you are going!

### Meals

All trail meals are designed for ease of preparation and cleanup using backpacking stoves. A variety of high calorie foods, and lots of them keep you warm all weekend!



Your trip begins at our lodge where you will spend Friday night before heading out on the trail. Relax in our spacious lodge! After a hearty breakfast get geared up and head out into the wilderness. Try on a pair of skies or snowshoes and explore miles of trails in the Maine woods.

### OKPIK 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 OKPIK DATES

Jan 8- 10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

Feb. 5-7, 12-14, 26-28

### 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. Your reservation will be held for two weeks and is secured when your deposit is paid. Reservations are subject to cancellation after the deposit deadline date. Call Pine Tree Council at (207) 797-5252 ext. 14 or reservations.

### Fees for 2010:

\$75.00 for Pine Tree Council

youth and adults

# 2010 BSA National Jamboree Only 14 slots left!



The Pine Tree Council will be sending a council contingent of troops with Boy Scouts and leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 troops with leaders to the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort Hill, VA to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BSA! Registration must be done online! Visit the Jamboree web site at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:cgosseli@bsamail.org)

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



The Pine Tree Council, BSA has once again teamed up with Sugarloaf U.S.A., Sunday River, Shawnee Peak, and Mt. Abram to offer discounted ski passes, ski and snowboard lessons, and equipment rentals for the 2010 ski season. Do not miss out on the great times Scouts and their families have on the slopes of Maine's most popular ski resorts.

Information will be available later this fall to Scouts and their families with information about the following tentatively scheduled Ski Days.



You will be able to able to purchase ski tickets and rentals for these Ski Days at Pine Tree Council.

For more information on Ski Days you may contact Kennebec Valley Senior District Executive Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 27 or [mmower@bsamail.org](mailto:mmower@bsamail.org).



**2009**

## **Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner**

*~ all proceeds benefit ~  
The Pine Tree Council  
Boy Scouts of America*

**Thursday, November 12th**  
**Dinner Reception and Gathering 6:00PM**  
**Dinner served promptly at 6:30PM**

**Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay  
Portland, ME**

*Purpose: To honor a leading citizen role  
model; Heighten awareness of Scouting; &  
Raise needed funds to support Scouting.*

### **Featured Speaker**

Former Governor Angus S. King, Jr.

### **Distinguished Citizen Award Honoree**

Kevin Hancock, President  
Hancock Lumber

### **Tickets**

\$300 per seat

\$1,500 per table

Tables of 8 are reserved with payment  
(Cash, Check, VISA, Mastercard, Discover  
& American Express)

Call 207-797-5252 ext. 25

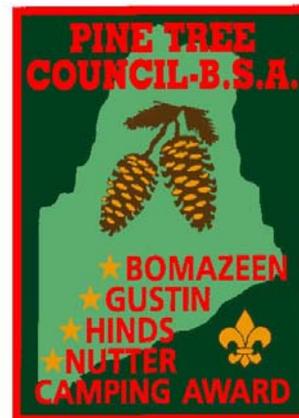
**For table and sponsor  
information,  
please inquire by October 30th, 2009**  
**Pine Tree Council**  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
**207-797-5252 ext. 25 or**  
**[www.pinetreetsa.org](http://www.pinetreetsa.org)**

## **PINE TREE COUNCIL ~ 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.*

*To qualify for the Council Camping Award a  
unit will need to have utilized 4 of the Pine Tree  
Council camps for a unit activity during a con-  
secutive 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 re-  
ceive certificate for their unit. A special patch is  
available for members of the qualifying unit if  
they attended all the 4 unit camping activities!  
The Camping Award application form is avail-  
able on the web site [www.pinetreetsa.org](http://www.pinetreetsa.org)*





## PTC Property Rentals



The 2010 rental season will open for reservation starting Sept. 1, 2009. 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. Property Use Forms are available on our web site at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)



### Recent Tribute gifts made:

**In the memory of John P. Messer- Michael Webb**

**In the Memory of Melissa Picararo– Tony & Cindy Rogers**

**In the Memory of Jocelyn Gosselin—Tony & Cindy Rogers**

### In the Memory of Lenny Niman:

**Steve & Janice Butler**

**Marc Blattstein**

**Dana Wade**

**Barbara Cole**

**Doreen & Robert Roy**

**James & Alison Fisk**

**Candice & Michael Jewett**

**Lucy Silsby**

**Barb Wallace**

**Molly Shamus**

**Max Forward**

**Pam Gravlin**

**Mona Grandbois**

**Colleen Binette**

**Nicole Chase**

**Daniel LeBruin**

**Catherine Durette**

**Crystal Faulkner**

**Rachelle Griffin**

**Karen Lucas**

**Julie Poulin Handy**

**Warren & Jeanette Knight**

**Ernie & Sharon Wiswell**

**Michael Weisman**

# Tribute Gifts



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.



# **Order of the Arrow Madockawanda Lodge**



## **LLD 2009 at Mt Blue High School**

The LLD will feature an exciting blend of guests, from martial arts and Japanese-style drumming to the coast guard and the marines! All five branches of the military will be represented at this year's LLD; show up to meet them! Also offered at the LLD: Leadership training, regalia making, training cells, opportunities to serve, native american events and more! The LLD will feature a new and improved Turtle Cup and an exciting, never-before-seen Saturday night show; show up to experience LLD 2009!

## **Lodge Wins Fourth National Service Award**

We have received notification that Madockawanda Lodge had been given its fourth National Service Award - a Northeast Region record. The NSA was awarded for 2008 service, including the large contingent the Lodge sent to ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger thanks everyone who contributed to last year's service for their outstanding effort and devotion to Madockawanda Lodge, and looks forward to a continuation of the level of service that merited this award.

