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Message from the President

Paul Spellman

This summer, in England, where Scouting was founded, Scouts and Scouters from all across the world, will gather to celebrate the founding of World Scouting. This centennial celebration is a great opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law.

As part of this great event, we will join the celebration with Maine Jam '07, the Pine Tree Council Jamboree. Thanks to the leadership of John Messer and General Libby, our committee is putting together a great program. You will find in this issue of Pine Spills information about Maine Jam, so please pay close attention to that and give us your feedback and ideas.

As we begin working on our recruiting plans for this fall, I wanted to share with you a new BSA website, www. scoutparents.org. This website was designed for parents of scouts and scout leaders. ScoutParents is the vision of lifelong Scouter Gerald I. Lawhorn, from Georgia. On the website it says that

Gerald believes "all parents of Scouts should be asked to volunteer and make it known that they desire to participate, help, and enjoy Scouting with their child. Those that choose to will be the ones who become ScoutParents or other Scouting volunteers." One of Gerald's quotes: "Scouts of "drop off" parents generally drop out!"

The intent of the initiative is to provide parents with information and tools to help them understand their importance in becoming more involved with their Scouts. In turn, we hope that Scouts will stay with the program longer and have a better experience, hopefully,

working their way to Eagle Scout.

Take a look at the website and come up with new ways to involve the parents of your Scouts in your unit operations, and include them in your planning for Maine Jam '07.

Thanks for your continued service to the youth of Maine.

Sincerely, Paul Spellman

Message from the Council Commissioner

The snow has finally melted and summer is upon us! For 100 years that has meant one thing to Scouts all over the world. Camp! Whether attending Boy Scout Camp, Webelos Camp, Cub Scout Day Camp, or a Fun Pack Weekend, summer is the time when lifelong memories and values are instilled in a young man. Also remember, commissioners, that camp is a great place to visit our units. Make sure you know when your units are going to camp, and pay them a visit one evening. I know they will appreciate it.

Let's also remember that camp is not the only way that our boys should be enjoying scouting this summer. Encourage your troops to continue their program throughout the summer, and all your cub scout packs to earn the Cub Scout Summertime Pack Award. A good summer program is a surefire way to keep those boys interested and returning in the fall.

Remember that if you have not already

completed them, it is also time to conduct unit inventories. Unit inventories are a very important task for every commissioner. It is our job to insure that all boys that are active in the program are registered in the program for many reasons, not the least of which are insurance and advancement, especially Eagle. Sometimes our leaders just simply forget to turn in an application. This is why we as commissioners provide this service twice a year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the faculty, staff and participants for another great University of Scouting. Without each of you, such a wonderful event would not be possible. It also excites me to see so many leaders spending the day learning skills that will help them provide a quality program to the youth of the Pine Tree Council. Have a great summer!

Yours in Scouting, Bill Coffin Pine Tree Council Commissioner

Pine Spills

2007 Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen



We would like to congratulate Samuel A. Ladd, III, President & CEO of Maine Bank & Trust, for being selected as the 2007 recipient of the Pine Tree Council Distinguished Citizen Award (DCAD).

The DCAD is an annual event sponsored by the Pine Tree Council to honor an outstanding individual or business. The

event promotes dynamic community partnerships that exist between Scouting and area businesses. The dinner serves to showcase the contributions of the honorees to the local community, as well as promote public awareness of the Scouting program.

The Pine Tree Council is honored to have Sam Ladd as this year's recipient. The dinner will be held October 25th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay with a reception at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and program at 6:30 PM.

2006 Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Congratulations are extended to the following seven recipients of the Silver Beaver Award recently presented at the Pine Tree Council Annual Recognition banquet:

George Fecteau Edwin Guptill Brian Hazelwood John Jamieson Roger Pomerleau Burton Russell John Wood

The Silver Beaver award represents the highest award that a Council may present to a volunteer. Their Scouting affiliate or peer nominated each of the recipients. The Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Committee, which is comprised of past recipients of the award from throughout the council, selects the award recipients each year based on the applications that are submitted and the recipients' service given in Scouting and their community!

Congratulations to all!

The Trails End Popcorn sale has some exciting changes for 2007, and your unit will not want to miss out. The incentive program has improved. The prize program is as good as ever, and we still have the same great product mix to sell.

Remember that statistics overwhelmingly show that people will buy popcorn if they are asked. There are thousands of people that never get asked to buy popcorn. Motivate your Scouts to get out there and ask as many people as possible to support Scouting by buying a great product.

Once again, take advantage of the following incentives for your unit:

- 32% commission for Units
- New Units (Units that did not sell in 2006) receive an additional 2% bonus
- \$10 in Scout Bucks for EVERY take-order form completely filled out. (Unit Kernel must sign off on each one.)
- Packs & Troops can choose extra 5% profit over prize program
- Every Scout that sells \$1,500 will receive \$50 in Scout bucks or BSA, Wal-Mart, Toy's –R-Us, Games and Gadgets, or Coleman gift card.
- Every Scout that sells over \$2,500 will be entered into the scholarship program. 6% of gross sales will be credited to Scholarship account)
- National Fill Up Order Form Incentive- Each Scout that completely fills up I take-order form will receive a commemorative patch and certificate.
- The top seller in each district will receive a

2007 Trail's End Popcorn Sale



\$100 L.L Bean gift certificate

- There will be opportunities for youth to be entered into drawings for the following prizes:
- Bushnell 700 x 60 Talking Telescope
- Magellan Explorist 210 Handheld GPS
- Motorola GMRS Radio Pair 8-Mile Range Rechargeable
- Mitchell Outback Fishing Kit

What's New?

- A new 18 oz. Caramel Light tin has been added to the product mix.
- Each unit will have the opportunity to earn an additional 3% commission by successful completing each of the following Attend a Training (Council or District), Order Online, and Pay on Time. This replaces the Over and Above incentive and gives more units the opportunity to earn a higher commission.

To make sure you have a successful 2007 Popcorn sale be sure your Pack or Troop has a representative attend one of the two Council Trainings provided by a representative from **Trails End Popcorn.**

• June 13, 2007, at the Pine Tree Council Ser-

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTING FAMILIES!



Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be offering discounted Funtown/ Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and

their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. Come and ride the new additions to the park. The prices for the 2007 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass \$17.00 Splashtown Pass \$15.00 Combination Pass \$24.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center May I through September I, 2007. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can used anytime during the 2007 Funtown/ Splashtown U.S.A. season. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 ext IO.

vice Center in Portland – 7:00 PM

 \bullet June 14, 2007, at Federal Distributors in Lewiston – 7:00 PM

Or attend your District Popcorn Kick-off at the location listed below:

Abnaki- August 22nd @ 6:00PM at the District Program Launch (Location TBD)

Casco Bay- August IIth @ (Location and Time TBD)

Downeast- August 23rd @ (Location and Time TBD)

Kennebec Valley- August 18th @ 6:00PM Camp Bomazeen

York- August 12th @ 2:00PM at Camp Nutter

Be on the lookout for a mailing with further details.

Important Popcorn Sales Dates:

June 13 & 14 Trail's End Hosted Popcorn Sales Training

August 24 Show-N-Sell orders due to the PTC

August 24 - October 19 Take-Order sale

October 19 Show-N-Sell product return or transfer deadline

October 26 Take-Order and prize order forms due at PTC

November 10 Product Distribution: All Districts, 8:00 AM- II:00 AM

December 3 All money due & accounts settled. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Bryan Thomas, Council Popcorn Campaign Director, at 797-5252 ext. 25.

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Race To Scouting

September is Race To Scouting month. This year's recruitment drive will be run a little different than in the past. The goal of this new plan is to not only help packs recruit boys, but to also recruit leaders, organize dens, and get new leaders to training. The District and Council commitment is to not only hold training to help your unit have a successful Race To Scouting Recruitment Night sign-up, but to also have a representative from the District attend the sign-up and help with recruitment of leadership. The goal of this sign-up plan is recruit and train qualified leaders for your packs in order to provide the best possible program for your youth. Look for information on trainings coming soon.

Our Sponsor for this year's event is again NAPA Auto Parts. NAPA has agreed to provide every new Cub Scout that registers between May 2007 and September 2007 a coupon to redeem at a local store for a free Pinewood Derby car. It is important that all registration forms are turned into the Pine Tree Council office as soon as possible or they might miss out on this opportunity. The best way to do this is to hand them in to the District representative the night of the recruitment!

Look over the Race To Scouting training materials that you will receive at your district training to make sure that you have a great night set up for the parents and the kids. Have as many registered leaders on hand as possible to answer questions and to help register new adults and kids in the program. Here are some reminders that will help you have a successful recruitment night:

- I. Contact the Pine Tree Council by August 17th with your Race To Scouting recruitment location and date in September. Please start your recruitment night at 6:30 PM in order to accommodate the full program..
- 2. Work with other Packs and Troops in the same community so everyone recruits new kids and adults.

- 3. Talk to your local school about an in class promotion with the boys, a few days before the sign-up night, to build their enthusiasm.
- 4. Make sure that your local religious affiliation is aware of the nights because many will include this information in their worship service bulletins.
- 5. Talk with local businesses about placing information on their marquees promoting Race To Scouting.
- 6. Place posters in stores and high traffic areas.
- 7. Some Grocery stores will place a flyer in shopping bags.
- 8. Cable access stations will sometimes promote sign-up night.
- Local phone companies will put info on their monthly bills.
- 10. Encourage your registered Cub Scouts to wear their uniform to school on the day of your Race To Scouting event.
- II. Invite a local Boy Scout Troop to help keep the kids entertained while you talk with the parents.
- 12. Have your treasurer attend your recruitment night Signup so that one check with the correct pro-rated fees can be written to the Pine Tree Council to avoid losing any money.
- 13. Make a great first impression by being organized.
- 14. Have a calendar of events for the new scout and their family so they are prepared for the upcoming activities.
- 15. Have fun and show new families the excitement of Scouting.
- 16. Before your new families leave the registration night, make sure they know the time, date, and location of your next scheduled den or pack meeting.
- 17. Families should have phone numbers of key unit leadership.
- 18. The Pine Tree Council will also be doing some direct mail promotions to families in your area with the registration night information.

New NATIONAL PARENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce, as part of the new national strategic plan, a National Parent Initiative to engage parents in all units—Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews. Elements of the initiative will be added to our current literature as they are revised and incorporated into our program delivery system. Goals, strategies, and tactics are being developed to help carry out the mission and achieve the vision of this program.

The mission is to develop and implement methods that increase the passion and participation of volunteers, especially parents of Scouts. Promoting parental understanding and appreciation of Scouting will be the foundation from which all methods will develop. It is our intent to highlight the importance of Scouting in the development of youth. The vision of the program is:

"A passionate parent initiative that continually increases youth and parent recruitment, retention, advancement, participation,

determination, and a passion for Scouting."

By adopting this vision at all program levels, units will be able to access new avenues of support that will serve to increase program quality. The vision captures our

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passionate attitude about Scouting, and it can inspire many parents to become involved and more committed to the success of their child's Scouting experience.

All units are encouraged to adopt the program as an integral part of their unit's program. It is a part of one of the requirements to earn the new Centennial Quality Award beginning in this year.

The objectives established for the program initiative include:

- Increase parent recruitment.
- ·Increase parent retention.
- ·Increase parent participation.
- ·Increase youth advancement.
- Increase youth determination.
- Increase the passion for participation in Scouting by youth and parents.

As part of the basic program, each youth member's family will be encouraged to:

- I) Complete a "Parent Talent Survey" and turn in to their unit;
- 2) Influence their child to become a Scout;
- 3) Participate in Scouting directly with their child:
- 4) Go to and observe Scout meetings;
- 5) Be part of the unit's program-- both weekly meetings and outings;

- 6) Support the program financially;
- 7) Coach their child's advancement and the earning of recognition awards; and
- 8) Serve in one support role during the Scouting year.

Each unit should select someone to serve on their unit committee to accept the responsibility for delivery and coordination. This person would be responsible for keeping the parents informed of the unit's programs and needs. They would provide new parents with:

1) A welcome package of how the unit works.

2) Provide an orientation for all parents to answer questions and share the benefits of the Scouting program to their family.

- 3) Keep all parents updated on the unit's program and their child's involvement.
- 4) Secure a parent's commitment to help with an assignment or project annually.

A sample listing of Ways Parents Can Help Their Scouting Unit—Cub Scout Pack—Boy Scout Troop/Varsity Team—Venturing Crew with "specific tasks" for new volunteers to select is available to assist units in providing a quality program experience. Use this list to share with parents, chartering organization members, and other adults in support of more parental and adult involvement.



scout camp

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Then sign up for a Cub Scout camping program! Our programs will use the fun filled theme of Egyptians to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

Join us for a Funpack Weekend - "Tomb Raiders- Come to camp with your Mummy" an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub!

2007 Funpack Dates

At Camp Hinds:

July 7 & 8

July 14 & 15

July 21 & 22

July 28 & 29

Aug 4 & 5

Aug 11 & 12

The FunPack weekend fee is \$20 per person.

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

2007 Webelos Schedule

4 Day Resident Camp

Session 1 Aug. 12-15

Session 2 Aug. 15 – 18

MORE CUB CAMPING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON THE PTC WEB SITE www.pinetreebsa.org



Cub Scout Day Camp: The Riddle of the Sphinx

Day Camps -run approx. 8:30 - 4:30 and give your son a chance to see the Cub Scout program come alive during the summer at many locations throughout the council.

2007 Cub Day Camp Dates: Abnaki District:

Camp Gustin Aug 6 - 10

Casco Bay District:

Mackworth Island - July 23 – 27 Camp Hinds – July 30 – Aug. 3

Downeast District:

Union Fair – July 9 - 13 Topsham Fair – July 16 - 20

Kennebec Valley District:

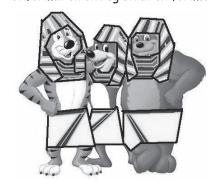
Camp Bomazeen - Aug 6 - 10

York District:

Camp Nutter - July 9 - 13 Camp Nutter - July 16 - 20

Day Camp Fees \$100 per week

Early bird discounts are available for camp programs. Information on registration forms!



TWILICHT CAMP FOR CUB FAMILIES

New in 2007, the Casco Bay district will be hosting our first Twilight Camp! Twilight Camp is an "evening day camp" held July 17th-20th from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM to help provide a summer camp experience for the working family that can't attend Cub Scout Day Camp! It will be open to Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts with their parents and siblings of the same age group!

"Riddle of the Sphinx" theme will provide enter-

CAMP HINDS SUMMER CAMP 2007 DATES & PROGRAMS

Join us at Camp Hinds for the IO0th Anniversary of Boy Scouting! Camp Hinds, now in it's 80th year will have special IO0th anniversary activities and events. Earn the Baden Powell award with your IO0th anniversary patch and collectible pins. Try your hand at geocaching, canoe sailing, take a night hike, camp out with your patrol on our new island in Little Sebago Lake and more! Don't miss out on camp! Sign up soon!!!

July I - 6 WEEK I

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

Trail To Eagle Advancement Week

July 8 - 13 WEEK 2

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

BSA Lifeguard

CIT Session I – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4 High Adventure Trek Programs

July 15 - 20 WEEK 3

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

High Adventure Trek Programs

CIT Session I – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4

July 22 - 27 WEEK 4

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

BSA Lifeguard

CIT Session I – For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4 High Adventure Trek Programs

July 29 - Aug. 3 WEEK 5

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts

CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7 High Adventure Trek Programs

Aug. 5 - 10 WEEK 6

Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
BSA Lifeguard

CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 – 7 High Adventure Trek Programs

Aug. 12 - 15 WEEK 7

Webelos Resident Camp Session I & 2

CIT Session 2 – For 3 weeks running Weeks 5 - 7

More camp information and registration forms are included in the 2007 Camp Hinds CD on our web site, or by calling PTC at 797-5252 ext. I4. www.pinetree-bsa.org

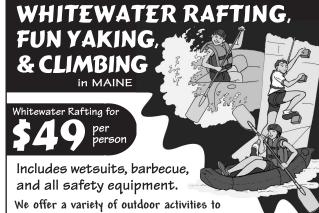
Camp hinds Welcomes New Program Director

Camp Hinds is pleased to welcome Ed Molleo as the new program director this coming summer. Ed has been a dedicated staff member for many years on the Camp Hinds staff on the waterfront, serving last summer as the Aquatics Director.

Last years program director, Wayne Holden will be giving guidance to Ed, as Wayne will be with us in camp as the Counselor in Training Coordinator.

Ed and Wayne, along with Camp Director Matt Mower are busy preparing Camp Hinds to bring the best of scouting to our campers as we celebrate the 100th year of Scouting and Camp Hinds 80th anniversary this summer! We hope to see you at camp!

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Scouts and other youth groups at our base camp in West Forks, Maine and on the Kennebec and Dead Rivers. Adventure packages, from gentle to rugged, to meet the individual needs of every group.

New in 2007 - Program Pavillion Campsites • Cabin Tents • Pizza Party

Your Hosts, Dave and Donna Neddeau



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Come Celebrate Scouting's Centennial at Camp Hinds! 2007 Season Highlights

Special Activities Celebrating Scouting's Anniversary

- Weeklong theme including Centennial Day on Tuesday: Come to Retreat Dressed in Vintage Uniforms or Civilian Attire that would be Worn in the Early 1900s
- Camp Wide Event along with other Camp Activities based on What Early Scouts Did
- Look for this Outline of Baden Powell in Our Leaders' Guide for Activities Relating to Scouting's Anniversary



New Merit Badges and Activities

- New Merit Badges Include Composite Materials, Emergency Preparedness, Model Building & Design, Fish & Wildlife Management, Forestry, Nature, Citizenship in the World and Graphic Arts
- New Afternoon Rotations Include Spy Mapping, Patrol Flag Making, Geocaching, Tracking & Trailing and for Older Boy Activities we've added Canoe Sailing
- New Evening Activities Include a Patch Tradoree, a Song Fest and a Night Hike
- Night on Scout Island: A chance for your troop to canoe to and camp overnight on the Pine Tree Council's newest Camping Property in Little Sebago Lake

For Older Scouts We'll Also Be Bringing Back Old Favorites

- COPE and Climbing MB
- Trail to Eagle: Week 1
- BSA Lifeguard: Weeks 2, 4, 6
- Our Counselor-in-Training Program: Two Sessions, Weeks 2-4 and Weeks 5-7
- High Adventure Treks including a 50 Mile Canoe Trip and our Sea Kayaking/Island Survivor Trip

This year's patch will commemorate 100 years of Scouting world wide along with the 80th season of Camp! You can earn the right to wear up to five commemorative pins* that will complete your patch by participating in the following activities...

Spy Mapping – History Hike – Morning Flag Raising – Baden Powell Award - Service Project

*Pins may be purchased in the Trading Post







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 2nd ★ 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 2nd game Sea Dogs vs. Connecticut Defenders
- PG-Rated movie after game on the Ford JumboTron
- Overnight on the field!!! (Weather permitting)
- Special Event Patch including the PTC and Sea Dogs logo
- 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.



REGISTRATION IS JUST \$20.00

Reg. Must be received by May 25th (If tickets are still available)

SCHEDULE



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, Includes Patch!

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 19th * SCOUT NIGHT AT THE SEADOGS *

Tickets for the event are \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Youth (16 & Under). Each ticket includes:

- Admission to the August 19th game Sea Dogs vs. New Britain Rock Cats, Game Time 1:00PM
- Sea Dogs Pennant

Sea Dogs Ticket Registration Form

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

#(PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) # Jame: ______ Telephone: ______ Address: _____ City____ ST: ___ Zip: ______

Pack#____ Troop#___ Crew#___ Post#___

June 2nd Sea Dogs Overnight:

of Tickets @ \$20.00/ticket = \$ June 2nd TOTAL \$

August 19th Scout Night:

of Youth (16 & Under) Tickets_____ @ \$2/ticket = \$_____

of Adult Tickets_____ @ \$5/ticket = \$_____ August 19th TOTAL \$______

Total Enclosed \$ _

TURTLE SPEAKS

* Thanks to all Brothers who served on staff and attended the University of Scouting at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn in March. Approximately 40 members served with setup, lunch duty, course instructions and at the lodge trading post during the annual event. Your service was an inspiration to all!

* Lodge leadership will attend the second National Conservation and Leadership Summit which will take place July 28 through August I, 2007 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. This summit has a twofold purpose. The first will be to train key site leadership and squad leaders for the 2008 ArrowCorps5. The second purpose of the NCLS is to introduce to key leaders of lodges and sections the 2008-2012 Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan. It will be the first summit-type event held since the National Leadership Summit of 1999, where Madockawanda Lodge was also well representated. Our representatives to this national summit are comprised of our Lodge Chief, Aaron Wiggin; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; National Program Chairman, Andrew Rueger; Lodge Adviser, Bruce Rueger; and Lodge Staff Adviser, Matt Randall.

*Four lodge officers and advisers attended the National Leadership Seminar at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in New Hampshire during the weekend of April 27-29th. This annual training event is an annual requirement for new officers, and Madockawanda Lodge has consistently offered this training over the years. It's been a long time since the training sessions have been this close geographically! For 2007, our representatives to this training session will include Lodge Vice Chief, Stephen Molina; Lodge Secretary, Matt Allaire; and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser, John Trott.

* If you or one of your scouts was elected to the

Order during our recently held election season this past winter, please make sure to register for one of our Ordeal Weekends. Ordeal weekends are scheduled for June I-3rd and June I5-I7th at Camp Hinds. Registration material was mailed during May to all eligible candidates..... see you at your Ordeal!

*For those Ordeal members who were inducted into the Order in 2006 or even prior to last year, please remember that Brotherhood Conversion Ceremonies will be held at both Spring Ordeal weekends at Camp Hinds. Also, if you are attending summer camp, please remember that you can also seal your brotherhood membership in the Order every Thursday night at Camp Hinds.

* Speaking of Summer Camp and spending a great evening on the shores of Panther Pond, the OA Service Hour will again take place every Thursday during the 2007 summer camp season. This is an opportunity to spend approximately one hour in "cheerful service" and to help camp staff with service projects designed to keep camp operating smoothly during the summer camp season. Participants receive the next edition of the Service Hour patch, our ninth year in this program as well as spend a bit of time in fellowship and service to our council properties.

*The lodge will also be well represented at the 2007 Section NE-IA Conclave to be held during the weekend of June 8-IO at the T.L. Storer Scout Reservation. Hosted by Moswetuset Lodge and Boston Minuteman Council, this is certainly the highlight to our Section Activities. Registration information is available on the lodge website: http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org.

*Founder's Day and the Vigil Honor will be held on Friday and Saturday July 6 and 7 at Camp Bomazeen. Founder's Day on Saturday will be a work day and all members are welcome to come and help out at the camp. We are in hopes that we will be able to start working on the archery range and our national service grant during the Founder's Day work session.

LODGE NEWS

FLORIDA SEA BASE CONTINGENT TO SET SAIL IN 2008!

Once again, the Pine Tree Council will be hosting a contingent to travel to the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base for a sailing crew in February 2008!

Our crew will sail on a 70' foot mast schooner for a week in the Florida Keys during February school vacation! The crew will sail the boat, learn navigational skills, snorkel along the colorful reefs, tour Key West and try their luck at deep-sea fishing!

Openings are now available



for up to 24 Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and leaders! All participants must be at least age 13 ½ by the trip and strong swimmers. Leaders interested in at-

tending are encouraged to apply to be on the PTC contingent leadership staff.

To reserve your Sea Base spot or for more information, contact Cathy Gosselin, Camping Administrator, at Pine Tree Council at 797-5252 x14 or cgosseli@bsamail.org. A Sea Base Reservation form is also available on our web site at www.pinetreebsa.org.

A slide show presentation is also available for units for the Florida Sea Base!

VISIT BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE ONLINE

Exciting news from Boys' Life magazine: We have relaunched our flagship Web site, www.boyslife.org, into the premier site for fun and information.

It's full of Scouting info and advancement help, gear buyer's guides, tons of how-to projects and games for youth of all ages. And with Cub Corner, BL has created a special site dedicated for Cub Scouts.

Other new site features:

- Pedro's daily blog will keep users up to date with the latest news that affects a youth's life.
- Tell a joke! Think our magazine jokes are lame? Tell us a better one and let the BL online community rate it.
- Reader photo galleries make BL's readers the stars of the show.

Boyslife.org is only going to get better. Make it a habit to visit every day — you don't want to miss out on any of the new stuff in the works.

Welcome to our Staff

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Scout Executive, Bryan Thomas and his family to the Pine Tree Council. Bryan was the Director of Finance for the Connecticut Rivers Council. As a youth, Bryan earned the Arrow of Light, the Eagle Rank and was ac-



tive in the OA. Bryan is married to Sara and they have a son, Nathan, who is a Cub Scout and a daughter, Laurel. When you get the chance, give Bryan a call and welcome him to the council. Bryan can be reached at 797-5252, ext 25.



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Pine Tree Council will again be offering a Woodbadge Course in the fall of 2007. 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 can attend? 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.

The dates are Sept. 14-16, and Oct. 12-14, 2007, and the cost is \$220 which includes all food, training materials, program supplies and literature!

What does Woodbadge Provide?

- Problem Solving techniques for adults and youth.
- Management of Youth Programs.
- Leadership Skills
- Preparation, Planning and Teaching Skills
- Managing Conflict and Change
- Team Development
- Communications
- Leading to Make a Difference
- The Outing in Scouting

Questions? Contact Course Director, Lance Eschholz at leschhol@ime.net



Over 300 Scouters attend the University of Scouting!

A big thank-you to all of the volunteers that helped staff the University of Scouting held in March at the Central Maine Community College! Adult leaders from all over PTC attended great classes ranging from GPS, dutch oven cooking, Scouting resources and much more!

Pine Tree Council would like to thank the University Faculty, led by President Bill Coffin, and the college staff, Sherry and Bob Robinson, Clint Staples, Paul Conley, Aaron Wiggin, Tom Morris, Sue Pinette, Paul Hallee, Krista Morris and Matt Dubois!

Also, a big thank-you to the Madockawanda Lodge for their support with set-up and food service!

The Pine Tree Council Scout Shop is now online. This site has items that are exclusive to the PTC Scout Shop: Pine Tree Council shoulder patches and clothing, camping equipment, books and maps, fun learning stuff, and much more. New items are being added weekly. Order online or browse the site before shopping at the Scout Shop.

The online store can be accessed from the Scout Shop page of the Pine Tree Council Web Site at www.pinetreebsa.org. The council online store does not have any Boy Scouts of America items. For official BSA items, a link to the National Supply Division site is also available from the Scout Shop page.

As always, Scout Shop and BSA items can be purchased at the Scout Shop, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, by calling 207-797-5441 or toll free at I-877-PTC-SHOP (I-877-782-7467), and by fax at 207-878-9472.

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Abnaki District News

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST

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

FUNPACK WEEKEND

Abnaki District is looking for adults and Boy Scouts (13 or older) to come help out during our weekend to host FunPack Weekend at Camp Hinds on Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th. If you are interested, please contact our district's coordinator Mary Jane Vachon at 375-6614.

DAY CAMP

Back at the helm as our Camp Director is Scott Verrill of Pack 532. Joining Scott in administration this year as our Program Director is long time Day Camp staff member Andy Breau of Pack 153. If you would like to volunteer for staff, please contact Scott at 597-3035.

PROGRAM LAUNCH AND KICK-OFF

Our Program Launch and Popcorn training this year will be on August 22. Look for information to come out by early summer.

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Casco Bay District News

DISTRICT OUTING AND AWARDS DAY

The Casco Bay District will be holding a district dinner on Sunday, August 26th at Camp Hinds in Raymond. All District Scouters and their families are invited to attend. We will be awarding this year's District Award of Merit recipients as well as honoring other distinguished Scouters. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get together with other Scouters and their families to relax, have fun and acknowledge each other's contributions to Scouting. Registration forms are available at the Pine Tree Council Service Center. Any questions should be directed to Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or abessey@bsamail.org.

CASCO BAY FUNPACK WEEKEND

Come and join the Casco Bay District hosted FunPack Weekend on July 14 & 15 at Camp Hinds for lots of fun and excitement. This year's theme is "Come to Camp with your Mummy" and it promises to be great fun for all who attend. Come enjoy a great overnight camping experience with your Cub Scout. For more information, please contact John Trott 642-2373 or trottj@adelphia.net or Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext 23 or abessey@bsamail.org

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Casco Bay District will be holding two weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp and one week of Cub Scout Twilight Camp this year. Twilight Camp will run from July 17th to the 20th at Mackworth Island. The second week at Mackworth Island will be Cub Day Camp from

July 23rd to the 27th. The third week at Camp Hinds in Raymond will be from July 30th to August 3rd. This year's theme is "Riddle of the Sphinx" and there is no question that the kids are going to have a great time. As always, the district needs volunteers to come and lend a hand at Camp for the week and help us run our programs. Don't miss out on this opportunity to work with your kids to solve the riddle of the sphinx. Any questions should be directed to the following:

Missy Bell, Mackworth Director at 839-8421 Heather Judkins, Hinds Day Camp Director at 627-3114 Pine Tree Council – Tony Bessey – 797-5252 ext 23

RACE TO SCOUTING 2007

This year's Race to Scouting will be held on Tuesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 20th. Please take the time and sit down with your committee to decide which date works best for your unit, as well as determining where you will be holding your sign-up night. Try to choose public places that most members of your communities will be familiar with. Also, you might want to coordinate your recruitment efforts and offer a combined area wide sign-up. Let's start the planning process now and make this a record year for sign-ups so that we can offer our program to more kids than ever and make an even greater difference. Once you have chosen your date and location for sign-up, please contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23 or abessey@bsamail.org so that the District can assist you with flyers and support.

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Downeast District News

PROGRAM LAUNCH

The date to pick up your program launch kit will be June 13 at District Roundtable. This is one of the most important Roundtables of the year. The kit includes council calendars, race to scouting information, popcorn information, fall camporee information, and everything that you need to know for the upcoming year in Scouting. Make sure to have at least one representative from your unit attend this event.

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people who want to help out with Cub Scout Day Camps this year. The Union Day Camp will be July 9-13, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 16-20. Anyone who volunteers for the

week at a day camp can have one son attend for \$10. For more information contract Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

FUNPACK WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS

The Downeast District will be coordinating the FunPack Weekend on July 28 & 29 at Camp Hinds in Raymond. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

POPCORN KICK OFF

The popcorn kickoff will be August 23rd. There will be more information at Roundtable and in the Beacon.

RACE TO THE SPRING CUP VICTORY NIGHT

FREE TICKETS TO SPEEDWAY FOR NEW SCOUTS

Thanks to Oxford Plains Speedway, we will be giving out free tickets to their Wednesday, August 8th Acceleration Series Race Night to new Scouts who join in 2007 and are registered by June 30th.

We will be sending the new Scouts a welcome letter with a free ticket. Parents and family members or friends must purchase a ticket for general admission (\$5 for adults, 5 years old and under free, 20% for seniors and those with a military ID). The gates open at 5:30pm and racing begins at 6:30pm.

Remember, to be eligible to receive their free tickets, their paperwork must be turned into Pine Tree Council by the end of June. For more information about this event, contact Matt Mower at 797-5252 ext 33 or mmower@bsamail.org. More information about Oxford Plains Speedway and their events are available on their website www.oxfordplains.com.

DIRECTIONS TO OXFORD PLAINS SPEEDWAY

From the Maine Turnpike

Take Exit 63 (Gray)

Turn Right off exit

Turn Left onto Route 26 North

Follow Route 26 for approx. 23 miles. Speedway is on the right



FALL PROPERTY RENTALS OPEN

Reservations for the fall of 2007 and 2008 weekend & camping rentals open Sept. Ist. Scouting groups wanting to reserve space should complete a Property Use Form and submit it to Pine Tree Council. All of our camps, including Camp Hinds, Nutter, Gustin, Bomazeen and Camp KV have rentals available. Units that camp at four of the properties over the course of one year can earn the Council Camping Award.

What's available? Everything from the Training Center that comfortably sleeps 45 people indoors, to cabins holding I2 to 32 people and rustic campsites. Stay a weekend, one night, or more!

As of Sept. Ist, there are new property rental rates. There is an increase to the Training Center and campsite fees, and some cabin rental fees. Property Use Forms are available on our website at www.pine-treebsa.org

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K-Valley District News

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

The Kennebec Valley District is pleased to announce the District Award of Merit Class for 2007. Awardees include Leslie Ellis (T672), Kelly Pillsbury (T479), Dwayne Bickford (P453), and Richard Lees (T410). We take great pleasure in recognizing the efforts of these individuals in helping to make a difference in the lives of the youth and adult volunteers in Maine.

We would also like to thank Charlene Brousseau, Lynn Corson, and the entire banquet committee for a great event this past April at the Manchester Lions Club.

PROGRAM AND POPCORN LAUNCH

The Kennebec Valley District will be holding its annual program launch and popcorn kick off event at Camp Bomazeen, August 18th from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. It is imperative that each unit has one representative attend this event. This is where all the important events for the next year will be explained, as well as changes to the Popcorn sale for this fall and support for all recruitment efforts. For more information, please contact Matthew Randall, at 797-5252 x27.

DAY CAMP AND FUN PACK WEEKEND

The Kennebec Valley District would like to thank Ray Jacques (P517) and Shelia Adkins (T518) for their leadership in running our Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen this August. We would also like to thank Kerstin Spears for her leadership of our Fun Pack Weekend at Camp Hinds. Any adults interested in assisting these folks can contact Matt Randall at 797-5252 x27.

SPRING RECRUIT

All units need to be thinking about holding a spring recruiting effort. This is the perfect time to introduce youth to the offerings of our program. Camp is right around the corner, as well putting these youth in a great position to be successful in the fall - regarding advancement and participation. Your units will be contacted in regards to holding a spring recruit – please consider this option. This can be as simple as a flyer inviting youth to attend a regular Pack meeting with special activities everybody can participate in, to as fancy as speaking to a class of 3rd graders at a school.

Contact Matt Randall or Lynn Corson for more information.

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York District News

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

THANK YOU to all the York District Packs, Troops and Scouting Families that participated in the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign this year. For the third year in a row, the York District exceeded its Family FOS goal. Through the generosity of the Scouting Families in York District we raised over \$28,000.00, and the money will go a long way to ensure that the quality programs in York District and the Pine Tree Council will continue for present and future scouts. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave their time and talent in giving presentations to the units in York District.

YORK DISTRICT CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2007:

Mark July 9-13 and 16-20, 2007 on your calendars as the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The theme for 2007 is "Land of the Egyptians." In 2006, 190 Cub Scouts and more than 75 volunteer leaders participated in the York District Day Camp Program. Where else can Scouts do crafts, cook, earn BB & Archery recognition, learn about nature and swim in a safe environment with 100 other Scouts?

To make sure we have another successful Day Camp season, we can always use volunteers to help run our program and they do not have to be current leaders to help out. Parents are welcome to participate as Day Camp Leaders. If you help with day camp, your scout's fee will be reduced for the first scout. It's a great deal and you may even have some fun while you help out. For more information, please contact our Day Camp Director Diana

Vermette at 324-2582 or 4vermette@msn.com.

POPCORN TIME AGAIN

Calling all unit Popcorn Kernals, mark Sunday, August 12, 2007 at Camp Nutter as the date for York District's Popcorn Kick-Off. A Family Barbecue has been planned with a few surprises. This is a Free Event. Please register before Wednesday, August 8, 2007 so supplies can be purchased. If your unit has not sold popcorn in the past, please consider it as your major fundraiser for your unit. Some of our packs use the popcorn sale as their ONLY fundraising event for the year. The popcorn is an easy product to sell and has repeat customers from year to year. The Show-N-Sell Popcorn Program is a great way to get started selling popcorn or add to your Take Order Popcorn Sales. Some units do both programs and have great success with them. For more information about the Trails End Popcorn program, check out their website at www.trails-end.com. Please contact Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 ext. 24 for more information.

RACE INTO SCOUTING:

Race Into Scouting will be coming up quick in September to sign up new youth into our Scouting Program. Please get your sign-up date, location, time and contact information into Frank Gilcreast for your flyers. The sooner we have the information, the sooner we can have the flyers made up for you. We would like to get them printed up for you by the September 7 Roundtable or sooner. Thank you for your help.

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Exploring/LFL District News

DENTAL CAREERS EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Maine Dental Association is a chartering partner for the new Dental Careers Exploring program in the Capital area. After a wonderfully written article titled "Careers with Teeth" by Betty Adams of the Kennebec Journal, Learning for Life began receiving inquiries from parents and high school students about this new initiative. Any parent or senior high school student interested in learning more about the Dental Careers Exploring program in the Augusta area is invited to call Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

AVIATION CAREERS EXPLORER PROGRAM

Another new Exploring initiative is the creation of the Aviation Careers Exploring program through the Sanford Airport. This program conducted its open house in May and is eagerly recruiting young men and women interested in exploring aviation and aviation related fields as a career option. The point of contact for this program is Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

SCIENCE CAREERS EXPLORER PROGRAM

In the town of Jay, we have started up a Science Explorer program for senior high school students. This program began at the end of March with 8 senior high school students signing up. Program emphasis will focus on environmentalism and conservation. If your high school student is within a reasonable commuting

distance from Jay and is interested in participating in this program, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PROUTS NECK

On Wednesday, September 19th, Learning for Life is conducting its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Prouts Neck Golf Course in Scarborough. We are still taking applications for foursomes and hole sponsors. This event is being hosted by Scarborough Law Enforcement Explorer Post 883. Please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 for more information.

THE 2007 YOUTH LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The 2007 Youth Law Enforcement Academy is being held on the grounds of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro the week of June 25th through June 29th.. The purpose of this academy is to expose young people to the physical, mental, emotional and academic challenges associated with careers in law enforcement. Students from around the State of Maine are encouraged to apply each year. Participants in this program go through a weeklong stay on the academy grounds and are presented with many challenges and opportunities for growth. Any student that is seriously contemplating either a military or law enforcement career path should seriously consider applying to this academy. Point of contact is: Michael Dyer, 797-5770.

Cub Scout Summer Camp Programs in Casco Bay

Has your son been missing out on one of the best parts of the Cub Scouting program? Make this the year he goes to a Casco Bay District day camp!

Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Twilight Camp-July 17-20 5:30-8:30pm

Mackworth Island (Falmouth) Day Camp-July 23-27 8:30am-4:30pm

Camp Hinds (Raymond) Day Camp-July 30- August 3 8:30am-4:30pm

We are offering three fun filled weeks centered on the Riddle of the Sphinx. Want to try your hand at hieroglyphics, race a boat down the Nile or run in a mummy relay? This is your chance to learn all about ancient Egypt, to work on a few of your rank advancements and to HAVE FUN! We have three great weeks of camp in two different locations. Activities vary slightly by week, but include BB range, archery, crafts, science, sports, cooking, scout skills, and water sports.

New this year is our Twilight Camp at Mackworth Is-

land. This is an evening camp that scouts attend with an adult partner- which is ideal for younger scouts and for working parents. It is for boys entering first through third grades, with an adult. Siblings in that age range are also welcome to participate.

All camps are looking for adults and Boy Scouts willing to work as staff at the camps. Training is provided, as is a full week of fun! Parents who work all five days will pay only \$10 for one son to attend camp. There is a Tagalong Den available for (potty trained) non-scout staff children.

Safety is a primary concern at all of our camps. They are all Nationally Accredited, State of Maine licensed and are led by a Camp Director & Program Director that are trained at a National Camp School and certified by the Boy Scouts of America. Specialized training under the BSA is required for our aquatics and shooting sports staff!

For more information, check the district website www. cascobayptc.org and click on Activities.

Missy Bell, Camp Director- Mackworth Island Grace Everest, Program Director- Mackworth Island Heather Judkins, Camp Director- Camp Hinds Michelle Josephson, Program Director- Camp Hinds UB SCOUTS



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Closed Saturdays in July & August (except for special events)

Pine Tree Council Calendar

June

5 AB- District Committee

6 CB Roundtable
DE District Committee
KV District Committee

7 YK Roundtable

13 AB Roundtable
DE Roundtable
KV Roundtable- Oakland
CB District Committee

14 District Committee

19 KV Roundtable-Strong

21 AB Commissioners Meeting

July

1-6 Week 1 Camp Hinds7-8 FunPack Weekend

8-13 Week 2 Camp Hinds

9-13 Day Camp at Union Fairgrounds

9-13 Day Camp at Camp Nutter

14-15 FunPack Weekend

15-20 Week 3 Camp Hinds

16-20 Day Camp at Topsham

16-20 Day Camp at Camp Nutter 17-20 Twilight Camp at Mack -worth Island

21-22 FunPack Weekend

22-27 Week 4 at Camp

Hinds

23-27 Day Camp at Mackworth Island

28-29 FunPack Weekend

August

July 29 – Aug 3 Week 5 at Camp

Hinds

July 30 – Aug. 3 Day Camp at Camp Hinds

4-5 FunPack Weekend

5-10 Week 6 at Camp Hinds

6-10 Day Camp at Camp Bomazeen

6-10 Day Camp at Camp Gustin

11-12 FunPack Weekend

12-15 Webelos Resident

Camp Session 1

15-18 Webelos Resident

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