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Message from the Council President

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

It is truly a privilege and honor for me to assume the role of President of the Pine Tree Council. We are blessed in Maine with a deep rich Scouting tradition, fostered so easily by the wonderful natural world around us. Growing up in Massachusetts's suburbia, we lacked the same access we enjoy here to outdoor recreation. Scouting was my first entree into the woods, hiking and camping, all activities I still enjoy today. As an enthusiastic Wolf Scout, I spent Wednesday afternoons in my grandmother's basement. I'm still not sure who convinced her to be my Den Leader. Those initial days of Cub Scouting led to Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle Scout, and summer employment during high school at Scout camp. Scouting captured my interest again after college as an Assistant Scoutmaster and later as Scout Master for my old troop, and then eventually to District and Council Board involvement. Council President is not my only Scouting role, as I also presently serve as the Webelos Den Leader for Pack 60, in North Yarmouth, my son's den. Serving as a Den Leader ties me weekly in an intimate way to the Scouting program. It brings me tremendous joy to work with



young Scouts, my son in particular, in the same way my grandmother did with me in her basement all those years ago. I'm firmly believe there is no other youth program that provides such great character building experiences, learning opportunities, and sheer fun to young people as Scouting.

Our commitment at the Pine Tree Council is to provide our thousands of Scouts and volunteer Scouters with the support and programs to offer our youth a truly outstanding experience. Your Council is led by a strong Board and extensive district leadership. This year the Council leadership at all levels will create a new strategic plan that will set a vision and concrete direction for the Council for the next five years. I welcome your ideas and participation in that undertaking. If each child in Maine had the privilege of participating in Scouting, think what kind of community those youth people could create as adults. I look forward to working with you to provide your Scout with the highest quality Scouting experience.

Yours in Scouting,  
*Peter B. Ventre*  
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Message from the Council Commissioner

Greetings Commissioners,

A new year has arrived and once again rechartering is upon us. As I'm sure we all realize, assisting with rechartering is one of the most important services that we can offer the units that we serve. Accurate and on-time rechartering is of the utmost importance not only to the council, district and unit but more importantly to the scout. If his/her unit does not recharter on time the individual scout's advancement, his opportunity to participate in other scouting functions and records can all be affected.

Please remind all of our unit leaders that before they just cross a scout's name

off a charter, that they have made personal contact with the scout, and possibly the scouts parents, to assure that the scout actually intends to drop out of the program. Many times the scout is not planning on quitting, but has had other issues that need addressing. A quick call can make the difference between a drop-out and a very successful scouting experience. Let's all try our best to offer the greatest youth program on earth to as many youth as possible.

Yours in Scouting,  
*Bill Coffin*  
Pine Tree Council Commissioner

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Downeast District News

DOWNEAST DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE

The Downeast District Spring Camporee will be held at the Topsham Fairground on May 16 to May 18. Troop 202 will be the host Troop. The theme this year will be Hobbies for Fitness, Hobbies for Life. Bring your Troop and learn about and participate in activities that can be fun and enjoyable for the rest of your life. For more information and registration, please attend Roundtable.

DOWNEAST DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

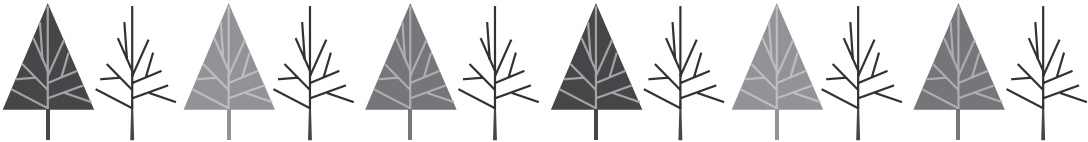
The Downeast District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 12 at the Warren Middle School, registration starts at 9:00 AM. Your Pack's top five finishers are eligible to participate in the event. For more information, rules, and registration please attend Roundtable or contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsamail.org.

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 10-14, and the Topsham Day Camp will be July 17-21. Anyone who volunteers for the week at a day camp can have one son attend for \$15. For more information contact Steve Saucier at 797-5252 ext. 28 or ssaucier@bsamail.org.

FOS

Thank you to all units who have participated in the Friends of Scouting. Thank you also to Bill Benner, Phil Gary, and all of our FOS presenters for their efforts this year. If you still have not had a Friends of Scouting presentation please contact Steve Saucier at ssaucier@bsamail.org, or 797-5252 ext. 28.



Exploring/LFL District News

2008 EXPLORER LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The 2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for the week of 23 through 27 June 2008. This academy is open to young men and women ages 14 (and graduated from the 8th grade) through 20. Each year we have many applications from Scouts from throughout the district and the State. If you have Scouts interested in either a law enforcement or military career path, this academy is for them. Applications can be obtained by calling Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org.

ANNUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE AUCTION AND BENEFIT

On Wednesday, May 21st, Learning for Life and Exploring is conducting their annual Auction and Benefit at the Portland Club in Portland, Maine. This event is one of two major fundraising events conducted by Learning for Life. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org for complimentary tickets. Scouting families represent much talent. If you would be interested in donating an item to this auction and benefit, we would enjoy hearing from you. Last year, we had several artists from our Scouting families donate their artwork to this benefit. Any questions regarding donations, please call Michael Dyer at 797-5770.

PROUTS NECK GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, September 23rd, Learning for Life will conduct its 2nd major fundraising activity at the Prouts Neck Country Club. This event is hosted by the Scarborough Police Explorer Post 883. We are now putting together foursomes for this event. We have room for 23 foursomes for this event. If you enjoy golf and we know that many of you do, please contact the Learning for Life office at 797-5770 to reserve a foursome for you. Prouts Neck is a walking tournament. If you have never golfed Prouts Neck – this could be your opportunity to do so. Give us a call if you would like an application to register.

LEARNIG FOR LIFE'S EXPLORING PROGRAMS

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



Casco Bay District News *continued*

eligible for the race. If you have any questions about the rules please check out the Casco Bay Website at [www.cascobaybsa.org](http://www.cascobaybsa.org) for a copy in our Activities Section. For more information about the race please feel free to email John Trott at [trottj@adelphia.com](mailto:trottj@adelphia.com) or call Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

**SPECIAL ROUNDTABLES IN MAY AND JUNE**

The May Cub Scout Roundtable will focus on Cub Scout Fall Recruiting. Woody Brown the District Membership Chairman will be stopping by with a team of Cub Scout Leaders who have units that did really well in the 2008 Race to Cub Scouting. All Cub Scout Leaders are encouraged to come out and take part in this special roundtable. The June Roundtable is Program Launch for the Casco Bay District. This Joint Roundtable will feature

guests from the Commissioners Staff and District Committee as they talk about the exciting programs that will be part of the 2008 - 2009 Scouting Year.

**UNIT POPCORN KERNELS**

All units should have their new Popcorn Kernels contact Tony Bessey as soon as possible. Again this year the Pine Tree Council will be holding some special trainings with Trails End to help all units with Budgeting for next year and improve popcorn sales. There are some special training opportunities that will become available in the next few months and Tony will make sure they are added to the contact list as these events are scheduled and held. For more information or to let Tony know who your new Kernel is, please feel free to call Tony at 797-5252 ext. 23 email at [abessey@bsamail.org](mailto:abessey@bsamail.org).

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**K-Valley District News****PINEWOOD DERBY**

Look out for information on our District Pinewood Derby coming up on April 12.

**SPRING CAMPOREE**

May 16th, 17th and 18th. Tentatively planned for Rangeley. More information to come

**ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTIONS**

Election Season has been moved up! You can hold an election as early as Jan. 1, 2008! Elections will be conducted 1/1/08 through Tax day (4/15/08). Please contact Tracy Wiggin ([twig271@adelphia.net](mailto:twig271@adelphia.net)) to schedule an election in your troop.

**LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR**

The Kennebec Valley District Advancement Committee invites all Star and Life Scouts to the 2008 Life to Eagle Seminar on Saturday, April 12th from 9AM (Registration beginning at 8:30AM) to 12:30PM at the Augusta Elks Lodge.

This Free Seminar will include:

- Filling out your Leadership project workbook
- Selecting your project
- Developing and carrying out your project
- Filling out your Eagle Rank application
- Final report write-up
- Eagle Board of Review
- Eagle Scout Ceremonies
- Merit badge program and how to get counselors
- Disabilities and the Eagle Scout Rank
- Eagle Scout speakers
- Power Point presentations
- NEW K-Valley District Life to Eagle Guidelines booklet and other handouts

Please sign up by Tuesday, April 1st. Registration forms are available on [www.kv-scouts.org](http://www.kv-scouts.org) and can be mailed to Luanne Chesley at 506 Bog Rd, Vassalboro, ME 04989. You are welcome to contact Luanne at 923-3883 for more info.

**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

If you haven't made an appointment yet for Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit, please contact Kirsten Hand at 778-5232.

**RECHARTER**

All of our charter kits for units that recharter in March should be distributed. If you haven't received your kit check in with either your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Lynn Corson at 549-5069 or [mamalynn@prexar.com](mailto:mamalynn@prexar.com) to see who may have it.

This year's charter kits have only the information sheet on how to recharter online and not the paper rosters that they included in the past. If you would like to use a paper roster to recharter contact Matt and he'd be happy to get you a copy.

Forms are also available for those units who earned the 2007 Centennial Quality Unit Award who would like to purchase any of the additional recognition items (beyond the ribbon, which is free) such as the patches, plaques or pins. Matt Mower has the forms and he would be happy to send them to you.

Information on this year's Centennial Quality Unit award has been placed into the recharter packets.

**DISTRICT NEWS EMAIL**

If any of you are looking for a quick and easy way to get up-to-date information on K-Valley happenings write this email address down: [moxieman@zwi.net](mailto:moxieman@zwi.net). If you send Scott Bernier a note at this address he will add you to do the district email list.

**2008 Pine Tree Council Annual Dinner**

The Pine Tree Council is proud to announce the 2008 Council Annual Dinner to be held on **April 27, 2008, 6:30 P.M. at the Portland Elks Lodge** located on outer Congress St., across from the Portland Jetport's main entrance.

This will mark the third year that the Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at this event along with the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts.

This event we will also recognize over **120** youth that received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2007. Thousand of hours of volunteer service have been completed under the direction of these scouts and this recognition is very much deserved.

Registration is from 5:30 -6:30 PM. The dinner starts at 6:30. Cost of this year's dinner will be **\$20.00** per person There will be no cost for the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts'

meals, thanks again to the Portland Elks Lodge and also no cost for the 2008 Silver Beaver recipients. The District Advancement teams will be contacting the 2007 Class of Eagle Scouts to remind them of the upcoming event.

Once again this year all 2007 Eagle Scouts will receive a limited edition Pine Tree Council Shoulder Strip for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. This shoulder strip will also be available to purchase for past Eagle Scouts.

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

Register online at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org) by going to the April calendar and clicking on the event or call Frank Gilcreast at 797-5252 x 24 for a reservation form.

**2010 National Jamboree**  
*~ Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting!*

We will be looking for Boy Scouts from the Pine Tree Council to begin preparing for an adventure of a lifetime! The 17th National Scout Jamboree will be held July 26 to August 4th in 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The PTC troops will tour in the Washington, DC area prior to the Jamboree and then travel on to the adventures of the 100th Anniversary Jamboree of the Boys Scout of America! This will be a once in a lifetime experience for both the Scouts and leaders and many say that a trip to a National Jamboree is the highlight of their scouting career!

The PTC Jamboree contingent will consist of 4 troops, each consisting of 4 adult leaders and 36 Scouts. Leaders interested in applying for volunteer positions should contact Cathy Gosselin at 797-5252 x 14 or [cgosseli@bsamail.org](mailto:cgosseli@bsamail.org). Stay tuned for more information, which will be posted on our web site as it is released from the BSA.

**Welcome to our New Executive Board Members**

We would like to welcome and introduce two new gentlemen, who have recently joined the Executive Board for the Pine Tree Council. The Executive Board is made up of volunteers who oversee the council's needs in program, camping, financing, endowments, membership and much more!

Bill Sipperly joins us as our Vice President of Finance and lives in Falmouth with his wife, Carol, and three children. He has been with TD Banknorth in the commercial banking department for 5 years and prior to that with Fleet Bank. Bill was raised in Suffern, NY a suburb of NYC and attended Hobart College and then Western New England College. Began banking in NY with the Bank of New York and was there for 9 years prior to moving to Maine. Bill's father is an Eagle Scout and Bill was in Boy Scouting as a youth.

John Newcomb resides in Spruce Head with his wife, Colleen and will serve as our Vice President of Marketing. He attended school at the University of Delaware and received his MBA from East Tennessee State University. John is very active in the local community as a member of the Rockland Rotary. He is the President and General manager of Downeast Air in Owls Head. John is an Eagle Scout and an Order of the Arrow member. His father, brother, and son are also Eagle Scouts.

We extend a warm welcome to both and would like to thank them for their commitment to serve Scouting!





# 2008 CAMP HINDS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Scouts, Leaders, and Families,

Welcome to the 2008 Camp Hinds season! We look forward to an exciting summer, as we will be celebrating the Centennial of Scouting World Wide as well as our 81st season. It is our goal to make sure everybody who attends camp this summer has a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience during their visit. I am excited to be coming onboard as the Hinds Camp Director and welcome back Ed Molleo as Program Director.

As always we will be offering some new merit badges and updating our program. See the highlights for 2008 below! Please visit our web page at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org) for more information regarding Pine Tree Council's camps, and check the form section to download much of the paperwork you will need to prepare for camp.

It is our hope to provide all of our guests who visit us here at camp with the highest level of service. We want folks to come to camp energized and excited, and leave satisfied and refreshed. We all look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

*Yours In Scouting,  
Steve Saucier & Ed Molleo*

## CAMPERSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Individual campership applications must be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC on the web site at [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org) or call PTC at 797-5252 and ask for a campership application. The campership application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

## 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.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org), or contact Steve Saucier, Camp Hinds Director, at 797-5252 ext. 28 or email [ssaucier@bsaemail.org](mailto:ssaucier@bsaemail.org)

## 2008 Season Highlights

### Special Activities FOR 2008

- Daily themes including Scouting of the Future! Think about where Scouting will be in another 100 years!
- PADI certified SCUBA- new this year!!! Join us on weeks 3 or 5 for SCUBA certification!
- New- Hinds Survivor Challenge
- 2nd week of Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp added in Week 6
- Special Patch Rockers to commemorate your stay at camp!

### New Merit Badges and Activities

- New Merit Badges Include Insect Study, Soil & water Conservation, Reptile & Amphibian Study along with Kayaking BSA.
- New Afternoon Rotations Include FROLF (what is it?) and Historical Scouting with old-time Scouting activities!

### Other Special Programs & Opportunities

- Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp Week 1 & 6
- Counselor in training Program- 2 CIT's sessions Weeks 2-4 and Weeks 5-7
- BSA Lifeguard offered Weeks 2, 4, 6
- Provisional camping offered every week for a second week of camp or when you can't attend with your own troop!
- Webelos Resident Camp- two sessions offered in during Week 7.

## Abnaki District News *continued*

### DAY CAMP (DAY)

Abnaki District Day Camp will be held at Camp Gustin in Sabattus from July 28th – Aug 1st. This year's theme is Super Heroes and preparations are already underway to make this the best Day Camp ever. We will have our new Camp Director in place shortly and most of our staff will be returning from last year. Registrations will be coming in the mail soon and will be available at Round Tables. If you would like to volunteer please contact Andy Breau [dbreau@quixnet.net](mailto:dbreau@quixnet.net) or 783-0653.

### FUN PACK WEEKEND (FPW)

Packs can attend the Fun Pack Weekend of their choice. The Official Abnaki District Fun Pack Weekend is Aug 9th & 10th. This means that the weekend will be staffed by volunteers from Abnaki District so there will be more familiar faces. If you are interested in volunteering for Fun Pack Weekend Staff please contact Mary-Jane Vachon [mjcubby1@netzero.com](mailto:mjcubby1@netzero.com) or 375-6614.

### SPRING CAMPOREE (CMP SPR)

Troop 580 of Rumford will host the Spring Camporee for 2008. The theme for the Camporee will be Olympics/Scout Games. More information will be available and distributed via e-mail and Round Tables.

### WEBELOS TRANSITION TO BOY SCOUTS (TRANS)

Please remember that any Webelos that crosses over into a Troop WILL NOT automatically have their registration transferred over by the Pine Tree Council. A BOY SCOUT application for the former Webelos to join the Troop must be filled out and submitted to the Pine Tree Council with the necessary monies. Any Webelos crossing into a Troop with out filling out an application WILL NOT be covered by insurance and WILL NOT be able to gain rank or tenure. The transfer fee is only \$1 per boy.

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*York District Web Address: [www.yorkdistrict.org](http://www.yorkdistrict.org)*

## York District News

### YORK DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The York District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Vivian E. Hussey Primary School in Berwick, ME and sponsored by Pack 313 of Berwick. Cost for each participant is \$6.00 per scout. The top three Cub Scouts per Cub Scout Pack can represent the unit in the District derby. Racers attending from the same Pack must arrive and register their cars as a Pack. Registration begins at 7:30am on Saturday with the Opening Ceremony and Starting Flag flying at 9am. Late arrivals will not be able to race. For more information, please contact Scott Valcourt at 698-1213 or via email at [sav@acm.org](mailto:sav@acm.org).

### UNIT INVENTORY

Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark the

week of May 12-16, 2008 for the York District Spring Unit Inventory week. Each unit will be contacted to verify the youth that are in your program. This is vital to make sure each youth is accounted for in York District. For more information, please contact our District Commissioner, Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

### YORK DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE 2008

The date for the Spring Camporee is May 16-18, 2008 with the theme being "Veteran Appreciation. The event is being hosted by Troop 338 of South Berwick and will be held next to Spring Hill Lodge on 117 Pond Rd., off Rt. 4, South Berwick, ME. More information will follow at upcoming roundtables.

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## Casco Bay District News

### THE 2008 CASCO BAY DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE

The Coastal Defense Camporee will be held May 16, 17, & 18, 2008 at Fort Williams Park, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Host Troop One Portland with assistance from Troop 23 South Portland has planned a great Camporee with a focus on the history of the Casco Bay area. Stations will include: Battalion Aid, Coastal Defense, Basic Training, Atlantic Convoy, and Ship Building. So be prepared to learn some about your District's history and contributions to our

Nations security. The cost of the event is \$9.00 per Scout and Scouter and John Hume is promising a great time. For more information please feel free to contact John Hume at [jhume@maine.rr.com](mailto:jhume@maine.rr.com).

### CASCO BAY DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The District Pinewood Derby will be held April 12, 2008 at the Jordan Small School in Raymond. Registration will begin at 8 am and we expect that races to start at 10 am. The Top 5 racers for each unit are

*See CASCO page 14*



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## Abnaki District News

### NEW ABNAKI DISTRICT EXECUTIVE (AB/DE)

I am very pleased to continue my service in Scouting by becoming the new Abnaki District Executive. As a native of Lewiston, and a life-long resident of western Maine, I count it a privilege to serve Scouting's finest volunteers and I am excited about the challenge of expanding the influence of Scouting through-out the District. Your tireless efforts have yielded significant benefits to the youth of our communities and have provided a foundation of trust and expectation. We will build on this foundation and work to improve the communication, collaboration, and effectiveness of each program, supporting each Unit in its growth, and in the development of each Scout you impact. As my youngest son begins Scouting this year as a Tiger, and my two oldest Crossover to Boy Scouts, you can expect to see our family at as many Scouting functions as our schedules will allow. Please feel free to call or e-mail anytime I can be of service. My contact information is listed above and it is truly my pleasure to serve you.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued support, Scott Verrill

### COMMISSIONER STAFF (CSM)

We are currently re-organizing our District Commissioner Staff. Clyde Cavender, District Commissioner, has been contacting our existing staff and making assignments. We are in need of additional Unit Commissioners. Our objective is to provide each unit with a Commissioner who can help with re-chartering, training, paperwork, and a pair of objective eyes & ears to help the Unit work through any difficulties. Commissioners will also be able to glean new ideas from seeing how different Units are functioning, bring those ideas back to staff meetings where they can be shared with other Commissioners and Units. This kind of collaboration can help make each Unit stronger.

If you are interested in becoming a Unit Commissioner please contact Clyde Cavender [ccavender1@roadrunner.com](mailto:ccavender1@roadrunner.com) or 353-5906.

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS (MBC)

We have discovered that many Merit Badge Counselors did not realize they need to register annually. A letter is sent out each year at District Re-charter time with an ID # that is to be completed and returned to Council to continue serving as a Merit Badge Counselor for another year. We have currently received only a handful of responses. If you have been a Merit Badge Counselor in the past or would like to be, we need to get your paperwork on file to validate the Merit Badge "Blue Cards" as they are turned in.

If you need an application, or you are just interested, contact Scott [strictly@megalink.net](mailto:strictly@megalink.net) or 592-8077.

### ROUND TABLE (RT)

Round Tables are an excellent way to connect, get information, and explore new ideas. We will be looking at the Round Table format and making adjustments to make it an even more worthwhile experience. Cub Scout Leaders can expect to begin exploring the following month's theme and ideas for Pack Meetings again, as well as Program Crafts and Resources. Boy Scout Leaders can expect to collaborate on Troop Movements, District Events, and Merit Badge Opportunities. We are also working to facilitate more communication between Packs, Troops, and Crews.

### DISTRICT E-MAIL

In an attempt to get you all the information we can, but only the information you want and need, we are sorting the District e-mail distribution lists to reflect the position of the recipient. There will be individual distribution lists for each Unit, All Units of the same type, All Units in the District, District Committee, Commissioner's Staff, Key 3, District Sub-committees, and Event committees. You may receive multiple notices for some items as we work through this. Please be patient, but also let us know if you are getting the information or not.

To be added to the District list contact Clyde Cavender [ccavender1@roadrunner.com](mailto:ccavender1@roadrunner.com) or 353-5906.

### KLONDIKE DERBY (KD)

Congratulations to the winners of the Klondike Derby:

- 1st Place Troop 110 from Sabattus
- 2nd Place Troop 113 from Greene
- 3rd Place Troop 153 from Auburn.

Many thanks to Nick Bouyea & Venture Crew 116 for an excellent event!

### PINEWOOD DERBY (PWD)

The Abnaki District Pinewood Derby has been confirmed for April 12th at the Vineyard Church in Lewiston. Pack 007 will again be the host for this event. Derby rules have been sent by e-mail and will be available at Round Tables.

If you need more information please call Scott Verrill [strictly@megalink.net](mailto:strictly@megalink.net) or 592-8077.

### FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Our Friends of Scouting Family Campaign is underway with several presentations complete and a few rescheduled due to the weather. We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you at your upcoming events. If you would like to help with FOS please contact Rick Lussier [cjrcc6@yahoo.com](mailto:cjrcc6@yahoo.com) or 782-0069.

See ABNAKI page 13

## 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.

2008 dates for Operation Fly first Class are April 21st - 24th

Operation Fly 1st Class will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. The cost is \$150 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](mailto:cgosseli@bsamail.org)

### WHITEWATER RAFTING, FUN YAKING, & CLIMBING

in MAINE

Whitewater Rafting for  
**\$49** per person

Includes wetsuits, barbecue,  
and all safety equipment.

We offer a variety of outdoor activities to 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.

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## Webelos to Scout Transition

Winter and Spring are the times of year that our Second Year Webelos cross over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The number one source of growth for a Boy Scout troop are the Webelos who cross out of their pack. In many cases, we loose these boys because no communication has occurred between local troops and packs. We wish to encourage all packs and troops to communicate with each other and ensure that theses Webelos scouts do not get lost from our program due to a lack of some simple follow-up. If your unit requires any assistance or has questions, please contact your District Executive.

A mailing addressing this concern with contact information of local Boy Scout units has been sent to all Scoutmasters and Second Year Webelos Families in the Pine Tree Council.



**NEW! 2008 PTC  
T-SHIRTS - \$7.99  
NEW LOGO - "LIFE'S  
SHORT.....GO SCOUTING"**

100% cotton t-shirt has double needle stitching, seamless collar, and is taped shoulder-to-shoulder. Navy logo printed on left chest.

Youth colors: Lime, Gold, and Ash Gray

Youth sizes: small, medium, large, and x-large

Adult colors: Oceania Blue, Serene Green, and Ash Gray

Adult sizes: small, medium, large, x-large, and xx-large

In Store Special - Buy 2 T-Shirts and get the 2nd T-Shirt for only \$ 5.99!

**SPECIAL OFFER ON SWITCHBACK PANTS**

They're pants, no ... they're shorts! Hey, they're both!

Receive a \$ 5.00 Gift Card with the purchase of Cub Scout or Boy Scout Switchback Pants. Offer expires May 31, 2008



## Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)

For Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters offered May 2 - 4, 2008 at Camp Hinds in Raymond.

*Cost is \$20.00 per person if pre-registered via the PTC by 4/25/08  
Add late fee of \$5.00 if registered after 4/25/08*

If you have any questions about the session, please contact, Bob Robinson at 878-6484 or e-mail RRobinso@maine.rr.com

### "WLOT" - Webelos Leader Outdoor Training

WLOT is training to prepare you as a leader to bring your Webelos out camping. What to bring, how to prepare, what facilities are needed, BSA rules and regulations, and how to have fun by integrating activities such as the campfire, games, and Webelos activities together with the camping experience. Course runs Friday, May 2 to 8 PM on May 3rd at Camp Hinds. Cost is \$15.00 with \$5.00 late fee if registered after April 25th.

### "BALOO" -Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

For Cub Scout leaders -Required Training for Packs to hold a Pack overnigher! This is an energetic training that will cover everything you need to know to plan and run a pack overnigher. It's more than just camping—it includes ideas for outdoor activities, games and ceremonies; information on selecting and using camping equipment; how to run a campfire program; and hands-on Cub Scout cooking demonstrations! In short, everything you need to know to make your pack overnigher a fun, successful event! Course runs Friday, May 2 to 5 PM on Saturday, May 3 at Camp Hinds. Caost is \$15.00 with a \$5.00 late fee if registered after April 5th.

If you have nay questions please contact Cathy Gosselin, at PTC, at 797-5252 x14 or email cgosseli@bsamail.org

Regsitrations forms online under "Forms" [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

## FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

**Attention All Scouts and Scout-  
ing Families!**

Once again the Pine Tree Council, will be offering discount-  
ed 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 2008 season are as  
follows:

<b>Funtown Pass</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>Splashtown Pass</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Combination Pass</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>



The tickets will be available for  
sale at the Pine Tree Council Ser-  
vice Center May 1 through Au-  
gust 29, 2008. As with last year's  
tickets sale, these tickets can used

anytime during the 2008 Funtown/Splash-  
town 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 10.

## Cub Scout Day Camp Patch Contest

Calling all Cub Scouts! Do you like to  
draw? Here's your chance to design the patch to  
be used this summer at Day Camp! Draw your  
idea for a cool day camp patch using the sum-  
mer theme of the "Super Hero"

The winning patch artist will receive \$50.00  
in Scout Bucks! Scout Bucks can be used for  
summer camp or at the Scout Store in Portland!

### Some contest rules:

Designs must use the "Super Hero" theme!

Artist must be a Cub Scout!

Can be in black & white or color.

Patch design can be any size up to 8" x 10"

Don't worry about any  
words or lettering- they will  
be added!

Entries must be received by  
May 1, 2008

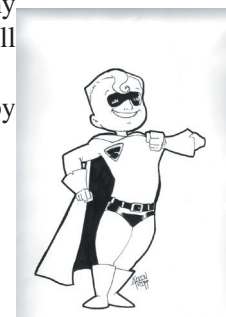
### Send designs to:

Pine Tree Council

Attn: Day Camp Patch

131 Johnson Rd.

Portland, ME 04102



## SCOUT NIGHT WITH THE PIRATES

Our last Scout Night with the Pirates will be **April 5th @ 7:05** vs. Hartford Wolf Pack. Offer is available to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and Venturers and their families and friends. To order tickets call Cameron Cestaro at (207) 828-4665 x 312 or order online at <http://www.portlandpirates.com/tickets/scouts/email.asp>. Only a limited number of tickets are available, so order yours today. For more information about Scout Nights contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

## PINE TREE COUNCIL PHILMONT TREK 2009

As in 2007, the Pine Tree Council will be  
sending a contingent of scouts and scouters to  
the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in  
2007. We will be sending 24 participants in-  
cluding leaders on the trek from June 25-July  
7, 2009. Participants must be in good physical  
shape and be at least 14 years of age by Janu-  
ary 1, 2009.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition  
for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de  
Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch  
ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover  
the wonder of this scouting paradise by trav-  
eling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. A  
deposit of \$100.00 per person is required by  
4/18/08 to secure a reservation for this trek.  
After that date, the crew may be reduced in  
number depending on the response on the trek  
reservations. For more information, please con-  
tact Frank Gilcreast, PTC Philmont contingent  
advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.



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which all units participate such as Council Camporees

- ☞ Organizes camporees, Cub Scout day camps, high adventure trips, Explorer/Venture events, and works hard to keep participants' expense to a minimum
- ☞ Organizes Scouting for Food annually in November, which provides a very positive service event for the community and the units.
- ☞ Works with various community groups to arrange for Scout participation in civic affairs and Good Turn projects
- ☞ Recruits and trains a corps of commissioners to assist with unit programs and maintain standards

**\* For educational and relationships programs, Pine Tree Council provides our adult leaders with:**

- ☞ A library of audiovisual equipment for use in training and promotional programs
- ☞ Informal and formal training courses with most of the cost of literature and materials and all the staff time included in the council budget
- ☞ Monthly Roundtables for the benefit of leaders, committee members, assistants, and den leaders, providing materials, staff and other costs
- ☞ Scouter's Key, training awards, Den Leader's Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, and other Scouter recognitions and Eagle badges
- ☞ A variety of advancement forms and certificates without charge

**\* In the field of camping and outdoor activities, Pine Tree Council:**

- ☞ Maintains reservations for year-round camping and Scout family outdoor events (our Scout Camps serve as year-round activities, camping and training centers)
- ☞ Covers costs of camp repairs, replacement, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, and camp ranger (these and other charges are not paid for by youths' fees)
- ☞ Employs a full-time ranger for the protection of Scout Reservations and the convenience of units using facilities (they keep these facilities available at all times)
- ☞ Provides unit leaders' guidebook, camp videos, folders, literature, and other aids to help the packs and troops with its outdoor programs
- ☞ Provides scholarships for Scouts who need some financial help to have a summertime camp experience

- ☞ Offers Scouts the high adventure of Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, other high-adventure bases, national jamborees, and other special events (these would not exist without a council giving leadership and coordination)
- ☞ Provides an opportunity for our Pine Tree youth to work at Summer Camp.

**\* To help our adult leaders develop the unit program, Pine Tree Council provides:**

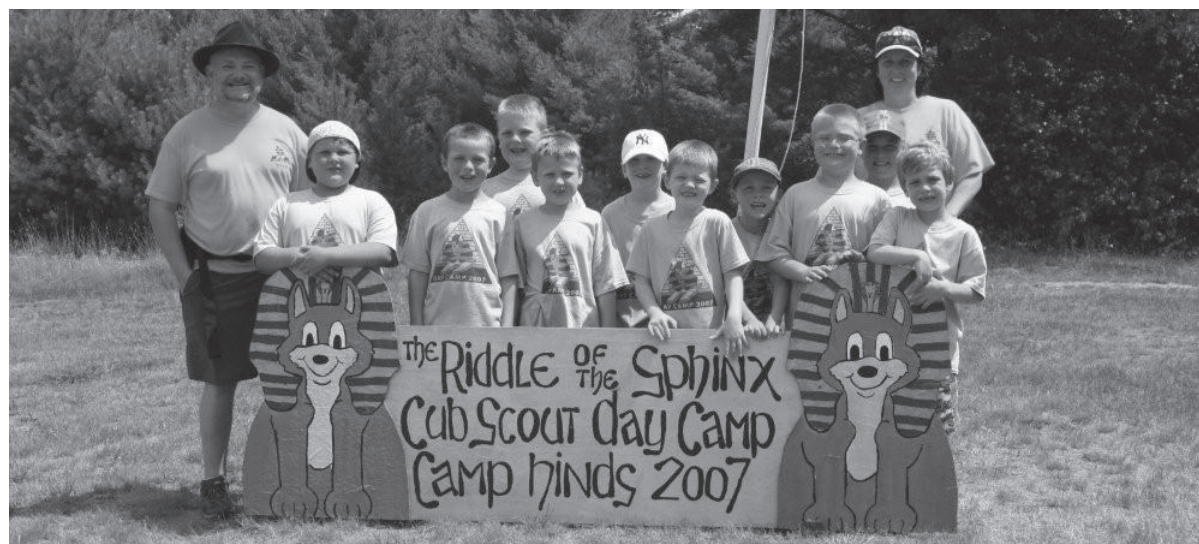
- ☞ Program helps, program planning charts and calendar of activities, meetings, and special events
- ☞ Awards such as ribbons, certificates and roundup awards
- ☞ Sample song sheets, ceremonies, parents' night program outlines, training aids
- ☞ Source materials and personnel
- ☞ Materials, books, pamphlets, folders, audiovisuals, and special helps from the national office and cooperating organizations
- ☞ Assists the packs and troops in recruiting new members
- ☞ Provides program planning packets prior to program year
- ☞ Provides annual program kickoff

**\* To protect our adult leaders and youth, Pine Tree Council:**

- ☞ Screens requests for services, money-earning project proposals guarding against improper use of Scouting commercialism and exploitation
- ☞ Maintains liability insurance for the protection of all youth and adult members and chartered organizations
- ☞ Maintains accident insurance for protection of all youth members and leaders
- ☞ Has staff members available at all times to meet any emergency
- ☞ Conducts background checks on all new adult leaders
- ☞ Conducts Youth Protection training for all adult leaders

**\* To help the units financially, Pine Tree Council**

- ☞ Provides guidance for unit fund-raisers
- ☞ Provides one council wide fund-raiser per year, The Trials End Popcorn Sale, to replenish the unit treasury and to provide Scout equipment (prizes) and cash for summer camp.



## Cub Scouts ~ Join "Super Scout" and his super hero friends while you earn new powers and wisdom at our super Cub Camping Programs!

Dear Cub Scouts, Leaders and Parents,

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 "Super Heroes" 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 –**

**"Everyday Heroes are Super"** an overnight camping experience, for parents to enjoy the outdoors with their Cub! Comes complete with a campsite for your pack, tents and cots, and a fun filled weekend program!

**2008 FunPack Dates At Camp Hinds:**

July 5 & 6  
July 12 & 13  
July 19 & 20  
July 26 & 27  
Aug 2 & 3  
Aug 9 & 10

**The FunPack weekend fee is \$25 per person.**

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

**2008 Webelos Schedule**

4 Day Resident Camp  
Session 1 Aug. 10 – 13  
Session 2 Aug. 13 – 16  
Webelos Camp Fee \$160.00



MORE CUB CAMPING INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL CUB SCOUTS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PTC WEB SITE AT [www.pinetreebsa.org](http://www.pinetreebsa.org)

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

**2008 Cub Day Camp Dates:**

**Abnaki District:**  
Camp Gustin July 28 - Aug 1

**Casco Bay District:**  
Pride's Corner School- Westbrook –  
July 21 – 25  
Camp Hinds – July 14 – 18

**Downeast District:**  
Union Fair – July 7 - 11  
Topsham Fair – July 14 - 18

**Kennebec Valley District:**  
Camp Bomazeen - July 28 - Aug 1

**York District:**  
Camp Nutter - July 7 - 11  
Camp Nutter - July 14 – 18

**Day Camp Fees**  
**\$110 per week**

Early bird discounts are available for camp programs.

Information on registration forms!





## EVERY BOY DESERVES TO GO TO CAMP!

TRAILS END POPCORN AND THE PINE TREE COUNCIL ARE TEAMING UP TO HELP PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH YOUTH IN THE COUNCIL TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP IN 2008!!

One of the most memorable experiences a youth will have participating in the Scouting Program will be the time they spend at camp. Summer Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, Day Camp, and even Fun Pack Weekend – these opportunities allow for growth, leadership development, team building, trust, camaraderie and good, clean old FUN!

We realize that with the rising prices of food and gasoline, coupled with the busy lives we all live, finding the resources to fund a Scout's way to camp can be a challenge. This spring we are proud to offer our "Earn Your Way To Camp" popcorn campaign to help our families in the Pine Tree Council find the means to send their Scouts to a camp.

### Here is how the program will work:

- Every Registered Scout May Participate in the Program!
- The Sale will begin the second you stop reading this, and the orders will be due to the Pine Tree Council by April 4th, 2008.
- The Sale will be a Take-Order sale, conducted individually by each Scout and their family. **THIS WILL NOT BE A TROOP or PACK RUN SALE.** You can request additional Take-Order sheets from the Pine Tree Council at any time during the sale.
- Each boy will receive a 35% commission on all popcorn sold, which will be given in the form of a Voucher for the amount earned - valid for use at any PINE TREE COUNCIL camping program (not National or Out of

Council programs).

- ☞ To attend Camp Hinds (\$260) – sell only \$742 worth of popcorn (60 – 70 Containers)
- ☞ To attend Webelos Camp (\$160) – sell only \$457 worth of popcorn (40 – 45 Containers)
- ☞ To attend Day Camp (\$110) – sell only \$315 worth of popcorn (30 Containers)
- ☞ To attend Fun Pack Weekend (\$25) – sell only \$72 worth of popcorn (8 Containers)
- The popcorn you sell will be available on April 26th, 2008 at Barber Foods in Portland, ME. It will be the responsibility of each Scout and family to come pick up the popcorn. Pick Up will be from 8 – 10 AM.
- Your popcorn bill is to be paid by May 12, 2008. Checks need to be made payable to the PINE TREE COUNCIL, BSA. Vouchers for camp will not be sent until full payment has been received for all owed monies.

The Mailing Address for checks and other materials is –

### Pine Tree Council, BSA

131 Johnson Rd.  
Portland, ME 04102  
797-5252 (office) or 797-7183 (Fax)  
www.Pinetreetsa.org

Should you have any questions regarding this fantastic opportunity or need information and materials during your sale, please contact Matthew Randall at 797-5252 x21 or Mrandall@bsaemail.org.

and unit committees

- ☞ Make reservations for videos, equipment, long-term camping, short-term camps, camporees, jamborees, high adventure bases, training courses, meetings, University of Scouting, etc.
- ☞ Exploring activities, annual council meeting, and adult leader events
- ☞ Sell scouting merchandise in the Scout Store.
- ☞ Organize Eagle Boards of Review

### \* To assist our adult leaders, the Pine Tree Council employs a trained, full-time staff that counsels, guides, and inspires through:

- ☞ Informal training in unit operation
- ☞ Person-to-person counseling on relationships, administrative and operational problems
- ☞ Guidance for all committees, commissioners, Roundtables, meetings, conferences, courses, council activities in the development of programs that directly benefit Packs, Troops and Crews
- ☞ Contacts with community resources (clubs, churches, government), securing help for units in obtaining use of parks, recreational areas, buildings for special affairs, picnic areas, campsites, and swimming facilities

### \* To provide the units with council activities and service, Pine Tree Council:

- ☞ Plans and conducts various types of activities in

see COUNCIL page 10

## What has Council done for me lately?

As a leader you may be asked this question from time to time or even wonder yourself, "What has Council done for me lately?" Some of the actions of Council are quite tangible (e.g., The Council Service Center and Camps) and some are not (e.g., counseling of Units on recruiting). The following is a list of the many ways in which the Pine Tree Council supports your unit(s):

### \* To help all of our packs, troops, posts and crews, Pine Tree Council maintains a well-staffed Service Center to:

- ☞ Handle registrations and Boys Life subscriptions.
- ☞ Maintain a supply of literature, insignia, forms and certificates needed by our leaders to carry out programs.
- ☞ Keep records of advancement, membership and training.
- ☞ Produce newsletters to keep our adult leaders informed of latest local and national Scouting events.
- ☞ Produce notices, minutes and agendas for Pine Tree Council & District meetings.
- ☞ Council committees that are developing programs for our troops and packs
- ☞ Handle phone calls and visitors for information related to unit operation and Scouting procedures
- ☞ Provide forms, applications, scoreboards, certificates and literature helpful for unit programs
- ☞ Produce Pine Tree Council calendars, schedules, programs, kits, and special aids to assist adult leaders

## TURTLE SPEAKS

- Election season is about halfway done - the season ends April 15. If your unit has not had an election team visit, please get in touch with your Chapter Chief as soon as possible. Eligibility requirements are First Class rank and 15 days and nights of camping in the past two years, five of which may be at a resident camp like Camp Hinds. Remember, being elected to the Order is an honor and a great opportunity for your Scouts to serve their unit in a greater capacity than ever before.
- Madockawanda Lodge was able to fully staff Winter Camp again this year, with its members contributing 612 hours of service to Council's excellent program. Staff for the week, led by Field Director Matt Randall, were Caleb Frederick (SPL), Nate Smith (ASPL/QM), Ian Hawkes (PL), Sean Knight (PL), Dustin Wiggin (PL), Greg Solomon (Volunteer), Mike Mirisola (ASM/Medical), Wayne Holden (Cook), Matt Allaire (ASM/Kitchen), Tom Morris (ASM), Aaron Wiggin (ASM), and Paul Beaupre (ASM/Volunteer). The Lodge would like to thank everyone involved for their dedication and hard work over the week.
- The Ordeal season is coming up fast. The first Ordeal is May 2-4, at Camp Hinds, and the second is May 30-June 1, also at Camp Hinds. Please

note that the first Ordeal was recently changed in location from Camp Bomazeen to Camp Hinds. Candidates elected to the Order this election season will be receiving a mailing from the Lodge containing everything they need to register for their Ordeal in the near future.

• Section NE-1A Conclave is coming. This year the conclave will be held the weekend of June 6-8 at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation in Eden, VT. We are hoping to send a large contingent of lodge members and we will try to carpool to make it happen. The cost is \$35 before April 14 and \$40 after. Look for a flyer in the near future.

• Congratulations go out to three of our chapter advisers, Matt Dubois, John Trott and Tracy Wiggin, who are members of this year's class of Silver Beaver recipients. The awards will be presented at the Annual Recognition Banquet on April 25.

• Our contingent to ArrowCorps5 is full. 25 members of Madockawanda Lodge will be headed to Bridger-Teton National Forest from July 23 to August 3 to participate in a variety of service projects. In addition to service contingent members will visit several sites in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. Our contingent is the largest in Section NE-1A, tied for second largest in New England and tied for third largest in the Northeast Region!



Pine Tree Council's Sea Base contingent sailed on an 85-foot schooner during February school vacation. The group sailed over 180 miles along the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf along the Florida Keys. The participants crewed the boat, handle the sails and hit some great snorkeling reefs along the way! A fun day in Key West was another highlight of the trip where the Scouts attended the Sunset Festival. The trip ended with an airboat ride in the National Everglades Park before returning home to Maine.