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Dear Families and Friends of Scouting,

Our Scouting volunteers, leaders and families are some of the finest in the world! For the time spent on organizing unit meetings, training leaders, donating money and being here for our Scouts, we want to say thank you to all of our Scouting volunteers!

As we come to the end of the camp season, on behalf of the PTC Executive Board, I would like to recognize some who have gone above and beyond, in assisting with projects or making contributions with gifts of donations this summer at our council camps! Please join me in thanking the following individuals and/or companies for their service.

Bomazeen Old Timers	Paul Bock
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And our volunteer camp caretakers:

Gino Camardese
Steve Craig
John Vermette

Again, our heartfelt thanks to all who help with Scouting and making the Pine Tree Council the best it can be for our youth!

Yours in Scouting,
Horace Horton
Pine Tree Council President

2013 PTC OKPIK DATES

Jan. 11-13, 18-20, 25-27

Feb. 1-3, 15-17 & March 1-3

OKPIK Offers:

- *High Adventure Winter Camping
- *Shelter building - Qunizee style
- *Backpacking style trail food
- *Trained OKPIK guides to accompany your crew
- *Explore with snowshoes or skis
- * Cold weather first aid and camping training
- * Equipment sleds, skis, snowshoes, and other cold weather camping gear
- * Supplemental cold weather clothing and sleeping systems
- * Emergency Radio communication
- * OKPIK Maine participant patches
- *Shower facilities in our heated lodge
- * OKPIK Trading Post

Fees for 2013:

\$75.00 for PTC youth and adults

Participants must be age 13+

FMI ~Call PTC 797-5252 ext. 14 or cgosseli@bsamail.org

Welcome to the PineSpills, the official newsletter of the Pine Tree Council.

To help keep all Scouts and families informed and up-to-date information on events and activities of the council! More information and registration forms can be found on our web site or by calling PTC at 797-5252. We ask all Scout leaders to encourage their families to sign up for the PineSpills on our website at www.pinetrebsa.org

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PTC Dates of

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Jan. -March OKPIK
- ♦ 2/9 Leader Basic Training in Casco Bay
- ♦ 2/17 -2/22 Winter Camp
- ♦ 1/13, 2/10, 3/2 Scout Ski Days at Mt. Abram
- ♦ 2/9 & 3/10 Scout Ski Day at Sugarloaf
- ♦ 2/16 Scout Ski Day at Lost Valley
- ♦ 3/9 University of Scouting

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Sign up for E-Newsletter at www.pinetrebsa.org

The Pine Tree Council is pleased to confirm that Josh Gagnon will be returning as the Hinds Director and Karen Hawkes as Program Director for the 2013 season.

The Camp Hinds 2013 Camp Dates:

Boy Scout Resident Camp

Week 1 ~ June 30th – July 5th

Week 2 ~ July 7th – July 12th

Week 3 ~ July 14th – July 19th

Week 4 ~ July 21st – July 26th

Week 5 ~ July 28th – Aug. 2nd

Week 6 ~ Aug. 4th – Aug. 9th

Webelos Resident Camp

Session 1 ~ Aug. 11th – Aug. 14th

Session 2 ~ Aug. 14th – Aug. 17th



Scholastic Pistol Program Demonstration

On Oct. 29th the Pine Tree Council and Scarborough Fish and Game Club, hosted World Champion Shooter Tom Yost and representatives from Smith and Wesson and Rueger, in order to demonstrate the Scholastic Pistol Program. We had over 40 participants come down and brave the beginnings of Hurricane Sandy in order to observe and program that we are considering for incorporation into our camping programs!



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Unit of the Month!



Downeast District would like to recognize two units doing a great job! Since late summer, Troop 254 of Warren and Sea Scout Ship 243 have been hard at work planning this year's Fall Camporee. Commemorating the 200th anniversary of 1812, the 50th anniversary of Maine Maritime Museum, and 100th anniversary of the Sea Scout program. The Camporee had a maritime theme featuring the opportunity to camp on the museum grounds, participate in activities, and to explore the Maritime Museum itself. In true maritime fashion, arrival was met with gusting winds and rains. Both units greeted all visiting units and helped them set up in the less than enjoyable weather. Scouts were treated to a showing of *Master and Commander* that night in the comfort of historic Long Reach Hall. Saturday, the weather was foggy, but the Scouts enjoyed all the great events put on by these units. Troop 254 helped walk the grounds and ensured Scouts were on good behavior during the day. The evening campfire was put together with meticulous precision, not to mention a few enhancements, by Scout Jesse Cogar, and the evening campfire went off with success by all attending units as the skies cleared and the stars and moon came out. Sunday was met with clear blue skies, as awards were handed out, and a wonderful Scout Sunday Service, prepared by Troop 254's Richard Kinney!

Thank you to Troop 254 and Ship 243 on a great event and for all the work!

If your unit would like to be highlighted as a "Unit of the Month", please let your DE know!

Order of the Arrow Upcoming Events



- ◆ December 1st is our annual Lodge Banquet at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. Look for fliers with more information in your mailboxes shortly. The National Chief is attending with other prominent OA leaders. The Madockawanda Lodge is collecting funds for the BSA relief fund at the banquet, so please consider giving to help Scouts and Scouters in need.
- ◆ Election season for the 2013 year will begin effective January 1st through April 15th.
- ◆ On Feb. 23rd-24th, we will be holding our second annual winter fellowship at Camp Hinds in Raymond.
- ◆ A reminder– if you have not yet paid your Dues, please do so ASAP.



Thank you for your commitment to serve as a leader in the Scouting program, so you can offer our youth the best program possible! Leaders can go to any training offered!

Basic Leader Training:

February 9, 2013 in Casco Bay location TBD.

April 6, 2013 in Abnaki, location TBD.

2012 Distinguished Citizen's Award Honoree

On October 25th the Pine Tree Council honored Larry Wold, President of TD Bank, with our annual Distinguished Citizens Award!

Larry was recognized for his devotion to the community, the State of Maine, and the Scouting Movement. Over 350 guests were in attendance to congratulate Larry and to support Scouting on this special night. Our congratulations to Larry!

Annual Charter Fees Increase

Internet Re-chartering is now open to all units! All unit charters due into PTC by Dec. 14th. If you should have problems, either logging on or are new to the re-charter process, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner for help. For the 2013 season, the charter fee for each unit will be increasing from \$20.00 to \$40.00. Please take note of this change and make sure you fill out your payment for your annual charter this year with the new amount. The paper copy of the charter WILL NOT have the new \$40.00 fee, it will still say \$20.00.

Abnaki District

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Upcoming in Abnaki

Save the Date! March 23, 2013, will be Abnaki District's Pinewood Derby. Location and exact times TBD. More information will be forthcoming.

All units should be working on their recharter to submit ASAP. Contact Clyde Cavender with any recharter questions at abnakicommissioner@gmail.com.

If you have not yet given us an exact date, please schedule your Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation ASAP! The Abnaki FOS Campaign enables us to provide quality Scout programming for our local youth. We prefer each unit schedule its presentation for a date prior to March 31, 2013, preferably at a Court of Honor, Pack Meeting, or other similar meeting – pick an event where our message can reach the most adults! Contact Drew Cass, FOS Family Chair, at 207-653-4314 or emolleo@bsamail.org to schedule your presentation.

Winter Camp 2013

Join us for Winter Camp at the Messer Training Center at Camp Hinds February 17th – 22nd for a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older! Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! See the Winter Camp reservation form, on our website, FMI and to sign up!

~ Coming in 2013 ~

**Sept. 13th - 15th
at Camp Hinds &
Sept. 27th -29th
at Camp Bomazeen**



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UNIT RECHARTERING ~ If you haven't yet received your recharter kit or if you need help please let your unit commissioner or District Commissioner Greg Jennell (gijennell@comcast.net, 978-361-6887) know. As of November 1st all traditional units (pack, troops and crews) can log into the online recharter system.

KLONDIKE DERBY - scheduled for Sat. 1/26/13 at Camp Hinds hosted by the CB Order of the Arrow!

PINE WOOD DERBY- scheduled for April 5th

2013 SPRING CAMPOREE -Tentatively set for May 17-19 in collaboration with York District

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Roundtables & OA Chapter Meetings ~ First Wednesday of the month at 7pm (except July) at the LDS Church on 755 River Rd in Windham

District Commissioner Meetings ~ First Thursday of the month at 6pm (except July) at the PTC Service Center

District Committee Meetings ~ First Thursday of the month at 7pm (except July) at the PTC Service Center

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Virtual Reality Reality Camporee held in Scarborough. THANK YOU Troop 39 and to landowner Glen Deering!

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Downeast District

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tion will be Wiscasset Middle School as usual. District Executive Owen Maguire and District Commissioner Will Bennett will be there to answer and help with your re-charter process. **BRING YOUR LAPTOP, WE WILL ALSO HAVE PAPER COPIES!** Also, there will be elections for all available OA youth for chapter offices. Attendance has been strong and we thank all those that have been coming out. Any questions please contact Chapter Advisor Lara Cogar, lcogar@roadrunner.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

District Committee and Annual Business Meeting: Due to weather, November's meeting was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for December 5th at 7 pm at Miles Hospital. Please join us as we prepare for 2013 in Downeast! If you would like to attend or are interested in becoming a member of the district team, please contact district chairman Alan Barker, alanj.barker@gmail.com.

District Klondike derby: We are still looking for a host or hosts! Scheduled for the last Saturday in January 2013. Interested in helping out? Contact DE Owen Maguire FMI!

K-Valley District

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KV Merit Badge College: 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Badge
Fall Merit Badge College ~ 1/12/2013 (90-day clean-up) @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Randy Hooper kvalleymb@aol.com

KV Training Schedule: Youth Protection: 1/12/2013 in conjunction with Merit Badge College @ Hope Baptist, Manchester. If you would like to host training for your Unit, please contact Ricky Merrill mmmongoose@gmail.com.

KV District Annual Meeting: Kennebec Valley District Annual Meeting held on Nov 7, resulted in the election of a full slate of District Members-At-Large with Pete Myers and Rick Denico continuing to serve as District Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Details on all of this and much more are available by subscribing to the District E-News and visiting the District Web-site and Facebook page above.

KV 2012 Membership Champions: (TAY = Total Available Youth)

Pack 481 Anson – 10 new recruits, 25 total registered, **37% of TAY**
Pack 684 Augusta – 26 new recruits, 40 total registered, **186% growth**
Pack 647 Farmingdale – 14 new recruits, 51 total registered, **37% of TAY**
Pack 585 Farmington – Exceptional retention, **+7 for year-end**, 57 total registered
Pack 497 Jackman – 3 new recruits, 24 total registered, **87% of TAY**
Pack 428 Pittsfield – 30 new recruits, 54 total registered, **42% of TAY**
Pack 485 Skowhegan – 28 new recruits, 62 total registered, **82% growth**
Pack 444 Embden – 7 new recruits, 23 total registered, **61% TAY**
Pack 436 Waterville – 13 new recruits, 46 total registered, **600% increase over 2011**
Pack 605 Winthrop – 14 new recruits, 70 total registered, **43% of TAY**
Pack 698 Litchfield, Pack 419 Madison, & Pack 401 Sidney – all over **30% of TAY**

Congratulations on your excellent recruiting efforts so far!

EAST IS BEAST!

Upcoming in Downeast:

District Roundtable and OA chapter meeting: It is November, which means re-charter time! November 14th at 7 pm, location will be Wiscasset Middle School as usual.

York District

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Roundtable ~ The next roundtable will be held on December 6th at Sanford High School at 7PM.

York District Committee Meeting ~

December 6th at 6:30 PM Sanford High School prior to Roundtable

Popcorn Sales ~ Take orders need to be placed by November 16th. Distribution of Take Order Inventory will be done on December 1st At Hussey Seating, in North Berwick.

Archery ~ If you need to finish your Archery Merit Badge from camp, please contact Paul Bock at 229-1025 or paul.bock21@gmail.com.

Training ~ The training team would like to thank Casco Bay's trainers for helping deliver a successful Scoutmaster Training in York District. Thanks also go out to the York district team, as well as all those that attended.

Salute and Shake ~ Please add yourself to the York District Salute and Shake email list to stay in the loop. A subscription link can be found on the York District Website.

A Note from the Key 3 ~ We would like to thank all of those families who have made contributions to the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. As a council, we have attained our year end fundraising goal for 2012. Thank you to all who contributed to the campaign.

Watch our website for more information on upcoming Scout Ski Days with discounts for skiing! Scout Days to be held at Lost Valley, Sugarloaf, Mt. Abrams and Sunday River Resorts!

