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“PTC Key 3 Corner”

What is the Key 3? The Pine Tree Council is overseen by the Executive Board which is a group of volunteers who are tasked with the governance of the council. They have the voting power to approve the PTC annual budget and give leadership to our programs, properties, membership, fundraising, marketing and much more.

The Executive Board is overseen by the “Key 3”, the Council President, Horace Horton, who leads the board, the Council Commissioner, Clinton Staples, who oversees the district and unit commissioners, and the Scout Executive, Eric Tarbox, who oversees the council professional and office staff. These 3 make up our “Key 3” leadership. Each district has their own “Key 3” with the District Chairperson, the District Commissioner and District Executive. Each PineSpills will feature an article by the our Key 3, helping to keep us up-to-date with the happening’s of the PTC!

Welcome to the electronic format of the Pine Spills, the official newsletter of the Pine Tree Council. In hopes to keep all Scouts and families more informed with an easy format and up-to- date information on events and activities happening within the council, we will be publishing the Pine Spills newsletters twice a month and dispersing it to all of our Scout leaders and families electronically and be posted on our website. 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 Pine Spills on our website at

www.pinetreebsa.org

HUGE Membership Growth for Pine Tree Council this

Council this

September!!

Thanks to the efforts of all our volunteer and unit leadership for our incredible growth in Cub Scout membership for this past September!!

- We recruited 520 new youth, which is almost TRIPLE what we recruited in September of 2011.

- This effort now means we have more youth participating in our camping and character building programs provided by the Boy Scouts of America!

- Continued recruiting efforts by our Packs will bring Scouting to even more youth!!!

Trailblazer Day

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make Trailblazer Day at Camp Hinds and Bomazeen a great success on Oct. 6th. Over 600 Cub Scouts and family members joined us for a fun day of activities that introduced them to the Outdoors and the adventures of Scouting and Camp! We welcome all of our new Scouts and families to the Pine Tree Council!

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PTC Dates of

Upcoming Events:

♦ 10/26-10/27 WLOT Training

♦ 10/26-10/28 ITOLS

♦ 10/26-10/28 OA LLD

♦ 10/25 DCAD Dinner honoring Larry Wold, TD Bank President

♦ 10/27 Portland Pirates

♦ 11/14 Deadline to Register for Boston Museum of Science Drawing.

♦ More Leader Trainings listed on the district pages.

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Baxter State Park has set limits on the size of groups camping and hiking at this popular park. Scout leaders need to know that campsite capacity and size of day hiking groups is now set at 12 people maximum. This is to help preserve this beautiful space for future generations. More info can be found at their website:

www.baxterstateparkauthority.com

COUNCIL CAMPING AWARD

The Pine Tree Council ~ Council Camping Award was established to promote the use of the camping facilities at the Pine Tree Council Camps and to recognize those units that utilize at least four camps in their yearly program.

To qualify for the Council Camping Award a unit will need to have utilized 4 of the Pine Tree Council camps for a unit activity during a consecutive 12-month period. Activities must be for at least a 24-hour period, and each activity must be attended by no less than 25% of the registered youth in the unit.

Each unit that qualifies for the award will receive a ribbon for their unit. A special patch is available for purchase for members of the qualifying unit if they attended all 4 unit camping activities! The Camping Award application form is available on our the web-site.



Attention All Cub Scout Packs!!!

Boston Museum of Science

Spring Date:

Sat. April 20, 2013

Only 550 SLOTS available!

It's time to start planning for the 2013 Overnight Program at the Boston Museum of Science. The cost is \$58.00 per person and open to Cub Scouts and adults only!

Due to the high demand for this program a drawing will be held on Nov. 15, 2012.

For a Pack to be eligible for the drawing, complete the application, along with deposit, and send to PTC prior to Nov. 14th. FMI—Email Jo at jowiley@bsamail.org

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade!

Friday, October 26, 2012 to Saturday, October 27, 2012 (8 pm). Cost is \$15.00.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader

Skills ~ ITOLS Oct. 26-28!

Please pre-register for training to help us with planning purposes.

Training ?'s— contact Bob Robinson at 615-1447 or email

rrobinso@maine.rr.com

PTC Popcorn Bowl Cook-off

On Sept. 26th we held the 1st Annual PTC Popcorn Bowl to raise awareness of the Popcorn Sale by having local area chefs create Trails End popcorn based creations, which were judged and the winner was awarded the "Popcorn Bowl" trophy. Check out the great media links below, and share them with your Scouts, parents, leaders, and customers!!!

[http://www.myfoxmaine.com/story/19666043/popcorn-bowl-to-benefit-boy-](http://www.myfoxmaine.com/story/19666043/popcorn-bowl-to-benefit-boy-scouts#)

scouts#.UGXgvCCokMA.email

[Http://www.pressherald.com/blogs//mainealacarte/171428721.html](http://www.pressherald.com/blogs//mainealacarte/171428721.html)

Join the Portland Pirates for Scout Night on Oct. 27th at the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum in Lewiston. All tickets for Scouts and families are just \$10.00 each and all Scouts will receive a Portland Pirates patch! Tickets can be purchased by calling Justin at 207-828-4665 x 307 or online at www.formstack.com/forms/portlandpirates-boyscouts2013



What are you doing for February school vacation?

Join us for Winter Camp at the Messer Training Center at Camp Hinds February 17th – 22nd. Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 13 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a Rattlesnake Mountain hike, building and sleeping in quinzies, along with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and other outdoor activities.

A variety of merit badges will be offered, including some Eagle required ones. The exact merit badges to be offered in 2013 will be announced in November.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$270.00 per person. A \$25.00 deposit holds your space. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 Scouts who sign-up. Sign up with the registration form on our website.

Abnaki District

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We are pleased to announce that we have a new District Chairman! Abnaki's interim District Chairman is Matt Dubois. Matt is a longtime Scouter. An Eagle Scout, Matt has been

honored with the Silver Beaver award, and is Committee Chairman for T111. He previously served as Abnaki District's Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor. Outside of Scouting, Matt serves as Constituent Service Representative for Senator Mike Michaud's office. Join me in welcoming Matt to this new leadership role for our district!

Cub Scout packs – please contact Ed Molleo if you would like materials for a Halloween-themed Cub Scout recruitment event. If you are hosting a Halloween party, what better way to get new Scouts interested than with a fun, seasonal event? I have peer-to-peer “business” cards your boys can distribute at school, and promo flyers for you to post.

Order of the Arrow ~Upcoming Events:

~October 26, 27, 28 the LLD at Camp Pine Tree in Rome Maine. There will be a brotherhood conversion, if you are eligible, please come and help out the lodge. A Multitude of training sessions will be offered to help us all gain a better understanding of what the Order is All About. Of course there will be fellowship, and fun will be had by all.

~October 26th We will be holding an LEC on Friday Evening of LLD

~October 28th Lodge Annual Business Meeting with election of Lodge Officers

~December 1st Lodge

Banquet at the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath Maine

Be on the look out for more information to come.

If you have not yet paid your Dues please do so ASAP.



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“VIRTUAL REALITY REALITY” CAMPOREE Hosted by Troop 39 of Scarborough on Oct. 19th—21st at the Deering Farm on Route 22 in Scarborough near the Buxton Line. FMI Contact Mark Larkin at 396-5164/ markslarkin@aol.com

Save the Dates:

KLONDIKE DERBY ~ 1/26/2013 at Hinds

PINEWOOD DERBY ~ 4/5/2013

2013 SPRING CAMPOREE is tentatively set for May 17-19 in collaboration with York District (looking at Sacopee Valley Fairgrounds)

LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING: For Cub Leaders, Troop Committee Members and Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters will be on Sat., Oct. 13th at the LDS Church on 755 River Road in Windham. FMI – contact Matt Mower.

Just in time for the holidays!

The Pinewood Derby Gift Edition is now available for ordering. This Gift Edition is a full Pinewood Derby™ kit, in a pre-printed gift box. Perfect for Cub unit holiday gifts! Contents of this kit are identical to a regular Pinewood Derby™ kit. Available at the PTC Scout Shop while supplies last!

Item #17000 Retail \$3.99

~ Coming in 2013 ~

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

WOOD BADGE



PTC National Scout Shop at the PTC. pinetreescoutshop@scouting.org
Scout Shop Store Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 AM—6 PM open late until 8 PM on Thursday
Sat. hours 9:30 AM—3 PM Phone 207-541-3951 Toll Free: 1-877-782-7467 Fax 207-541-3953

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Downeast District

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Upcoming in Downeast!

Roundtable and Order of the Arrow
Chapter Meeting- Both are on October 10th, 2012 at 7 PM at Wiscasset Middle School (Federal St.). Until we find a

Roundtable Commissioner, we will need someone to present a topic for Boy Scout Roundtable. If you are considering being the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner or to present a topic, please contact District Commissioner, Will Bennett (will@bennettengineering.net).

FALL CAMPOREE! Hosted by Sea Scout Ship 243 and Troop 254. Location: Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington St., Bath. Dates: October 19th-21st, 2012. WE WELCOME ALL UNITS TO ATTEND! To register please contact magowen@bsamail.org

District Committee and Annual Business Meeting-November 7th, 2012, 7 PM at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta. Please contact District Chairman Alan Barker (alanj.barker@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

Downeast Klondike Derby- Tentatively scheduled for the last Saturday in January at the Fairgrounds in Union.

K-Valley District

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KV Merit Badge College: 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Badge Fall Merit Badge College Very successful first installment on September 29th with over 60 Scouts attending. Remaining Dates: 10/27, 11/12/2013 (90-day clean-up) @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Randy Hooper kvalleymb@aol.com

KV Training Schedule:

Cub Leader Specific: 10/10 & 11/14 7pm @ Roundtables, Pleasant St. Methodist, Waterville. Must attend both.

BALOO: 10/13 8-4 @ Bomazeen, Cost \$15/lunch. Register by 10-5, Ricky Merrill rmmongoose@gmail.com

Youth Protection: 10/27, 11/12/2013 in conjunction with Merit Badge College @ Hope Baptist, Manchester

POW WOW: 11/10, 9-Noon @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Cost \$10, Registration begins 8:30am

Boy Scout Leader Specific: 11/10, 9-4 @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Cost \$5, Registration begins 8:30am

KV Journey To Excellence (JTE): Our District Leadership is looking at our progress for Journey To Excellence. The criteria for achieving the 3 levels of Bronze, Silver, or Gold can be found at Scouting.org/JTE for all Units, and for the District & Council. The criteria are designed to promote all the things that make Scouting successful and productive at each level. KV District is currently making Silver or Gold in a number of areas including: Unit Commissioner Staff ratio, District Committee Participation, Youth Market Share & Membership Growth, Fundraising (Family Friends of Scouting Campaign), and Adult Leader Training. We need your help to complete #13 - Unit Performance: Improve the performance ratings of units using Journey to Excellence metrics. Please visit Scouting.org/JTE and complete the Journey To Excellence sheet for your Unit. We need at least 60% of Units to complete this to make Bronze and 70% to make Gold.

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<http://www.yorkdistrict.org>

FB - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/York-District-Pine-Tree-Council/183496575087109>

York District Merit Badge College

The Fall 2012 Merit Badge College will take place Sept. 13 and 27 and Oct. 11 and 25 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Sanford High School. The complete set of information, including a downloadable handout and the on-line registration form can be found on the York District website.

York District Fall Camporee

The fall Camporee will be held on October 19, 20, and 21 at Rotary Park in Biddeford. Please fill out the registration form found on the York District Webpage by September 28th.

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 district, we have raised 108% of our goal for this year. This is a first for this in many years!

POPCORN WEEKLY DRAWING

WINNERS!!

Congratulations to the \$25 gift card winners from the past two weeks!

Jarret Levesque from Pack 149, Glenn Vajda from Troop 51, and Caleb Reissfelder from Pack 116 who won for the week of September 24th to 28th.

Derek Hammond from Pack 139, Jacob Miller from Pack 145, and Maysen Hawkes from Pack 646 all were winners for the