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"PTC Key 3 Corner"

Fall is a great time of year, as we extend a welcome to all of our new Scouts and their families. To the parents, new to Scouting, I invite you, and your family, to enjoy your child's activities and participate with them in their journey through the Scouting ranks!

To all of our volunteer leaders, I salute you for the time and energy that you put into Scouting to make it one of the best youth movements in the world! Without your dedication to help our children grow and become the strong future leaders of tomorrow, where would we be!

To all of our members, I encourage you to "Do Your Best". That is all we can ask of anyone! Yours in Scouting, Eric Tarbox, Pine Tree Council Scout Executive

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 to 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

2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

PTC JAMBOREE ~ OPEN HOUSE

ADVENTURERS WANTED - Do you want to know more about the 2013

National Jamboree? Join us on Nov. 4th from 2- 5 PM at the Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls to learn more about the activities, travel plans and to meet the PTC leaders. The meeting is open to Boy Scouts, Venturer's and parents!

Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming with whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia. The Jamboree dates for the PTC contingent are set for July 10—24, 2013, with 4 days of traveling and touring Washington D.C.

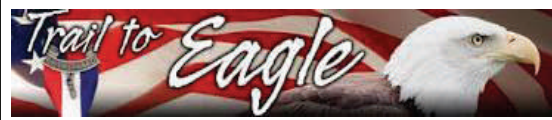
Sign up soon to reserve your spot! Only a few spots left! Who can attend: Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts who meet the qualifications set by BSA- see our website! **Cost:** TBD depending upon final traveling plans. We estimate it will be \$2,000.00 per Scout. Signup now at:

www.bsajamboree.org

September 2012 PTC Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to the new Eagles and their Troops:

Eli Bush, Troop 669 in Topsham
James Lesser, Troop 93 in Falmouth
Matthew Fisher, Troop 30 in Cape Elizabeth
Richard Masterson II, Tr. 580 in Rumford
Michael Morrison, Troop 339 in Buxton
Andrew Tarr, Troop 340 in Eliot
Nathan Dumont, Troop 312 in Berwick
Benjamin Volk, Troop 639 in Bowdoin



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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.
- ◆ 2/17 -2/22 Winter Camp

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2012 PTC Silver Beavers! The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a volunteer Scouter can receive from the Council! Silver Beaver recipients are nominated by fellow Scouters for the volunteer work that they do for Scouting and other volunteer groups! Nominations for the 2013 Silver Beavers are due 4/1/13.

Front row: Catherine Fitzgerald, Agnes Parker and Karla Talpey Rear row: Wayne Marley; Ronald Lance; Scott Bernier, Charles Ferguson; Clyde Cavender; Paul Hallee; Paul Conley

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

Unit of the Month!



Pack 428 in Pittsfield has a new set of leaders... brand new. Mike and Jennifer Brooks have only been involved in Scouting for about a year with their son, but when it was time for new leaders in the Pack, they stepped up to the challenge and are determined to deliver the best possible program to the boys of their community. Troop 428 in Pittsfield, the Pack's companion Troop, depends on the local Pack to continue their tradition of supplying Cub Scouts to join one of the oldest Troops in the Council, chartered by Cianbro, and celebrating 100 years of service to their community.

Pack 428 ended last year with 23 boys, but they have more than doubled in size with their recruit efforts that have brought in 30 new Scouts so far. They had 75 attend Trailblazer Day @ Camp Bomazeen, and several leaders completed BALOO training @ Camp Bomazeen on Oct 13. Pack 428 is now serving over 41% of the Cub Scout aged boys in Pittsfield.

Congratulations to Mike and Jennifer and all of Pack 428's Cub Scouts, Adult Leaders, and their Charter Organization, the Meridian Lodge #125 AM on your success in engaging boys in the best youth program on the planet.

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

PTC ADVANCEMENT CORNER

Helpful hints for planning Eagle Scout Service Projects

Eagle Scout Service Project Safety

All Eagle Scout service projects constitute official Scouting activity and thus are subject to Boy Scouts of America policies and procedures. Eagle projects are considered part of a unit's program and are treated as such with regard to policies, procedures, and requirements regarding Youth Protection, two-deep leadership, etc. The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be integrated with project execution. As with any Scouting activity, the *Guide to Safe Scouting* applies. The "Sweet 16 of BSA Safety" must also be consulted as an appropriate planning tool. It can be found online at "Scouting Safely."

Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising

The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application contained in the project workbook, **must** be used in obtaining approval for **service project fundraising** or **securing or soliciting donations** of money, material, supplies, etc. Submit application to Council office for approval.

1. Eagle Scout service projects may not be fundraisers. In other words, the candidate may not stage an effort that primarily collects money, even if it is for a worthy charity. Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials, and otherwise facilitating a project.
2. It must be clear to all donors or event participants that the money is being raised on behalf of the project beneficiary. Once collected, money raised must be turned over for deposit to an account of the beneficiary or the candidate's unit, until needed for the project. If the unit receives the funds, it must release them to the beneficiary once expenses have been paid.
3. Any products sold or fundraising activities conducted must be in keeping with the ideals and principles of the BSA. For example, they must not include raffles or other games of chance.
4. Should any donors want documentation of a gift, this must be provided through the project beneficiary, not the Boy Scouts of America. If a donor or fundraising participant wants a receipt, this, too, must be provided in the name of the beneficiary. For additional details refer to application contained in Eagle Service Project workbook at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/resources.aspx>.

Advancement Questions? Contact Dave Sinclair, Council Advancement Chairman at 207-251-8091 or dsinclair@bsamail.org

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Abnaki District

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Unit recharter time is here! Online re-chartering goes active November 1. Re-charter packets are all distributed, and each contains the PIN required for login. Start reviewing rosters now so you can hit

the ground running November 1st! **All units must submit their recharter paperwork and fees to Council by December 15th.** Contact Clyde Cavender with any recharter questions at abnakicommissioner@gmail.com.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is just around the corner! The Abnaki FOS Campaign enables us to provide quality Scouting programs for our local youth. We are now scheduling unit presentations. We prefer each unit schedule its presentation prior to March 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.

The next Abnaki District Committee Meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday, November 7th, at Auburn Middle School. Any volunteer in the District is welcome to attend. N.B.: we will discuss the possibility of relocating some 2013 Roundtables to other towns in the District. Please come and weigh in on this important decision!

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**



Casco Bay District

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KLONDIKE DERBY - scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Camp Hinds

PINE WOOD DERBY - scheduled for Saturday, April 5th

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

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

Annual Business Meeting – Thursday, December 6th at 7pm at the Pine Tree Council

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ More than 250 new Cub Scouts recruited so far this fall!
- ◆ Virtual Reality Reality Camporee held in Scarborough, THANK YOU Troop 39!
- ◆ Casco Bay District Friends of Scouting has raised \$31,178 MORE than it had this same time last year!

CUSTOM PACK & TROOP NUMBERS

- LOOK WICKED SHARP
- SAVE TIME
- SAVE MONEY



Order custom-made Pack and Troop number patches at a great price! These "Single Patch" numerals feature a red background with white numbers for packs and a khaki background with forest green numbers for troops. Custom patches are easier to place on a uniform than two or three single numbers, and are less expensive. Numerals can also be ordered with a Veteran Bar or Charter Partners name at an additional cost. All orders are by the dozen.

Contact the Scout Shop today to order your custom number patches!

2 digit numerals are \$1.99 each (\$23.88 doz.) and 3 digit numerals are \$2.99 each (\$35.88 doz.)

Pine Tree Scout Shop at the PTC Service Center, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Phone: 207-541-3951 Toll Free: 1-877-782-7467 Fax: 207-541-3953

E-mail: 6119-PineTree@scouting.org

Store Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM – 6 PM open until 8:00 PM on Thurs. Sat. 9:30 AM – 3 PM

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Downeast District

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Upcoming in Downeast!

District Committee and Annual Business Meeting: November 7th 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 at alanj.barker@gmail.com.

District Roundtable and OA chapter meeting: It is November, which means recharter time! November 14th at 7 pm, location is TBD, but we are looking for access to a computer lab in order to access to the online recharter system. District Executive, Owen Maguire and District Commissioner Will Bennett will be there to answer and help with your recharter process. 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 at lcogar@roadrunner.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 District Executive Owen Maguire FMI.

K-Valley District

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FB: [Kennebec-Valley-District-BSA](https://www.facebook.com/Kennebec-Valley-District-BSA)

KV Merit Badge College: 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Badge Fall Merit Badge College 10/27, 1/12/2013 (90-day clean-up) @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Randy Hooper kvalleyymb@aol.com

KV Training Schedule:

Cub Leader Specific: 11/14 (session 2) 7pm @ Roundtables Pleasant St. Methodist, Waterville.

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

Youth Protection: 1/12/2013 in conjunction with Merit Badge College @ Hope Baptist, Manchester

KV District Annual Meeting:

Kennebec Valley District Annual Meeting will be held on Nov 7, 2012, 7pm @ the Pleasant St Methodist Church in Waterville. The District Nominating Committee chaired by Charlie Matthews has nearly completed its review of the current District Members-At-Large and will present the slate for approval followed by the vote for District Chair, Vice Chairs, and appointment of sub-committee chairs & members. Each Unit's Institution Head or the Charter Representative acting on their behalf has a vote at the District Annual Meeting. We look forward to 2013 and the great things that will be accomplished by K-Valley volunteers as we continue our Journey To Excellence.

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<http://www.yorkdistrict.org>

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York District Fall Camporee ~

A huge thank you goes out to Troop 310 for hosting an amazing Fall Camporee. The total is still out, but we certainly had record attendance and my understanding is that fun was had by all.

Roundtable ~ The next roundtable will be held on November 1st at Sanford High School at 7PM.

Popcorn Sales ~ Take orders need to be placed by November 16th. Show and Sell returns are due on November 9th.

Distribution of Take Order Inventory will be done on December 1st at Hussey Seating in North Berwick.

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 that have contributed to the campaign.

PTC CAMP RENTAL UPDATES!

Just a reminder to those renting a building or campsite at one of our camps: due to the approaching winter and colder weather, the water systems are in the process of being shut down for the winter, so water may not be available at some camps for you to use. Plan to bring in your own or contact the camp caretaker to find out if water is available for you at camp! To rent a PTC cabin or campsite, contact Kathy Higgins at 797-5252 x 32.