



PineSpills

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From our President ~ Horace Horton

Welcome to Scouting

For all our new Scouts and families we welcome you into our organization. You and your child have joined a movement that is over 100 years old! We want your experience in our program to be exciting and beneficial.

Our goal is simple – to build leaders. Each program that your Scout will participate in contributes towards this goal in a very specific way. Our wish is that your son will begin his journey as a Cub Scout and will continue on through Boy Scouts, and possibly even Venturing or Exploring, so that they will be able to fully experience all that our organization has to offer.

For now, the task is simple – show up to the Den meetings, meet new friends, see new stuff, and have fun!

Again - WELCOME TO SCOUTING, we look forward to serving your family in the years to come!

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! It will also be posted on our website.

To keep the newsletter short and to the point, more information about all of our activities, registration forms and district information can be found on our website or by calling PTC at 797-5252.

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JOIN US AT TRAILBLAZER DAY

OCT. 6TH, 2012

**At Camp Hinds in Raymond
or Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade**

Welcome to Scouting! Calling all new Cub Scouts and families! Join us for a fun day of activities!

Trailblazer Day Features:

Round robin activities for Cub Scouts and parents!

BB Guns Safety & Shooting

Archery Target Shooting

Slingshots & Nature

Obstacle Course & Scout Skills

Wildlife Activities & More

Check-in is at 8:30 – 9:00 with Activities running from 9:15 – 3:30

Cost only \$8.00 per person, includes BBQ lunch! And ***Trailblazer Patch for all!!!***

Please pre-register with Trailblazer form on our website!

August 2012 PTC Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to the following new Eagles and their troops:

Travis Libsack, Troop 58 Cumberland
Sean Connolly, Troop 93 Falmouth
James Whited, Troop 58 Cumberland
Casey Wallbaum, Troop 313 N. Berwick
Charles Horton IV, Troop 310 Saco
Dylan Tremblay, Troop 320 Shapleigh
Stephen Hoeprich, Troop 800 Raymond
Gregory Hanscom, Troop 672 Gardiner



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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 9/29 Kantanki at PTC
- ◆ 10/6 Trailblazer Day for Cubs and Families at Bomazeen & Hinds
- ◆ 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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Sign up for E-Newsletter at www.pinetreebsa.org

ADVANCEMENT CORNER

For the latest advancement information and requirements, get the "GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT". This long awaited and much anticipated guide has been completely reorganized for easy reference and features a list of the questions most often asked. It is a complete rewrite of the "Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures" which it replaces. This publication was implemented Jan 2012 and is a must for each and every unit's library to ensure your program provides the best advancement opportunities for your scouts. Electronic copies are available at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx> or hard copies at the Scout Shop. Two major updates include the completely revised "Eagle Scout Project Workbook" and Eagle application process. Other significant changes include "Mechanics of Advancement in Cub Scouting", Advancement for Members with Special Needs, Board of Review practices, and definitions for "Active Participation" and "Positions of Responsibility". Get your copy so you can make "ADVANCEMENT" a highlight of your scouting program.

Advancement Questions? Contact Dave Sinclair Council Advancement Chair at

**Calling all Woodbadgers—
Join us at the Kantanki on
Sept. 29th at 6 PM at PTC.
Potluck dinner for all who
want a trip down memory
lane to Gilwell!**

Unit Commissioner Basic Training will be held on October 6th, at the Manchester Community Church (21 Readfield Road, Manchester, ME 04351). Start time will be at 9 AM and will run until 4 PM.

All new Unit Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Cost ~\$12.00. RSVP to Clinton Staples at Clinton@gwi.net or 636-1597.

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. Email Jo at jowiley@bsamail.org to receive the reservation form!!

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT)

Required training for Webelos Leaders to take Scouts Camping.

Friday, October 26, 2012 to Saturday, October 27, 2012 (8 pm). Cost is \$15.00. To be held at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade.

**Boy Scout Scoutmaster and Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Training
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills ~ ITOLS**

October 26-28, 2012 at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade.

Cost is \$20.00 per person if pre-registered via the PTC by 10/21/12 or \$25.00 if paid at the door.

See online flyers for more info!

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

Join the Portland Pirates for Scout Night on Oct. 27th at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee 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!

Troop 121 is a new troop in Auburn with the main purpose to allow boys with special physical, mental and emotional challenges to be successful in a safe Scouting environment. Troop 121 looks to include boys that, otherwise would not be able to handle the social makeup of a mainstream troop. Many young people require some special consideration to enable them to be fully involved in Scouting. It is important to the troop leadership that these scouts receive a true scouting experience. There are currently 12 Scouts in Troop 121.

One of the requirements of Troop 1-2-1 is that a parent or guardian be present at all Scouting functions. The parent or guardian must complete the BSA Youth Protection and be registered. Troop 121 attempts to be a resource to educate all parents on the conditions and needs of all the Scouts.

For more information, please contact Don Malpass at 783-0790 or e-mail troop121me@roadrunner.com

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

Abnaki District

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I would like to thank Troop 139 for their fantastic work in hosting the Abnaki District Fall Camporee in Minot! Between the rockets firing off into space (or at least very close to it), the K-9 police unit demonstration, an innovative leave-no-trace training that took the whole weekend, and many other program highlights, fun was had by all. We all appreciate your hard work guys!

Any units interested in hosting either the **Klondike Derby** or **Spring Camporee** for Abnaki District, please contact Ed Molleo as soon as reasonable. This is a great opportunity to design a weekend of programming to suit your boys' needs and interests, as well as to show off your Scouting skills to the other units of Abnaki District! The sooner you can commit, the more we can accomplish and the more fun attendees will have.

SAVE THE DATE!

Leader Specific Training at the First Congregational Church of South Paris, 17 East Main Street will be held on October 6th, registration at 7:30am, class starts 8am. This training is free!

FMI- contact Dennis Bowden, desertpatrol@hotmail.com

BADGES AND AWARDS FROM THE SCOUT SHOP

To purchase badges of rank, parent pins, merit badge emblems, pocket certificates, service stars, attendance pins, and other awards simply present your request to the **Pine Tree Scout Shop**. Items can be purchased in person, by phone, fax, or e-mail using an advancement report form, standard order form, or a computer generated shopping list. These forms can also be used to order badges for non-rank awards. The Scout Shop will be happy to gather your order for you with advance notice. Items can be picked up at the Scout Shop or can be shipped to the unit. Payment can be made by cash, check, debit / credit card, or unit (pack, troop, or crew) account. Remember an advancement report must be submitted for the purchase of all rank badges.



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"VIRTUAL REALITY REALITY" CAMPOREE- Hosted by Troop 39 of Scarborough on Oct. 19th—22nd 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

PINE WOOD 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

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Krista Morris, who's representing us on the Council Marketing Committee!

Welcome Michelle Larkin & Paul Nadeau as new Unit Commissioners!

Welcome back Will Chapman as our 2013 Family Friends of Scouting Chair (contact him with your unit's FOS presentation date, 712-6833 or wcc@maine.rr.com)



Download the Oh Ranger app sponsored by LL Bean & Ford Motor Company!

This allows you to find info about parks and outdoor recreation opportunities in your area! It is a great app for finding out tons of stuff to do locally with your Scouts!! When you download the app you get to select the BSA as an organization you support! For every vote the BSA gets, LL Bean and Ford will donate \$1.00.

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!

Adult Leader Basic Training (YPT, Cubmaster/Scoutmaster specific, etc)- Oct. 6th, Brunswick. Location TBD. ?'s contact Lara Cogar @ lcogar@roadrunner.com

Fall Camporee hosted by Sea Scout Ship 243 and Troop 254. Location: Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington St., Bath. Oct. 19th-21st, 2012

DE Klondike Derby- Is scheduled for the last Saturday in Jan. at the Fairgrounds in Union. If you would like to help host contact, Owen Maguire.

DE District Committee Meeting- October 3rd, 2012 at 7 PM. Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta. Please contact District Chairman Alan Barker at alanj.barker@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Roundtable and OA Chapter Meeting- Oct. 10th, 2012 at 7 PM at Wiscasset Middle School (Federal St.). We need someone to present a topic for Boy Scout RT. If you have a topic to present, please contact District Commissioner, Will Bennett @ will@bennettengineering.net.

K-Valley District

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KV Merit Badge College: 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Badge Fall Merit Badge College

9/29, 10/27, 1/12/2013 (90-day clean-up) @ Hope Baptist, Manchester, Randy Hooper at kvalleymb@aol.com

KV Roundtable Schedule: 2nd Wed @ of each month @ Pleasant St. Methodist, Waterville

Cub Scout Topics: 10/10 Executive Q&A 11/14 Cub Scout Race Round Robin 12/12 Blue & Gold Banquets

Boy Scout Topics: 10/10 Executive Q&A 11/14 Winter Camping 12/12 Facebook/ Web Safety

KV Training Schedule:

Merit Badge Counselor Training: 9/28 6-8pm @ Hope Baptist Manchester, Randy Hooper kvalleymb@aol.com

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

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

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<http://www.yorkdistrict.org>

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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, Sanford, ME. The complete set of information, including a downloadable handout and the on-line registration form can be found on the York website.

York District Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee will be held on Oct. 19th to 21st at Rotary Park in Biddeford. Please fill out the registration form found on the York District Webpage by Sept. 28th. More information for the Camporee can be found on the York website.

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 Website.

POPCORN WEEKLY DRAWING WINNERS!!

Congratulations to Brimwin Peabody from Pack 47, Glenn Vajda from Tr. 51, and Caleb Reissfelder from Pack 116 for winning a \$25 Amazon gift card from the drawing on September 14th, and Congrats to Brimwin Peabody from Pack 47, Alex Lewis from Pack 36, and Jacob Ross from Tr. 639 for winning on the drawing on Sept. 21st!!

GREAT WORK to you ALL, and we look forward to more scouts winning in the weeks to come!!

We have extra product here at the Council office for any units needing a re-supply.

Please call the front desk for details!

More Popcorn sale info at

www.pinetreesbsa.org.