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UNIT RECHARTERS ARE DUE DEC. 15

ALL Unit recharterers are due into the Council Office by Dec. 15. Yes, that's a Sunday. Yes, Council is closed on Sunday. But that is the date we've been provided by Council. So, get your recharter paperwork in by either Friday, Dec. 13 or as soon as they open on Mon. Dec. 16.

What will happen if your unit fails to turn in its recharter paperwork? Your unit will have lapsed and will no longer be considered an active unit. Your youth will no longer be able to advance, whether they're up for Wolf Badge, a merit badge or an Eagle Board of Review as they will not be considered registered members of the BSA.

Your unit will lose tenure. Your newsletter editor has personally seen this with a unit over 50 years old more than once (Texas AND here in KV District). Your youth and leaders are no longer covered by the Council's Liability Insurance.

Please get your recharter in as soon as possible. If you need assistance, contact a member of the commissioner staff. Several commissioners will also be available prior to the 12/11 roundtable to answer questions and to help you through the process.

Lost your access code to do the online segment? Contact Scott Verrill at [scott.verrill@gmail.com](mailto:scott.verrill@gmail.com)

If no one from your unit has been to a Roundtable this fall and your unit hasn't gotten their recharter packet, contact Scott Verrill.

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POW WOW CANCELLED

Repeating from yesterday's email:

From Training Chair, Ricky Merrill:

Due to the fact that only one person preregistered to attend the Pow wow training on Dec. 7 we will be canceling the training. I gave everyone until 8:45 A.M. on Dec. 4 to respond.

This type of training requires more than one attendee or it is no fun. because of this we have no choice but to cancel pow wow training.

Sincerely  
Ricky Merrill  
K Valley training chair.

CLARIFICATION: Only Pow Wow is cancelled. Leader specific training on Dec. 14 is still on.

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#### MANGER SQUARE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8am - 2pm, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church in Waterville.

Beef Stew & Chili Luncheon, 10:30am to 1pm

Fish Chowder & Baked Beans to go

Books, silent auction, baked goods, white elephant items, handmade crafts & gift items Visit all of the booths and have your name entered into the door prize drawing!

Why is this in here? This church has sponsored Waterville Troop 436 since its inception roughly 75 years ago. They have also allowed us to use their facility for free for roundtables and other meetings for the past few years. This fair is one of their largest (if not largest) fundraisers of the year.

If you're in the Waterville area on Saturday, please drop by and pay them a visit and buy a craft or to, or have some lunch. Say thank you to the church for supporting us, but supporting them.

Can't make it on the 7th? Well, they'll be having a Public Supper the following Saturday, 12/14, 5-6pm. \$7pp, baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, salads, coleslaw and dessert.

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#### TROOP WREATH FUNDRAISER

From Karen Douglass, SM T436, Waterville:

Troop 436 still has 18 wreaths available for sale. Plain wreaths without a bow are now \$7.00 and Wreaths with a bow are \$8.00. They will be available for pick up at Roundtable on December 11th. If you would like them before that date please contact Bruce Rueger <<mailto:rueger@roadrunner.com>>[rueger@roadrunner.com](mailto:rueger@roadrunner.com) or Karen Douglas at <<mailto:kvscoutprogram@gmail.com>>[kvscoutprogram@gmail.com](mailto:kvscoutprogram@gmail.com) or 462-0150.

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#### DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AND HOLIDAY GATHERING

Wed. Dec. 11, Pleasant Street Methodist Church, Pleasant St., Waterville

Annual KV Holiday Gathering, 6:30pm. From Rick Denico:

To all Kvalley Scouters,  
It is time once again to celebrate the Holiday  
Season and share fellowship at our December Roundtable.

Please bring a dish, desert, or snack to share.

Hope to see you,  
Rick  
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Roundtable starts at 7pm

Cub Scout Topic: Games, Songs and Skits  
Boy Scout Topic: Life to Eagle Process (see further below under ADVANCEMENT NEWS)  
Scout leaders, please bring your Life Scouts to this roundtable.

The KV Chapter of the Order of the Arrow also meets on the same night/location as  
Roundtable. Scout leaders: please offer a ride to your OA youth. OA Topic:  
Training on how to conduct unit elections.  
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#### ADVANCEMENT NEWS

From District Advancement Chair, Chuck Mahaleris:

Life to Eagle Topic at Roundtable

The KValley District Advancement Committee is the featured presenter at the Boy  
Scout RT this month and the topic will be on the Life to Eagle process. SMs are  
urged to bring Life Scouts to this meeting. The committee will talk about the  
following and have Q&A time with the Scouts:

- \* Review of Eagle

Requirements

<<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/eagle.aspx>>  
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/eagle.aspx>

- \* Paperwork (Application

<[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf)>  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf)

and workbook

<<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/advancementandawards/eagleworkbookprocedures.aspx>>  
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- \* Eagle Project including Approval/Planning/Sign off

- \* Role of SM/ Troop Committee/ District

Advancement Committee/ Council/ National/ Eagle Scout Project Coach

- \* Merit Badges including 2014 changes of Cooking and Sustainability

- \* Board of Review

- \* Q&A

Roundtable is held:

Wednesday, Dec 11- 7 PM at the Pleasant Street Methodist Church in Waterville.

This is also the District Holiday Party so that will be fun as well. Please bring a dish, desert, or snack to share.

December Eagle Board/ Eagle Scout Project Review

Due to Christmas, the Eagle Board of Review will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM at the TRC Building on Gabriel Drive (Off Civic Center Drive) in Augusta. Questions please email Advancement Chair Chuck Mahaleris at [cmahaleris@hotmail.com](mailto:cmahaleris@hotmail.com)

Cooking Merit Badge to Join Eagle-Required List Jan. 1

Significant changes are coming to the Cooking merit badge. First, this badge will become Eagle-required beginning Jan. 1, 2014. In addition, there will be a major overhaul to the requirements, which will take effect Jan. 1, 2015.

The addition of the Cooking merit badge to the Eagle-required list means that, regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working on the Eagle Scout rank, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout (unless he fulfills all the requirements, except his board of review, before Jan. 1, 2014).

As for the changes to the requirements, they'll appear in a revised merit badge pamphlet that will be released during 2013. The new requirements then become effective Jan. 1, 2015, with the release of Boy Scout Requirements, No. 34765.

Scouts who have already earned the Cooking merit badge are not required to re-earn the badge under the new requirements in order to qualify for the Eagle Scout Award.

For more details on the changes to the Cooking merit badge, visit <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/10/24/more-details-on-the-jan-1-update-to-cooking-merit-badge/#more-21166> this post on the Bryan on Scouting blog. <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/10/24/more-details-on-the-jan-1-update-to-cooking-merit-badge/#more-21166>

Cinematography is Now Movie Making MB

Lights, camera, action! The Cinematography merit badge has been renamed Moviemaking. The change was made to reflect the many elements that go into creating a movie.

Aside from some minor updates from the Merit Badge Maintenance Task Force, the requirements and content for the merit badge are essentially the same. Also unchanged is the actual award emblem.

Regardless of its name, a Scout may only earn and get credit for one or the other. Also, the name change does not affect Scouts who have previously completed or who are currently working on the Cinematography merit badge.

Lowe's Foundation to Continue Eagle Scout Service Project Support During 2012, more than 3,000 Scouts received \$100 grants for their Eagle Scout service projects through the generosity of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. The BSA is pleased to announce that the foundation has offered to continue its support with a similar number of grants beginning in July 2013.

This year, however, the Lowe's service project impact grants will take a different approach. Most importantly, the \$100 Discover gift card grants will be mailed directly to Eagle Scout candidates. Local councils need only select the Scouts to receive the cards, and then, through a council-designated volunteer, follow up to see that participating Scouts submit their required reports. Local councils will not receive the cards and will have no responsibility to record or distribute them.

And from the Pine Tree Council Office on this:

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CC: [mrandall@bsaemail.org](mailto:mrandall@bsaemail.org)  
Subject: Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant program  
Date: Thu, 28 Nov 2013 11:35:14 -0500

Hello and Happy Thanksgiving,

My name is Gary Moore. The Pine Tree Council has been given the opportunity to participate in Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant, and I'll be working with the Council to coordinate efforts on the grant program.

We have an opportunity to award \$100 grants to 25 Eagle Candidates in the Council. Full details on the program may be found at <http://www.scouting.org/TrailToEagle.aspx>. The basics are that boys need to be at least 13 years old, have parental permission and an approved Eagle Project Proposal to apply. The application form (downloadable from the website) is brief and simple to complete. Scouts can either email or mail the form to me, I will submit their names and they will be mailed a Discover Gift Card for \$100 to help fund their project. The cards may be spent anywhere Discover cards are accepted (not just at Lowe's) for direct expenses for the project with the exception of food and tools. The Candidate will need to submit receipts and a final report, including before and after pictures by April 30, 2014. This report is apart from any required final reports to beneficiaries or for Eagle Review and is not dependent on them.

As Advancement Chair of your District, I would like your input as we prepare to "go live" with the program. I've attached a preliminary flyer announcing the program, but would like your thoughts before it is released. This is actually

the second year of the program and we are a bit behind the curve in getting started. The time frame for completion may not work for Candidates just starting on their Eagle projects.

My thought would be to first concentrate on Candidates who have approved proposals. Even if the Project is being funded by a beneficiary, applying for the grant could mean \$100 less that the beneficiary would have to fund. Since most beneficiaries are non-profits, churches and towns, this should be welcomed.

At this time, my sense is that if there are more than 25 eligible candidates, we should go ahead and submit them, though they may be approved on a first-come first-served basis. The National Advancement Committee is pushing for all grants to be awarded, and it sounds like they want to make sure that Lowe's has a good experience this year and will make the decision to continue this program. If that is the case, our work this year may benefit Eagle Candidates for years to come.

I will be calling you this weekend to get your opinions and suggestions. If you would prefer, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Yours in Scouting,

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#### KV STORM POLICY

Winter is coming! Well, it's already here for many of us. With winter, we get ice and snow. With ice and snow, we get dangerous driving conditions.

If Waterville Schools (AOS 92) cancel school due to wintery weather and there is a district meeting or roundtable scheduled that day, that meeting is canceled.

If the weather is bad and school isn't canceled, please use your best judgment. We'd rather you skip a meeting and be safe.  
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#### LEADER TRAINING IN MANCHESTER

DATE: Saturday December 14, 2013  
TIME: 8 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Place: Hope Baptist Church, Manchester Me.  
COST: Free. Donation accepted at door for the use of the Church  
MUST HAVE 5 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR THE TRAINING TO TAKE PLACE. PLEASE PREREGISTER TO RICKY MERRILL AT 897 - 5851 or  
<<mailto:rmmongoose@gmail.com>>[rmmongoose@gmail.com](mailto:rmmongoose@gmail.com) BY DECEMBER 8 TH

Training offered: Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee

Registration Form:

<<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/KV%20Ldr%20Specific%20Training%2014Dec13.pdf>>  
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As of this email, there are enough preregistrations for this training to take place. Please continue to forward your registrations.

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#### DEN CHIEF TRAINING

(repeating from last month by request)

Saturday, December 14

TIME: 8 A.M. - Noon

Place: Hope Baptist Church, Manchester, ME (Same location/date as Leader training above)

Strong Packs & Troops don't just happen, they are created.

This training is for den leaders and boy scouts wishing to become den chiefs.

Cost: Free, donations will be accepted for the church facility

What to bring: Den Chief Book, Scout Handbook, Class "A" Uniform, Sack lunch and a great spirit.

SPACE IS LIMITED. PREREGISTRATION IS A MUST BY DECEMBER 10.

Register through Randy Hooper at [kvalleymb@aol.com](mailto:kvalleymb@aol.com)

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#### COUNCIL 2014 CAMP LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED

From the council's online newsletter, "Pine Spills":

In 2014, the following volunteers have signed up to serve as leadership for the camping programs of the Pine Tree Council. More information about the council's summer programs will be released in December of 2013. We thank each of the following for helping to support the magic of camp in the new year!

Camp Bomazeen Mangement - Karen Douglas  
Bomazeen Webelos Weeks - Casey Morgan  
K-Valley Cub Scout Camp - Belinda Hinkley  
York Cub Scout Camp - Heather English  
Abnaki Cub Scout Camp - Carissa Winning  
Casco Bay Cub Scout Camp - Michelle Lefebvre  
Pemaquid Day Camp - Kate Marchessault  
Winter Camp - Dean Zaharis  
Okpik Winter Survival - Scott Martin  
Fly 1st Class - Scott Martin

NYLT - Don Driver  
Camp Hinds - Matthew Randall (Camp Dir.)  
Wayne Holden (Program Dir.)  
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#### JANUARY COMMISSIONERS MEETING CANCELED

The commissioners normally meet the first Wed. of the month. The first Wed. in January is January 1. District Commissioner Charlie Ferguson has cancelled the meeting. Please email the reports into him that you would normally present in person.  
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#### JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE MOVED

The committee normally meets the first January of the month. Instead, they will meet prior to Roundtable on Jan. 8 due to the holiday.  
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#### LEADER TRAINING IN JEFFERSON

It was previously announced that Leader Specific Training would be held in January in Skowhegan. It's been moved to Jefferson. Date: Jan. 18. More details to follow at Roundtable.  
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#### KLONDIKE DERBY

Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Camp Bomazeen

More info and flyer will be made available at the December Roundtable. The host unit, Oakland T454, is looking for volunteers to plan/run a station or to assist with a station. Klondike can't happen without the assistance of many volunteers.

To assist/volunteer, please contact Joseph Poulin at [joseph.poulin@roadrunner.com](mailto:joseph.poulin@roadrunner.com) or call Steve Craig at 649-6411 OR contact both.

Rumor has it that the long feared Claim Jumper has finally been captured! So, your scouts may have a safer time prospecting this year.  
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More News after Roundtable.

YiS,  
Scott Bernier