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

ROUNDTABLE

Wed. Jan. 8, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville 7pm

Boy Scout Topic: Winter Camping
Cub Scout Topic: Derby Round Robin

LEADER TRAINING IN JEFFERSON (and POW WOW RESCHEDULED)

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014
8am - 4pm
Jefferson School, Jefferson, ME

Cost: \$5 to cover lunch and supplies.

Pre-registration deadline: Jan. 14, 2014

A minimum of 7 people need to preregister for this training to take place!

Training offered:
Cub Master Specific
Den Leader
Unit Committee
Scoutmaster/ASM Specific
Commissioner Training
POW WOW (rescheduled from Dec. 7)

Registration flyer at:
[http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/KV%20Ldr%20Training%2018Jan14 .pdf](http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/KV%20Ldr%20Training%2018Jan14.pdf)

BAKED BEAN SUPPAH

Saturday, January 11, 5-6pm, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church in Waterville

The church sponsors Waterville Troop 436 AND provides us free meeting space for the district committee, commissioners and roundtable. So, if you're in the area on the 11th, please drop in and help support them as they support us!

Information below on the supper is from the online version of the church's newsletter:

Public Supper, January 11, 5-6pm in the Fellowship Hall Baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, salads, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, and beverages.

\$7 per adult and \$5 per child 10 & under.

Please support our monthly public suppers the second Saturday of every month. Donations and workers are always needed. If you can help, please contact Deb Cates at 692-7123.

KLONDIKE DERBY

January 25, 2014 at Camp Bomazeen, North Belgrade.

Pre-Registration deadline: January 20 at \$10pp. \$12pp registration at the event.

Full Information packet:

[http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20KV%20Klondike%20Packet .pdf](http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20KV%20Klondike%20Packet.pdf)

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
<<mailto:joseph.poulin@roadrunner.com>>joseph.poulin@roadrunner.com
Cell: 313-8010, or call Steve Craig at 649-6411 OR contact both.

SCOUT SKI DAYS

From Pine Spills e-newsletter

The Pine Tree Council has partnered the following companies to provide discount skiing packages for our Scouts, leaders, and their families.

Below is a list of prices for a lift ticket. More specials for each mountain are listed on the Ski Days flyer, available on the Council Website and being mailed to you directly!

Shawnee Peak - Mar. 2nd
Youth = \$40 Adults = \$50

Mt. Abrams - Jan 11th, Feb 15th, Mar 15th
Youth = \$30 Adults = \$35

Sugarloaf - Feb 9th, Mar. 9th
Youth = \$40 Adults = \$50

Sunday River - Jan 26th, Feb 9th
Youth = \$45 Adults = \$55

Sign up now and enjoy great skiing in Maine at amazing prices!

For more information about the 2014 Ski Days call 207-797-5252 x34, email Mrandall@bsamail.org, or visit www.Scouting.org.

WINTER CAMP

Also from Pine Spills:

Winter Camp is a week long provisional camp for Boy Scouts, 13 years of age and First Class and above, at Camp Hinds during February vacation (2/16 through 2/21 in 2014). The cost is \$285 to attend for the week, with an Early Bird fee of \$270 if paid by January 10th, 2014. Scouts will learn leadership skills, gain insight into the patrol method, meet new friends, and earn merit badges. Activities include winter survival training, robotics, winter sports, shotgun shooting, and much more. If you have not yet attended a Winter Camp, you are missing out on one of the best experiences you will have during your Scouting career. If you are returning to winter camp again this season - you already know how great it is! For more information, contact the Winter Camp Scoutmaster Dean Zaharis at dzaharis@gmail.com or Program Director Matthew Randall at 207-797-5252 x34/mrandall@bsaemail.org.

Flyer: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2013/11/winter-camp-2014-flyer.pdf>

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING DATES

To All Kennebec County Scout Units,

I have been asked to be the Kennebec County Friends Of Scouting County Chair for 2014. Like many of you throughout Kennebec County, I have experienced a number of days-long power outages and sporadic partial outages due to the recent spate of icy and cold weather. As a result I have been unable to address the upcoming Friends Of Scouting Campaign as I would have liked to.

Like many of you, I have found myself having to cut a number of trees and brush in order to be able to enter and exit both, my home and business. I have approximately 2-3 cords of Birch Wood on the ground right now. This has taken an inordinate amount of time because I have had to do most of the work with just a Hand Saw. Take this into account along with the Christmas and New Years holidays, School Vacations, and you see my dilemma. I need to get the word out and commitments back as soon as possible in order to get his train back on track.

I am sending out an Open Letter to ask that all Kennebec County Units respond ASAP regarding their 2014 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquets, 2014 Boy Scout Courts of Honor, or a Unit Meeting night where it would be convenient for a Friends Of Scouting presentation, where the all adult leaders and most of all the parents will be present. This will allow the Presenter to reach the most possible folks in order to get the FOS message out.

The FOS message is important for a wide variety of reasons but, mostly because it allows our youth to participate in the myriad Pine Tree Council program offerings at reasonable rates. It also continues to ensure that 90% of every FOS dollar goes right back into the scouting programs that Pine Tree Council offers throughout each year. That is quite a bang for a buck!

If units can email me their ceremony, banquet, and event dates for 2014 within the next week it would be extremely helpful in starting the process of getting presenters on board and assigned. As everyone in scouting knows; FOS is how Pine Tree Council is able to control costs for programs and continues to keep costs down for everything that happens for the youth within the Council. Let's band together Kennebec County Units and Let's get his program up and running. I know I can count on all of you to get me your FOS dates NOW! We can do this if we work together! Thanks for all your support in this endeavor.

In Scouting Service To Our Youth,
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UPCOMING NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Newletters are scheduled for the following dates in January:

Thurs. Jan. 9

Wed. Jan. 29

And in-between as necessary. If you have something you want shared with the district, please get it in to me at <<mailto:moxieman@gwi.net>>moxieman@gwi.net before 5pm on the above scheduled dates.

This isn't just for District/council/national/international events. Has your unit made the news? Send me a copy of the link to share! Is your unit holding a fundraiser, send me the details and we'll let the whole district know about it. Know of a great snowshoe trail and you want to share it? Share away!

You can also share this info through the District Facebook presence at:
Kennebec Valley District, BSA

YiS,
Scott B.