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BOMAZEEN OLD-TIMERS MEETING

The Bomazeen Old-Timers will be holding a General Meeting on Wed. Feb. 12, 6pm, prior to Roundtable at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church. Dessert will be provided.

All who have any interest in Camp Bomazeen are welcome to attend.  
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ROUNDTABLE

Wed. Feb. 12, 7pm, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St. Waterville.

Joint general session to cover upcoming events. Then break-out as follows:

Boy Scout Topic: Dog sledding  
Cub Scout Topic: Trip planning

Topics are subject to change.

The K-Valley Chapter of the Order of the Arrow also meets at roundtable. Scout leaders, please offer a ride to your OA Youth.  
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DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

Pete Myers is chairing the District Award of Merit committee. Please forward your nominations forms and paperwork to him. His mailing address is:  
38 Central St.  
Hallowell, ME 04347

Email: [pete36myers@gmail.com](mailto:pete36myers@gmail.com)

Nomination deadline: February Roundtable, Feb. 12.

General Information: <http://www.kv-scouts.org/generic.aspx?PageType=Instructions>

List of past District Award of Merit Recipients:  
<http://www.kv-scouts.org/generic.aspx?PageType=Awards>

Please note that we are missing the list of those who have received the District Award of Merit in Downeast District. If anyone has this list including the year the award was given, please forward it to me and I'll make sure our webmaster includes those individuals on the above list.

Nomination Form:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/District%20Award%20of%20Merit.pdf>

UPDATE: As of Monday 2/3, Pete has received only ONE nomination. If you submitted a nomination last year, you need to contact him to find-out what needs to be done for it to be reconsidered this year.

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DISTRICT BANQUET

(repeated from a previous newsletter)

From Angela Neubauer:

District Banquet will be held March 22nd at the Fairfield Community Center. Doors open at 4pm. Dinner at 5pm. Theme is Camping.

Again this year we will ask for a good faith donation of \$2 per person to help offset costs and allow us to prepare accordingly...a scout is thrifty. Karla Talpey has offered to collect RSVP's and your money. She can be contacted at: [ktalpey@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ktalpey@myfairpoint.net)

I will be collecting nominations for leader awards until the March Roundtable. Please help us recognize those who work unselfishly in our district.

You may contact me by phone, email or the Pack 471 mailbox to let me know if you plan to attend and how many will be coming with you. Phone is 692-4130 email [daboyznme4@yahoo.com](mailto:daboyznme4@yahoo.com)

Nomination categories are below. A nomination form will be forwarded to the district website shortly.

- Shows real dedication
- Jumped right in (to anything)
- Always a good sport
- Lends a helping hand
- A job well done
- Who teaches us (scouting and otherwise)
- Most energenic
- Keeps us laughing
- Who loves to sing (and is always ready with a song)
- Who always makes things come together
- Someone we can always depend on
- Someone who is a real go getter
- Make things entertaining
- Someone who is always soaking up info

Kelly Pillsburry is collecting items for the banquet auction. Please contact her if you have a donation at [kellyjune22@gmail.com](mailto:kellyjune22@gmail.com)

Thank you for all your help! I look forward to seeing you all at the banquet.  
YIS,  
Angela Neubauer  
692-4130  
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UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 8, Freeport High School.

This event is open to ALL volunteers and older scouts, regardless of what district/council you are in. We have had volunteers from as far away as southern Connecticut in the past.

You can now register/pay online to attend the University of Scouting through the Council website:

[https://www.formstack.com/forms/pinetreebsa-ptc\\_uos\\_2014\\_registration](https://www.formstack.com/forms/pinetreebsa-ptc_uos_2014_registration)>[https://www.formstack.com/forms/pinetreebsa-ptc\\_uos\\_2014\\_registration](https://www.formstack.com/forms/pinetreebsa-ptc_uos_2014_registration)

There is a link off that page with the full information guide/course descriptions.

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#### SPRING MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

March 22, April 12 & May 31  
Hope Baptist Church, Manchester

Details on the district website:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20MB%20College%20Complete%20Flier.pdf>

#### UPDATES:

Yes, the first date is the same date as District Banquet. MB College takes place during the day and is a youth event. Banquet takes place late afternoon/evening and is a volunteers and their families event.

Several Merit Badges are already full including:

- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Model Design and Building
- Family Life

Registration process: The scout must make the contact with the merit badge counselor. Parents who attempt to do this on behalf of their scout will be turned away by the counselor and reminded that the youth must make the contact. The scout must follow the directions provided in the packet. Please do not badger the counselors when they refuse to sign your scout up because you called instead of the scout calling. They are volunteers like the rest of us. We'd like them to remain volunteers.

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#### OA ELECTIONS

If your troop hasn't yet scheduled an Order of the Arrow (OA) Election, please contact Scott Adams at 968-2787.

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#### WANTED: DISTRICT WEBMASTER

After many years of service behind the scenes, David Van Twistern has indicated that he would like to step down as our district webmaster. On behalf of the district, we thank him for his many years of service.

However, he isn't leaving immediately. He has offered to go over the process of updating the

website with whoever is willing to step forward and take over. If you have an interest in taking over this important communication tool for the district, please contact the district chair, Rick Denico, at [fdenicojr@roadrunner.com](mailto:fdenicojr@roadrunner.com)

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COUNCIL OFFICE FOR SALE?

A letter has been sent out to primary unit leaders in regards to the council's financial situation and a proposal to sell the council office in Portland and relocate council operations to Camp Hinds. The council leadership is seeking input on this proposal at their Feb. 20th Leadership Cabinet meeting to be held at the Council Office in Portland at 7pm.

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CHANGES TO COOKING MERIT BADGE

Cooking is now Eagle required. The requirements change in 2015. Please see Scouting Magazine's blog on these changes at the link below.

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/12/18/feast-your-eyes-on-the-new-requirements-for-cooking-merit-badge/comment-page-2/#comment-58032>

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Yours in Scouting,  
Scott Bernier