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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

Nomination deadline was February Roundtable, Feb. 12. Pete has extended it to Friday, Feb. 14. Please contact him if you haven't submitted your nomination yet, but plan to!

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>

Nomination Form:

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

UPDATE ON DOWNEAST DISTRICT RECIPIENTS: We have received the list of past recipients from Downeast District. When there is time, these names will be added to the roster on the KV Website.

DOG SLED PRESENTERS CONTACT INFO

Here is the contact info for Heywood Kennel for those who either missed last night's presentation or simply want their contact info to discuss a possible dog sledding program for their unit.

Heywood Kennel

Lindy Howe and Kevin Quist, Registered Maine Guides
25 Church Hill Rd.
Augusta, ME 04330
207-629-9620

heywoodkennel@yahoo.com

<http://www.heywoodkennels.com>

Search for them also on Facebook.

If you are in Waterville this coming Sunday, Feb.16, they are conducting dog sled races at the Quarry Rd. Recreation Area in Waterville (near Thayer Unit of Maine General Medical Center off North St.). They are also looking for volunteers to assist at the races. Please contact them for more information.

OA EVENT AT CAMP HINDS-TENTATIVE

Announced by Bruce Rueger at Roundtable:

There is a fellowship day tentatively planned for Saturday, Feb. 22 at Camp Hinds. It will run 10am to 3pm. Cost will be \$5 (\$10 according to a Facebook post).

There will also be an LEC (Leadership Executive Committee) meeting at this event.

OA members, watch your email for more details.

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

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

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 energetic

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

Thank you for all your help! I look forward to seeing you all at the banquet.

YIS,

Angela Neubauer

692-4130

And From Kelly Pillsbury:

Hi, Scouters:

Our district banquet is just weeks away. I am challenged with overseeing the auction for which you can spend your KeVy bucks. What are KeVy bucks? Every time a member of your unit has attended roundtable that member has earned \$5 of auction money! Want to know how to earn a few extra to put you over the top? Your unit (or anyone from your unit) can donate an auction item or items. Your unit will earn \$25 in KeVy bucks, but only once per unit.

Remember items don't need to be new, but perhaps you have items your unit no longer needs. That item just might be perfect for a neighboring unit. We have had a lot of fun the past two years with this auction because of the generosity of many Scouters and units. But time is running out. Please bring your items to roundtable or call me so we can make arrangements. I, unfortunately, cannot be at roundtable, but there will be someone to accept your donations. Thank you, and let's have FUN!

YIS,
Kelly Pillsbury
649.0797
kellyjune22@gmail.com

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

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
Cooking

Counselors will be taking names for a waiting list in case a scout who registered has to cancel.

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.

OA ELECTIONS

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

WANTED: DISTRICT WEBMASTER

After many years of service behind the scenes, David VanTwistern 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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Flyers were made available at last night's roundtable in regards to Scouting for Food. Units pick one set of dates from the two below:
Drop-off on either Sat. 3/22 or Sun. 3/23
Pick-up on either Sat. 3/29 or 3/30

More info, ability to choose your unit's territory, and door hangers will also be available at the March Roundtable.

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Saturday, April 5, 2014
Winslow Elementary School

Details on the district website as follows:

RULES (unchanged since 2012 V1.5):

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/District%20Derby%20Rules%202012%20Ver%201-5%20pdf.pdf>

LETTER:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20K-Valley%20District%20Pinewood%20Derby%20Letter%20to%20all.pdf>

PACK REGISTRATION:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20K-Valley%20Pine%20wood%20derby%20registration%20form%20Districts.pdf>

BENEFIT PINEWOOD DERBY

To be held immediately after the District Pinewood Derby. Anyone can enter this race. Proceeds are to purchase a District Pinewood Derby track, so that the same track can be used every year regardless of which pack hosts the event.

Details and registration form:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20K-Valley%20Everyone%20Benefit%20Pinewood%20Derby%20%20Registration.pdf>><http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20K-Valley%20Everyone%20Benefit%20Pinewood%20Derby%20%20Registration.pdf>

KV GET ER DONE TRAINING
Saturday, April 26, 8am until finished.
Location: Camp Bomazeen
Cost: \$12pp to cover food/drink.
Must pre-register by April 15.

A minimum of 7 people must preregister for this training event to occur.

Trainings offered:
Cubmaster Specific
Den Leader
Unit Committee
Scoutmaster/ASM Specific
Baloo
Merit Badge Counselor

Registration form will appear shortly on the District Website.

TROOP 160 MEMORIAL SCOUT CAMP CAMBERSHIP

Three camperships are up for grabs. Details on all three are on the Memorial Scout Camp website

at:

<http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/msc-campership-program.html>><http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/msc-campership-program.html>

Application deadline is April 1, 2014.

Remember, this camp is available to all scouting units for use, FREE OF CHARGE. See their website for more info:

<http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/>><http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/>

CAMP BOMAZEEN SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

From Karen Douglas, Bomazeen Camp Director:
Camp Bomazeen will be offering three weeks of program this year.

Week #1 - Webelos Residen Camp Session 1 - July 13 - 16

Session 2 - July 16 - 19

Week #2 - Cub Scout Day Camp - July 21 - 25

Week #3 - Boy Scout Resident Camp - July 27 - Aug 1

If you made a reservation and deposit at Camp Hinds, but are interested in the new programs offered at Camp Bomazeen, you have the opportunity to transfer you deposit without penalty. Out of respect for both camps, units who wish to make this change should do so ASAP to help each camp with accurate numbers to ensure adequate program materials and supplies.

If your unit is planning on attending Camp Bomazeen this summer please contact Karen Douglas

or Casey Morgan with your unit number and the number of Scouts planning on coming to camp at this point in time. This information will also help us ensure information related to camp gets reaches your unit. If you are planning on attending Boy Scout week and your Scouts have an idea of which Adventure they would like to do, please include that information as well. See the Bomazeen Flyer for details of the five program adventures being offered this summer.

Karen Douglas - Camp Director -

kvscoutprogram@gmail.com

Casey Morgan- Program Director -

cmorgan@trask-decrow.com

Flyer will be posted soon to the district website.

CAMP BOMAZEEN STAFF WANTED

From Casey Morgan, Bomazeen Program Director:

The return of summer programming to Bomazeen means the call for staffing must go out. If you are interested in being part of history as Boy Scout Resident returns to Bomazeen or help with the stellar Webelos Resident program here is your chance. Contact either Karen Douglas or I and fill out a Staff Application.

With that said I am looking for 8 energetic and seasoned scouts age 14 or over to be a Den Chief for our Web program July 13-19. In order to get the very best we are willing to compensate these fine young men to the tune of 1 full week of program inside PTC for their efforts. In other words leaders if you know a good scout that could use some help getting to camp this year here is a solution.

Lastly leaders don't forget to get your boys registered for one of Bomazeen's summer programs. We've got great things in store for new scouts to older scouts so there is no reason to go elsewhere. Why not help support your local camp? Early registrations help both you and i get what we are looking for out of summer programming. We all know the benefits of a trip that is planned early and well, the same holds true for summer camp.

Just remember those that attend Bomazeen this summer will be able to tell how they were part of something truly special. Those that don't can read about it on Facebook! Karen and I look forward to hearing from you all real soon!

The next regular newsletter is scheduled for Wed. Feb. 26. If you have something you want sent out to the entire list, please have it into me by 6pm on that Wed.

YiS,
Scott Bernier

"Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without the will to start, the enthusiasm to continue and, regardless of temporary obstacles, the persistence to complete."Waite Phillips, the "Governor Baxter" of scouting, whose donation to the BSA still bears his name: Philmont Scout Ranch.