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From Scoutwire.org, BSA's news site aimed at professionals and district/council-level volunteers:
< http://scout-wire.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/February-2014_Web.pdf>http://scout-wire.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/February-2014_Web.pdf

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"Change in Unit Registration Status and Membership Reporting

A change in the national reporting of membership data will begin effective **January 1, 2015**. Starting then, a unit that has not reregistered by its expiration date will be considered "separated" and immediately dropped from BSA's membership reporting. There will no longer be a "lapse period" for units that do not reregister on time; we will no longer use the term "lapsed" for a unit that has not renewed. This will also change the way we report membership totals. Currently, a lapsed unit's membership continues to be counted for 60 days in council membership totals.

The new definition will begin with units that have an effective date of **January 1, 2015**. This means that units with a **December 31, 2014** expiration date will be included. Volunteers will retain access to MyScouting, MyScouting tools, Internet Rechartering and Internet Advancement for 30 days after their unit has expired and become separated. A separated unit will have 12 months to reregister as a separated/reregistered unit. Once a separated unit has been reregistered, the unit will be included on membership reports starting in the business month that the recharter was posted."

NO MORE TRANSFER FEE

From the same newsletter listed above, same page.

Effective January 1, 2014, all registration transfer fees in the BSA were eliminated. Adults and youth in traditional units, in Exploring, and our non-unit registrants will no longer have to pay a \$1 transfer fee when switching their registration from one unit or location to the next.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 5

Waterville Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville

Commissioners meet at **6pm**. If you are a commissioner and can't attend, please notify Charlie Ferguson at <mailto:chuckemian@hotmail.com>chuckemian@hotmail.com

Committee meets at **7pm**. If you are on the district committee and can't attend, please notify Rick

Denico at fdenicojr@roadrunner.com

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Saturday, March 8 at Freeport High School. It's not too late to register. More information at:
< <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/01/university-of-scouting-2014-catalog.pdf>><http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/01/university-of-scouting-2014-catalog.pdf>

Online registration available at:
https://www.formstack.com/forms/pinetreebsa-ptc_uos_2014_registration

Your newsletter editor is on registration staff, so I hope to see you there!

COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 19

From the council Facebook page, posted 2/20:

Due to the storm on February 19th, the fireside chat at the Pine Tree Council office, regarding the Council Service Center, was cancelled. A new date has been selected - **March 19th at 7 pm**, at the Program Leadership Cabinet meeting, at the Service Center.

Please adjust your calendar to reflect this change in date. We appreciate you all and look forward to hear from you on the 19th of March at 7 pm.

TREK ACROSS MAINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

From Mark Fazio:

For the past 6 years, our Troop has volunteered time to set up tents at Colby College for the second leg of the Trek across Maine. We get there at 6 am and set up tents as part of their tent city for the Trek. I have been asked if there is another Troop out there who would like to help with the taking down of those tents (Easy-Ups). Maybe someone in Waterville or Winslow or any other local Troop. If you could find out contact info so I can pass that on to our Trek representative it would be greatly appreciated. This is a June event usually the first or second Saturday of the month. It's a great way to earn service hours!

Thanks Again,
Mike Fazio
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The next regular newsletter will go out on **March 6**. Please have your information into me by **6pm** that evening.

YiS,
Scott Bernier