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Election session is now and will end VERY SOON.

If your troop hasn't yet scheduled an Order of the Arrow (OA) Election, please contact Scott Adams as soon as possible at 968-2787 or your unit will miss out.

DISTRICT CUB PINEWOOD DERBY

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Winslow Elementary School

From Chris Bernier:

Hello everyone.

Scoutmaster Chris Bernier here and your 2014 K-Valley District Pinewood Derby Guru.

I wanted to take a moment to pass along some announcements for this year's Derby.

On the K-Valley Cub Scout District Derby. It isn't too late to get your registrations in. Please send them in as soon as humanly possible. If you send your registration to me at my address all is good, if you sent it to Council I ask that you email me at the email at the end of this message and let me know who you are sending. It will make the registration go so much quicker.

Registration will run from 8Am to 10Am. Best in show judging to start at 10am. Once Best in show is done the races will start. Once the races have concluded there will be awards.

Trophies this year will be for 1st through 5th place racer and 1st through 5th place best in show.

Volunteers? Yes, if you would like to volunteer to help run the 2014 K-Valley District Pinewood Derby please drop me a line. We could use about a dozen to a dozen and a half folks to help with Registration, Crowd control (ushers) and Pit Crew. If you are interested please, please don't hesitate to let me know.

On the K-Valley Anyone Can Race District Derby.

I would like to ask all of the Cubmasters and Scoutmasters in our districts to take the moment to promote the Anyone Can Race Benefit derby.

Remember this race is open to anyone. Yes....Dad can race a car, Mom can race a car, Boy Scouts can race a car, Scoutmasters can race a car, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents and even little sister can race a car. The K-Valley District Rules apply to this race. Registration is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family of 6 or more. All proceeds will benefit K-Valley District in buying a new Pinewood Derby Track for any pack to use who hosts a District Pinewood Derby.

It will take place right after the District Cub Scout Races are done.

Awards will be handed out for 1st through 5th place racer and 1st through 5th place best in show.

Does your pack wish to host a District Derby? Like the 2015 District Derby?

Well make sure to check, circle or fill in the big "O" on your official K-Valley District Pinewood Derby registration form. If you forgot to do so, please shoot me an email.

All packs interested in hosting the 2015 derby will be put into a lottery to be drawn at the end of the 2014 K-Valley District Pinewood Derby. Why host a derby? So your pack can be put on the map for one. =o) Also you will have the ability to run a concession stand. Your concession stand can and will generate oodles of funds for your pack.

If you have questions or Comments please contact Chris Bernier 660-1599 or at circleofone555

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>

OPEN DERBY REGISTRATION:

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

And from Jay Pflugst, Winslow Pack 445 Cubmaster:

Pack 445 in Winslow will need help on Saturday April 5th from 8 until probably 2 or 3. Our most pressing need is for registration between 8-10 doing things like taking paperwork, taking names, weighing and measuring cars, and the always important crowd control. Our pack has shrunk quite a bit over the last year and subsequently our pool of volunteers has also shrunk. So come on out and support your district at its pinewood derby and we'll have a great time and a great derby for the kids! Also, let's not forget that parents and siblings as well as the scouts can race in the fundraising Anything Race to raise money for a new district track. The cost is \$6 per car or \$20 for a family rate of four.

Thanks Scott,
Yours in Scouting,
Jay Pflugst
Cubmaster Pack 445

kherne@lycos.com

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:

Cub Scout Leader Specific (8:15am – Noon)

Learn what it takes to become an effective Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader.

Unit Committee (12:45pm 4pm)

Come learn who is needed and learn what it takes to become an effective Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing Committee Member. Get some ideas on who to ask to join the committee.

Venturing Specific Training (8:15am – Noon)

Learn what it takes to become an effective venturing advisor and leader.

Boy Scout Leader Specific (8:15am – Noon)

Learn what it takes to become an effective scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster. Learn how to effectively teach the EDGE method.

BALOO (12:45pm – 7pm)

Learn what it takes for Cub Scout leaders to take their pack on overnight trips and to take the den or pack camping.

Merit Badge Counselor (12:45pm – 4pm)

Learn what it takes to become an effective merit badge counselor.

Youth Protection Training (Noon – 12:45pm)

Pine Tree Council has made YPT mandatory yearly. This is your chance to get it done for 2014.

Registration form:

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20KV%20Ldr%20Training%2026Apr14.pdf>

ABNAKI ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Saturday, April 5, 2014

8:30am – 3pm

First Congregational Church, South Paris

Registration: FREE, but please register by April 3rd to ensure enough seating

Lunch will NOT be provided for this event

Training Description:

These courses are designed for Scouting Leadership and will include leader specific training for your registered position in Scouting for the following areas: Scoutmaster and Asst., Committee Members, Cub Leaders and Chartered Organization Representatives. Youth Protection will be offered at each training.

Attention

Because the handouts we previously issued were what generated the cost, we now are requesting all Cub Scout leaders to bring a copy of the new Cub Scouts Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide and the new or old Cub Scouts Leader Book. For Boy Scout Leaders we require you to bring a copy of the Scoutmaster Handbook.

REGISTRATION

<http://abnaki.pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/03/abnaki-leader-training-april-2014.pdf>

Questions: to raintjeff@gmail.com OR

Call either Jeff Tarantino 346-1495, Tucker Adams 754-9116

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a Council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

Pine Tree Council's Silver Beaver Selection Committee is seeking Nominees by April 1st, 2014 to be for possible recognition with the Silver Beaver Award by the Council in 2014.

Nomination form and details are on the council website at: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/02/silver-beaver-award-details.pdf>

Save the date: Silver Beaver Award Ceremony will be June 7 in the Portland area. More details will follow when they become available.

WORK CREWS AT BOMAZEEN

From Pete Myers:

In an effort to make sure everyone involved knows what times a work crew can be at Camp Bomazeen I submit the following schedule (See further below). This open schedule will allow for much needed work to be planned and accomplished at Camp Bomazeen with everyone knowing and having an opportunity to contribute input for work projects. In other words we are all on the same page and can move in the same direction.

Please note the attached monthly schedule, it displays the times that work crews will be at Camp Bomazeen from March until September 2014. The crew's goal is to work at getting the camp ready for summer and beyond by cleaning it up and being able to do some repairs in an organized fashion. If anyone has any project(s) that need to be accomplished please let me know for these crews can do a lot and they enjoy being outdoors at our camp. This is a great opportunity to help take the load off of our backs so we can dedicate our time working with our youth rather than spending a great deal of time cleaning up and repairing.

Schedule (note some of these are weekdays and some are weekends)

March 29, 8:30am – 12:30pm

April 1, (Pre-camp walk-through) 8am – 2:30pm

April 5, 8:30am – 12:30pm

April 13, 8:30am – 12:30pm

May 14, 8am – 2:30pm

May 15, 8am – 2:30pm

May 16, 8am – 2:30pm

May 30, 8:30am – 2:30pm

June 17, 8:30am – 2:30pm

June 18, 8:30am – 2:30pm

June 27, 8:30am – 2:30pm

June 28, 8:30am – 12:30pm

July 10, 8:30am – 2:30pm

July 11, 8:30am – 2:30pm

August 18, 8:30am – 2:30pm

August 19, 8:30am – 2:30pm

September 22, 8:30am – 2:30pm

September 23, 8:30am – 2:30pm

September 24, 8:30am – 2:30pm

I do need help though for I cannot be there every scheduled time. So if you could volunteer to spend part of one of these days at camp just to be there as a supervisor it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call at: H: 207-512-8326or C: [760-586-5780](tel:760-586-5780). Thank you.

Take care.

Pete

pete36myers@gmail.com

BOMAZEEN BEAVER DAY

A work day at Camp Bomazeen has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10. More details to follow.

KV SPRING CAMPOREE

May 16 to 18 at Camp Bomazeen

Kennebec Valley Spring Camporee will be a Service to Camp Bomazeen camporee. We will dedicate our Saturday morning in service projects to Camp Bomazeen. Each Troop that comes to camporee will be given a service project to do on Saturday morning. (MANDATORY)

We will have free time in the afternoon for some relaxing, but we are hoping to offer just a few activities for the kids who WANT to do something. We are HOPING to have a 5 mile hike, Tote n chip, Fire'n Chit, perhaps Leave no Trace, etc. If you have an idea of an activity that you would like to see or VOLUNTEER to do, then please contact Karla Talpey @ktalpey@myfairpoint.net, or call her @ 399-0184.

We WILL have our evening Campfire program and OA Callout Saturday evening and we are throwing around the idea of a campwide Cracker Barrel on Friday night....

MORE to follow.. If you are interested in helping out or volunteering, please contact Karla. Forms will be posted on the KV website soon and mailed to SM's soon.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

June 22-27 at Camp Bomazeen. \$265 per scout, who must receive approval of their Scoutmaster to attend. Details on the council website at:

<http://pinetrebsa.org/documents/2014/03/2014-nylt-registration.pdf>

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 - kvsoutprogram@gmail.com
Casey Morgan- Program Director - cmorgan@trask-decrow.com

Flyer: <http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/2014%20Bomazeen%20Flyer%202014.pdf>

YOUNG BRAVE MEN WANTED (BOMAZEEN BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE)

WANTED: A few young men of stout heart and courage. The village of Acadia has been repeatedly raided by border ruffians, outlaws, general riff-raff, and desires that these characters be eliminated once and for all. Applicants must be of good character, eyesight and should have own teeth. No prior experience is required beyond basic camping skills. Our small force of Scouts, Rangers and Woodsmen will train successful applicants. Rifles, tents and sundries will be furnished. Applicants should be prepared to provide own mess kit to eat with and personal gear. Period of duty will be from July 27th to August 1st of this year of our Lord 1930 and may be arduous.

Sound like fun yet? You Bet! Acadia is the Camp Site at Boy Scout Camp Bomazeen which has been set up as an 1830s Frontier Trading Village in Belgrade Maine. During the program, you will sleep in authentic tents similar to that of the 1750 to 1840 period.

Your staff, many of whom are Eagle Scouts, will be dressed as from those times and everything we do will be as it would have been done back then. You will learn to load and shoot muzzle-loading rifles, start your fires without benefit of matches, accurately throw a tomahawk, and a host of other skills that the frontiersmen of that era had to know to survive, also known as Bushcraft.

Applicants must be at least 13 years old and First Class Rank or above. Bushcraft Camp is limited to 20 scouts. We also have a few staff positions open.

For more info and to obtain an application form for one of these slots, please contact Montawagon (aka Chris Bernier) at 660-1599 or circleofone555@hotmail.com

Applications will be reviewed on June 1st, 2014.

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 Cheif 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!

UNIT SUMMER CAMP PLANS WANTED

Sent-out by Scott Verrill, repeated here in case you didn't get his email.

Hello Unit Leaders,

We need some help. Please reply to scott.verrill@gmail.com with your plans for camp this summer (even tentative) or plug in your info into the Google Doc:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AuA6Gy0-PpZgNHnv2Gr8B3_Jw2N64y0XMmU8KvlMGXw/edit?usp=sharing

Also while you're there, if you know who is coordinating Camp Cards, Scouting For Food (any time in the last program year), or Popcorn for 2014 please update that info as well.

If you have already plugged in your info, Thank you very much, it helps us with our planning.

Thank you,
Scott Verrill

YiS,

Scott Bernier