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DEATH IN THE SCOUTING FAMILY

Dwayne Bickford of Belgrade Troop 453 lost his mother last night. Link below is to her obituary, which lists visiting hours and funeral arrangements next week (info thanks to Karla Talpey).

[http://www.wheelerfh.com/mobile/obituaries-
details.cfm?o_id=2523379&fh_id=14042&forcelayout=mobile#obituaries](http://www.wheelerfh.com/mobile/obituaries-details.cfm?o_id=2523379&fh_id=14042&forcelayout=mobile#obituaries)

KV SPRING CAMPOREE

Service to Camp Bomazeen, May 16-18

This is a minimal-organized event. Give service to the camp in the morning and do whatever you want all afternoon.

Registration form is on the district website at: <http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/KV%20Spring%202014.pdf>

At this point do not mail your registration in. Bring it with you to camp!

Info Karla Talpey sent out to leaders of pre-registered units earlier this week:

We are a small group this spring, but I look forward to the weekend and look for lots of service to camp and an afternoon and evening of fun!

We are doing some new things this camporee so PLEASE read this email in its complete detail!

1. We will happily welcome you to check into your campsite anytime between **4:00 pm & 8:00 pm** on Friday.. Check in will be at **McCurdy Lodge**.

2. Please bring a current **ROSTER** with you AND **ALL MED forms...!!!!**

3. **CAMPWIDE CRACKER BARREL.....**

Instead of the usual Cracker barrel that only the SPL and SM is invited to, we are having a **CAMPWIDE Crackerbarrell.... EVERYONE** will be invited to attend...

What's the catch? YES, there is a **CATCH... YOUR** admission to the Cracker barrel is that **EVERYONE (EACH INDIVIDUAL SCOUT)** must bring something to the Crackerbarrell to share with **EVERYONE... we ask that you BRING IT ALL PREPARED** to serve.. (on a plate, in a bowl, etc)... items such as packages of cookies, boxes of snack crackers, , sliced cheeses, bags of small baby carrots, bags of chips, etc.. ...

This is an experiment and we are hoping this will be a lot of fun....

During this cracker barrel is when the Camp rangers will be talking about the service time for Saturday morning.

4. **WATER.....** as of right now, the annual water sample has been sent for testing, but we have **NOT** had the results back yet..that being said, the water **IS NOT POTABLE... PLEASE** plan on bringing your own drinking water!!! IF we hear between now and Friday that the results are back and okay , I will let you all know, but for right now we recommend you bring your **OWN** water!!!!

5. Saturday: Service time.... As we have advertised this is a **SERVICE** to Camp Camporee... **EVERY TROOP AND EVERY PERSON** attending is expected to perform 3 hours of Service to Camp on Saturday morning. Please plan on bringing your own work tools with you! If you can bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, gloves, safety glasses, axes to use to work with would be most helpful.

6. We do have a few activities lined up for Saturday **A**fternoon:

12:30 pm 5 Mile Hike... (if you have any scouts from your troop attending; we ask that you provide a representative to go on the hike...)

3:30ish pm: Scavenger Hunt . This hunt is being organized by **Scott** Adams/Troop 479... We are hoping that **ALL Troops** will participate. We are asking that each Troop plan on being willing to spend a few minutes at their campsite (or at least one representative) to teach some of scout skill or hand out some sort of information to the groups... We would ask if you have a large group in attendance that you plan on having them put into patrols of 8-10 scouts... If you have any Scavenger hunt ideas, please contact **Scott** Adams ASAP @968-2787 with your ideas!!!!

7. We will have our traditional Saturday evening Campfire hosted by our awesome Music Man Eric Handley, please try to plan on a skit or song to join in the Campfire fun. OA will be having a callout ceremony to close out our campfire.

8... If you have any group games that you can bring, please bring them.. we will try to have some group games during the afternoon!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

I hope I have not forgotten anything!!!!

YIS,
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Newsletter editor's note: Camp water will not be tested until at least Friday morning. So, there is no way to pass the word back to you prior to camporee. Please bring enough drinking water for all your attendees OR be prepared to boil the camp water.

KV MERIT BADGE COLLEGE/OA ORDEAL CONFLICT RESOLVED

Concerns were raised at Roundtable about the conflict between the final session of the KV Spring Merit Badge College on Sat. May 31 and the first Order of the Arrow Ordeal Session at Camp Bomazeen (see further below). Here is the word from two different councilors:

If you were elected to the O A and would like to attend the ordeal at camp Bomazeen on May 30 - June 1 and are participating in the merit badge college on May 31 please contact your councilor and see if they are willing to accommodate you so you can attend the ordeal. I know of several councilors that will do what they can so you would be able to attend the ordeal.

Ricky Merrill and

We the leaders of the Merit Badge College whose third date coincides with the OA Ordeal weekend at Bomazeen would like to remind Merit Badge Councilors, Scout Masters and Scouts that should a scout be elected into the OA, called out at Spring Camporee, and wish to have their Ordeal at Bomazeen on the weekend of the 31st of May the scout may call their councilors and readjust their meeting time and place if agreeable so that they can live their scouting life to the fullest. Scoutmasters please remind your elected OA members who also have classes at the Merit Badge College to complete that they can call their councilors to reschedule or have a surrogate carry their work to the councilors for them on the 31st.

Yours in Scouting

Nicole Swenson
KV Merit Badge Councilor
KV Merit Badge College Committee Member

OA ORDEAL/WORK WEEKENDS

May 30-June 1 at Camp Bomazeen

June 13-15 at Camp Hinds

Order of the Arrow Ordeal for those just elected into the order. Newly elected should receive information prior to ordeal.

These are also work weekends for all OA members. Please see the Madockawanda Facebook Group for more details or watch your mail soon for the latest issue of "Turtle Soup" (provided you're a member in good standing).

SPRING RECRUITMENT

From Scott Verrill:

Spring Recruit

We will be conducting a focused Spring Recruit this year in the Greater Waterville & Augusta Area to encourage new Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturers to join in time to access summer camping opportunities with an emphasis on Kindergarteners who become eligible to join in early June as New Tigers. We invite Units in other areas to join this effort.

We are offering an extension of the Early Bird Camping Fee Rates until the end of May to the Unit's entire population if a Unit participates in the Spring Recruit.

In order to receive this benefit the Unit will need to do the following:

1. Provide current contact information for your Unit on the Google Doc <http://goo.gl/7jmro5> (Tiger/Spring Recruit tab).
2. Update and have an Active Pin on the BeAScout system: <https://beascout.scouting.org/BeAScoutMap.aspx> (Access this through your myscouting account)
3. Provide an Open House Date in May or June for your Unit and/or participate in "A Walk In The Park" - a coordinated effort on Saturday June 7.
4. Distribute Flyers through the appropriate local schools for your Unit and conduct a BOY TALK if allowed.
5. Recruit at least 5 New Members this Spring

Since Early Bird Fees must be paid by May 31 under this extension, if the Unit has completed the above steps but the event is after May 31, we will extend the Early Bird in Good Faith that those efforts will produce at least 5 New Scouts by June 15th.

Although we are targeting the Waterville/Augusta area, any Unit that completes the required steps can take advantage of the Early Bird extension.

Scott Verrill

Kennebec Valley District Director

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RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY IN OAKLAND

Newsletter editor's note: My apologies. I missed this one in the new version of my email software. It should have gone out last week. **Scott** Verrill will be at this event, signing up new youth and will direct them to the appropriate pack/troop in the appropriate town.

From Joanne Booth, Waterville Kiwanis Club:

Our Kids fair is coming up May 17 in Oakland and I was hoping that Boy Scouts could be represented this year. Scout leaders, if there is a troop or senior scouts that may be able to set up a table to represent scouting ,..... please reach out to me.

We hold the event at Messalonskee Middle school but market to all children in the greater Waterville area. This is a great event for Tigers to attend with their leaders.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER WATERVILLE

A global organization dedicated to changing the world one community and one child at a time

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville cordially invites you to take part in it's 7th Annual Children's Health & Safety Fair on Saturday May 17 from 9AM – Noon at Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland.

The Children's Health & Safety Fair held last May was a huge success! We had 257 parents and children from the greater Waterville area visit 25 different interactive booths. (inside & outside) The success of the event was due to each of you and your organizations. The donation of your time, expertise and love of children is commendable. Our focus continues to concentrate on the overall wellbeing of children in our local communities. This health fair is intended to educate children up to the age of 12 and their parents to the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and instill in them the values of living a healthy lifestyle; body, mind and the environment in which they live.

For those of you who may be new to our event, there is no charge to those who attend and no charge for vendors to participate. Our only rule is that vendors do not have items for sale at the event.

Please share this email with others you feel would be willing to participate, but please copy me when you send, so that I keep our list up-to-date.

We wish to provide this day of fun and education to instill positive change and healthy habits to all who attend.

Ideas are welcome!

All area school children will have posters / announcements as well.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 465-2496

Thanks to all

Joanne

Chair Children are Priority One

Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville

Serving the community since 1923

K-VALLEY WEBSITE MAKE-OVER

From KV Webmaster, Pat Couture:

New Website for K-Valley!

The council technology team has been working towards migrating our current website to a new platform and it's near completion. We are looking for feedback from you. Please take a few moments to check out the new site, and send in your thoughts. We are not taking down the current site until we are comfortable with the new one.

The new address is kvalley.pinetrebsa.org. (note there is no "www").

You can send your comments and suggestions to Pat Couture at patcouture@ptcbsa.org.

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Thanks!

Pat

Newsletter Editor's Note: <http://www.kv-scouts.org> still works and points to the current website. Once the new website feedback has been received and any changes that need to be made are completed, the kv-scouts.org URL will link to the new site.

CAMP BOMAZEEN NEEDS

Heard from Karen Douglas, Director, Camp Bomazeen, at the District Committee Meeting last night (5/7): Each camp site could use picnic tables and tarps to erect over the picnic tables. Please contact Karen if you can assist with this at kvscoutprogram@gmail.com

From Chris Bernier:

Bushcraft Program needs 4 Eagle Scouts to help run the program the week of July 22 to August 2. Please contact Chris Bernier at circleofone555@hotmail.com as soon as possible if you meet this requirement or know of a scout in your unit who would be interested.

As of Wed. May 14, there are only 2 slots left in the Bushcraft program. There are still spaces in all other programs.

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

From Susan Kennedy, Council Advancement Committee Chair:

2014 Silver Beaver Recipients

Pine Tree Council is honored to recognize dedicated Scouters who were selected to receive this council-level distinguished service award for the impact they have made on the lives of youth in our council and community.

Chris Bernier, Scoutmaster, Troop 433, Kennebec Valley District

Mike Marriner, District Member-at-Large, Kennebec Valley District

Ricky Merrill, District Training Chairman, Kennebec Valley

Horace Horton, Pine Tree Council President

Larry Grondin, Pine Tree Council Executive Board Member

Donald Littlefield, Pine Tree Council Executive Board Member

The 2014 Silver Beaver Recognition Event will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Camp Hinds (Dining Hall), 146 Plains Road, Raymond, Maine from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The program will be followed by a reception and light brunch.

Pre-paid reservations are requested. A tour of camp will be offered following the reception. Casual dress is recommended!

Newsletter Editor's Note: There is a registration form, but it does not appear to be on the council website as of newsletter press time. I do not forward files as attachments trigger too many spam filters, which would prevent many of you on this list from receiving this newsletter.

Newsletter Editor's Note 2: It has been brought to my attention that one, possibly two, of our recipients cannot make the above event. Chris Bernier's presentation will be at his Troop's Court of Honor on Thurs. evening, June 20. More info to follow as it was not available by "press time". Ricky Merrill indicated at roundtable that he also had a conflict. Again, more info will follow once a date has been set for him if he can't resolve his conflict.

NEW WEBSITES: BOMAZEEN AND MADOCKAWANDA LODGE

New websites have been launched for both Camp Bomazeen and our OA Lodge, Madockawanda.

Bomazeen: <http://bomazeen.pinetrebsa.org/>

Madockawanda: <https://sites.google.com/site/lodge271pinetree/>

WHITEWATER RAFTING IN JACKMAN

Windfall Rafting in Jackman did a presentation at Roundtable last night. Several of our units have used their service. Some of those units made arrangements with Karla Talpey (see camporee info above for contact info) to camp in her backyard and save a little more in the cost of the rafting trip.

Full info on their services is at: <http://www.windfallrafting.com>

Scout Troop Rates for 2014:

Camping (if you don't make arrangements with Karla Talpey): \$6pp per night

Rafting and Whitewater Merit Badge (Canoeing MB is a pre-req to Whitewater!): \$59pp (Normal rate is \$85)

Four Day Canoe Trip, whitewater rafting, 3 nights in a campground, Canoeing & Whitewater Merit Badges AND the 50 Miler award: \$183pp

FALL CAMPOREE

SAVE-THE-DATES: October 17 to 19

Silver Spur Riding Club, Belgrade

Hosted by Sidney Troop 401 and Augusta Troop 684

Theme: Journey through Middle Earth

More details to follow.

It's not too early for your unit to step forward for Spring or Fall 2015. We are looking for future camporee hosts!

EMAIL LIMITATIONS

From the newsletter editor, **Scott Bernier**:

Due to anti-spam measures by my ISP, I now must send out this email message five times to get everyone on our approximately 350 name list. Those restrictions also include a maximum of 500 outbound addresses in a 24 hour period. This is why I can't send out an addendum or correction immediately. By the time I can do so again after this newsletter, I will be out to camporee. Any addendums or corrections will need to wait until Sunday. I suspect there will be additions and/or corrections as there are several items I was told at Roundtable I would have for this and I didn't have by "press time". My apologies if your news was not included.

Between the ISP restrictions and forced software downgrades...er... "upgrades", it is becoming very tedious to maintain the list and send out the newsletter. I'm losing messages in my "new and improved" version of email that works with Win7. If I could go back to the older/clunker version of that software, I would, but it isn't compatible with Win7. Eudora/Thunderbird, if you're curious.

This is not meant to complain. I'm not looking for compliments or "atta boys, thanks!" from this. I'm just laying out what I'm facing to get these newsletters to you.

I am looking into alternatives to the current set-up which has served us well for roughly 14 years. Our list (and the district itself) has tripled in that time. There will be changes to the newsletter, much as there are changes to the various local scouting websites. When I find something that works better, you will know. As I've tried to do since day one of taking over this task from Charlie Matthews, I'm trying to avoid using "free services" that tack spam onto each newsletter.

I'm also NOT asking for suggestions. I know what's currently out there. I'm also watching what other districts are using and waiting to see what, if any glitches, arise in what they are using. Again, this is just to make you aware that there may be changes in the near future.

In the meantime, the next regular newsletter is scheduled for Wed. May 28. Something may go out before then.

YiS,

Scott Bernier