

K-VALLEY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 27, 2014

District website: <http://kvalley.pinetreebsa.org/> <-- **NOTE New Web Address!**
District Facebook Group: Search for Kennebec Valley District, BSA and click Like
Council website: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

The last few newsletters are also available on the District Website.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 3

Pleasant Street United Methodist Church

61 Pleasant St., Waterville

Commissioners meet at 6pm

Committee meets at 7pm

If you are a commissioner and can't attend the commissioners' meeting, please contact District Commissioner Chuck Ferguson at chuckemian@hotmail.com

If you are on the committee and can't attend, please contact District Chair Rick Denico at fdenicojr@roadrunner.com

Please make every effort to attend as there is a lot to cover after both groups having taken the summer off.

ROUNDTABLE

Always the second Wednesday of the month, September through May.

Next RT is September 10

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

Network/socializing: about 6:15pm to 7pm

District/Council Announcements 7pm

Break-out sessions for Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders after announcements

Wraps-up by 8:30pm.

Some leaders also socialize after RT at the Waterville Applebee's Restaurant.

Roundtable is open to ALL volunteers.

The K-Valley Chapter of the OA also meets at Roundtable, unless they announce otherwise. Troop leaders, please offer a ride to your OA youth.

FALL RECRUITMENT AND POPCORN

In case you didn't receive this directly from our new DE, Tony Bessey on Aug. 25.

Good Day K-Valley,

This week is probably one of the most important weeks of the year. The plans we make this week will have a big impact on the program that units will offer this year. Right now I need to thank Packs 200, 206, 207, 216, 410, 417, 428, 436, 444, 445, 453, 485, 497, 585, 622 and 684 for getting me their Fall Recruit Night information. If you have not sent this information, please do so as soon as possible. I need to know the following information.

Unit Number

What Schools the Flyers are going into

Date and time of Recruit

Location of the Recruit (please let me know this. I am pretty green and might not be able to figure it out)

Cubmaster or Leader in charge with phone and or email.

It is really important that I get this information as soon as possible. The council provides flyers to units for recruit, but it is difficult to get these supplies to units if your recruit is for example 9/9 and you email me Friday 8/29 asking for flyers to go out of 9/3. Please keep in mind that I can get materials and flyers to people at the District Commissioner / Committee meetings on 9/3 and the District Roundtable on 9/10.

This week the popcorn Show and Sell order is due on Friday night. I will be calling all units who have signed up for the show and sell to make sure they are all set make their order. I am also available at any time during the sale to provide ideas for opportunities to increase sales. All Show and Sell units should consider reaching out to local fairs, raceways, Ski Mountains and other attractions that attract large groups of people. If you have not signed up for show and sell please consider calling or emailing me to discuss your options. I am confident we can come up with a plan that will provide your units and Scouts opportunities for success. See you all out on the trail.

Great Scouting!!!

Tony Bessey

K-Valley Senior District Executive

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UPDATED CAMP BOMAZEEN DATES FOR 2015

From Karen Douglas, Camp Bomazeen Camp Director

Webelos Resident Camp:

Session #1 July 12th - July 15th

Session #2 July 15 - July 18th

Boy Scout Resident Camp: July 19th - 24th

Day Camp: July 27th - July 31st

CAMP BOMAZEEN CLEAN-UP CREWS

From Pete Myers, Camp Bomazeen Commissioner:

Hi, everyone,

Well, our official summer camp season is over, our exhilarating programs have halted and our youth are back to school after the highly successful renaissance of Camp Bomazeen 2014, thanks to our very talented volunteers and exceptionally motivated staff. A hearty congratulations to all of you for an outstanding performance.

Now things need to be picked up, cleaned up, and stored neatly for the winter season, made ready for our next summer season. I am sure that the work day of the 23rd of August is for just that.

However, this does not mean our camp's face lift program that started three plus years ago stops. In fact, the fall and winter seasons are one of our most productive times to work at improving the camp's curb appeal, etc. The weather is perfect and the camp is vacant of large groups.

The Kennebeck County Sheriff's Department Trustee and Kara programs have been accomplishing just that (curb appeal) over the past last few years. We have worked in the rain, snow, mud, cold, etc. all year round constantly improving the camp grounds. It is thanks to these two groups that we owe the significantly improved look of our camp grounds. They have served us well. There will always be more to do for the camp is a dynamic environment and we must keep chugging along just to keep up.

With this in mind we have three more work days scheduled in September; they are the 22nd, Monday, 23rd, Tuesday, & Wednesday 24th. Please come out and help. The 24th of September will be my last day of working with these very special groups at our camp, I will be stepping down and someone will need to step up to continue the established program.

My experiences with these groups has been extremely rewarding over the years and my wish is that the program will continue to survive for their and our benefit of serving our community.

The Sheriff's Program Department has been very cooperative and accommodating with assisting us and they are more than willing to continue this service but we need a person to step up and assume the responsibility of organizing, planning and executing the work days at our camp.

I do not pretend to say this is an easy task, for it is not, one must have the time, energy and flexibility to make the program and equipment work. However, I am willing to transition someone on this and next year's schedule. There is a great deal of competition for these crews, so planning **now** will assure us future work dates throughout

the year at our camp. It would be a shame to lose this established work force. Please call me for further information at [\(207-512-8326\)](tel:207-512-8326). In addition I would like to thank all of those volunteers who have stepped forward in the past and helped us

Please keep in mind that for every hour this workforce helps us with our camp maintenance we gain an hour that we can spend in our programs with our youth.

Take care,

Pete
Camp Bomazeen Commissioner

And from Steve Craig, Camp Bomazeen Ranger:

Hi Scott As you have heard Pete is stepping down with the inmates. He has done an outstanding job with them. We will need someone to step up and work with the campmaster corp to keep this program running. We have a new 12x16 building to work out of to store mowers and stuff in,(rakes,shovels,brooms and what have you). If you know anyone that could work with Pete to make the transition let me know or Tracy. If not please place this notice out to district to see if anyone steps up. Thanks Steve Craig CBR

Steve Craig's email: Steve.Craig2@sappi.com

Tracy Wiggin's email: twig271@roadrunner.com

EAGLE CANDIDATE STILL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

From the previous newsletter:

From Cameron Patterson, Life Scout, Winslow Troop 433:

I was wondering if you could get out the information regarding my Eagle/Hornaday Award project to everyone in the Scouting Family, especially those close to Naples. I have enclosed the media letter that I have written that gives a description of what the Hornaday Award is and what my project entails. This project has now gone national, with people from FL on board. There will be reporters from major fishing magazines and important people from the Fishing industry that will be there. Please have anyone who is interested in participating please contact me at cjpatterson17@hotmail.com. The Clean up at Tricky Pond is on September 6 from 10 am until completed, at the Boat landing. Hot dogs and chips will be served for lunch. I would appreciate any help that I can get in conducting the clean up. If they have snorkeling gear, please have them bring

it, I am trying to get snorkeling gear donated (to borrow). We are also in need of scuba divers and BSA Life guards.

Thank you,

Cameron Patterson
Boy Scout Troop 433
Winslow, ME 04901

Follow-up dated 8/25:

I was wondering if you could put in the Newsletter that I am in NEED of volunteers for the clean up of Tricky Pond. At this point I only have 4 Scouts who have signed up for this project. We are covering 600feet of shore frontage and 4 scouts will be there a long time.

If they would like to contact me the can either call 314-8843 or email at cjpatterson17@hotmail.com

FALL KV BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

October 17-19

Silver Spur Riding Club, Route 104, just south of Lyons Rd (I-95 Exit 120, Sidney)

Kevy the Grey invites you to A Journey through Middle Earth

Registration fee: \$12pp

Early Bird Discount: Register/pay by September 19 and pay only \$10pp

Registration flier was distributed to all Boy Scout units present at kick-off. The flyer will be available shortly on the district website.

UPDATE: Flyer is now on the district website at:

<http://kvalley.pinetrebsa.org/documents/2014/08/kvalley-2014-fall-camporee.pdf>

ABNAKI DISTRICT WEBELOS WOODS

Webelos! Are you excited to become a Boy Scout? Do you want to get a jump on some Boy Scout skills, meet the troops in your area, and build a machine out of logs and ropes,

while completing some of the objectives you need for your rank, Readyman, and Handyman awards? Boy Scouts! Can you defend yourself against an attack from a patrol of pumped-up Webelos? If the answer is “YES!”, then come join us at:

Webelos Woods Weekend!

October 3-5, 2014

Camp Gustin, Sabattus, Maine

Participate in challenges in the morning to earn the materials for your den/patrol to build a catapult to challenge the boy scout built wall! Interact with local Boy Scouts, see how a troop operates and get excited and ready to join a troop.

Registration Form/Info Guide at:

<http://abnaki.pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/08/abnaki-webelos-woods-2014-leaders-guide.pdf>

BLACKWOODS CAMPOREE

November 7-9, 2014

Annual Camporee based at Blackwoods Campground, Acadia National Park, hosted by Troop 89, Hancock District, Katahdin Area Council. Details are on the KAC website at:

<http://katahdinareabsa.doubleknot.com/event/1455428>

The next newsletter is scheduled for Thursday, September 4. Please get your information into me by 6pm on the 4th.

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Bernier