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DISTRICT COMMISSONER MEETING

Wed. August 6, 6pm at Gifford's Ice Cream, 170 Silver St., Waterville, ME

Note: Different location just for this month.

NO DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

Subject says it all.

PLANNING FOR DISTRICT KICK-OFF

From our DE, Matt Mower (originally sent to those on his copy of the committee list):

Hi Folks,

We're gearing up for Program Launch, which is Wednesday, August 13, so I'm asking to see who, if anyone, has volunteered or would like to volunteer to make presentations. (Matt had attached the draft agenda, not forwarded to the email list.) Has anyone yet volunteered to MC as well has anyone volunteered to do grace?

Also, thank you Bomazeen Old Timers for providing the meal. Scott Adams has asked that whoever we recruit to do grace lets me people know that there will be a donation jar at the meal for the Old Timers and the work they are doing. Good food & helping camp is well worth the donation to me!

I will be in Canada August 1-9th (planned before I knew I was coming back to KV for another round). I'm not sure what access I'll have to email/phones although I'll do my best to check messages at least a couple times. If you need any immediate assistance that week you can either contact the council office front desk or Assistant Scout Executive John Cary at 797-5252 ext 16 or jocary@bsamail.org.

Thank you everyone for what you do. I don't when exactly we will have a new permanent DE assigned to the area. However, I'm happy to do what I can in service to the great Kennebec Valley District in the meantime and will enjoy my time here!

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Newsletter Editor's Note: Usually, someone takes RSVP's to provide the Old-Timers with a headcount. I was not given that info as of press time. If there is an RSVP process I'll pass the word on.

DISTRICT KICK-OFF

Wednesday, August 16, Camp Bomazeen Dining Hall, end of Horse Point Rd., North Belgrade.

Directions to Camp: <http://bomazeen.pinetreetsa.org/> (Click on Directions & Map)

Schedule:

6pm: Dinner & Fellowship
6:30-7pm: Fall Recruitment Training
7-8pm: General Session/news/info
8-8:30pm: Popcorn Program Training

Every unit should make an effort to have at least one representative at the kick-off event.

BOOTHBAY RAILRAY VILLAGE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Forwarded from BRV by way of Charlie Ferguson.

Hi Charlie – Susan Kennedy gave me your contact information. She thought you might have troops looking for service opportunities. I know the summer is a challenge (I worked for the Girl Scouts for ten years before moving back to Maine.) but if you don't mind putting the word out we would be delighted to have the help during Day Out With

Thomas with activities on our field including the bounce house, kranky cars and imagination station. August 8 -10 or 15 -17. They can reach me for more information. Thanks!

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GREAT NORTH WOODS BSA GATHERING

Thursday, August 21 to Sunday August 24
Colebrook, NH, hosted by Colebrook Troop 220

Open to all BSA troops.
\$12pp, must pre-register to attend.

Info on the troop's website at:
<http://www.colebrookscouting.blogspot.com/>

Event is being held concurrently with the North Country Moose Festival:
<http://www.chamberofthenorthcountry.com/moose-festival.html>

ARE YOU FASTER THAN A BOY SCOUT? 5K RACE/WALK

Camden-Rockport TROOP 200
5K Race/Walk
Saturday - August 30, 2014
45
Rockport YMCA - 116 Union St.
Race Day Registration Starts @ 8:45
Race Starts @ 10:00 a.m.

ENTRY FEES

- \$20 pre-registered runners
- \$50 per family of four

- \$75 per troop.
- ~~\$25~~ \$20 race day registrants

Awards for the top 3 M/F finishers.
T-shirts to the first 50 registrants!

FMI call: Dale Fordyce @ [\(207\) 390-5552](tel:(207)390-5552)
To register online: <http://www.active.com/rockport-me/running/races/bsa-troop-200-5kroad-race-2014>
Online Registration ends 8/29/14

ORDER OF THE ARROW CENTENNIAL SERVICE AWARD

The Order of the Arrow is the BSA's honor camper society and turns 100 in 2015. Arrowmen can earn a special award that can be worn on their sash. Details are on the National OA website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/o4udjpn>

Newsletter Editor's Note: When you see the length of the original URL, you'll understand why I created a TINYURL for it.

NEWS FROM THE BOMAZEEN CAMP COMMISSIONER

Newsletter Editor's Note: I'm a little late with this. Please accept my apologies.

From Bomazeen Camp Commissioner, Pete Myers:

7/19/14

We have had a fantastic week here at Camp Bomazeen with the two Webelos Resident Camps to fill the week out. The weather has cooperated most of the time and excitement fills the air as the boys go from station to station learning new skills.

Casey Morgan has put together a great program augmented with a very good assortment of and talented staff members.

Boating, archery, BB gun shooting, cooking, leather work, games, nature hikes, handyman, camp fires and more. As always shooting and swimming are the top priorities and everyone has plenty of opportunity to participate.

Karen Douglas is keeping us all on our toes and having a great time as we all become part of the renaissance of Camp Bomazeen.

Ricky Merrill and his kitchen staff have been right on with "seconds" every time. And with lots of fun in the dining hall.

The Medical crew of Kate and Kevin Gurney make sure we are all healthy and cautious.

Jay ("I do not want another broken leg this year") Pfingest and his group on the water front are all wet with super training in boating, water safety and swimming.

BB gun shooting with Jim Vanantwert is right on target and extremely popular

I cannot tell you how super it feels to see all of this coming together after a significant hiatus. Jack you know, you have been there.

We are all looking forward to Next week's Day Camp with Belinda and Lee Hinckley, followed by Fun Pack Weekend and then BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP with an awesome program under Karen Douglas.

Thank you.

Take care.

Pete

And 7/25/14

Hi Folks,

Wow! We could not have asked for a better week to have fun in the sun at Camp Bomazeen! There are so many activities and games to choose from and I wanted to get in on the action but was disqualified because of my height. :-). Archery and shooting seem to be the most popular areas but not by much for every activity was new and exciting.

I kind of liked the ice cream-making for when I was there, it was in the heat of the afternoon and man would that feel good going down! Still, I was again disqualified ... because I have blue eyes! Oh well, I think if I register early next year under an assumed name and then when the day comes to go camp, I can walk on my knees and wear a big brimmed hat so I could slip by...what do you think?

The evening camp fire on Thursday was a blast with awards for the boys and neat skits for the crowd. Oh, yes! let me not forget the robotics demonstration. This was extremely interesting. The audience asked all kinds of questions; one being the cost of building and

completion in the area of robotics. Would you believe that their annual budget is in the neighborhood of \$10,000? Yep, that is what I heard.

The final event of the evening was a big surprise for the Hinckley's for they both received the distinguished District Award of Merit for all of their outstanding contributions to scouting and their community. Congratulations are in order!

A BIG barbeque on Friday afternoon was attended by one million people, well, maybe not that many but I am sure the cooks thought there were at least seven hundred thousand there. People were everywhere enjoying the day, the camaraderie, the food along with Mom, Dad, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents and just plain friends and folks. It was a blast and a half!

We thank all of our great volunteers who continue to help our youth build a strong future for without them, we would not be as successful as we are. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

This weekend promises to be another stellar event for the Fun Pack Weekend families.

Next week, Boy Scout Resident Camp will be a first in 11 years and it will be an amazing program, one that should not be missed!

Take care,

Pete Myers
Camp Bomazeen
Camp Commissioner

The next newsletter is scheduled for Thursday, August 7. Please have your news into me by 6pm on 8/7. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting