

KV Newsletter for Thursday, September 11, 2014

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

Remember, older news can be found under the Newsletter link on the district website.

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ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA) ORDEAL

The Order of the Arrow Fall Ordeal and work weekend will be held at Camp Hinds THIS weekend of Sept 12-14. All candidates who were elected this year and have not yet gone through an ordeal need to attend this session or they must get reelected next year. There are roughly 80 candidates who need to attend.

Information for new candidates for the ordeal can be found at:

<http://madockawanda.wordpress.com/home/ordealcandidates/>

General information for members and those planning to seal their brotherhood:

<http://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/ordeal-weekend-flyer.pdf>

NEW OA PROFESSIONAL STAFF ADVISOR

Announced this morning via email from Scout Executive, Eric Tarbox:

It gives us, the Council Key 3 and Executive Board Officers, great pleasure to announce that Tony Bessey, Senior District Executive for Kennebec Valley District, will serve as the Madockawanda Lodge Staff Advisor starting 9/12/14.

We appreciate and thank Owen Maguire for his service to the lodge, and with his new responsibility as Camp Hinds Director, we wish Owen the best of success.

Please join me in supporting Tony and all of our Brothers and Sisters to ensure that all youth grow in the spirit of our Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.

Thank you,

Eric Tarbox, Scout Executive/CEO
Pine Tree Council

Newsletter editor's note: Councils tend to rotate this position among the professionals every few years. The person assigned is like our DE, a go-between person between council and the volunteers. It just happens that our DE will be serving both roles for at least the coming year.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Sorry for the short notice on this one (event is this Saturday). The person who shared it with me just received it herself.

From Scout Volunteer, Angela Truman, ME Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

Passing this along in case a unit may be looking for a service or conservation project

Volunteers Wanted for Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Day, Saturday, September 13

Volunteer teams are preparing to clean up 50-60 illegal dump sites in Maine

AUGUSTA- Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Day is September 13. The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Bureau of Forestry is coordinating the volunteer land cleanup effort this year. Forest Rangers working in cooperation with the Maine Snowmobile Association (MSA), ATV Maine, and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW), as well as other recreational groups, are preparing teams to clean up 50-60 illegal dump sites in Maine.

In other parts of the country, most undeveloped forest land is posted, and recreation is limited to those who pay club fees to use locations. Maine landowners have a history of sharing their forest and farm lands for responsible outdoor recreation. Millions of acres of working farms and forests are open to the public for enjoyment throughout the year. Unfortunately, the Maine privilege of enjoying access to private lands is threatened every time irresponsible people litter or illegally dump trash.

"Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Day is a way to thank property owners for allowing access to private lands for outdoor activities, recreation and enjoyment," said Governor Paul R. LePage. "Most Maine people understand that public access to private lands is a special privilege to be respected and cherished, not a right. I commend volunteers and landowners alike for promoting public access and awareness of the need to respect private property."

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Commissioner Walt Whitcomb urged outdoor enthusiasts and organizations to support the effort by volunteering their time and energy. "Department staff and our partner organizations have worked hard to make this annual effort a success," he said. "It is also symbolic of efforts made throughout the year by people and individuals to help ensure future access to private lands by keeping them clear of trash and debris. The goal is to avoid the posting of 'no trespassing' signs and the installation of gates that block access."

The Forestry staff, in cooperation with other state agencies and outdoor recreational groups, has been working with landowners to identify specific dump locations and enter them into a database to track progress on site cleanup. It will supply trucks and trash bags for the cleanup effort, but needs volunteers to help load the items. Dump sites vary from a single piece of discarded furniture, a washing machine or discarded tires to several

pickup-truck loads of shingles and mattresses. To make it easier for cleanup volunteers, dozens of maps have been created that show the exact dump site locations. Cleanup volunteers who live near an illegal dump site may have to spend only a half hour or less to help clean it up.

Locations around Maine:

https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?hl=en&authuser=0&mid=zoiIB_uAdliI.kt9_1_dwlqAg

To volunteer for this project, please contact Jeff Currier at [\(207\) 827-1800](tel:2078271800), or the Maine Forest Service at [1-800-750-9777](tel:18007509777).

TRAINING NEWS

ONE:

Saturday, Oct. 4, St. Augustine Church, 75 Northern Ave., Augusta

Directions (click Directions under the church for a Google map):

<http://www.stmichaelsmaine.org/our-churches>

Time: 8am-4pm. Registration starts at 7:45am

Training offered: Cub Leader Specific, SM/ASM Leader Specific, Committee and Baloo.

Cost: \$2 for any training session other than Baloo.

Baloo cost: \$12

If you would like lunch to be provided (rather than bring a bag lunch): \$5

Must preregister. Registration Deadline is September 30. Registration form will be available shortly on the new district website.

Contact Ricky Merrill if you have questions at 446-3038 or rmongoose@gmail.com

TWO:

ITOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) will be offered at Fall Camporee in Sidney, Oct. 17-19. More details to follow when they become available.

THREE:

Saturday, November 8, Winslow Elementary School (location of District Pinewood Derby the last few years), 285 Benton Ave., Winslow.

9am-1pm, Registration starts at 8:45am.

Cub Leader Specific, SM/ASM Leader Specific, Committee and Den Chief Training.

Adult training fee: \$2.00

Boy Scout Youth Fee for Den Chief Training: ZERO, NADDA, ZILTCH, FREE

Registration Deadline is Oct. 31. Registration flyer will be on the district website shortly.

Contact Ricky Merrill if you have questions at 446-3038 or rmongoose@gmail.com

FOUR and beyond:

Ricky has dates open in January through March. If your unit would like to host a training (and save on travel), please contact him to make arrangements.

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

From Chuck Mahaleris:

Eagle Board of Review:

The September Eagle Board of Review will take place on September 30 at 6:30 PM at the TRC Building on Gabriel Drive in Augusta. Scouts will be invited to attend after their Eagle application has been reviewed by Pine Tree Council. Questions about Eagle Project Review, Eagle Board of Review or the roll out of program changes relative to Advancement contact District Advancement Chair Chuck Mahaleris cmahaleris@hotmail.com

HAUNTED WOODS

Forwarded from Matt Randall by Tony Bessy:

Greetings,

The PTC will be conducting a day event for Cub Scouts (new and current) at Camp Hinds and Bomazeen on October 11th called Haunted Woods. The event will run from noon to 5 pm, and will contain the following activities -

Archery

BB Range
Sling Shots
Nature
Snacks/Coffee/Popcorn
Craft Shop
Sports
Medical
Cooking
Hay Rides

Belinda Hinkley is chairing the Bomazeen event, and Eric Hobson is chairing the Hinds event.

FREE to all brand new cub scouts recruited this fall.

\$5pp preregister by 10/3.

\$10pp after 10/3.

Flyers are in Pack kick-off packets. It should be available shortly on the council website. In the meantime, it has been posted to the OA Madockawanda Website at:

<http://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/haunted-woods-flyer-2014.pdf>

The following is from Bruce Rueger, looking for OA members to step-up and help run this event:

This would be a great individual and/or chapter service opportunity for any or all lodge members that might be able to come out and help with this great event.

It might be the first time that many new Cub Scouts get to see both camps and the great improvements that are being done at them!

Please come and help show them off and tell them about summer opportunities.

A flier should be on the lodge website soon.

(<http://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/haunted-woods-flyer-2014.pdf>)

Thanks for your help with this.

Bruce

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY 2015

Location and date TBD.

Interested in hosting? Contact Chris Bernier at circleofone555@hotmail.com to get entered in the raffle for the pack who will be host.

The raffle will be drawn at the October Roundtable, Wednesday, October 8.

Once the winning pack is announced, we'll be able to let the rest of the district know where and when it will be held depending on where/when the winning pack decides to host it. Usually it is held in April.

The next regular newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24. However, there may be a special edition between now and then. Please get your info to me by 6pm on 9/24 to get in on that newsletter. If I get it earlier and a special ed. does go out after I receive your info, I'll include it in the special ed. instead.

Yours in Scouting,

Scott Bernier