

## **KV Newsletter**

January 15, 2015

District website: <http://kvalley.pinetreebsa.org/> <-- **NOTE New Web Address!**

District Facebook Group: Search for Kennebec Valley District, BSA and click Like

NOTE: <http://www.kv-scouts.org> is no longer being updated. Please use the above link to get to the **CURRENT** district website.

Council website: <http://pinetreebsa.org/>

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### **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING—UPDATED INFORMATION**

The University of Scouting is the LARGEST One Day Supplemental Training Program available in Pine tree Council! Choose from over 50 one hour courses, plus a Cub Pow Wow! A vendor showcase will offer lots of exciting program resources, materials, and ideas for you to browse. The Scout Shop will also have a store open!

The University of Scouting will take place Freeport High School on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 8:00AM – 4:30PM Join us for a great day of training and fun!

UPDATE: The University Catalog and Registration Form are now available on the council website at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/01/university-of-scouting-2015-catalog.pdf>

Questions about the University of Scouting? - Contact Jim Thomas, [jht@maine.rr.com](mailto:jht@maine.rr.com)

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## **DISTRICT BANQUET—UPDATED INFORMATION**

Save-the-Date: March 21

From DE Tony Bessey at Roundtable:

We are searching for a location that can host 100 people at tables where we can do the cooking or hold a pot-luck. If you know of a location, please contact me on my cell or by email.

[\(207\) 650-1796](tel:2076501796)

[Anthony.Bessey@scouting.org](mailto:Anthony.Bessey@scouting.org)

Newsletter Editor's note: For space comparison purposes, our current roundtable location holds about 80 at tables. It was announced at roundtable that last year's location, the Fairfield Community Center, is already booked.

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## **DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT—UPDATED INFORMATION**

District Award of Merit is the highest honor that can be presented at the District level. More info and a list of past recipients is on the district website at:

Form/Info: <http://kvalley.pinetrebsa.org/award-nominations/>

Past Recipients: <http://kvalley.pinetrebsa.org/award-recipients/>

The committee to review nominations is made-up of the 2014 recipients.

District Award of Merit applications are due at February Roundtable, Feb. 11, 2015.

Please give your nomination applications to Eric Handley. You can contact Eric at [project19@msn.com](mailto:project19@msn.com).

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## **SILVER BEAVER—UPDATED INFORMATION**

Your newsletter editor wasn't sure last week on info he was provided. Sure enough, it was incorrect. Below is the correct info from Sue Kennedy:

PINE TREE COUNCIL  
2015 SILVER BEAVER AWARD

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

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 1, 2015** for possible recognition with the Silver Beaver Award by the Council in 2015.

What you need to know about the nomination process is as follows:

- Nominations must occur using the official Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form (see below).
- The deadline for submission to the Nominating Committee is April 1, 2015.
- To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.
- The Council can recognize only a limited number of people each year. If you previously made a nomination that did not result in recognition, you may nominate that person again this year.

To nominate a fellow Scouter of this Council-level distinguished service award you must:

1. Obtain a copy of BSA Form. Forms are available online at:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf) or [www.pinetreecbsa.org/forms](http://www.pinetreecbsa.org/forms)

2. Complete BSA form to the best of your ability, and per the instructions that accompany the form. The form asks for "Record of Service in the Boy Scouts of America, training courses, Scouting recognition, noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth outside of Scouting, and statements of Nominee's standing in the community." Present clear, precise, well-documented evidence to the Selection Committee. You may request help from your District Key Three as needed.

3. Submit the completed form to the Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee. Forms can be submitted VIA the following methods:

Point of Contact: Susan Kennedy

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Email: [silverbeaver@ptcbsa.org](mailto:silverbeaver@ptcbsa.org)

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Pine Tree Council

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Skype: scouterdowneast

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## **OA ELECTIONS—UPDATED CONTACT INFO**

To schedule an election, contact Scott Adams at 968-2787  
or [adamsins@roadrunner.com](mailto:adamsins@roadrunner.com)(phone is preferred!) OR KV Chief Jeff Davis at 495-9014  
or [jeffdavis774@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffdavis774@yahoo.com)

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## **NEXT BOMAZEEN FUNDRAISER-JAN. 28**

The next fundraiser to work towards that \$10K matching grant will be on Wednesday, January 28 at the Waterville Weathervane Restaurant, Kennedy Memorial Drive, right off Exti 127 of I-95.

Weathervane's program is called, "Seafood Makes Cents!" You must present a special voucher when you show-up on Jan. 28 and place your order. 20% of your check total (not counting tax) will go to Camp Bomazeen. This is an all day deal: 11am to 8pm on Jan. 28.

Vouchers were distributed at Roundtable. It will also be available on the District website shortly. Please keep checking back.

Unlike The 99 Restaurant, we **CANNOT** distribute vouchers on-site.

Upcoming fundraisers (more info to follow):  
Waterville Applebee's Dining Event on Wed. February 18  
E-Cycle recycling event at the Waterville American Legion on Saturday, April 11 (yes District Pinewood Derby Day).

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## **BOMAZEEN OLD-TIMERS DUES**

Camp Bomazeen Old-Timers membership runs January to January. Dues are now due. Please see Charlie Matthews at a roundtable meeting or other district event to pay.

Individual: \$3  
Couple: \$5  
Family: \$7  
Whole Troop or Pack: \$20

Dues are used to help Camp Bomazeen, provide camperships, and provide the August kick-off meal. If your pack or troop has ever won one of the camperships, please sign-up your whole unit for \$20. That's a huge bargain compared to the campership you received.

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### **ADULT LEADER TRAINING**

KV's next training session will be on Saturday, February 7, 2015  
Starks Community Center  
57 Anson Road  
Starks, ME 04911

Flyer will be available on the district website shortly.

Training offered:  
Cubmaster & Den Leader Training  
Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Training  
BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

Fees: \$12 for BALOO. \$2 for Cub/Scoutmaster training. Cub/Scoutmaster training attendees can get lunch for an additional \$5. Lunch is included in BALOO training.

**MUST PRE-REGISTER!!!** Registration deadline is Feb. 5.

For more info, contact Ricky Merrill at 446-3038 or [rmmongoose@gmail.com](mailto:rmmongoose@gmail.com)

Ricky is also looking for a host unit to offer training in March.

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### **BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

Boy Scout Sunday falls on Feb. 8, 2015, the actual anniversary of the BSA. Alan Duplessis mentioned this program at Roundtable. You can purchase blank programs, patches and pins at the council scout shop.

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## **KV PHYSICALLY FIT MERIT BADGE COLLEGE 2015**

Flyers were distributed at Roundtable. There was an error on the flyer: Wilderness Survival is only offered during Third Period. It is NOT being offered second period.

The flyer will be up on the website shortly. Scouts must follow ALL directions on the flyer to sign-up for a merit badge. No leaders may call and sign-up their scouts. The scouts need to do it.

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## **SUMMER CAMP NEWS**

Full information on all summer camp programs can be found on the council website on the FORMS page under the Camp Programs category:

<http://pinetreetsa.org/forms/>

Here is more information on Camp Bomazeen from Casey Morgan:

Here are just a few things to remember from last night's camp info presentation.

- Registration deadline is May 29 after that price goes up \$50
- Register early to secure campsite of your choice. FCFS
- An additional 5% discount for having to bring your own tent
- Canoe trek will qualify for the 50 mile award and takes place during Web Camp
- 7 program tracks to choose from to accommodate all age scouts
- Bushcraft age limit reduced to 13
- Leader's guide will be available next roundtable
- Webelos Camp will be transitioning to the new requirements with some old program overlap

This is the 70th Anniversary of Bomazeen. That's 70 years of helping guide Scouts in their journey to becoming better people. Wouldn't it be great for you and your scouts to be a part of it? More info is available on the PTC website or questions can be directed to Karen or myself. I look forward to seeing you at camp this summer

Casey Morgan  
[cmorgan@trask-decrow.com](mailto:cmorgan@trask-decrow.com)  
Cell [207-210-2536](tel:207-210-2536)

I have asked for a similar run-down from Own McGuire, Camp Hinds Director. I didn't receive it by "press time". It will be forwarded as soon as I receive it.

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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Ron Manser is heading up the Membership Committee this year. He's looking for a few volunteers. If you are interested or have questions on what is involved before committing, please contact him at 592-0571 or [ron.mansir@netzero.net](mailto:ron.mansir@netzero.net)

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## **FOS PRESENTATIONS**

Charlie Matthews is heading up unit FOS presentations this winter/spring. You can contact him to sign-up for a presentation. If you don't he'll contact you. Please help him out as there are roughly 90 units to be contacted. Contact him FIRST. Phone: 493-6944 or [cmatthews4@roadrunner.com](mailto:cmatthews4@roadrunner.com)

Charlie also needs volunteers to help put on presentations.

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## **DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY**

For now this is still a Save-the-Date. As soon as I receive more information, I will pass it on.

Saturday, April 11, 2015  
Host: Camden Pack 200

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## **NEW CUB SCOUT PROGRAM WEBCASTS**

This Saturday, January 17, National will be hosting several webcasts to explain the new Cub Scout Program. For more information:

<http://scoutingnewsroom.org/blog/webcasts-on-new-cub-scouting-program-to-be-held-january-17/>

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The next regular newsletter is scheduled for Wed. Jan. 28. Please have your information into me by 6pm that evening for inclusion.

YiS,  
Scott Bernier