



KENNEBEC VALLEY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

December 31, 2014-LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR!

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 6pm, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville.

All commissioners should attend. If you can't attend, please notify District Commissioner, Charlie Ferguson at chuckemian@hotmail.com

ANNUAL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

Due to the inclement weather on 12/3, resulting in the cancellation of the district meeting for December, the District Business Meeting has been rescheduled to Wed., January 7, 2015, 7pm, prior to the regular district committee meeting.

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

District Members-at-Large and chartered organizational representatives (COR) have voting rights. Please encourage your COR to attend.

A "regular" District Committee Meeting will be held after the business meeting.

CAMP BOMAZEEN FUNDRAISING NEWS

On Christmas Eve, the Douglas and Rita Sukeforth Family Foundation in China, Maine, presented a \$10,000 donation to Pine Tree Council for Camp Bomazeen. Scott Adams received the check on behalf of Council.

Bruce Rueger has received a donation of \$1,500 from Waterville Mason Lodge #33 for Camp Bomazeen.

A huge thank you to both the Sukeforth Family Foundation and the Waterville Masons for their donations to help Camp Bomazeen.

NO KV KLONDIKE THIS WINTER

As no unit stepped forward to plan one, there is no Klondike Derby in our district this winter. Below, you will find information on other Klondike Derbies. As info becomes available on other derby events, they will be forwarded.

We are in similar danger of cancelling the Spring Camporee. Unless a unit or units step forward to help plan one, there won't be one. Please contact the District Key Three if your unit is interested in hosting camporee.

MAINE MARITIME KLONDIKE DERBY

Saturday, January 23, 2015, Maine Maritime Academy, Castine

Registration Information:

<http://katahdinareabsa.org/~media/Councils/Council216/Klondike%20Derby%202015/Klondike%202015%20Forms.ashx>

Gear to bring:

<http://katahdinareabsa.org/~media/Councils/Council216/Klondike%20Derby%202015/Klondike%202015%20Gear%20List.ashx>

CASCO BAY DISTRICT LUAU KLONDIKE DERBY

As posted to CB's Facebook page:

February 7, 2015, Camp Moy Mo Da Yo, Limington

Greetings,

We would like to invite our Boy Scout Troops to come help make our Maine February as tropical as it can be with our LUAU Klondike Derby hosted by the Casco Bay District Order of the Arrow at beautiful Camp Moy Mo Da Yo in Limington Maine (at the end of Camp Moy Mo Da Yo Road in Limington.)

More detailed information to come including times and supply lists but activities will include...

- Tomahawk
- Grass Sled Dance/ Sled Check
- Limbo (ropes and knots)
- Cooking
- Reach da Coconut (pioneering)
- Spear fishing

Registration is \$12 at the door, \$10 if paid ahead of time. Webelos can come. They can provide their own sled/team but we are encouraging them as much as possible to team up with a troop.

Registrations can be sent to the Pine Tree Council, 146 Plains Rd, Raymond, ME 04071, attn.: Matt Mower. Questions, contact Matt at: matthew.mower@scouting.org

YORK DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

February 7, 2015 in Newfield.

Details on the York District Website at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/12/york-district-klondike-derby.pdf>

ABNAKI DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY

When: Saturday, February 21st, 2015

Where: Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club – 1042 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562

Who: Webelos, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Ventures

Registration: Early Registration is \$8.00.

Deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, February 6th, 2015

Full fee is \$12.00 for all Registrations after 5:00 PM on Friday, February 6th, 2015

Lunch: Lunch and hot drinks will be provided with registration cost.

Schedule: Check-in Saturday February 21st at 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Opening Ceremony: 8:45 am – 9:00 am

Morning Competition: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Provided Lunch: 12pm – 1:00 pm

Afternoon Competition: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Closing Ceremonies: 4:00pm

Full details and registration form on the Abnaki District website: <http://abnaki.pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/12/abnaki-klondike-derby-2015.pdf>

PENOBSCOT VALLEY CHILL OUT WINTER CAMPOREE

Feb. 20-22, 2015 at Roosevelt Scout Reservation, East Eddington. 2015 Host Unit is Hampden Troop 41 (one of whose leaders is a Winslow T443/433 alumni).

Basic Information:

* All units must preregister by 2/13/15. Please do so by contacting Troop 41 event coordinator, Jim Collins at jimbo0177@yahoo.com and copy Katahdin Area Council Representative, Chuck Major at charles.major@scouting.org.

Cost is \$5 per person.

Check in times begin at 4pm on 2/20 & again at 8am on 2/21

Additional details and information are provided in the packet on the Katahdin Area Council Website. Questions? Contact Tom Turlo at seadogmug51@yahoo.com.

As always, SAFETY FIRST!

SEE.YOU.THERE.

Registration Packet Link:

<http://katahdinareabsa.org/~media/Councils/Council216/Chill%20Out%202015/Chillout%20Full%20Final%20Package%202015.ashx>

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR INFO IS UP-TO-DATE IN MYSCOUTING.ORG

My Scouting Tools is going to be rolled out by National/Council later this winter. In order for volunteers to have access to the new system, their info needs to be up-to-date in the current myscouting.org system. More details below from Gary Moore at the Council Office:

MyScouting Tools are a set of communications and management tools available to all Scouting Units. Access requires creating a login at <http://my.scouting.org> with a current BSA membership ID which is found on the membership card. Access to various tools is determined by the registered position in the Unit, District or Council.

Available to each member is MyDashboard tool with access to Unit Announcements and Calendar as well as the member's Profile and Training record.

Unit Key 3 can create announcements and modify the Calendar. They may also assign Unit members to sub-groups such as Patrols, Dens or Committees to aid in communication and calendaring for the sub-groups. They may also access and update training records and access reports including Calling lists and Mailing lists.

Additional tools are being added to address other needs and enhance communications with District and Council Resources. Please watch for new announcements and training designed to facilitate your efforts in delivering a quality Scouting program. Questions may be addressed to Gary Moore, Pine Tree Council MyScouting Tools Champion at garymoore@ptbsa.org.

Have a safe New Year!

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Bernier

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