

KV Newsletter
January 8, 2015

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

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Members of this list receive this email via blind carbon copy. The only address you should see is mine. This is to protect your privacy. All messages from the list contain "[SCOUTS]" in the subject line.

Please do not forward this message to other people. Instead, please encourage them to join this list. They can contact me at the above address to join and should include their name, unit number/type and their email address in the body of the message.

To the other district e-newsletter editors who subscribe to our e-newsletter: YES, you may pass on anything you see here to your own districts that you think your district might like to know, just as you have provided me permission in the past to do likewise.

This one is long—12 pages in my word processor.

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WELCOME BACK TO THE 'CLASSIC' LOOK

After reviewing the advantages and drawbacks of the November-December trial-run using the council's web newsletter service through which Pine Spills is sent, we found that the advantages did not outweigh the drawbacks. I will not go into all the details here. I will list two drawbacks that made it very, very important to drop the Madmimi system and go back to the old system:

1. Time—it was taking your newsletter a LOT LONGER to create the newsletter in madmimi—roughly 30% more time on average. This one would have cost me an extra hour, easily, using the madmimi system.

2. Several of you weren't receiving it. It was vanishing into the ether of the net. Madmimi provides statistics on how many on the mailing list received the newsletter, how many open it, who blocked it as spam, how many bounce for other reasons and so on. Though I never saw any numbers next to "blocked as spam", several of you have asked "What happened to the newsletter?" or "Ever since you switch to that web system, I see NOTHING. There's no point in writing/sending a newsletter if you, the volunteers, don't see it. This was the major deciding factor in going back to the "classic look" of the newsletter.

One other problem with the web system—I never received notice from Madmimi when folks clicked the unsubscribe button. Madmimi gladly deleted you, but unless I went back through the statistics report in whatever newsletter date you unsubscribed AFTER you clicked that button, I didn't see it. So, if you have unsubscribed and are now receiving this, please accept my apologies. Please send me an email and I'll be sure you are removed from all editions of the mailing list.

Madmimi isn't going away completely. It's not perfect, but it does allow the Key Three to send out messages without needing to go through me (never my intention to "hog" the list all to myself). So, you may occasionally see the Madmimi style newsletter from one of them, unless you're one of the unlucky for whom it never arrives in your inbox. Again, if you wish to unsubscribe from all lists, please send me an email. **DO NOT CLICK THE UNSUBSCRIBE LINK** when you see one, or you'll only be unsubscribed from messages sent through the Madmimi system.

Several articles from the last newsletter will be tacked onto the end of this one to ensure everyone gets the information. For those who had no problem receiving the madmimi version of the newsletter, my apologies for the repeated info.

PACK 684 FUNDRAISER DINNER

This Saturday, January 10, in the St. Augustine Church Hall (basement—entrance is off Washington Ave.) after the 4pm Mass. St. Augustine Church is at 75 Northern Ave. in Augusta. This is just above Mill Park (where camporee was held a few years ago). Northern Ave. is also known as State Route 104. Blurb below is from the pack's Facebook post on this fundraiser.

Please come and support our Cub Scout Pack and let them serve you a delicious dinner! Cost is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for kids 12 and Under - Family Max \$20.00 (Additional Donations always welcome!) Meal being served from 4:45 to 6:30pm. Scout popcorn will be available for sale also!

Remember, we'll gladly advertise your unit's fundraiser if you get the information in prior to newsletter deadlines.

ROUNDTABLE AND CELEBRATION GATHERING

Join us at the January Roundtable Meeting on Wed. January 14, 7pm at the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville, ME, for our delayed annual holiday gathering/party. Please bring something to share. We plan to celebrate the district's Gold Journey to Excellence achievement. We couldn't have accomplished it without you, the volunteers! There will be cake provided by the council and whatever else you bring. If you bring something homemade, please include a list of ingredients for those with allergies.

This month we will hold a combined Boy Scout and Cub Scout session on Summer Camp Programs.

2014 Fall camporee patches and t-shirts—for those units that didn't get patches at fall camporee, they will be available at this roundtable.

Information on the February-March Merit Badge College will be passed out at this roundtable, per Randy Hooper, MB College "Dean".

Next month's roundtable on Feb. 11 will be another joint session as the Maine Warden's Service will put on a presentation.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

From Tony Bessey, KV District Executive:

If your unit is ready to schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation, please contact Charlie Matthews at cmatthews4@roadrunner.com

Tony also mentioned at district meeting that there will be a training for FOS presenters at the Freeport Fire Department on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10am. Breakfast will be provided. There are five slots for each district: 1 for the FOS chair and 4 others. Please contact Tony to register/volunteer at Anthony.Bessey@scouting.org

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

PTC IS HOSTING A UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING ON MARCH 14, 2015 AT FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL IN FREEPORT MAINE.

Save the Date!

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/10/2015-university-of-scouting-flyer.pdf>

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!

With an emphasis on programs, skills, and resources to deliver high quality opportunities to the Scouting youth, you are sure to learn a lot and have a great time.

University of Scouting offers something for every Scout Leader:

- Cub Scout College
- Boy Scout College
- Venturing/Explorer College
- Commissioner College
- General Studies College
- Cub Scout Pow Pow!
- Scouting Showcase
- Lots of Fun!

Be the best leader you can for your Scouts. Attend the next University of Scouting!

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!

Questions about the University of Scouting? - Contact Jim Thomas, jht@maine.rr.com

DISTRICT BANQUET

For now, this is a save-the-date. Location and time to be announced later.

Date: Saturday, March 21.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT AND SILVER BEAVER

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.

Silver Beaver Award is the Council-level version of the District Award of Merit. Nominations are due into the council office by the end of January. If that is incorrect, a correction will be sent out. That was the date provided to your newsletter editor verbally.

POWDERHORN TRAINING COURSE

Pine Tree Council has partnered with LL Bean to offer Powderhorn. Powderhorn is the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure expedition training course. It is designed to help adult and youth leaders become comfortable and knowledgeable in the planning and conducting of safe and fun high adventure programs.

The course is open to all Boy Scout and Venture Crew adult leaders, all Venture Scout youth, and Boy Scout youth leaders who are 13 years old and First Class rank or above.

The cost is \$50pp (normally \$250 to \$300!). To complete the course, you must attend 6 of the 8 training dates. The course runs on Wednesday evenings Feb. 11 through Apr. 8.

Registration deadline is Jan. 28, 2015.

Full details at: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/12/2015-powder-horn-training.pdf>

SUGARLOAF SCOUT SKI DAYS

Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22.

See the flyer for full details: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/12/sugarloaf-ski-day-flyer-2015.pdf>

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW: JAN 28

The next district Eagle Board of Review date is January 28 in Augusta. The Eagle Candidate should contact Chuck Mahaleris to make an appointment. Email: mahaleris@yahoo.com

OA ELECTION SEASON IS NOW

To schedule an election, contact Scott Adams at 968-2787, or see him or KV Chief Jeff Davis at Roundtable.

NOAC—STILL HAVE THREE YOUTH SLOTS AVAILABLE!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is this summer. And it's **SOLD OUT** with a record attendance!!! Three lucky youth could still be part of the OA's 100th Anniversary bash if they hurry and contact Bruce Rueger to secure one of the **LAST THREE SPOTS** available in the Madockawanda Lodge contingent. If these slots are not filled, they will be lost (and Bruce won't be able to go either). If you know of a youth OA member interested in attending or who wants more info, please encourage them to contact Bruce ASAP!!! If your scout is on Facebook, there is a post on the Madockawanda page they can respond to. But it's probably best to email Bruce at rueger@roadrunner.com or even call him at 872-5920.

ARROWTOUR 2015

Not everyone can make it to NOAC (see previous article), so the Order of the Arrow is taking it's 100th Anniversary celebration on tour. Four different tours in fact. Camp Hinds happens to be one of their stops. And we're special. That stop is on July 16, 2015 on the actual 100th Anniversary of the OA.

More info on what ArrowTour is can be found on the national OA website at:

<http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org/>

TROOP 160 MEMORIAL SCOUT CAMP CAMPERSHIPS

Troop 160 Memorial Scout Camp has three \$300 campships to award this year. Last year, KV youth received 2 of the 3 campships that were awarded. Campships can be used for summer camp, high adventure or even towards NOAC (provided the youth has secured a slot).

Details and application are on their website at: <http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org/msc-campership-program.html>

While you're there, check-out information on the memorial camp and campsite in Osborne Maine (off the Airline about 30 or so miles east of Eddington) that is available for use for FREE to any scout group.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING IN BIDDEFORD

Okay, it's a little far for most of us, but maybe it'll work for someone's schedule.

Saturday, January 24, 8am to 2pm

New Life Church, 551 Alfred Rd., Biddeford (That's State Route 111/Turnpike Exit 32)

Training offered:
Scoutmaster Specific
Cubmaster
Den Leader

Cost: \$5 if register by 1/17 and \$10 after.

Bring: lunch, notepad and writing instrument. Wear your uniform.

Must preregister.

Contact Matt Mower with your name, unit number, position, phone and your email address:
797-5252 ext 21 or matthew.mower@scouting.org.

Got questions? Contact Tony Fleurent at 287-2157 or me2or@yahoo.com

CAMP BOMAZEEN FUNDRAISING NEWS--UPDATED

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.

That \$10K is a matching grant. We need to do our best to raise \$10K to match this grant. We can do this with your help. Matching funds can be cash or material donations. Below is a list of where we stand:

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

99 Restaurant "Dining for a Cause" fundraiser on Dec. 17, 2014: \$222 from the percentage of meal sales that evening and \$289 in patch sales.

An additional \$125 donated from other sources.

This puts us at \$2,136 of that \$10K goal!

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

Confirmed Future Fundraiser: E-cycle program on April 11, Waterville American Legion Hall. Bring in your electronic waste and see it properly disposed for a donation to the Bomazeen Old-Timers for Camp Bomazeen.

As soon as information is available on the other fundraisers, we'll let you know. Those other fundraisers include more restaurant dining for a cause night and possibly a bowl-a-thon.

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 31, 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://pinetrebsa.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.pinetrebsa.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.

The next regular newsletter is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15. Please have your info into me by 6pm that evening (moxieman@zwi.net).

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Bernier