

KV News February 5, 2015

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CASCO BAY KLONDIKE DERBY—NEW LOCATION

Due to the heavy snow, the Casco Bay District Klondike Derby scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 7 has been relocated to Camp Hinds.

If your unit is planning to attend and has not yet pre-registered, please contact Matt Mower ASAP at mmower@bsamail.org

Info is posted on Casco Bay District's Facebook page.

T403 FUNDRAISER AT LAKE GEORGE WINTER CARNIVAL

Lake George Regional Park in Skowhegan will be holding their annual winter carnival this Saturday, February 7.

Events at the carnival run 6am to 3pm. Troop 403 will be selling food (Corn chowder, bake goods and hot dogs are just part of the Menu) starting mid-morning in the warming hut on Westside.

More details on the winter carnival can be found on their event Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/events/1562205437349779/?unit_ref=related_events

And in the Morning Sentinel article:
<http://www.centralmaine.com/2015/02/03/ice-shack-architects-compete-at-skowhegan-winter-carnival/>

ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, February 11
Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville.

Networking/socializing 6:30
Roundtable starts at 7pm.

Roundtable is open to all volunteer leaders. After news/announcements, we will hold a Joint Cub Leader/Scout Leader sessions this month as the Maine Warden's Service will put on a presentation.

The KV Chapter of the Order of the Arrow also meets at roundtable. Please offer your OA youth a ride to the meeting. The OA will be making arrowheads.

IMPORTANT!!!

Due to all the snow, parking is very limited at the church. Half the parking lot is filled with mountains of snow. Please car pool as much as possible and be prepared to park out on the street.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

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.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Previously sent out by Charlie Matthews using the council's madmimi email system, but in case you missed it:

--Goal-----	Raised-----	Scheduled-----	Completed-----	Total Units-----	% of Goal
\$30,000-----	\$545.00-----	33-----	1-----	101-----	2%--

Dear Leaders,

We invite you and other leaders from your unit to participate in the 2015 DISTRICT February Round Table Kick-off.

At Round Table, you will see and hear the new exciting Family Campaign that is connected with the US Military's work to improve all Four Camps of the Pine Tree Council and how your Scout will directly benefit from this partnership.

The Commemorative Family Friends of Scouting Patch will only be offered this year which symbolizes the work being done at all Four Camps: Camp Bomazeen, Camp Gustin, Camp Hinds and Camp Nutter.

We will also go over the Unit Incentive Program for FREE Cloth Rank Advancement for your Scouts when your unit conducts a Friends of Scouting Presentation!

Currently, we have 32 Units already confirmed to hear the Family Friends of Scouting Message! Thank you again for being a part of a great opportunity to support our Camps!

Date: February 11th, 2015

Location: Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville

Time: 7 PM

Thank you for your support in shaping the lives of our Scouts.

Charlie Matthews

K-Valley Family Chair

If your unit hasn't signed-up for an FOS presentation yet, please contact Charlie at cmatthews4@roadrunner.com

CAMP BOMAZEEN FUNDRAISER

The next Camp Bomazeen Fundraiser will be Wednesday, February 18 at the Waterville Applebee's Restaurant, Shaw's Plaza, Kennedy Memorial Dr., 4 to 8pm. You must present a coupon. 15% of your order will go to Bomazeen. The coupon can be found on the District Website at:

<http://kvalley.pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/01/kv-bomazeen-oldtimers-applebees-fundraiser-2-18-15.pdf>

At roundtable, information will be provided on their next fundraiser, a bowl-a-thon, with campership prizes.

Save-the-Date, Saturday April 11, 9am – 2pm (or until trailer is filled, whichever comes first)

Electronic Waste Recycling, Waterville American Legion, 21 College Ave., Waterville
Donations accepted for Camp Bomazeen.

KV PHYSICALLY FIT MERIT BADGE COLLEGE 2015

Repeated from 2 weeks ago:

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.

Flyer: <http://kvalley.pinetreetsa.org/documents/2015/01/kv-2015-merit-badge-college-physically-fit.pdf>

Please note that some sessions may already be full.

DISTRICT BANQUET

Saturday, March 21
St. Augustine Church Hall (Basement), 75 Northern Ave., Augusta

Use entrance on Washington St. side of church.

Tentative time: 6pm

More information to follow.

OA ELECTIONS

Elections are ongoing through Tax Day (4/15). To schedule an election with your troop, contact Scott Adams at 968-2787 or adamsins@roadrunner.com (phone is preferred!) OR KV Chief Jeff Davis at 495-9014 or jeffdavis774@yahoo.com

EAGLE BOARDS OF REVIEW

The next Eagle Boards of Review is Wed. Feb. 25. The Eagle candidate should contact Chuck Mahaleris at mahaleris@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.

CUB SCOUT BIATHALON

Feb. 21, 8am to 3:30pm at Camp Hinds

Can't make 2/21? There will be more dates. See the Registration Form.

The cost of the event is \$5pp. The Council is providing all the equipment, all the trainers and a lunch for that \$5!

Full details at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/02/cub-scout-biathlon-flyer.pdf>

Registration Form:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/02/cub-scout-biathlon-registration-form.pdf>

FAQ Sheet:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/02/cub-scout-biathlon-faq-sheet.pdf>

HELP NEEDED AT RECOGNITION DINNER

From Matt Mower by way of Pete Myers:

Greetings KV Folks!

Even though I am assigned to the Casco Bay District I am still working on the Augusta area community event. This year John Finnegan is our honoree and Roger Pomerleau is our chair. We will holding the event at the Calumet Club in Augusta again on Tuesday, March 31st.

We are looking for help with a couple of items. We need 4/5 Scouts to help with the opening color guard (an older Scout to help call the colors forward and then Scout to carry the American flag, Council flag and whatever other flags (unit, district, state) we get.

We are also looking for a pack that might be able to provide and set up a derby track. We would not need any bells and whistles, we just need something with at least two lanes. Also, we would be looking to borrow up to twenty cars. I've also reached out to Scott Verrill about getting his track and cars. Maybe if he isn't able to lend the track he might at least be willing to lend his set of cars.

Please let me know anything you might be able to do.

Thanks!

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NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

AKA NOAC. This is a gathering of Order of the Arrow members that takes place every two years. Some say it's better than National Jamboree. 2015 is the 100th Anniversary of the OA and this year's NOAC will have a record attendance of around 15,000 scouts and leaders. Dates: July 30 to August 8, 2015.

Madockawanda Lodge has 2 youth slots left. The cost to attend is estimated at \$1,200. For more information, please contact Bruce Rueger as soon as possible. If the slots are not filled, they may be given to another lodge with a waiting list. Don't miss-out on this once-in-a-lifetime chance to attend this special birthday bash. Bruce can be reached at rueger@roadrunner.com

More after Roundtable. See you there and please car pool if possible!

YiS,
Scott Bernier