

KV Newsletter
February 19, 2015

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DEATH IN THE SCOUTING FAMILY

Joyce Chick has passed away. Her husband, Douglas, Sr., and daughter, Cheryl are active with Strong Troop 500. I think son Douglas, Jr. is/was active too. My apologies for not knowing one way or the other at “press time”.

Obituary: <http://www.dailybulldog.com/db/obituaries/joyce-l-chick-1939-2015/>

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Wiles Remembrance Center, 137 Farmington Falls Rd., Farmington.

CUB BIATHOLIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From Pine Spills:

Greetings,

Our first Cub Scout Biathlon will be conducted at Camp Hinds on February 21st, 2015. This activity is available to our Scouts thanks to the generosity of Wal-Mart and other community organizations.

We are looking for a team of volunteer staff to help us with this event. Duties of the volunteers will consist of registration, score keeping, moving supplies to the ranges and activity areas, helping to develop bag lunches for the Scouts, and more. Staff are asked to be at Camp Hinds for 8 am on the 21st in the Training Center. Boy Scout youth and adults are welcome, and service as staff for this event counts towards service hours for scout rank and school.

If you are able to help serve as a volunteer for the 21st of February at Camp Hinds for this event, please let Matthew Randall know at matt.randall@scouting.org or [207-653-1972](tel:207-653-1972).

Thank You.

AMERICAN EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

Short turn-around on this one, I just received the info today.

Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion, Department of Maine is seeking nominations for the 2015 Eagle Scout of the Year. The state winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and is automatically entered in the national competition.

Scouts applying must be an Eagle Scout, who will be at least 15 years of age and enrolled in high school. Applicants must also be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, chartered to an American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit or SAL Squadron; or be the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member.

Applications are available through The American Legion, P.O. Box 900, Waterville, Maine 04903-0900, by calling [\(207\) 873-3229](tel:207-873-3229) or on-line at www.mainelegion.org. Applications must be received at Department Headquarters by March 1, 2015.

For further information, contact Headquarters. The national winner receives a \$10,000 scholarship. Three-second place scholarship awards of \$2,500 are also awarded at the national level.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS MARCH 22

In Portland on Sunday March 22. 3pm. Prices vary on seat location. Flyer is not yet posted to the Council website. I can forward it on request. I will not include it on the email list as attachments trigger spam-traps.

WASHBURN NORLAND LIVE-IN EVENT

Forwarded by Tony Bessy:

I wanted to invite you to our March Maple Season 24-hour live-in March 14th to 15th. Experience Maple Sugaring Season at the Norlands. We have limited space available and I hope that some of you and yours are still interested.

As always with our live-ins, we focus on farm life in the 1870s. In March, the fields are still full of frost and the ice harvest is over, but on a rural Maine farm, the work is never over. It's time for the boys to go out in the woods with the oxen and start tapping trees. The ladies will keep house as was traditional in the 1870s and will prepare the meals, such as pancakes with fresh-made maple syrup, and learn how to navigate the challenges of cooking on a woodstove.

This experience for girls and boys, men and women is unique in that no other place in Maine does the same thing as our live-ins. This is as close as you can get to a traditional 1870's lifestyle without living off the land yourself or building a time machine.

Our Live-Ins are a one-of-a-kind intergenerational experience. Parents bring their children. Grandparents come with their grandchildren. An oasis from modern times, Norlands is the place to live IN history in a setting like no other.

Join us! Sign up today. Please send this to anyone you think might be interested in such a unique adventure.

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OPERATIN FLY FIRST CLASS

April 19-22 at Camp Hinds, \$220 per scout.

Operation Fly First Class” is a Pine Tree Council Program being offered for Boy Scouts up to age 13, Tenderfoot rank through First Class! This 4-day program will offer new Scouts the chance to advance with other Scouts during the April school vacation, under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

More info and registration: <http://pinetreebsa.org/?p=2312>

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

June 21-26 at Camp Bomazeen, \$300 per scout.

Details and registration: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2014/12/nylt-flyer-2015.pdf>

POLITICS—NON-PROFIT TAX PROPOSAL

Your newsletter editor **HATES** politics. I dislike bringing up anything remotely related to it in the newsletter. However, this could affect us as a non-profit. There is a proposal to allow cities/towns to tax non-profits. If approved, Pine Tree Council could find itself needing to pay property taxes on its properties: Camps Bomazeen, Gustin, Hinds, and Nutter. That means less money to support the youth.

I’ve been contacted by some individuals, including Bomazeen Ranger Steve Craig, asking to pass on that if you don’t want to see this happen, you should contact your state rep and senator and let them know you don’t like this idea.

I’ve heard indirectly that our scout executive, Eric Tarbox approves of this measure at this time. Mr. Tarbox, if I’ve heard incorrectly, please feel free to correct this and I’ll pass it on.

I’m just the messenger. Please don’t fill my inbox with replies in regards to this proposed tax measure.

The next regular newsletter will go out next Wed. 2/25. Please get your news into me by 6pm that evening.

YiS,
Scott Bernier