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INFORMATION ON SWAN ISLAND

Good Morning Mr. Bessey,

I hope you are enjoying this week's fine weather. Make's me hopeful that the snow may actually disappear!

As a regional wildlife biologist for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, I wanted to reach out to make you aware of a unique opportunity that is available to the various Boy Scout troops.

The Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area, also known as "Swan Island" is located in the town of Richmond, Maine. This amazing property is located at the head of Merrymeeting Bay and is full of natural and historical treasures that have delighted visitors for decades. We offer day visits as well as overnight camping and specialize in accommodating large groups.

We understand that many Boy Scout troops are looking for special activities that can provide their youth with opportunities to experience the great state of Maine. We believe that Swan Island can provide that experience. We offer guided tours of the island lead by our biological staff. We have hiking trails, fishing ponds, camping facilities and the most amazing array of wildlife to observe and appreciate.

I would invite you to check us out on the web <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/swanisland/index.htm> or on [Facebook](#). We are confident that once you experience Swan Island it will become an annual event for your troops to enjoy.

We look forward to hosting your troop on Swan Island this summer!

Regards,

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Regional Wildlife Biologist

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CAMP CARDS ARE IN

From the district's Facebook page:

Camp Cards are Here!!!!!!

Tony has all of our Camp Cards and will be hitting the road tomorrow to get them out to all of our units. He will be starting in the Augusta area proceeding to Farmington, Skowhegan, Waterville, Camden Rockland and the coast. If your unit is attending the State House event on Thursday please let Tony know, so he can arrange to deliver your cards on Thursday.

Tony's contact info: [\(207\) 650-1796](tel:207-650-1796)
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OA ORDEAL PLANNING MEETING

Forwarded from the Madockawanda Lodge mailing list.

Just a reminder that the lodge will be holding an ordeal planning conference on Saturday, April 25th at 10 am at the Pine Tree Council Office in Raymond as listed in the lodge calendar. All lodge officers and advisers as well as the Ordeal, Service, Brotherhood, Elangomat and Ceremonies Chairmen and advisers are strongly encouraged to attend. Any lodge member who wants to be of service on any of these committees or act in a support position during the induction weekends are also encouraged to attend.

Add one and stick together!

In Service,
Jonathan Goulet
2015 Lodge Chief

Sam Martin
Ordeal Master

Tony Bessey
Lodge Staff Adviser

\$1K DONATION TO CAMP BOMAZEEN

Announced by Casey Morgan through Facebook:

The Bomazeen Old Timers would like to thank Phil Gingrow Jr for his donation of \$1000 in memory of his father who was a scout in Gardiner, scout leader in Augusta, K Valley Chairman, DAM and Silver Beaver recipient. Your generous donation will be put to good use as we begin to return Camp Bomazeen to a fully functioning camp.

MAY ROUNDTABLE—BRING YOUR IDEAS

It's that time of year again. Time to plan next year's roundtable topics. If you have a suggestion for the Boy Scout topics for next year, please bring them to the May 13 Roundtable. If you can't make it and have a suggestion, email your suggestion to both Alan Duplessis (aduplessis@myfairpoint.net) and Scott Bernier (moxieman@zwi.net).

The next regular newsletter will go out on Wed. April 29. Please have your information into me by 6pm that evening.

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