

## **KV News April 29, 2015**

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**CAMP BOMAZEEN OPEN HOUSE**

From Karen Douglas:

### Camp Bomazeen Update

We will be hosting an open house on Saturday, May 2nd from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Any Scout that is planning on doing the Megeso Trail program is requested to attend the open house. All prerequisites and the Physical Fitness Test for Personal Fitness will be available that day. Scouts from this program who attend the open house and complete the prerequisites assigned that day will leave camp in July with completed Eagle badges as opposed to going home with partials. Please make every effort to attend.

For all other Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Packs, Troops and parents who wish to attend the open house please join us as well. Some of the staff will be at camp to give tours to newcomers and also answer any preamp questions you may have.

Hope to see you there. We will also answer any questions you may have at the May Roundtable.

Karen Douglas,  
[kvscoutprogram@gmail.com](mailto:kvscoutprogram@gmail.com)

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**CAMPMASTER COMMITTEE MEETING**

From Tracy Wiggin:

Please be advised that there will be a meeting of the Campmaster Committee on Saturday May 2 at 4:30 pm the location will be the dining Hall at Camp Bomazeen after the open house.

Thanks,  
Tracy Wiggin  
Campmaster Committee Chair

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**TROOP 433 YARD SALE**

May 2, 8am  
Winslow Youth Hall, behind/below the fire department, 114 Benton Ave., Winslow

Remember, send me your info in advance and your unit's fundraiser will also be shared.

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**DISTRICT COMMITTEE & COMMISSIONER MEETINGS**

Wednesday, May 6  
Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville

Commissioners meet at 6pm. If you are a commissioner and cannot attend, please notify District Commissioner, Charlie Ferguson, at [chuckemian@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckemian@hotmail.com)

Committee meets at 7pm. If you are a committee member and cannot attend, please notify BOTH District Chair, Rick Denico, at [fdenicojr@roadrunner.com](mailto:fdenicojr@roadrunner.com) and Program Chair, Pete Myers, at [pete36myers@gmail.com](mailto:pete36myers@gmail.com).

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**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](mailto:aduplessis@myfairpoint.net)) and Scott Bernier ([moxieman@gwi.net](mailto:moxieman@gwi.net)).

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## SCOUT-O-RAMA

From the council Facebook page and Pine Spills:

Join us for the Inaugural L.L. Bean Scout-O-Rama, held at Discovery Park on May 16th, 2015.

All Packs, Troops, Crews, and Volunteers are invited to attend.

Register today and reserve your spot at this fantastic event. It is FREE for all who attend on the 16th, and only \$5.00 for overnight camping at Recompense Campground for Troops and Webelos Scouts.

Scout-O-Rama **IS** the **SPRING CAMPOREE** for all the districts in the Pine Tree Council for 2015 - so don't miss out! Join friends and fellow scouts this May in Freeport at L.L. Beans.

Scout-O-Rama will contain a wide variety of activities and events for Scouts and guests alike to participate in. Highlights of this event include:

- Overnight camping at Recompense Campground.
- Grand Parade of Scouts through the town of Freeport.
- Scouting activities in Discovery Park at L.L. Bean.
- VIP Tires & Service Pine Wood Derby races.
- Climbing wall, geocache course, HAM Radio, and more.
- Campfire program.
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

This event will be conducted on May 16th, 2015 at Discovery Park at L.L. Bean in Freeport for the day. The parade will begin at 9 am, with an opening ceremony at 9:30 am. Activities and events will run until 3:30 pm in the afternoon.

Scout-O-Rama will be an annual event, conducted in partnership with L.L. Bean and the Boy Scouts of America, and serve as an attraction for the guests who visit the Town of Freeport.

The Pine Wood Derby Races for this event are sponsored by *VIP Tires and Service*.

For more information, contact Matthew Randall at [207-797-5252](tel:207-797-5252) [x34](mailto:matt.randall@scouting.org) or [matt.randall@scouting.org](mailto:matt.randall@scouting.org).

Visit [www.pinetreebsa.org/forms](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/forms) for all the guides and info.  
Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/?scoutorama> to register online

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## **SCHOLASTIC PISTOL PROGRAM AT BOMAZEEN**

From Casco Bay District's Newsletter:

Interested in our Scholastic Pistol Program?

**COME CHECK IT OUT OUR NEXT PRACTICE SHOOT**

Saturday, June 27th 9:00am – 2:00pm Camp Bomazeen, Horse Point Rd, Belgrade

Come learn about the Scholastic Pistol Program and have a chance to try one of the stages.

Open to all youth ages 14-20.

For more information contact Matthew Randall at [207-653-1972](tel:207-653-1972) or [ma#.randall@scou.ng.org](mailto:ma#.randall@scou.ng.org).

The flyer attachments can be forwarded to you if you are interested. Contact the newsletter editor at [moxieman@zwi.net](mailto:moxieman@zwi.net). They do not appear to be on the council website at the moment.

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## **DUPUTY CAMP STAFF PROGRAM**

From the council Facebook page:

**NEW FOR 2015 - the DEPUTY CAMP STAFF PROGRAM!!**

The Deputy Staff Program is a volunteer program for Registered Scouts between the ages of 13 and 18. (Scouts younger than 13 are encouraged to volunteer for day camp).

The purpose of the Deputy Program is to help the Cub Camping Program in the council and benefit the Scout volunteer.

The program provides training in Cub Scout Camp operation – both Day Camp and Family Camp (Fun Pack Weekend), service hours for rank and school, and is a great first step on a Scout's path to the CIT program or full - time summer camp staff.

Deputy staff are needed at both Cub Scout Day Camps and Fun Pack Weekends, and will be assigned to an adult leader to help them and carry out camp organization and program.

The benefit for serving as Deputy staff are:

\* 1 Fun Pack Weekend or 2 days of Day Camp = Earn a Patch.

\* 2 Fun Pack Weekends or 1 week of Day Camp = Earn a Patch & T-Shirt.

\* 4 Fun Pack Weekends and 1 week of Day Camp = Earn a Patch, T-Shirt, and \$100.00 discount from one of the following programs for 2016:

CIT Program

NYLT

Week at summer camp

Week at winter camp

Download the application to be Deputy Staff here -

<http://pinetreebsa.org/docume.../04/deputy-staff-program.pdf>

For more information, contact Matthew Randall at [207-797-5252](tel:207-797-5252) x34 or [Matt.randall@scouting.org](mailto:Matt.randall@scouting.org) or [www.pinetreebsa.org/forms](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/forms).

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## **CAMP HINDS RECEIVES \$75,000 DONATION**

From the council Facebook page:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: \$75,000 donation to Camp William Hinds for STEM / NOVA Facility

Raymond, ME. – April 28, 2015: Pine Tree Council Executive Board member Bill Thornton and wife Jacky have generously donated \$75,000 to establish the Thornton Family STEM / Nova Center at Camp William Hinds.

"This gift together with 100% of our Board participation will enable the PTC to take advantage of a 'once in a century' opportunity of working with the Pentagon's IRT program to improve our camps to some of the best in the country! We are extremely proud of our relationship with the military men and women who serve our country," said Campaign Co-Chair Horace Horton.

STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, is part of an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs. Fostering STEM education has emerged as one of Scouting's and our nation's top priorities for youth. The BSA launched Project STEM in 2011 as a way of helping youth develop skills that will be critically needed in order to succeed in the competitive world market.

The Nova and Supernova Awards focus STEM activities and provide additional motivation for Scouts to participate in STEM-related activities. By working with an adult counselor or mentor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be. There are four Nova awards for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Each award covers one component of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

"Thanks to Bill and Jacky Thornton's generous gift, we will dramatically increase our capacity to expose Scouts to our dynamic STEM programs for youth of all ages. Locating the Thornton Family STEM / Nova Center in the daylight level of our new Dining Hall will attract thousands of children from Maine and the Northeast to Camp William Hinds," said Scout Executive/CEO Eric Tarbox.

#### ABOUT PINE TREE COUNCIL / IRT PARTNERSHIP:

The Pine Tree Council partnered with the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program of the Pentagon to provide practical construction training to National Guard and Reserve troops from all over the country. The Pentagon provides leadership, tradesmen, fuel, vehicles, and equipment for 4 months each summer while the Pine Tree Council is responsible for permits, plans, and materials.

Through the BSA Pentagon Construction Partnership, the National Guard & Reserve troops will rebuild Pine Tree Council Scout Camps and give millions in pro-bono construction allowing Camp Hinds to better serve thousands of Scouts in the Northeast. Construction on the new dining and STEM / NOVA is scheduled to begin May 4, 2015.

Horace Horton  
Campaign Co-Chair

Samuel Ladd III  
Campaign Co-Chair

Eric Tarbox  
Scout Executive/CEO

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The next newsletter will go out on Thurs. May 7

YiS,  
Scott Bernier