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MAY ROUNDTABLE—BRING YOUR IDEAS

Wednesday, May 13, 7pm

Pleasant Street Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St. Waterville

Open to all scout volunteers.

It's that time of year again. Time to plan next year's roundtable topics. If you have a suggestion for either the Boy Scout or Cub 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:

Boy Scout Subjects: Email both Alan Duplessis (aduplessis@myfairpoint.net) and Scott Bernier (moxieman@gwi.net)

Cub Scout Subjects: Eric Handley (project19@msn.com)

World Fellowship Fund: Rich Jeong passes on his thanks for your generosity last month. He was able to raise \$53 for the World Scout Fellowship Fund. He is returning in May to take up another collection, which will go to relief efforts in Nepal.

OA K-Valley Chapter will be meeting at Gifford's Ice Cream on Silver St. for ice cream and mini-golf instead of meeting at Roundtable. Please show-up around 6:45. They will wrap-up by 8:30pm. More info on Gifford's on their website: <http://www.giffordsicecream.com/>

SCOUT-O-RAMA—NEW INFO

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.

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).

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

New Information by way of Pine Spills:

Thanks to the generosity of LL Bean and the Camelbak Company, **the first 1500 Scouts to register for Scout-O-Rama** will receive a **FREE** Camelbak Thermos, stuffed with various goodies supplied by LL Bean and the Scout-O-Rama Patch. Supplies are limited, and will only go to the first 1500 Scouts who register at Scout-O-Rama.

As of 5/6: 629 youth have registered from across the council.

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

2015 Theme: "Take Flight"

Day Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Fun Pack Weekend information can be found on the Council website at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/forms/> Scroll down to Camping Programs

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?!?

We're not talking about "My unit is going to Bomazeen (or Hinds)." We're talking about have you actually sent in your registrations and payment yet? Early Bird deadline (5/30) is fast approaching. Your timely registrations will help those planning/running camp with preparing program and having enough supplies on hand for those who have registered in advance for camp.

Full information on all summer camp programs is on the Council website at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/forms/> Scroll down to Camping Programs

FUN PACK WEEKEND HELP WANTED

From Dean Zaharis:

What are you doing on weekends during the summer? I am seeking adults and youth to help out at Fun Pack Weekend. I would love you to be part of the staff.

As you probably know we are trying to upgrade Fun Pack Weekend to increase participation. The changes include:

- * Lowering price per participant
- * Adding three Dining Hall meals
- * Providing a more consistent staff and program across all four weekends

Fun Pack weekends are:

July 11-12 @ Camp Hinds

July 18-19 @ Camp Hinds

July 25-26 @ Camp Bomazeen

Aug 1-2 @ Camp Hinds

The staff time commitment is from 8:00am Saturday morning until noon on Sunday.

My hope is to recruit Area Directors who will serve for all four weekends and then some additional adults and youth volunteer assistants who want to help but can't commit to all four weekends. The area directors who work all four weekend will receive a small stipend. The others are volunteers but we will provide meals, t-shirt, and patch.

We need both area directors and helpers. The areas we are looking to fill are:
Swimming - (Director: Must be 21+ and hold Aquatics Instructor certification from NCS)
Scout Skills
Challenge (COPE) – (Director must be 18+ and trained locally*)
Boating – (We need 21yr old and someone certified BSA Lifeguard or someone who is both 21 and is a BSA Lifeguard)
B-B Range – (Director must be 21+ and trained locally*)
Crafts
Nature
Archery – (Director must be 18+ and trained locally*)
Kitchen (Cook, Assistants, Dish washers, Steward)
Trading Post
Health Lodge (Must be certified)

* We will provide training as needed

The Fun Pack Leader's Guide can be found
here: <http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/04/fun-pack-weekend-leaders-guide.pdf>

To volunteer or for more information please contact me – dzaharis@gmail.com

Thanks
Dean

Dean B. Zaharis
Assistant Camp Director, Camp Hinds, BSA
<http://camphinds.org/>
Camp Hinds Online Museum
<http://friendsofhinds.org>

SUMMIT PROJECT NEEDS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Forwarded from John Cary, Council Assistant Scout Executive by Tony Bessey:

Pine Tree Council has been respectfully asked if we can help provide Scouts to the Summit Project on Saturday, May 23rd.

If you remember from last year, this is the program where Service men and women of Maine who have given the ultimate sacrifice to their country are honored with a Memorial Stone that is transferred from the Portland Elks Lodge to Mount Katahdin.

Again, we are asked to have a strong showing of Scouts who will help in the Color Guard, and bring the Memorial Stones to the motorcyclers who will take them forward.

This year, it is on a Saturday morning which should make attendance easier.

More information on The Summit Project can be found at:

<http://thesummitproject.org/>

If you have scouts who can help, please notify Tony Bessey as soon as possible at Anthony.Bessey@scouting.org

TROOP 433 SWEET FROG FUNDRAISER

Support Winslow Boy Scout Troop 433 and Sweet Frog in Waterville Maine

Tuesday, May 19th 4:00 p.m.-Closing

20% of that night's sales will go to Troop 433!
(You do not need to hand them a flyer)

Location: 14 Waterville Commons (in plaza along Walmart entry road)

CAMP BOMAZEEN BOWL-A-THON MONEY IS DUE ASAP

All units that participated in the bowl-a-thon for Camp Bomazeen must have their funds into Scott Adams by Tuesday, May 12. Please contact him with questions. His contact info is in the bowl-a-thon paperwork that was distributed at the March Roundtable and on the District website.

NEXT BOMAZEEN FUNDRAISER

Waterville Ruby Tuesday Restaurant, 20 Waterville Commons, Waterville (near Walmart).

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, May 26 through 28. YES, THREE DAYS!

20% of your order will go to Camp Bomazeen. You must present a flyer, available on the District Website.

CAMP BOMAZEEN WORK SESSIONS

6/6/15 Work day at Camp Bomazeen, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Lunch provided.

7/22/15 Camp Bomazeen, 4:00 PM work session, 6:00 PM Dinner. OA Service hour/ Brotherhood Conversion to follow.

8/15/15 Work day at Camp Bomazeen 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch provided.

NO COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY

Subject says it all. Enjoy the summer visiting your units. Commissioner staff will start meeting again in August (8/5)

POPCORN KICK-OFF

From Tony Bessey:

Tuesday, June 7 (Time TBA)

Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville (Roundtable location)

There are a lot of changes this year aimed at making the sale better for Scouts and their units. For more information please email Tony at abessey@scouting.com

TONY BESSEY CONTACT INFO

Tony would like to ask everyone to use his cell phone [\(207\) 650-1796](tel:(207)650-1796) as his primary phone. He is not in the office often and his office phone is not checked. The message on his phone has been changed to note that fact. If Tony cannot answer, leave a message and

he will answer your calls in the order they come in. Sometimes if you text, you might even get a quicker response. Also please note that the only email people should be using for Scout business is abessey@scouting.org. If you use tony@tonybessey.com he cannot grantee that email will get to him as it is checked by someone else.

Great Scouting!!!

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More news after roundtable.

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Bernier