

KV Newsletter, October 16, 2015

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Good Morning Scouters!

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Kennebec Valley District Commissioners Meeting

Wed, November 4, 6pm – 7pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME
(Usually scheduled for every 1st Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

Kennebec Valley District Committee Meeting

Wed, November 4, 7pm – 9pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME
(Usually scheduled for every 1st Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

Kennebec Valley Roundtable

Wed, November 11, 7pm – 9pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME
(Usually scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)
Boy Scout Program: Winter Camping presented by Geary Judkins
Cub Scout Program: T.B.A.

K-Valley Chapter Order of the Arrow

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Advancement News

October 28- Eagle Board of Review/ Project Review at the TRC Building on Gabriel Drive in Augusta. Life Scouts looking to have their project reviewed by the Advancement Committee should make sure they have all other signatures in place and contact Advancement Chair Chuck Mahaleris cmahaleris@gmail.com. Eagle candidate looking to schedule their Board of Review MUST send their completed Eagle Scout application (after finishing all requirements including Scoutmaster Conference) to Pine Tree Council. They will check your advancements etc and then send it to Chuck for scheduling the Board. Questions please contact Chuck at cmahaleris@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Rank Requirement Changes for 2016. There are numerous rank changes that will take place beginning January 2016. Some are minor but others- such as the new Scout Rank- are more significant. The KValley District Advancement Committee will be making a short review at the October Roundtable. There is a transition period for 2016 as the program rolls in but all Scouts must use the new requirements by 2017.

Lots more details can be found at the following links:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Transitioning New Requirements 2016.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Transitioning%20New%20Requirements%202016.pdf)

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirementsFAQs.pdf>

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

BSA has a new Troop Leader Guidebook available. The web version is here: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-150_Appendix\(15\)_WEB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-150_Appendix(15)_WEB.pdf)

Scout Leader Training

EVERY Scout Deserves a Trained Leader.
Help your unit become more successful by getting TRAINED!

KV - October 16 + 17, ITOLS @ Fall Camporee Friday to Saturday.
KV - 10/20 - Winslow Elementary Library from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Introduction to the New Cub Scout System.

Registration forms found at <http://kvalley.pinetrebsa.org/> or contact Ricky Merrill for KV Trainings @ rmmongoose@gmail.com

CUBMASTER & DEN LEADER TRAINING

Casco Bay - Saturday, October 24 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Yarmouth Community House
200 Main Street, Yarmouth

Bring a Lunch • Wear Full Scouter Uniform • Carry Pen and Notepad

REGISTER TODAY with Matt Mower, 797-5252, x23 •
Matthew.Mower@scouting.org Leader Specific Training: \$5 today or \$10 at the door

2015 Fall Camporee / October 16,17,+ 18 Titcomb Mountain, Farmington, Maine

*** This Weekend! ***

CAMPOREE NEWS:

The camporee will now offer not only the 1-mile orienteering hike. We will have a 5-mile hike in the morning as one of the possible activities. Both hikes are open to all scouts. However, the entire troop does not need to participate. If a scout is planning on completing the 5-mile hike, he should be well prepared: comfortable shoes, backpack (no string packs), water bottles, and a snack. The 5-mile hike will leave after opening ceremony and should return before lunch. The 1-mile orienteering hike will be offered in the afternoon.

MED FORMS (parts A+B) are needed for EVERY attendee.

Please contact Kate Gurney with any questions: eyedoc@beeline-onlin.net or 491-4407.

Pack 684 Fundraiser Canceled

Pack 684 is Canceling the Fundraiser for October 17th at Applebees, due to not enough tickets sold in time.

Boston Museum of Science

It's time to start planning for the 2015 Overnight Program at the Boston Museum of Science.
Form and Information can be found at <http://pinetrebsa.org>

Scout in Need of Support

Friends and Family of Scouting: Please read and consider.

Recently, a Boy Scout of Troop 603 and formerly of Pack 684, has had a great set back in life. His father was involved in an accident and suffered a traumatic head injury on Friday October 2. At this point the outcome is unknown. He has swelling of the brain and has undergone surgery as of Friday. There is very little good news to be found since the accident occurred. The current thought is that IF he survives this event he will miss a couple months of work. As the primary earner in the house this will be devastating. At a minimum it appears that he will be unable to support the family for a couple months.

The Boy Scout Troop and Pack has decided to team up and help this Scout and his family by trying to raise financial support and assistance with some household assistance. This is short notice but I would love to see some donations made towards a silent auction to take place at the Pack's Chili / chowder cook off or the Troops potential spaghetti benefit. If you have any ideas for food or Items you would like to donate towards an auction or the family then please contact myself at brennem723@gmail.com or Helen Mooney/ Renee Madore at kvpack684@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know would like to donate money please make all checks payable to Troop 603 and we will be sure to get any donations moved to the family. Your assistance is appreciated.

Andy Madore
Scout Master Troop 603
Committee Chair Pack 684

Merit Badge College Update

Your Merit Badge College team is working hard to have another Spring Merit Badge College. The dates we have reserved are March

26 and April 30, 2016.

Scouts keep your eyes peeled to the District and Council websites for more information coming in January. Scoutmasters and any concerned ASM's and Committee members you too.

Yours in Scouting Spirit,
Randy Hooper
SM Troop 604
MC Pack 605
K-Valley Merit Badge Coordinator
K-Valley Member at Large

Boy Scout from Troop 419 Helps Out At Fahi Pond

Great story on the IF&W website about Shay's Life Scout project.

<http://www.maine.gov/wordpress/insideifw/2015/10/14/999/>

Help us Harvest Green Beans on Saturday (Community Service Opportunity)

The Augusta Food Bank is recruiting individuals to pick green beans before this weekend's forecasted frost. **There are 12 acres of unharvested green beans** off Route 32 in Jefferson that must be hand picked due to field conditions preventing harvesting equipment from completing the job.

The harvested beans will go to hunger relief organizations, schools, and others in need. Help reduce food waste and get fresh, healthy food to those in need. This is a great opportunity for youth who need community service hours. Pickers can pick a box full or a truck load, you decide! You can certainly bring some home for your enjoyment as well...there will be plenty.

We will be out there Saturday by 9 a.m. and will stay until noon. This does not mean you can't stay later!

Please meet us there. Directions are at the bottom of this notice.

Please dress appropriately (especially footwear...something waterproof-ish) and bring bags/totes/boxes if you can.

We'll have some hot coffee to share!

Call or e-mail with any questions and to let us know if we should expect you.

DIRECTIONS (from the north/west)

81 East Pond Rd. in Jefferson
Come in on rt 32
Where the road forks, keep R on 32 (East Pond Rd)
Go .4 (4/10) miles and you will see Olsen Lane on your R
The bean field is across from Olsen Lane.
Simply pull over, park and walk into the field. You'll see us.

Let's get these beans picked!

Thank you!

Sarah & Abbie

Sarah's Cell: 712-9734 or augustafoodbank@gmail.com.

Note: Newsletters go out every 1st, 2nd, and last Friday each month, except where I post a time change prior to an event like vacation, etc. All submissions for the newsletter must be sent to me by Thursday afternoon @ 3:00pm to allow me to put it together. Please make sure that you include your contact information with your submission so if there are any questions, people can contact you directly.

My email address is peter.r.small.sr@gmail.com.