

KV Newsletter, November 13, 2015

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Good Morning Scouters!

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Kennebec Valley District Commissioners Meeting

Wed, December 2, 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, December 2, 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, December 9, 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: "Dutchember" (Dutch Oven Cooking) and Holiday Party
Presented by: Karla Talpey and all attendees bring something to share
Cub Scout Program: T.B.A.

K-Valley Chapter Order of the Arrow

Wed, December 9, 7pm – 9pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME
December activity - Christmas Caroling. More info later.
(Usually scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

Leader Training

Who: Open to all Cub Scout leaders and parents

When: Saturday, November 14, 8:00-4:00 (lunch provided)

Where: St. Augustine Church Hall, 75 Northern Ave, Augusta

Cost \$10 per person to cover lunch and printed materials

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) introduces Cub Scout leaders and parents to the

skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly pack camping.

We still have openings for this training! For more information, contact **Pat Couture** at 441-4077 or pcouture@pack622.info.

Registration form at <http://kvalley.pinetreetsa.org/documents/2015/11/kv-baloo-training-11-14-2015.pdf>

We are also looking for units that would like to sponsor a training event in their area. Any unit interested, please contact **Ricky Merrill** at 931-7420 or email rmmongoose@gmail.com.

Advancement News

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. 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/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)

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.

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