

**KV Newsletter, December 4, 2015**

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**Good Morning Scouters!**

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**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

**This is our Holiday Party! Please bring a snack or finger foods to share.**

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**K-Valley Chapter Order of the Arrow**

**Wed, December 9, 7pm – 9pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME**

**December Activity - Christmas Caroling at the Woodlands.** Meet at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME @ 6:50pm and group will travel to The Woodlands.

(Usually scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

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**Kennebec Valley District Commissioners Meeting**

**Wed, January 6, 6pm – 7pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME.**

(Usually scheduled for every 1st Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

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**Kennebec Valley District Committee Meeting**

**Wed, January 6, 7pm – 9pm at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, Waterville, ME.**  
(Usually scheduled for every 1st Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted)

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**Recharter**

As of 12/2 K-Valley only had 3 units that have submitted their rechartering information. Please make sure your charter is turned in along with every adult leaders updated Youth Protection Training certificate, and your units filled out Journey to Excellence form. Contact Peggy Murphy at [Peggy.Murphy2@scouting.org](mailto:Peggy.Murphy2@scouting.org) or Charlie Ferguson at [chuckemian@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckemian@hotmail.com).

Message from Matt Randall:

Greetings,

To be on the K-Valley website are the new Chartering Organization Agreement and New Unit Application documents, that have been updated to concur with our organization's membership policies.

These documents are to be used immediately for any new units being developed and for recharter. If a recharter comes in with an old Chartering Organization agreement, we will accept it, but the optimal objective is to have as many chartering organizations sign the new agreement as possible this recharter season.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Cheers,

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**Klondike Derby**

As of right now, we do not have anyone to host The K-Valley District Klondike Derby. If any group is interested in hosting the Klondike Derby, please contact Charlie Ferguson at [chuckemian@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckemian@hotmail.com).

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**Leader Training**

We are 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 [rmongoose@gmail.com](mailto:rmongoose@gmail.com).

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**Merit Badge College News**

**Sat, March 26, 2016 and Sat, April 30, 2016** at the Hope Baptist Church in Manchester, Maine. More information to follow.

**From Randy Hooper:**

**Youth Protection Training** - I need to know if anyone takes the **YPT** Training so I can place in the correct dates.

**Per Council Advancement:** any **MBC's** that do not have current **YPT** training by Dec 22 are to be dropped off the list. Any that want to continue after **YPT** has expired will need to fill out another Adult Application.

Contact Randy Hooper for more information at [kvalleymb@aol.com](mailto:kvalleymb@aol.com).

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## **Advancement News**

### **Eagle Board of Review/ Project Review**

**December 16**

**6:30 PM**

**TRC Building** on Gabriel Drive in Augusta. Scouts should contact Advancement Chair Chuck Mahaleris at [cmahaleris@gmail.com](mailto:cmahaleris@gmail.com) with questions.

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/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](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)

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## **K-Valley District Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

**When: April 9, 2016**

**Where: Waterville Elks Lodge**

**Keep the date open. More details to follow.**

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## **PTC University of Scouting**

The University of Scouting will be held Saturday, March 12th at Freeport High School. More information can be found on the PTC website at:

<http://pinetreebsa.org/documents/2015/01/university-of-scouting-2015-catalog.pdf>

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## **2016 Powderhorn Training Course**

Information and registration information for the 2016 Powderhorn Training Course can be found on the PTC website at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/?powderho>

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## **Scout Night with the Red Claws!**

**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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