



March 2008 Newsletter

Welcome! We hope our newsletter will provide you with timely news for you, your Scouts and families!

Spring Popcorn Sale!

EVERY BOY DESERVES TO GO TO CAMP!

Trails End Popcorn and the PTC are teaming up to help Scouts earn money towards summer camp!

The Sale will be a Take-Order sale, conducted individually by each Scout and their family. This will not be run by the troop or pack but on an individual basis!

Each boy will receive a 35% commission on all popcorn sold, which will be given in the form of a Voucher for the amount earned - valid for use at any PTC camp program in 2008.

Scouts should have already received popcorn flyers in the mail. FMI- please contact, Matthew Randall at 797-5252 x21 or email mrmandall@bsamail.org

Cub Camping Programs:

Looking for a great way to enjoy the Cub Scouting program all summer long? Then sign up for a Cub Scout camping program! Our programs will use the fun filled theme of "Super Heroes" to bring Scouts together to meet new friends, explore the great outdoors, learn new skills and enjoy being a kid!

2008 FunPack Dates

July 5 & 6
July 12 & 13
July 19 & 20
July 26 & 27
Aug 2 & 3
Aug 9 & 10

2008 Cub Day Camp Dates:

Abnaki District:
Camp Gustin July 28 - Aug 1

Casco Bay District:
Pride's Corner School- Westbrook –
July 21 – 25
Camp Hinds – July 14 – 18

Downeast District:
Union Fair – July 7 - 11
Topsham Fair – July 14 - 18

Kennebec Valley District:
Camp Bomazeen - July 28 - Aug 1

York District:
Camp Nutter - July 7 - 11
Camp Nutter - July 14 – 18

2008 Webelos Schedule 4 Day Resident Camp

Session 1 Aug. 10 – 13
Session 2 Aug. 13 – 16

Early bird discounts are available for camp programs.

Information on registration forms!
Under Cub Camping at
www.pinetrebsa.org

CAMPERSHIPS FOR CAMP

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Applications are available through PTC on the web site at www.pinetrebsa.org or call PTC at 797-5252. Application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

Operation Fly 1st Class

April 21st – 24th at Camp Hinds
For Boy Scouts Tenderfoot rank to First Class! This four-day program will offer new Boy Scouts the opportunity for advancement during the April vacation with other Scouts under the guidance of older Scouts and experienced leaders!

Camp Hinds for Boy Scouts

Offering Traditional Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts every week!

Other Special Programs include:

WEEK 1 June 29 – July 4

- Trail To Eagle Week
- WEEK 2 July 6 – 11
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1

WEEK 3 July 13 – 18

- CIT Session 1
- NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification

WEEK 4 July 20 – 25-Closed to New Unit Reservations-Provo Open

- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1

WEEK 5 July 27 – August 1

Closed to New Unit Reservations-Provo Open

- CIT Session 2
- NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification

WEEK 6 August 3 – 8

- BSA Lifeguard
- Trail to Eagle Week
- CIT Session 2

Camp Hinds Summer Staff WANTED

Camp Hinds is looking for **motivated and high-energy individuals** with a love for teaching and the outdoors! Opportunities for students (age 15 and up) adults, teachers and retired folks!

STAFF APPLICATIONS ARE AT:
www.pinetrebsa.org, or contact Steve Saucier, Camp Director, at 797-5252 ext. 28.



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FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

Attention All Scouts and Scouting Families! Discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets are here so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! The prices for the 2008 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$18.00
Splashtown Pass	\$16.00
Combination Pass	\$24.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center **May 1 through August 29, 2008**. These tickets can be used anytime during the 2008 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. **Tickets are available on a first come first served basis.** If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 ext 10.

2008 Learning for Life Auction and Benefit

On Wednesday, May 21st, Learning for Life and Exploring is conducting their annual Auction and Benefit at the Portland Club in Portland. Come and get some great deal while supporting Learning for Life! For complimentary tickets, please contact Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org

2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy

The 2008 Explorer Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled for the week of 23 through 27 June 2008. This academy is open to young men and women ages 14 (and graduated from the 8th grade) through 20. If you have Scouts interested in either a law enforcement or military career path, this academy is for them.

Applications can be obtained by calling Michael Dyer at 797-5770 or through email at midyer@lflmail.org.

Scout Night with the Pirates

Our last Scout Night with the Pirates will be April 5th @ 7:05 vs. Hartford Wolf Pack. Open to all Scouts, families and friends. To order tickets call Cameron Cestaro at (207) 828-4665 x 312 or order online at <http://www.portlandpirates.com/tickets/scouts/email.asp>. Limited number of tickets are available. For more information about Scout Nights contact Tony Bessey at 797-5252 ext. 23.

2008 University of Scouting

Join us for a great day of adult training and resources! April 5th at CMCC. Classes available in a wide variety of subjects with a huge Scouting Showcase with vendors and displays! Online registration available at www.pinetreebsa.org Register before March 22nd and save \$5.00

PTC Recognition Dinner

The 2008 PTC Recognition Dinner recognizing the 2007 Class of Eagles and the 2008 Silver Beaver recipients will be held on April 25, 2008 at the Portland Elks Lodge on Outer Congress St. in Portland starting at 6:30 PM. The dinner is free for the 2007 Eagles and 2008 Silver Beaver Recipients. Cost for other guest is \$20 per person.

Upcoming Outdoor Leader Trainings **May 2-4 at Camp Hinds**

Training to include:

ITOLS- Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills- required for

Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters.

WLOT- Webelos Leader Outdoor Training- required for Webelos den leaders to take their Webelos camping!

BALOO- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. At least one leader must be trained to take the Cub Scout Pack camping. Registration forms online at www.pinetreebsa.org or call Cathy Gosselin at 797-5252 x 14

Links to PTC's Sites:

Pine Tree Council
www.pinetreebsa.org

Abnaki Website
<http://www.abnakidistrict.org>

Casco Bay Website
<http://www.cascobaybsa.org/>

K-Valley Website
<http://www.kv-scouts.org/index.htm>

York Website
<http://www.yorkdistrict.org>

PTC Scout Shop- Online
http://www.pinetreebsa.org/scouts_hop/index.html

Madockawanda Order of the Arrow Lodge Website
<http://www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/>