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DISTRICT PLANNING SESSION

Dear KV Scouters,

The district committee is planning a strategic planning session for the upcoming year on 6/9. We would respectfully request your input. Would you kindly take a moment or two to mentally review this past year's program and send your comments on TWO of the most important things you feel need attention. If you have a recommendation for something we have not been doing or a resolve to what you feel is a problem, please forward to me by Friday, June 4. This will give us time to compile the comments as well as a starting point to the planning process. Thank you to each of you for what you continue to do for the youth of K Valley.

Yours in Scouting,  
Kelly Pillsbury  
District Chair

Note from the newsletter editor: DO NOT HIT REPLY! Kelly will not receive your comments. Send your comments to:  
[kellyp22@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kellyp22@myfairpoint.net) List "District Planning Session" in the subject line. Thank you!

Directions to the facility if you're on the district committee or have been invited to this session (please RSVP with Kelly!):  
<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&hl=en&saddr=&daddr=Dalton+Road,+Augusta,+Me&ie=UTF8&z=15&om=1&iwloc=addr>

OR use the tinyurl shortcut: <http://tinyurl.com/36orcgx>

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KENNEBEC CELEBRATION

Scott Verrill still needs volunteers for Scout participation on June 12 @ Kennebec Celebration, Fort Western in Augusta

We need about 20 volunteers to man stations at the Festival including a Nature hike, Flag etiquette, Obstacle course, Paper Kite & Airplane making, Knot tying, Pinewood Derby Trials, and registrations at both

ends of the trail between the fort and Kennebec Arsenal. Scott Haney also needs help making wildlife cut-outs from paneling to be placed on the trail.

Please call Scott @ 592-8077 or e-mail [strictly@megalink.net](mailto:strictly@megalink.net)

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#### YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Reminder, Youth Protection Training is now mandatory!

From BSA National:

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the BSA.

To increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the Boy Scouts of America is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies.

Effective June 1, 2010:

- \* -- Youth Protection training is required for all registered volunteers.
- \* -- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before they submit an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.
- \* -- Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

To ensure these policies are fully implemented, please take the following steps:

- \* -- If you have not taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, please log on to <http://www.myscouting.org> MyScouting and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card.
- \* -- If you do not know your member ID number, contact your unit leader or committee chairman. Your council can also assist.
- \* -- A person does not have to be a registered volunteer or have an ID number to take Youth Protection training. To take the training, log in to <http://www.myscouting.org> MyScouting and create an account. From the MyScouting portal, click on E-Learning and take the Youth Protection training. Upon completion, print a certificate and submit it with an application or submit to the unit leader for processing at the local council.
- \* -- If you have taken Youth Protection training online but did not input your member ID number, please log on to <http://www.myscouting.org> MyScouting and input your member ID in the My Profile section so the training will be linked to your records.

\* -- If you have taken Youth Protection training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to <http://www.myscouting.org> MyScouting to ensure your records are up-to-date, or contact your council for verification that your Youth Protection training records are accurate.

\* -- Finally, please share these important changes with other Scouters.

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the Parent's Guide in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

Thank you for your commitment to our nation's young people and to Scouting.

Sincerely,

James Terry  
Assistant Chief Scout Executive

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#### LEADER TRAINING IN DOWNEAST DISTRICT JUNE 5TH

(Sorry for the short notice.)

Adult Leader Training will be held Saturday, June 5 at the LDS church in Damariscotta (61 Belvedere Rd, Damariscotta). No coffee is allowed in the church please. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the fee is \$7.00 to cover the cost of printed materials and training cards.

This is Scouting (New Leader Essentials) will begin promptly at 9:00 and will last about two hours. There will be a lunch break for approximately one half hour (bring your own). After lunch Leader Specific Training will begin. This afternoon session will include a choice of Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Leader, Troop Committee Challenge, Cubmaster, Cub Leader Specific and Pack Committee.

If you need help or more information. please contact Paul Galipeau at [bluegate@tds.net](mailto:bluegate@tds.net) 542-7014.

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#### LEADER TRAINING IN K-VALLEY DISTRICT (including Youth Protection) JUNE 19TH

National has mandated that all leaders have Youth Protection Training after June 1, 2010 to be registered in Scouting. We will be offering Youth Protection Training at the June 19, 2010 training. The training will be held at the Congregational Church in Madison. The training

will be about 1.5 hours. Registration at 8:00 AM, Training begins at 8:30 AM. Troop Committee Training will "NOT" be offered at this training. Please pre-register with Scott Verrill through Pine Tree Council.

(See Kennebec Celebration above for Scott's contact info)

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#### BUGLING MERIT BADGE TO BE DISCONTINUED IN 2011

National plans to merge it with Music. So, if you've got scouts working on Bugling, they need to finish it prior to the end of 2010.

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2010/06/ask-the-expert-what-happened-to-bugling-merit-badge.html>

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#### EMAIL DATES/HIATUS

The next newsletter will go out on Thurs. June 10th. It will be the last email newsletter from me for at least a week and a half to two weeks. I'll be on vacation and without Internet access from June 11th through June 20th. Our DE has a copy of the email list if something comes-up that can't wait.

YiS,  
Scott Bernier