

DISTRICT BANQUET

I don't want to start sounding like a horse racetrack announcer just before a race, but people, you are waiting too long to sign-up for the banquet. How do I know? I received a report at last night's district meeting that Karla Talpey "has had just a few responses for food for the Banquet".

We really need an idea of how many are coming and what you are bringing. If we have 30 people preregister, guess how much papergoods, plastic wear and chairs there are going to be? Yup, 30. We'd also like to avoid having 30 pots of chili (or 30 garden salads or...). So, please, please preregister ASAP.

Date: Saturday, March 13

Gathering at 4:30pm

Pleasant Street Methodist Church

61 Pleasant St., Waterville--just down the street from where we meet for Roundtable.

Pot Luck Dinner

Cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door (to cover expenses).

Contact Karla Talpey with how many are attending and what you plan to bring--or ask her for ideas on what to bring. Email: ktalpey@myfairpoint.net

Why should you attend?

To recognize yourself and your fellow volunteer leaders including a deserving few who will receive the District Award of Merit, the highest recognition award that can be bestowed on a volunteer within a district.

Comradery among your fellow scout leaders, family and friends.

Great Food--In the past there's been just about anything you can think of in a normal pot luck and some surprises such as caribou and moose. Who knows what will be there this year. That's part of the fun.

That's not enough to convince you to come? What's it going to take to convince you to attend the banquet that has been put together for you, the volunteer unit/district leaders of Kennebec Valley District? If the above isn't enough, how about an outright bribe?

Bribe? Yes, a bribe. One lucky troop and two lucky packs are going to walk away with a FULL CAMPERSHIP for one of their youth to attend summer camp. Again this year, the Bomazeen Old-Timers are sponsoring three camperships--one for a boy scout troop and two for cub scout packs, that will be raffled off at the Banquet. The reason there are two cub camperships but only one boy scout campership is that cub camp is roughly half the price of Boy Scout Resident camp. Surely, there's some deserving youth in your unit that could use some financial help to attend camp. Or maybe if your unit wins, you'll split it among several of your youth.

So, how does your unit get an entry into this raffle? By attending roundtable and the banquet. Every time a member of your unit attends roundtable, your unit receive one entry. For every member of your unit that attends the banquet, your unit receives another entry.

Here's the kicker. YOUR UNIT MUST HAVE SOMEONE PRESENT AT THE BANQUET TO WIN. If you don't come to the banquet, your unit can't win. We will draw unit numbers until we draw one that is present. Sadly, we had to draw many numbers last year before we found our winners. But last year's winners would like to thank the units that did not attend. Don't let your unit be one of the ones that misses out and is thanked by this year's winners.

I'm sure there will be other surprises during the banquet, but you'll have to be there to find out.

ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, March 10, 7pm
Blessed Hope Advent Church, 10 Pleasant St., Waterville

General Session and separate Boy Scout Leader and Cub Scout Leader sessions.

Boy Scout topic for March is Fundraising presented by Scott Adams, Scoutmaster, Troop 479, China. Scott has passed the word to me that Cub Leaders are welcome in the Boy Scout session this month (not to steal them from the Cub Session).

K-Valley Chapter of the Order of the Arrow also meets on the same night/location as roundtable. Scout leaders, please offer your OA youth a ride if they need one.

Commissioners will be on hand at the March Roundtable roughly an hour before hand to help anyone who needs help with their unit charters. Remember Unit Charters are due by the end of March for most units in K-Valley.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Saturday, March 27, all day at Central Maine Community College in Auburn.

More than 70 courses will be offered throughout the day for all volunteer leaders from Cub Scouters to Boy Scouters to Venture advisors to commissioners. There will also be sessions taught by the

Order of the Arrow. Several sessions (marked with a Y in the brochure) are open to both older youth (14 and above) and adults.

Early bird registration deadline is March 19. Cost is \$20. Miss the deadline and the cost goes up an additional \$5. Lunch is included.

There will also be a Scouting Showcase "featuring Summer Camp, High Adventure and many others. We'll also have vendor displays for products and services that support scouting. Since this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, we will also have a display commemorating scouting's centennial."

Full course catalog is available on the K-Valley Website under the Newsletter section:

http://www.kv-scouts.org/upldDocuments/Unit659/Newsletters/UoS2010Catalog_.pdf

You can register online through the council website: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

Derby Rules and registration and info are now up on the District website under the FORMS section. Information will also be provided at the March Roundtable.

<http://www.kv-scouts.org/forms.aspx>

Karen Douglas still needs a few volunteers to help with registration and the weigh-in/car inspection process at the derby. If you can help, please contact her at: kdouglas@augustaschools.org

SPRING CAMPOREE

May 21-23 at Clinton Fairgrounds

More information will be available at the March Roundtable. There will be Cub Scout activities and Cubs will be allowed to camp overnight with their pack, as long as they are accompanied overnight by a parent.

Many Cub Leaders have asked why we have not had Cub Activities at the past several camporees. Yes, sometimes, there has been no room at the location and at other times no one stepped up to plan cub

activities. But those are not the main reason, which is:

BSA National *_DISCOURAGES_* Cubs at Camporees. BSA National believes that camporees are age appropriate only for Boy Scouts and Venturers. Please see BSA's Age Appropriate Guidelines at:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/ageguides.pdf>

Despite National listing it's not age appropriate, we will be having Cub Events at the Spring Camporee.

More after Roundtable

YiS,
Scott Bernier