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I also wish to thank everyone who sent me pretyped-items for this newsletter. You save me a lot of time in helping to pass information on to all our hard working volunteers. Thank you!

To the other district e-newsletter editors who subscribe to our e-newsletter: YES, you may pass on anything you see here to your own districts that you think your district needs to know, just as you have provided me permission in the past to do likewise.

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KV DISTRICT WEBSITE

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

It is a work in progress. Our webmaster, David Van Twistern will gladly provide a link from the district website to your Troop, Pack, Crew, or Post website if you have one. Please send the link to him at: dvantwistern@vtassociates.us

POPCORN ANYONE?

Troop 479 of China is in the search for some popcorn for a few long-time scout supporters. If you have the following left-over from your show-and-sell and would like to help, please contact Scott Adams at 968-2787.

4 to 6 cans of Caramel Corn with Almonds, Pecans & Cashews
4 of the small plastic buckets of Caramel Corn

ITS RECHARTER TIME

Commissioners will be available before the February and March roundtables to provide help to those that need it. Recharter packets were handed out at the January Roundtable. Council is changing recharter after this year to DECEMBER for all units. So, you will be rechartering for 9 months instead of 12. The recharter fee will be for nine months.

District Commissioner Charlie Fergeson has the charter packets for those units whose charters were not picked-up last night. He will be in contact with those units shortly.

Re-charter Deadline - March 31, 2010

Re-Charter length - 9 months - Expires 12/31/2010 Re-Charter Cost per person - \$11.25 Boy's Life Renewal per subscription - \$9.00

Units started within the last year or with a different renewal date should call our DE, Scott Verrill (contact info further down in this newsletter), for pricing.

Remember to one of the requirements for Centennial Honor Unit is to Recharter on time!

TRAINING

NATIONAL TO INSTITUTE MANDATORY TRAINING!!!!

All Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venture Advisors must be trained for their position (Fast start/This is Scouting and leader specific) by the end of 2010!

All other leaders with direct contact with youth (Ex. Den Leaders, ASMs, Ast. Advisors) must be fully trained (Fast Start/This is Scouting and leader specific) by 2011!

Don't wait. If you're not training in your position take advantage of one or more of the following opportunities:

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TRAINING IN KENNEBEC VALLEY DISTRICT

Kennebec Valley District will next offer leader training on February 13, 2010. Location: LDS Church in Farmingdale.

Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Leader specific training will be offered.

A flyer is available for download from the district website newsletter page. It is too late to send your registration into Council. However, please email all three of the following if you plan to attend:

Joe Levasseur: joekathy2@myfairpoint.net

Rick Lees: lees5@roadrunner.com

Scott Verrill: strictly@megalink.net

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OTHER TRAINING

Upcoming Training Schedule Council-wide (forwarded from Matt Randall by way of Downeast District's newsletter, "The Beacon")

Key to abbreviations at the end of the list of trainings.

2/27/2010

Council

Topsham LDS

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC, VL

matt randall

8AM - 5PM

3/6/2010

Casco Bay

Windham LDS Church

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC

jht@maine.rr.com

8AM - 5PM

3/10/2010

Abnaki

Auburn Middle School

CR Training

abessey@bsamail.org

6PM

3/13/2010

York

Saco City Hall

CSLS, DC

scott valcourt

8AM - 5PM

3/27/2010

Council

CMCC Auburn

University of Scouting

Robert Robinson

8AM - 5PM

5/22/2010

Abnaki

Spring Camporee - Camp Gustin

Baloo/Wot/Itols

abessey@bsamail.org

8AM - 5PM

5/22/2010

York

Spring Camporee - Camp Nutter (on Saturday)

SM/ASM, TCC

Steve Saucier

6/5/2010

Downeast

Damariscotta LDS Church

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC, MBC, DC, VL,

bluegate@tds.net

8AM - 5PM

6/23/2010

Council

Camp Hinds

NYLT (June 24rd to June 29th)

jht@maine.rr.com

9/25/2010

Council

Holy Cross Church - Lewiston

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC, MBC, DC, VL, Explorer

Tony Bessy

8AM - 5PM

10/2/2010

Downeast

Damariscotta LDS Church

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC, MBC, DC, VL,

bluegate@tds.net

10/23/2010

Council

Camp Hinds

ITOLS, WLOT, BALOO

Robert Robinson

W/e

11/6/2010

Council

Saco City Hall

TIS, YP, CSLS, SM/ASM, TCC, and MBC

smt399@yahoo.com

KEY -

TIS - This Is Scouting

YP - Youth Protection

CSLS - Cub Scout Leader Specific

SM/SA - Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific

ITOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

DC - Den Chief Training

VL - Venture Leader Training
MBC - Merit Badge Counselor Training
TCC - Troop Committee Challenge
WLOT - Webelos Leader Outdoor Training
TE - Trainer's EDGE
WB - Woodbadge
NYLT - National Youth Leader Training
BAL00 - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
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BAL00, WLOT (Webelos Leader Outdoor Training) and ITOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) will be offered at the Abnaki District Spring Camporee at Camp Gustin in Sabatus on May 21-23, 2010.
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PTC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 27, 2010, Central Maine Community College, Auburn, ME

Course catalog is now available for download off the KV District Website under the Newsletter section!

KV DISTRICT WINTER MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

For full information on our Merit Badge College, please see the newsletter page on the district website.

Location: Hope Baptist Church, Route 202 Manchester next to Pizza Stone and kitty corner from Irving Fuel. (this is roughly a half-mile west of Charlie's Motor Mall on Western Ave.--just up/over the hill from the I-95 Exit 109-Western Ave/Augusta).

It will take place over two dates:
February 20th 8:30 - 3:00
March 20th 9:00 - 3:00

Scouts need to attend both sessions of each badge (Feb & Mar). Scouts must make phone contact with the counselor in advance to sign-up for a merit badge session. Seating is limited in each badge class and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Merit Badge Counselor Training will be offered during the first two session time slots on Feb. 20th at the college. Again, see the flyer on the district website for details.

A big thank you to Winthrop T604 SM Randy Hooper for organizing this event!

KLONDIKE DERBIES

First, congratulations to T678 (and I think some members of T606?), who took Second Place at Downeast District's Klondike Derby.

You still have one more KD you can participate in:

Penobscot Valley District, Katahdin Area Council CHILL OUT

Feb. 19-21 at Camp Roosevelt, East Eddington

Events for Cubs and Webelos (during the day only on 2/20) in addition to Boy Scout Klondike Derby.

Info on Katahdin Area Council website at:

<http://www.katahdinareabsa.org/content/4019/Activities/>

DISTRICT BANQUET

Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Pleasant Street Methodist Church, Waterville. (Just down the street from our Roundtable location.)

A flyer/registration form will be posted to our website within the next few days.

Karla Talpey of the District Advancement Committee is in charge of organizing all the food so that not everyone brings in a chop suey. You can sign up with Karla on a first come first serve basis for bringing a hot/cold dish to the Banquet.

The choices are as follows:

Chop Suey, BBQ meat balls, Sweet & Sour meatballs, plain Meat balls, baked beans, lasagna, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, deviled eggs, chicken dishes, vegetable trays, green bean casseroles, gelatin salad, finger sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, three bean salad, tuna casserole, or if you have another dish that is your specialty then please let me know. You may email Karla to let her know what you would like to bring. Sign up will be on a first come first sign up basis and so if someone else has already offered to bring that dish, then she may contact you and ask you to change your choice. Karla's email at ktalpey@myfairpoint.net or you may call her @ 668-4420. If you leave a message, please be sure to leave your complete name and Troop/Pack number.

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

April 10, 2010
Gilbert School, Augusta
Hosted by Pack 600

District Pinewood Derby Rules are posted on the KV Website. Top three pack finishers and the Best of Show may compete. Best of Show can only compete in Best of Show unless the Best of Show car is also a top three finisher in the pack race.

Karen Douglas needs volunteers to help with registration and Best of Show Judging. If you can lend a hand, please contact her at: kdouglas@augustaschools.org

More information to follow.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

EAGLE BOARDS OF REVIEW

The Eagle Candidate must contact Luanne Chesley to make an appointment for either a project review or their board of review. Luannes email is: ches@fairpoint.net

Next scheduled dates for Eagle Projects and Boards of Review are:

Feb. 24 at Roberts Learning Center, U-Maine at Farmington
Mar. 20, 2010, 7pm at TRC in Augusta

NOTICE TO EAGLE CANDIDATES:

A Scout is Courteous! If you make an appointment for either a Project Approval or your Board of Review and you can't make that appointment, please call to indicate you can't make it. Failing to make the appointment and NOT cancelling will make you look bad in front of the board when you eventually reschedule your appointment.

NEW MERIT BADGE: SCUBA DIVING

Became available as of December, 2009. Requirements can be found at:

<<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/changes/advchanges10.asp#scuba>><http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/changes/advchanges10.asp#scuba>

RETIRED HISTORIC BADGES BROUGHT OUT OF RETIREMENT ON HOLD!!!

The program announced in last month's email newsletter is ON HOLD by National. As soon as they roll out the program, we will send out an announcement.

COUNCIL EAGLE/RANGER BANQUET

April 23 in Portland. More information to follow. 2009 Eagles and Ranger Award recipients attend for free.

Calling all Class of 2009 Eagle Scouts... There will be a slide show presentation of all Eagle projects to be shown during the Annual Eagle Banquet.

All class of 2009 Eagle Scouts are asked to send a photo of your EAGLE PROJECT ASAP to Luanne Chesley, District Advancement Chairperson, at ches@fairpoint.net as an attachment in .jpg format. Please keep the file size under 1 meg if possible! Please be sure to include your name/town/Troop # in the email...

Scoutmasters, please pass this onto your 2009 Eagle Scouts!

BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE CUB SCOUT TRIP

Overnight event, April 24-25. PTC has 500 slots available. For more info and to sign-up, please see the Council Website: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

100TH ANNIVERSARY RELATED NEWS

Anniversary Patch and Ribbons Awardgo to the link below and download requirements for the 100th Anniversary Patch and Award Ribbons. There are different requirements for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Adult Volunteers and Scout Alumni.

<http://scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeartofcelebration.aspx>

Robert Mazzuca, BSA's National Council Executive was a recent speaker on the Cleveland City Club Forum, a show that airs weekly on Maine Public Radio. His talk was aired on Wed. Feb. 3. It was prerecorded back on January 22. You can download listen to his speech online or download it as a podcast from the Cleveland City Club Website (scroll down to find his):

<http://www.cityclub.org/mediacenter/cityclubpodcast/PodcastListing/tabid/194/Default.aspx>

100th Anniversary of Scouting Featured in Bangor Daily News

One on the program in general and one on Venturing:

<<http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/136386.html>><http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/136386.html>

<http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/136387.html>

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SCOUTING WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND HELPS HAITI

As reported last week:

The BSA is encouraging cash donations to the BSA World Friendship Fund. Money collected will be used to buy tents for the people of Haiti to provide them temporary shelter until more permanent shelter can be built. According to the donation website, \$100 will cover the cost of a tent, two sleeping bags and a flashlight. \$150 will cover two tents, four sleeping bags and two flashlights.

For more info: <http://www.scouting.org/AlertHaiti.aspx>

At the Feb. 10 Roundtable, we collected \$130.31 in cash for the fund. We have also received a pledge from China Troop 479 for the amount of \$100.00 for a grand total of \$230.31 and climbing. Climbing? Yes, more below on that.

The challenge I put out to the other districts still stands. Meet or beat us!

China Troop 479 also challenges all other Units in Kennebec Valley District (and beyond) to match their \$100 donation to the World Friendship Fund.

You can either forward your donation to Council (for checks: Make out to Pine Tree Council and mark the memo area-World Friendship Fund-Haiti Relief) or donate online with a credit card following the link at the above website. Council will accept and forward checks, but encourages the use of the WFF website. Your donation will be put to work quicker through the online donation.

SPRING CAMPOREE

May 14-16 at Clinton Fairgrounds

Theme: Highland Games

Information Flyer is on the website under the Newsletter Section. As we get closer to the event we will get more information out.

OA NEWS

Hello Everyone,

My name is Chris Spaulding, and I'm the secretary for the KV chapter of the OA.

I'm contacting all troops in K-Valley District to find out if they have scouts that are eligible for OA election and would like to hold an OA election.

Just in case you don't know, here are the eligibility requirements that must be met prior to a scout being nominated.

A Scout must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp

consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

- Youth must be under the age of 21, hold the BSA First Class rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach, be elected by the youth members of their troop or team

If you would like an OA election team to attend one of your troop meetings, I'll need the following information from you:

- Your Name
- Your Troop number
- Your Town
- How many scouts in your troop are eligible for nomination
- Possible Dates and Times for an election (at least 2-3)
- Name and Address of your meeting place

If you have any questions, please contact me. Here is my contact information:

Phone: 257-3431 (we have an answering machine)

Email: DraculaWolf@midmaine.com

Again, I'm the main person you need to contact, but you can also contact Tracy Wiggins, the K-Valley Chapter Advisor at twig271@roadrunner.com.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to any new arrowmen.

Chris Spaulding

Secretary, OA K-Valley Chapter

AUGUSTA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

From Raymond Fecteau

The City of Augusta is looking for local packs and troops to march in the upcoming 4th of July Parade in Augusta. Come out and support the 100th year of the Boy Scouts of America and show publically that we are still a vital youth program in the Kennebec Valley Region. Please contact Raymond Fecteau at 207-622-3389, who is a member of the City of Augusta's 4th of July Parade Committee.

PINE TREE COUNCIL CENTENIAL JAMBOREE/MAINE JAM

I think the current running title is Maine Scout Fest. I didn't catch it at roundtable, sorry.

October 8-10, 2010

Location: TBA, However, it's looking very strongly like it will be at Windsor Fairgrounds. As soon as this is confirmed and more information is made available it will be passed on.

48TH ANNUAL MOSEHORN INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE

Save the dates: Sept. 24-26, 2010, Mosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Calais, Maine.

More information will be made available as we receive it.

I think that's everything for the moment. Please accept my apologies if the links appear funky/messed-up in your email. I've been having some problems with links in my emails.

**Yours in Scouting,
Scott Bernier
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner and Email Newsletter Editor.**