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Please do not forward this message to other people. Instead, please encourage them to join this list. They can contact me at the above address to join and should include their name, unit number/type and their email address in the body of the message. This is VERY IMPORTANT as I nearly lost my account with my ISP about a few years ago because someone forwarded this message and the recipient then filed a complaint with my ISP claiming I was spamming them.

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.

CONTACT BY EMAIL

For more info on the news provided in this newsletter, please DO NOT HIT REPLY. Only the newsletter editor, Scott Bernier (moxieman@gwi.net) will see your message. Unless I am your intended recipient, you aren't going to reach your intended recipient. Please copy/paste the proper email address in a new email. The newsletter editor thanks you for not filling up his inbox with messages he probably shouldn't see. :)

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

FUNDRAISER FOR SCOUTS GOING TO NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Troop 479 in China his holding a spaghetti supper on Friday, January 29 from 5:00 to 6 PM at the Masonic Hall on Main Street in China Village. The proceeds will go toward expenses for the boys attending the National Jamboree at Ft. AP Hill in

Virginia next summer. The tickets are \$5 per person and will include spaghetti, salad, roll, drink and dessert. There will be donated items for a silent auction as well. Please join us for fellowship and to help support these young men. To help with planning to everyone we are attempting to pre-sell the tickets. If interested, please contact Kelly Pillsbury @ kellyp22@myfairpoint.net or 453-4631.

IT' S 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.

TRAINING

YOUTH:

Den Chief Training is being offered in KV District.

When: January 30th

Where: Hope Baptist Church, Manchester Maine

Who: Den Leaders and Den Chiefs

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30(ish) PM

Cost: \$4.00/ person

What to bring: Den Chief Book, Den Book, Scout Book, Class "A" uniform, snack and a great spirit.

Space is limited: Contact Randy Hooper if interested 377-6390 Den Chief Books are \$5.99 at the Scout Shop in Portland

There is a flyer in regards to this training on the district website under Newsletter (or it will be posted shortly).

ADULT:

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 fo 2010!

All other leaders with direct contact with youth (Ex. Den Leaders, ASM s, 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.

Please preregister through the council office. A flyer is available for download from the district website newsletter page. Pre-registration will determine which trainings are offered and which ones are cancelled. Our volunteer trainers will show-up if they know they have people needing to be trained. Please preregister.

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TRAINING IN DOWNEAST DISTRICT

Downeast District has announced a Save-the-Date. They will next offer leader training on February 7, 2010. Remember, you do not need to be trained in your own district!

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ROUNDTABLE COMMISSIONER TRAINING

Pine Tree Council is offering Roundtable Commissioner training on January 16, 2010, at the council office, 8:30am to 4:30pm

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OTHER TRAINING

TRAINER'S EDGE

From Bob Robinson, Volunteer Training Chairman at Pine Tree Council: I was wondering if you would send an email out to your district email list for a reminder about the Trainer's EDGE training being January 30th at the Council Service Center. Anyone interested in training or would like to have a better understanding of presenting material are welcome to attend. There is no fee for this course. Interested folks should call the service center to register for this. Pre-registration is required so that we can be prepared with materials etc.

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BALOO, 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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CONNECTICUT UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 13, 2010, Crosby High School, Waterbury, CT
<http://www.ctrivers.org/registration/calendar/detail.asp?ActivityKey=699845>

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PTC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 27, 2010, Central Maine Community College, Auburn, ME
More info to follow when available.

Course catalog will be available shortly.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR DE, SCOTT VERRILL

Subject: Inspiration - Eagles Need A Push, 3 minutes long and worth every second

The following link is extraordinary:

<<http://www.eaglesneedapush.com/>><http://www.eaglesneedapush.com/>

Who do you know that might need a little push?

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KV DISTRICT WINTER MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

For full information on our Merit Badge College, please see the newsletter page on the district website: <<http://www.kv-scouts.org/>><http://www.kv-scouts.org>

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

Just another reminder that KV District will not be hosting a Klondike Derby this winter. As info becomes available about Klondikes in other districts, we will let you know about them. Info on Downeast and Abnaki Districts events and Maine Maritime Academy are available on the District website.

We have now received information on the remaining two districts:

First CASCO BAY from Casco Bay District's Facebook Page:

2010 Calling All Mushers, Casco Bay Chapter along with the Casco Bay District will be hosting the Iditarod Klondike Derby on January 30, 2010 at the South Portland Sports complex... at Wainwright Farms. This is near the boyhood home of Admiral Perry, the famed explorer of the North Pole. Sleds will compete in four hours of daylight, then darkness will descend on the Klondike but the fun does not end there. There will be stations running all day long, such as First Aid, Sled Jeopardy, Sled Check, Weapon Throwing, Fire building, experiences with some of the furry friends that pull the real sleds, and much more. The big finale to the Iditarod will take place on Broadway in South Portland, even closer to Admiral Perry's boyhood home. It will be the first of many events and celebrations of the 100th Year of the BSA. So come join us and show off your Scout spirit as we travel through the snowy path of BSA history. With any questions, comments or concerns please call Mike Nadeau, Casco Bay Chapter Vice Chief / Klondike Chair at (207) 239-6808, or email him at madeau94@aol.com. We hope to see you all there to experience the Iditarod. Price has not yet been set.

See the Casco Bay Facebook Page (must have a Facebook account) for more info, including a list of equipment in the discussion area:

<<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=130652692047>><http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=130652692047>

YORK DISTRICT:

From Scott Valcourt of York District:

York's Klondike is February 6, 2010 at Camp Nutter, Acton. The derby starts with registration at 8am and the first sleds go out at 9am

Dave Wade is the coordinator (Klondike Pete) and can be reached at dmwade@metrocast.net. There is a Frozen Few for those units that want to camp

out the night before. Arrive after dark on Friday, February 5, 2010 and camp out at Nutter. Special patches and awards for those who are the Frozen Few! Be sure that Dave Wade knows that a unit is coming.

Registration forms can be acquired from Dave, I suspect. Funds (\$6/Scout and adult) are due in the Council Office by January 22, 2010. Sled materials can also be acquired from Dave.

DISTRICT BANQUET

Tentative Date: March 13, 2010yes, this is a change from the date announced last month that was listed then as tentative. Keep this one as tentative for the moment until a location has been confirmed.

Location TBA

District Award of Merit Nominations are being accepted through the February 10, 2010 Roundtable. Please get your nominations in. A list of past recipients can be found on the District Website.

Training Knot Awards, Scouter Key Knot Awards and similar knot award paperwork needs to be turned in by the Feb Roundtable in order to receive that knot you've earned at the banquet.

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

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

More info 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. Luanne's email is: ches@fairpoint.net

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

Jan. 27, 2010, 7pm at TRC in Augusta

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

In celebration of BSA's 100th Anniversary, four merit badges of yesteryear are being brought out of retirement for 2010 only. They are:

Signaling

Pathfinding

Tracking (originally Stalkingnot as PC a name, but more scouts might like that one)

Carpentry

All requirements for any of these four merit badges must be completed during 2010. No partials can be carried over past 12/31/10. For details, please see the Scouting Magazine Blog page at:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2010/01/historical-merit-badges-help-boy-scouts-celebrate-scoutings-past.html>

The blog says more info will be posted later this month. Well, our friends at usscouts.org already have the requirements up on their website:

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

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/><http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

OKPIK

Winter Camping program held at Camp Hinds. Learn how to winter camp. Some gear is provided. For more details including costs and the available weekends for OKPIK, see:

<http://www.pinetreebsa.org/campingprogram/boyscout/okpik.html> <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/campingprogram/boyscout/okpik.html>

FIRST EVER NATIONAL VENTURING EVENT

The first ever National Venturing Event will be announced on the Venturer Facebook Page (must have a Facebook account) on Friday, Jan. 15 at 7pm eastern time.

I'll pass on what I can after it is announced, but this is your chance to find-out first.

What is this? Your newsletter editor is guessing this will be a Venturing version of Jamboree but just for Venturers. Much like Scouts Canada at their national/regional jamborees have Venture-only sessions. We'll see.

Begin message from National Office/National Venturing:

"That's right. The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America has granted approval for a large council to host the first ever National Venturing Event in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary year. It will happen in 2010! The official announcement of the event will be made on the internet and this group is one of just a few groups that has been selected for the announcement. The date of the announcement will be January 15, 2010 at 6:00pm CST. We need to get this information to as many people as possible.

This is where we need your help. We need to grow this group as large as possible in just a few days. Some people don't believe that we can pull this off, but we can with your help. We need you to invite all your Facebook friends (both youth and adults) to join this group. They do not have to be a Venturer to become a member of this group. The purpose of this group is to promote Venturing to everyone.

Here is what we need each member of this group to do:

1. Go to the Venturing, BSA Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?id=2207630622&ref=>

2. Click on the "Invite People to Join" link on the upper left hand column under the group photo

3. Invite every single friend you have on Facebook to join this group. We mean every single person whether they are involved in Scouting or not.

4. Paste the following message into the personal message spot when you are inviting them:

"January 15th at 6:00pm CST, on this Facebook Group will be announced the information on the first ever National Venturing Event. Please join our group and invite all your friends to join so that they will be the first to know."

5. Click the send invitations button, and sit back and watch the number of group members grow.

6. Check back with this group on January 15th, 2010 at 6:00pm CST for information on the National Venturing Event.

The countdown to the announcement:

<<http://www.nationalventuringevent.org>><http://www.nationalventuringevent.org>

Please be part of making this upcoming announcement an exciting event in and of itself. And then come join us as we continue to work towards the success of the Venturing program.

Yours in Venturing,
Amanda Vogt
2008-2009 National Venturing President

Matthew McGroarty
2009-2010 National Venturing President”

BSA IN THE INDY 500???

Through gracious sponsorship donations (it can cost seven figures to sponsor an Indy car race team), the BSA has it's own Indy Car this year. Car #19. More info at:

<http://www.scouting.org/motorsports.aspx>
<http://www.scouting.org/motorsports.aspx>

I think that's everything for the moment.

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