

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER IN ALL ITS FORMS

As I type this message, most of the state is under a Wind Chill Advisory, except the mountains and foothills which are under a Wind Chill Warning, both through 9am on Saturday 1/30. Three different districts are holding Klondike Derbies this weekend. If your unit is participating in one of them, please be sure to have your scouts use the buddy system to keep an eye on each other and that they are properly dressed for the weather. A WC Advisory means that the wind chill will be as low as -29F. A WC Warning means the wind chill will be as low as -39F. Exposed skin will freeze very quickly in such temperatures. Have fun, but please keep safe!

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER & COMMITTEE MEETINGS REMINDER

Wed. Feb. 3.
Manchester Community Church, Route 17, Manchester (just north of US Route 202/Western Ave.)

Commissioners meet at 6:30pm
Committee meets at 7:30pm or five minutes after the commissioners wrap-up, whichever is later.

All commissioners are expected to attend the commissioner meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Charlie Ferguson at Chuckemian@aol.com

All District Committee members are expected to attend the committee meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Kelly Pillsbury at kellyp22@myfairpoint.net.

COUNCIL WINTER CAMP (update from previous email)

Forwarded from the Council email list:

WHAT IS WINTER CAMP

Only 10 slots left!

Go to <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/scss/help/wintercamp/info/index.htm> for all the info on Winter Camp and check out all the great merit badges being offered!

"I'm bored! There's nothing to do!" Sound familiar? Check out Pine Tree Council's Winter Camp.

During the deep snows of February school vacation, 32 lucky Boy Scouts will be able to stay warm and cozy at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds. Pine Tree Council will be hosting Winter Camp 2010 February 14th - 19th.

Winter Camp is a weeklong resident camp program for Scouts 12 years and older and at least First Class Rank. Scouts can earn merit badges, participate in outdoor winter skills, meet new friends and have fun! Planned activities include a night of snow tubing, building and sleeping in Quinzees (snow shelters), along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

2010 Winter Camp merit badges are: Shotgun Shooting, Radio, Sculpture, Snow Sports, Woodworking, Pulp & Paper, Personal Management; Oceanography, Graphic Arts, Geology, Electronics; Electricity, Computers, Citizenship in the World, and Citizenship in the Community.

Cost for Winter Camp is \$260.00 per person and includes a night of snow tubing. Enrollment is limited to the first 32 Scouts who sign up. Contact the Pine Tree Council Camping at 797-5252 x 14 to sign up or print off the <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/scss/help/wintercamp/info/Winter%20Camp%202010%20flyer.pdf> registration form! Mark your calendars for Winter Camp! What a great way to spend school vacation!

ROAD TO RANGER EVENT IN MASSACHUSETTS

Forwarded from Downeast District's Newsletter, "The Beacon".

THE ROAD TO RANGER, 2010
Helping Venturers Advance

Wilderness Survival Course
Core Requirements for the Ranger Award

MARCH 19TH - 21st
ANNAWON COUNCIL
CAMP NORSE KINGSTON, MA

Attention all Venturers! Road to Ranger is back again this year, scheduled for March 19th, 20th and 21st. This year's theme is wilderness survival. You will get a chance to practice skills you already know, and to learn some new ones. No, we will not be in cabins, so bring your tents, other shelter supplies will be provided to you as needed. You will need only basic personal supplies, which will be on a list sent to you after you register.

This weekend is similar to a Scouting University, but for Venturing Crews and lone Venturing Scouts interested in working towards their Bronze and Ranger awards. This weekend will be a mix of training and instruction in, but not limited to Wilderness Survival and Leave No Trace Camping.

It is a very comprehensive course that begins with understanding survival psychology. Then the fun really begins! We will cover all areas of basic wilderness survival including fire making techniques; constructing shelters from natural materials; finding and purifying water; utilizing tools and equipment; knots, ropes; identifying edible and medicinal plants; organizing and using

survival kits; signaling; how not to get lost; and much, much more. Every skill learned will be practiced in the field. We want you to leave this course feeling totally confident and comfortable in the wilderness.

We will meet at Camp Norse on Friday night and then as a group we will be dropped off in a remote area away from the camp. There along with your instructors you will learn and practice the "Sacred order of survival", Shelter, Fire, Water and food. This weekend will be primitive camping where you will be building your own shelter collecting and eating wild edibles. On Sunday morning we will break up our outpost camp and restore the area using leave no Trace principles and find and hike our way back to Camp Norse.

There will be new things to learn, and one of the things you will be learning and practicing, is Leave No Trace, under the tutelage of a Leave No Trace Master Educator. Course size is limited to (30), and the cost is \$20.00

Once we hit (30) registration is closed. If you are interested, I would recommend registering early.

Once registered you will be sent more information and a guide on what to bring. To register please email Robert Smith @ [rjsmith01@verizon.net](mailto:rjsmith01%40verizon.net) or feel free to call with any questions @ (508)813-6571

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Yours in Scouting,
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