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First from Scott Verrill, KV DE:

From your District Chair, Kelly Pillsbury;

Hi, Scott:

Attention all Kennebec Valley Scouts, Scouters and families: Saturday, August 7 is Kennebec Valley Day at Camp Bomazeen. What does this mean? Quite simply it is a FREE day to come to Camp Bomazeen to spend time with your family and to enjoy fellowship with other Scouting families. There is NO FORMAL PROGRAM. This a day for you to come and enjoy camp in the way you would like. You may bring your BBQ grill and cook or pack a cooler with sandwiches. You can come as early as you would like. Bring a volleyball net, soccer ball or whiffle ball, whatever game you like! We do need to close camp at 5 PM. If you would like to stay overnight, you may come after 5 PM on FRIDAY night, help with Day Camp closing, pick a spot, and set up camp. This is family camping, not troop or pack camping.

What makes this free? Well, a service project, of course. If you are able and willing, we would ask for a little bit of your time to help "take down" camp as this is the weekend following cubscout daycamp, more hands make lighter work. But, that is it, the rest is up to you and your family.

We hope to see many of you come out and take advantage of our beautiful camp. If all goes well, maybe we'll try it again next summer, make it a tradition...

It would be helpful to have an estimate of how many might be participating. If you would kindly drop me an email, I would appreciate it. Thanks, and happy camping!

Kelly Pillsbury  
District Chairman

[kellyp22@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kellyp22@myfairpoint.net)

From your District Commissioner, Charlie Ferguson;

The district remains in need of several new Unit Commissioners for the Central Maine area as well as at least 4 Unit Commissioners to take over for inactive commissioners. Anyone that has an interest may contact me anytime at either; [chuckemian@aol.com](mailto:chuckemian@aol.com), Cell 485-4208, Home 549-7751.

I will also be visiting Camp Hinds each week during the summer to connect with K-Valley units.

I sincerely hope that every unit has a great summer and that they all take advantage of the excellent programs that Pine Tree Council is offering.

The next District Commissioner's Meeting will be on August 4th at 6:30 PM at the Manchester Community Church. I hope to see all Unit Serving Commissioners. There will be an ADC meeting prior to the D.C. Meeting, starting at 5:30 PM.

In Scouting,  
Charlie Ferguson  
District Commissioner  
Kennebec Valley

#### A Shining Light Across America

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, the entire Scouting family will be able take part in a historic nationwide broadcast, "A Shining Light Across America," from the 100th Anniversary National Jamboree in Fort AP Hill, Virginia

Hundreds of local councils across America will be gathering together in venues large and small to host their own Shining Light activities leading up to the broadcast and are encouraging all Scouts, Scouting volunteers, alumni, families and community supporters to join in the festivities.

<<http://www.scouting.org/email/theBuzz/071510.aspx>><http://www.scouting.org/email/theBuzz/071510.aspx>

or

<<http://scouting.org/100yearspre/100years/ShiningLight.aspx>><http://scouting.org/100yearspre/100years/ShiningLight.aspx>

#### Share Your Story

It's time to call mom and ask her to dig through the old shoebox of Scouting photos. Why? So you can scan a few, and submit them to the new BSA Alumni Connection digital scrapbook.

The scrapbook allows all registered Scouting alumni to upload their favorite Scouting photos and share stories. Then, scroll through the years to see what others have posted. Alumni registration is open to everyone, from former Scouts to all those who feel their lives have been positively impacted by Scouting. If you haven't yet, go to <<http://www.BSAalumni.org>>[www.BSAalumni.org](http://www.BSAalumni.org), and click "sign-up".

It's that easy!

By registering as an alumnus, we'll also keep you up-to-date on council alumni activities and events [LIST EXAMPLES, IF APPLICABLE]. You can also participate in our centennial patch program, A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference. Read the alumni requirements to learn more.

<<http://bsascrapbook.scouting.org/>><http://bsascrapbook.scouting.org/>

MyScouting

<<https://myscouting.scouting.org/Pages/Home.aspx>><https://myscouting.scouting.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

If you are already using MyScouting, and I hope you are, there are a couple of new features that you should be aware of:

#### BeAScout Information

Unit Leaders can now update the Unit information to include 3 contacts, meeting times and locations, and current event information that is made available to anyone searching for a Unit in your area.

#### Training Validation

You can now view your own training record by clicking on Training Validation and entering you ID #

Unit leaders can use their Charter Rosters with ID #'s to view the record of each leader & determine who needs to be trained and make sure they are not dropped from the Charter because they are missing Youth Protection Training.

Thank you for your exceptional service to our Scouting Youth,  
Scott

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#### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 4  
Manchester Community Church, Rt. 17 (Just north of US Route 202/Western Ave.)

Commissioners meet at 6:30pm  
Committee meets at 7:30pm or 5 minutes after the commissioners  
wrap-up, whichever is later.

Commissioners who can't attend, please contact Charlie Fergeson at  
[Chuckemian@aol.com](mailto:Chuckemian@aol.com).  
Committee members who can't attend, please contact Kelly Pillsbury at  
[kellyp22@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kellyp22@myfairpoint.net)

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#### FALL KICK-OFF SAVE-THE-DATE

Wednesday, August 11 at Camp Bomazeen

Save-the-date, more info to follow next week.

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#### SCOUTFEST - PINE TREE COUNCIL CENTENIAL JAMBOREE: MAINE SCOUTFEST

October 8-10, 2010

Location: Windsor Fairgrounds. More official information from Council will be forwarded when it becomes available.

Again, K-Valley District/Subcamp three subcamp Co-chairs are:

Karla Talpey of Jackman (District Committee Member, Unit Commissioner, and former SM T497)

Randy Hooper of Winthrop (SM T604 Winthrop and District Committee Member)

Kenny Kinney of Skowhegan (Former SM T431 and District Committee Member)

They need more volunteers to be on subcamp staff.

They want to know if your unit plans to attend and if so how many you estimate will be attending. This will enable them to start planning out how much space each unit will need.

PLEASE NOTE THAT this info will NOT be your official registration. You will still need to register as soon as possible once Council announces registration is open on the Council Website. Please keep an eye on it. As soon as it is announced, another email will be sent. Your final campsite size will be based on the number of people you preregister/pay for through council.

Karla (and Randy) are at Camp Hinds with their troops this week. But if you send the info to Karla, she'll see it when she returns. One unit, Madison Pack 419, has done this so far--thanks! Though we don't yet know if Packs will be allowed to camp. When we know more it will be passed on.

Karla's contact information is:

207-668-4420 (h)

207-668-2611 (w)

cell 207-399-0184 (AFTER 5pm on the cell please!)

Work email: [ktalpey@livingstonintl.com](mailto:ktalpey@livingstonintl.com)

Home email: [ktalpey@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ktalpey@myfairpoint.net)

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#### SCOUTFEST CUB PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our Subcamp isn't the only area in need of volunteers. Please see below from our activities chair, Karen Douglas, who is in charge of Cub Scout activities at Scoutfest:

If you can think of any Cub Scout folks or even Boy Scout folks that would be willing to help out with Cub Scout Program activities on Saturday of the Council Camporee please get me their names and contact info.

Thanks,  
Karen

If you can help, email Karen at [kdouglas@augustaschools.org](mailto:kdouglas@augustaschools.org)

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Forwarded from Scott Verrill:

Hello Scott,

Can you pass this American Red Cross Volunteer opportunity along to our Troops, Venturers and Explorers?

Scott,

Thank you for entertaining our volunteer offer for our September 11th Day of Remembrance Blood Drive which will be held on September 11, 2010 at the August Civic Center from 9am to 4pm. I have attached a flyer that goes into more detail, but we would truly enjoy having some of your scouts help us with volunteering opportunities that day. We're looking for canteen assistants (help deliver hot dogs and fold t-shirts), escorts (bring the donor from the bed to canteen) and blood runners (bring the blood from one station to another).

I usually divide the volunteer opportunities into two shifts: 9am to noon and noon to 4pm, but I'm flexible with the scheduling. Ideally, it would be most helpful if we had six volunteers, but we certainly would entertain more scouts to help us during the drive.

I'm thinking where we will have minimal supervision, the best situation would be anyone older than 11 years of age. The 11 -15 year olds could be the canteen assistants by folding t-shirts and being food runners. Anyone older than 15 could be the blood runners (a person who takes the blood packs in a container and moves it from one spot to another) and escorts (a person who brings someone from the beds after giving blood to our canteen table). The best volunteer job we will have is being "Buddy". Buddy is our mascot, and we have a Buddy suit for someone to wear. They'll stand out front and wave to the passing cars to garner interest in the blood drive.

Many thanks for entertaining this opportunity and looking forward to working with you.

During the drive, we hope to collect over 350 units of blood, along with having the Governor speak at this event.

Thank you again and please let me know if the scouts could be of assistance.

Elizabeth Elliott  
Donor Recruitment Representative  
American Red Cross  
Northeast Blood Services Division  
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Portland, ME 04101  
(207) 775-2367 x25 (phone)  
(207) 699-6045 (cell)

(207) 874-8007 (fax)

[elliottes@usa.redcross.org](mailto:elliottes@usa.redcross.org)  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

and a response from Elizabeth after that:

Good afternoon,

I just thought of another idea that I wanted to pass along to you. If a person wants to donate his time, but can't make it to the drive, and he is of driving age, I would need some help with distributing posters throughout Augusta and the surrounding towns. This would consist of visiting retail establishments and places that have a community board asking them to hang our poster.

Thank you!

Elizabeth

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Yours in Scouting,  
Scott Bernier