

## DISTRICT BANQUET

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

The Registration Flyer is now available on the district website: <http://www.kv-scouts.org>

Please preregister by March 1st!

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 @ [ktalpey@myfairpoint.net](mailto: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.

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KV MERIT BADGE COLLEGE (Repeated from last email)

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!

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DOWNEAST DISTRICT MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Downeast District Spring Merit Badge College -  
March, 2010 - BATH

Where? Bath YMCA and Fisher-Mitchell School in Bath, Maine

When? Thursday evenings, March 4, 11, 18, 25

What time? Session I begins at 6:00 pm. -- Session II begins at 7:00 pm

Session I (6:00 pm):

+ First Aid\*\* Dr. J.  
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Climbing^^ Lyndie, Tim  
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Session II (7:00 pm):

+ First Aid\*\*                    Dr.  
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\*\* Denotes Eagle required merit badges.

^^ Climbing merit badge is being held at the Bath  
YMCA for TWO hours (from 6 pm to 8 pm) each  
Thursday. In other words, if you sign up to do  
the Climbing merit badge, this is the ONLY merit badge you will be doing.

2010 Spring Downeast District Merit Badge College - Handy-Dandy Tips for  
Scouts

1. YOU (not your parent) should be calling the instructor to register for MBC.
2. Some instructors limit their class size or have other prerequisites, so don't wait until the last minute to register. Call ASAP.
3. Make sure you have an updated list of requirements for the merit badge(s) you've signed up for. (Find online at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/list.html> or by purchasing the mb booklet from the Scout Shop in Portland for \$4.49 each. Or check with troop librarians to see if your troop has an updated copy you can borrow.
4. Find out from your instructor(s) if you need to print out your own worksheets for merit

badge(s) . (Use above computer address.)

5. Find out from your instructor(s) if you have work / assignments due for the very first class.
6. Keep up with the assignments during MBC so you don't fall behind.
7. Have supplies for class: signed blue cards, paper, pencil, etc..
8. Get a signed blue card to bring to your first class. Fill out all info on all sections of the card.....your name, address, troop #, etc..
9. The instructor may ask for the following info, so be sure you know and have it ready at your first class: name, mailing address, phone #, email address, age, troop #, scout rank, scoutmaster's name.
10. Ask for and write down your instructor's name, phone # and email address.
11. Do not bring food or drinks into the school building or classrooms. (Water only)
12. Remember that you may not have enough time to complete all requirements during Merit Badge College. Also, some requirements may not be readily done in class, requiring you to work on your own and then sending verification to your instructor / mb counselor. Your instructor will let you know. If not, ASK. Instructors will most likely keep your blue cards and sign off as you complete requirements by phone, email, etc. and then return blue cards to you when all requirements are completed.
13. The 2010 Spring MBC is being held at two locations: Fisher-Mitchell School on 597 High Street in Bath; and the Bath YMCA on 303 Centre Street. Both locations are being generously donated.
14. Please be respectful of the buildings being used for MBC. Do not run, yell or use foul language while in the buildings. Do not enter or disturb any rooms or areas that are not part of your MBC merit badge class. Do not handle or move items in classrooms. Help keep corridors and classrooms neat and clean by picking up trash, stacking chairs, etc..
15. Scout uniforms should be worn if at all possible.
16. For the Climbing merit badge being held at the Bath YMCA, we recommend a class B scout shirt and elastic waist pants.
17. Your MBC instructors are volunteers. Please thank them for their time.

Questions about MBC? Contact Agnes Parker, Dean of Merit Badge College and member of the Downeast District Advancement Committee, at 449-1417 or [haparker@suscom-maine.net](mailto:haparker@suscom-maine.net).

PRE-REQUISITES for classes for Downeast District Spring MBC – March, 2010

+ First Aid

While any scout can register,

priority will be given to higher ranking scouts. Include your rank when you call or write to register.  
Class size for each session will be limited to 6 scouts.  
Write First Aid in the Subject Line if contacting via email.

MUST bring Boy Scout handbook and First Aid merit badge booklet to every class.

#### # Personal Management

Must be 15 or older and 1st class or higher rank to participate.  
Be sure to make arrangements with your instructor to complete this mb beyond MBC.

#### Signaling

This is one of four historical merit badges that can be earned only from January - December, 2010.  
Not all requirements for the four historical merit badges have been finalized as yet, so uncertain if this will be completed at MBC.  
No merit badge booklet available. All info will be provided by the instructor.

#### > Citizenship in the Community

Must be First Class rank

#### Climbing^^:

Must be 13 or older. Class limited to 10 scouts.  
This class will be held at the Bath YMCA at their climbing wall.  
Please remember that Climbing will run for 2 hours on each Thursday, so this will be the ONLY merit badge you will be able to do.

Signaling and < Personal Fitness will be held in the GYM at Fisher-Mitchell School.

All other merit badge classes will be held in assigned classrooms at Fisher-Mitchell School.

~~~Bath YMCA is located at 303 Centre Street in Bath.

~~~Fisher-Mitchell School is located at 597 High Street in Bath. (Directly across from Hyde School.)

Any changes and updates with any merit badge classes will be posted in the BEACON.

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TRAINING

So, you couldn't make KV's training last weekend and you still need to get trained? Not to worry!

COUNCIL-OFFERED TRAINING IN TOPSHAM:

Training Course  
Topsham LDS Church  
33 Pinewood Dr., Topsham, Maine 04086

REGISTRATION FORM

February 27th, 2010  
The Pine Tree Council Training Team will be conducting a series of training courses in order to get your unit's leadership informed and energized about the jobs they have volunteered to do.

Some of the courses will take the entire day to attend and others will only be a few hours. Sign up for as many or as few as you want. Registration times will vary with the courses you are attending.

There is a small fee of \$5/participant for the printed materials and training cards. This is the fee FOR THE DAY - so if you attend more than one course, there are no additional charges. For the units who can afford it, we suggest that the fee for the leaders to get trained should be covered by the Troop, Pack, or Crew. There will be a break for lunch, so bring a bag lunch or prepare to go in town for food.

Please Check off Below the Courses you plan on attending on the 27th of February -

Time of Course  
Registration Time  
Yes, I will Attend...  
SM/ASM Specific  
7:45 am to 5 pm  
7:30 am

Venture Leader  
1 pm to 5 pm  
12:45 pm

This Is Scouting  
8 am to 9 am  
7:45 am

Youth Protection  
9 am to 10 am  
8:45 am

Merit Badge Counselor  
11 am to 12 am  
10:45 pm

Troop Committee Challenge  
1 pm to 4 pm  
12:45 pm

Cub Leader Specific  
1 pm to 4 pm  
12:45 pm

Pack Committee  
1 pm to 4 pm  
12:45 pm

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PACK/TROOP/CREW NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION IN UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Pine Tree Council ADDRESS 131 Johnson Rd., Portland, ME 04102

If you need help, please contact Matt Randall at  
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or 797-5252 x21 or Robert Robinson at  
<<mailto:rrobinson@hancocklumber.com>>[rrobinson@hancocklumber.com](mailto:rrobinson@hancocklumber.com).

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MORE TRAINING--CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Wed. March 10, 6pm at Auburn Middle School  
Cost: FREE!!!

This course is designed for Scouting Leadership and will include leader specific training for your registered position in Scouting for Charter Organizational Representatives.

“This Is Scouting” (formerly New Leader Essentials) & Youth Protection are available online and is recommended to be completed prior to this training.

Registration flyer will be on our district website under newsletter shortly.

For more info, contact: Clyde Cavender (Cell)  
504-0450 <<mailto:ccavender1@roadrunner.com>>[ccavender1@roadrunner.com](mailto:ccavender1@roadrunner.com)

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GOVERNOR BALDACCI PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY, 2010 SCOUTING MONTH  
(from "The Beacon", Downeast District e-newsletter)

Governor Celebrates 100 Years of Boy Scouts of America (Had I known, I would have sent this out BEFORE the Recognition Date. (-ed)

February 17, 2010  
Governor's Office

AUGUSTA – Governor John E. Baldacci today recognized Boy Scouts from the Pine Tree Council and the Katahdin Area Council at a State House celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring the month of February 2010 as Scouting Anniversary Month.

“Our State’s reputation as a place where citizens are involved and concerned about their neighbors is one that others envy. That good fortune needs to be nurtured,” said Governor Baldacci. “Respecting others and giving back to the community is not only what it means to be a Mainer, but it’s the Scouting tradition.”

“The work of the Boy Scouts of America fosters this connection of young people to their community,” said the Governor. “Through the Boy

Scouts, youth gain a better understanding of the world around them and develop experiences that will last a life-time. Boy Scouts exemplify the true spirit of our communities and what it means to live in our great State.”

The Governor’s proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America follows.

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has been at the forefront of instilling the timeless values of leadership, achievement, community service, character, and environmental stewardship in youth since its founding in 1910; and

WHEREAS, this national youth movement has made serving others through its values-based program its mission; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, the Katahdin Area and the Pine Tree Councils of the Boy Scouts of America and their Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are celebrating Scouting’s 100th anniversary with the theme “Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey”; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 525 community organizations that make Scouting available for more than 14,000 youth members in our State who participate in the Scouting program as a means of character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim February, 2010 as Scouting Anniversary Month throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

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**SCOUTING ON JEOPARDY!**

Weird Al said it best: "I lost on Jeopardy!" When the TV quiz show came around to my campus, I wound-up with a negative score. Alas, if they could have had a topic on scouting, maybe you'd have seen me on TV!

Well, don't miss the February 25th episode of Jeopardy! They will be featuring a whole category on the Boy Scouts of America AND there will be scouting in the commercial breaks too.

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AT 108, PENNSYLVANIAN BELIEVED OLDEST SCOUTER IN THE NATION

He joined in 1914 and is still registered to this day!

<http://wexaminer.com/sections/news/archive/2010/02/03/at-108-reynolds-likely-nation-s-oldest-scout.aspx>

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YiS,  
Scott Bernier