



York District Roundtable Announcements January 3, 2008

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2008 Friends of Scouting (FOS): Time is fast approaching for Pine Tree Council's annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising campaign. FOS is an annual fundraising campaign that gives Scouts, their families and interested people in the community an opportunity to contribute to the financial support of the council. This fundraising campaign helps support the council in the following ways: camp maintenance, keep camp registration fees low, organizing new units, servicing existing units, maintaining service center including records, information and support staff, and support for professional staff. To schedule your unit's Family Presentation, please contact Fred Chellis York District Family FOS Chairman at 698-5977 e-mail fcHELLIS@comcast.net or Frank with your date and time. **Please fill out the sign-up form tonight if you know when you would like to hold your unit's presentation.**

2008 FOS Honor Unit Program: For the 2008 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Family campaign, the Pine Tree Council will be initiating an **Honor Unit Program** designed to reward those Packs, Troops and Crews that make a significant contribution to the FOS program. Any unit that qualifies will receive all cloth badges of rank from the Council service center free of charge! Here's how you qualify.

Each unit will be given a goal. This goal will be calculated by taking the number of boys **registered with the Pine Tree Council** at the time of the presentation, multiplying that by **75%**, and then multiplying that number by the suggested family contribution of **\$35.00**. For example, if your unit has 40 boys registered, we would multiply 30 times \$35.00 to come to a goal of **\$1,050.00**.

Please also note that a unit has not qualified until **all payments of pledges are received by August 31, 2008**. So if the example unit only collects **\$500.00** at the time of the presentation, then the unit has until August 31, 2008, to pay off the balance of **\$550.00**.

Honor Unit Status will then be effective September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009.

The formula and dates will be strictly adhered to. Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign.

Attention All Boy Scout Troops: As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February. **Please note that in 2008 ALL re-chartering will be done via the ON-LINE Program. There are NO Re-chartering forms in the re-chartering packets. A BLUE sheet listing the unit's On-line Re-chartering Access Code is in each packet. The On-line re-chartering is very easy, quicker and you can do it anytime of the day. You will still have to print out the final re-chartering information, have it signed by your charter organization and unit leader. After all that is done, it must be passed into the PTC Service Center with the proper money due. It is easy and if I can do it, anyone can.** If you have any questions about your charter please call Ernie Wiswell at 439-2668.

Klondike Derby 2008: Mark Saturday, February 2, 2008 on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby which will be held at **Camp Nutter in Acton, ME**. As we have no volunteers to run Webelos stations, there will not be any events for Webelos to do. However, please feel free to come and visit. **Dave Wade will have information on the Klondike Derby available tonight**. As always, Dave and his crew will have something new and exciting for the units of York District to do. For any last minute information, please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 or dmwade@metrocast.net.

Order of the Arrow Unit Elections: Just a quick reminder that in January 2007, Troop elections for the Order of the Arrow (OA) will be starting. It is the Boy Scout Troop's responsibility to contact the OA and setup a time for an election in the troop. It is not the OA's responsibility. See the OA tonight to set-up your election date.

University of Scouting 2008: Please mark **Saturday, April 5, 2008** at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn as the date for the 2008 Pine Tree Council University of Scouting. This will be a great opportunity to enhance your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, High Adventure, Commissioner or General Scout Studies Skills. The cost is **\$15.00** before 3/21/08 and **\$20.00** after 3/21/08. The fee covers materials, lunch, patch and certificate. You can register on-line for this event. For more information, visit the website www.pinetreetsa.org/university or call 797-5252.

York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2008: Mark **July 7 - 11 and July 14 – 18** on your calendars as the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The theme for 2008 is **"Super Heroes"**. In 2007, 160 Cub Scouts and more than 60 volunteer leaders participated in the York District Day Camp Program. Where else can Scouts do crafts, cook, earn BB & Archery recognition, learn about nature and swim in a safe environment with 100 other Scouts?

To make sure we have another successful Day Camp season, we can always use volunteers to help run our program and they do not have to be current leaders to help out. Parents are welcome to participate as Day Camp Leaders. If you help with day camp, your scout's fee will be reduced for the **first** scout. A great deal and you may even have some fun while you help out. For more information, please contact our Day Camp Director Diana Vermette at 324-2582 or 4vermette@msn.com.

Pine Tree Council Philmont Trek 2009: As in 2007, the Pine Tree Council will be sending a contingent of scouts and scouters to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM in 2009. We will be sending 24 participants including leaders on the trek from **June 25-July 7, 2009**. Participants must be in good physical shape and be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2009.

Our trek will be a backpacking expedition for 12 days and nights through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch ranging in elevation up to 12,441 feet. Discover the wonder of this scouting paradise by traveling with the Pine Tree Council contingent. **A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required by 4/18/08 to secure a reservation for this trek**. After that date, the crew may be reduced in number depending on the response on the trek reservations. For more information, please contact Frank Gilcreast, PTC Philmont contingent advisor at 797-5252 ext. 24.

York District Membership: York District membership as of 12/31/07 was **1,673 youth and 75 units**. The York District goal for the 12/31/07 was **1,672 youth and 73 Units**. For the first time in a long while, York District made its membership goal. **Thank you to all for your help.**