



## York District Roundtable Announcements January 8, 2009

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**Friends of Scouting:** Time has come for the 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 David Green, York District Family FOS Chairman at 934-5226 or e-mail [endiang@maine.rr.com](mailto:endiang@maine.rr.com) 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.**

**2009 FOS Honor Unit Program:** For the 2009 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Family campaign, the Pine Tree Council will again be using the **Honor Unit Program** we utilized in 2008. The program is 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, 2009**. 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, 2009 - August 31, 2010.

The formula and dates will be strictly adhered to. Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign.

**Klondike Derby 2009:** Mark Saturday, **February 7, 2009** starting at 8:00 AM on your calendar as the date to brave the ice, cold and snow for the York District Annual Klondike Derby which will be held again at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. **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. There will not be a Webelos Program this year. However, Webelos and their dens or parents as welcome to come to the event to see what it is all about. For any last minute information, please contact Dave Wade at 636-2937 or [dmwade@metrocast.net](mailto:dmwade@metrocast.net).

**University of Scouting 2009:** Please mark your 2009 calendars, for **Saturday, March 21, 2009** at the Central Maine Community College (CMCC) in Auburn, ME for the **2009 PTC University of Scouting**. This will be a great time to expand your scouting knowledge on all levels of involvement. It is also a great opportunity for new leaders to get great information on how to excite our scouts and themselves about our scouting program. It is open to all leaders, committee members and parents. Watch the Pine Spills and the PTC website for the registration form and catalog of classes.

**Order of the Arrow Unit Elections:** Just a quick reminder that 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.

**Attention All Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs:** As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February and our packs re-charter in March. The pack charters will be passed out to the commissioners tonight and the troops should have theirs by now. You will be contacted to set a date to sit down and review the charter. At the same time a commissioner will be sitting down with the unit leaders to fill out the 2009 Centennial Unit form to ensure that they get filled out and returned to the unit and PTC office. Last year only a handful of units filled out the form and even fewer made their goals to become a Centennial Unit.

Please note that in 2009 ALL re-chartering will be done again via the **ON-LINE Program**. A BLUE sheet listing the unit's On-line Re-chartering Access Code is in each packet. Troops can begin the process as of 1/1/2009 and the packs can begin on 2/1/2009. 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. As a reminder, you need to submit the Insurance Worksheet which is in your re-charter packet with your re-charter paperwork. The cost of insurance is \$1.00 per registered youth and adult and is to be collected whenever a new youth or adult joins the program. This is a fairer system as everyone will help pay for insurance rather than the people that come to events on a regular basis as has been the practice for many years.

**As mentioned last month, letters from the National BSA office were sent out to leaders who were registered before the BSA started to do background checks. The letter recipients had the opportunity to get on-line to a website and give approval for the BSA to do a background check on them. Frank received a letter and gave the BSA permission to do a background check on himself. If a leader did not respond to the letter by the response date of 8/31/08, they will be effectively DROPPED from your unit roster at the next re-chartering time frame. As you unit is doing their re-chartering on-line, they WILL not be on the re-charter information. *They need to fill out a NEW Adult Application to continue being a BSA Volunteer.*** The commissioner staff has a list of what leaders will need new applications at re-chartering time and Frank will e-mail unit leaders with the name(s) of the leaders in question. If you have any questions about your charter please call our District Commissioner Fred Chellis at 698-5977 or e-mail [fchellis@comcast.net](mailto:fchellis@comcast.net) or Frank.

**2009 York District Pinewood Derby: The Official 2009 Pine Tree Council Pinewood Derby Rules** are on the YD website and were e-mailed to all CS leaders that Frank has e-mail addresses for. Please make sure all individuals making cars has a copy of the rules so there will not be any questions regarding the race at the YD PWD which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11, 2009** at the Marshwood High School in South Berwick. The event is being sponsored by Pack 340 in Eliot. The YD website is now set up for the on-line registration. All CS packs will need to use the on-line program to register their YD PWD racers.

**New Leaders Essentials (NLE) Now Available On-line:** For ALL leaders, New Leaders Essentials (NLE) is now available via the YD website. Briefly, with the change in CLBT to recommend NLE after CLBT, and a National Council recognition that many Councils are already offering NLE as a take-home video only, we have devised a system where Scouters can watch the NLE videos and presentation media from remote locations via the York District Website. A **Training Key is required** to get credit for the training, and can be acquired either by requesting one via a simple form on the NLE site, or by attending CLBT, BSLT or VLST given by the District. This program has been set up by our CS Training Chairman, Scott Valcourt. If you have any questions, please contact Scott @ [sav@unh.edu](mailto:sav@unh.edu).

**York District Spring Camporee:** Please note that the YD Spring Camporee is scheduled for **May15-17, 2009**. As of right now we do not have a unit scheduled to host it. Please see Fred or Frank if your unit maybe interested in hosting it.