



York District Roundtable Announcements May 7, 2009

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2009 Friends of Scouting (FOS): Pine Tree Council's Annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Fundraising Campaign is off and running. The York District Family FOS Goal for 2009 is **\$32,000.00**. As of **5/5/09** we have raised **\$20,639.00 or 64% of our goal**. 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 or Frank with your date and time. We currently have **41** units scheduled and would like **ALL** of our units to have a date scheduled. We are still looking for dates from **Packs 324, 326 and 340. Troops 317, 323, 324, 326, 330 and 345**. Please step up and give us a date for a presentation. Thank you.

York District 2009 Spring Camp-o-ree: The date for the YD Spring Camporee is **5/15-17/09** at Moulton Lumber in Newfield, ME. We have had a couple of Klondike Derbies there over the past couple of years. The event is being co-sponsored by Troops 345 and 399 and the theme for the event will be "**Amazing Race**". More information is available **TONIGHT** and is also be on the YD website.

Portland Sea Dogs Game and Sleepover: As a reminder, on **Saturday, June 6, 2009**, will be the date for the Annual Portland Sea Dogs Game and Sleepover. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and information is available tonight. Some note's are:

The flyer states this is open to family. Is this just an accompanying adult or could I also purchase a ticket for my daughter to attend?

Yes, this game and event is open to all Scouts, their friends and family. It is meant to be a good time for all.

Are we actually sleeping on the outfield (like the first year) or are we going to be in Fitzpatrick stadium (like the last few years)?

Fitzpatrick Stadium is only used if there is a situation that makes it impossible to have tents on Hadlock Field because of an extenuating circumstance. We are scheduled to be on Hadlock Field, but that team management makes those decisions on game day based on the health of the play field.

IF the game is cancelled due to rain, will the campout be rescheduled – if not, do we get a refund? If not, do we still get the hat and get to go to the reschedule date of the game?

If the game is canceled to due to rain, the campout is not rescheduled, but you can claim your ticket for another game during the 2009 Sea Dogs season. Please note that you will have the ability to come by the office and pickup hats. If the game happens, but we are unable to have the sleepover due to thunderstorms, we won't be able to reschedule the sleepover, but everyone will have enjoyed a great game and taken home a cool Portland Sea Dogs, Boy Scouts of America Hat.

York District Cub Scout Day Camp 2009: Mark **July 6 - 10** on your calendars as the dates for the York District Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Nutter in Acton, ME. The theme for 2009 is "**Space Odyssey 2009**". In 2008, 75 Cub Scouts and more than 30 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 80 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.

Unit Inventory: Crew, Pack and Troop Leaders please mark, **May 11-15, 2009** for the York District Spring Unit Inventory nights. Each unit will be contacted to verify the youth that are in your program. This is vital to make sure each youth is accounted for in York District. If you have any questions please call our District Commissioner Fred Chellis at 698-5977 or fchellis@comcast.net or e-mail **YOUR** current roster to Fred or Frank.

Cub Scout Spring Recruitment: Now is a great time to begin recruitment for next fall. As a reminder, boys who are in kindergarten are eligible to become Tiger Scouts on June 1. This is a great way to have new scouts join your pack and take part in your summer activities. Fun Pack weekend, Portland Seadogs games, parades and any other activities your unit has planned for the summer. Please give Frank a call or send an e-mail for flyers or applications.

York District Pinewood Derby: The York District Pinewood Derby took place on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Marshwood HS in South Berwick. All of the medals and trophies were generously donated by Tire Warehouse. Congratulations to those Scouts who participated in the Derby! **Thank You to Troop 340 in Eliot for hosting the event.**

Unit Annual Planning: June is the month that many unit Scouting Programs start slowing down for the summer months but it also the **BEST MONTH** to start planning your Scouting Year for 2009-2009. All registered Scouters should be receiving the Scouting Magazine and in the May-June 2009 issue is information concerning your Annual Planning Meeting. **A FULLY PLANNED Scouting Year is the IDEAL YEAR in SCOUTING.** Take the time to plan out your unit's year now. A well planned Scouting Year will keep our Scouts engaged in the Scouting Program and want them to stay in our Scouting Program. They deserve the best. Please plan ahead for them. It will make their time in Scouting fun and easier for you. ☺☺☺

FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

Attention All Scouts and Scouting Families!

Once again the Pine Tree Council, will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. Come and ride the new additions to the park. The prices for the 2009 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$19.00
Splashtown Pass	\$17.00
Combination Pass	\$25.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center **May 1 through August 28, 2009**. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can used anytime during the 2009 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season. **Tickets are available on a first come first served basis.** Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 ext 10.

Please note that the June Roundtable will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Camp Nutter starting at 7:00 PM. At this RT your unit will be able to pick up your Kick-off Packet for 2009-2010. We will also be presenting the 2009 York District Award of Merit Recipients and Scouting Leaders receiving Leadership Knots with their awards. As in 2008, an Ice Cream Social will top off our scouting year and to end the evening. Hope to see you there

Thank you for all you do in our Scouting Program ☺☺