



York District Roundtable Announcements September 4, 2008

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Popcorn Time Again: The Show-N-Sell Popcorn pick-up is **Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 at the Barber Foods Warehouse located at 56 Milliken Street, Portland, ME 04103 between 8:00 –11 AM.** Pick-up of popcorn is available Friday between **3-5:00 PM** if it works better for your unit. **Please let Frank know TONIGHT so we can make sure your order is pulled for you.** Please just do not show up Friday night as we maybe gone from the warehouse. **If your unit missed the PTC Popcorn training it will be offered tonight. Your unit MUST attend this training in order for your unit to qualify for the additional 3% profit incentive.** For more information about the Trails End Popcorn program, checkout their website at www.trails-end.com. Please contact Shannon Belfance, York District Kernal at 934-7275 or Frank for more information. Additional popcorn order forms are available tonight.

Race Into Scouting: The Race Into Scouting Program for 2008 will be run the same as in the past. As a reminder, we hope have a member of our Commissioner, District Committee Staff or your District Executive come to each sign-up to help with the paperwork and recruit the leaders for new Cub Scout dens or Boy Scout troops. With this approach, we hope to increase the retention of scouts and increase parental participation in our units. This program is for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Crews. Please take the time now to determine when and where your unit will be holding it's sign-up and contact Frank with your information. **Please let me know you date ASAP so we can get your flyers printed up.** We will have training for this year's sign-up **TONIGHT.**

Trailblazer Day 2008: The 2008 Trailblazer Day will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Camp Hinds in Raymond, ME.** Trailblazer Day Offers round robin activities for Cub Scouts and parents which will include ***BB Guns Safety & Shooting, Archery Target Shooting, Slingshot Course, Obstacle Course, Wildlife Activities & Much More***

Check-in is 8 – 8:45 AM with Activities running from 9:00 – 4:30

BBQ lunch w/ guest speakers from local wildlife authorities

Cost only \$6.00 per person includes BBQ lunch!

Patches and prizes for all Youth!!!

This is a great opportunity for a new Cub Scout to come to a scouting event with his whole family. A really great time for the money. Flyers are available tonight.

Pinewood Derby Cars for New Cub Scouts: A letter will go out around November 15, 2008 to all **NEW** registered scouts with a coupon for a **FREE** pinewood derby car. Please make sure your applications are in before October 15, 2008 so your scouts will be included in the mailing. The new scouts will be able to redeem the Pinewood Derby Car coupon through March 30th at their local NAPA Store.

Leader Training: Training for **ALL** Cub Scout Leaders, Troop Committee, Scoutmasters and Asst. Scoutmasters will be on **Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Saco City Hall and start @ 8:30 AM.** The training will cover **ALL** levels of CS Leader Training, Troop Committee Challenge the Indoor Coursework **ONLY** for ASM/SM. Any other questions, please contact Scott Valcourt (CS Training Chairman) at 698-1213 or Megan Segalla (BS Training Chairman) at 363-8642. Registration forms are available tonight.

Program Launch Packet: If you were unable to attend the Program Launch at the June Roundtable, please pick up your Program Launch Packet tonight or stop by the council office and see Frank for your unit's packet. It contains Council Planning Calendars and information on School Night for Scouting, Popcorn Sales, District and Council events and a whole lot more. This information is key for a successful scouting program.

Webelos Woods Weekend: The 2008 Webelos Woods Weekend at Camp Hinds will be on **September 26-28, 2008.** It is open to **ALL** Webelos and their parents. We did this a couple of years ago but we did not do it in 2007 due to the Maine Jam. This is a great event for your future Boy Scouts. We recommend coming as a den but a parent and their scout are surely welcome. Any questions, please contact Cathy Gosselin at 797-5252 ext. 14. A flyer is available tonight.

York District Membership: York District membership as of 8/31/08 is **1,257 youth and 69 units.** The York District goal for the 12/31/08 is **1,674 youth and 75 Units.** The only way we can make our goal is if we view recruiting as a year round program. We need to add @ **417** new youth and 6 more units to our program to make it happen. Currently our membership looks like this: **CS 742** (*1,080 in 2007 down 338 CS*), **BS 501** (*568 in 2007 down 67 BS*) and Venturing **14** (*25 in 2007 down 11 Venturers*). Can we do it? Yes we can. We need to promote, promote and promote our programs on a continuous basis. If half of our scouts had a friend join, we would have more than enough to make our goal. A few years ago, we had over **2,100** scouts in our district. They are out there. Let's find them. **As a note to ALL BS Troops, now is the best time to get linked up with your feeder pack or pack in your area. The more they see your troop's face at their events (Fall Sign-up is a good one) the stronger your chance is to have they cross over into your troop thank someone else's. If your program is not growing, your gonna die. We had a number of troops die in 2008 due to low numbers. We do not want to see that happen again.** *Give the pack a call. It can not hurt.*

Our next RT will be on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM here at the Sanford HS. Hope to see you then.

☺ Thank you for **ALL** you do for our Scouting Program. ☺