



York District Roundtable Announcements October 2, 2008

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Popcorn Sale 2008: Do you have everything you need to complete your popcorn sale? Please pick-up additional forms tonight if you need them. The Show-N-Sell sale ends on **October 12**, and the product **needs** to be **either transferred or returned** during the week of **October 13-17, 2008**. All **Show-n-Sell Money is due by October 24, 2008**. The take order sale ends on **October 20, 2008** with orders for popcorn and prizes due October 24, 2008 at the Pine Tree Council Service Center. As a reminder, the York District Popcorn Pick-up will be again at Hussey Seating in North Berwick on **Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM**. We will need volunteers on **Friday night, November 14th** from 5:30 PM until all the orders are picked. You can then take your order home with you. Other dates to note: **November 15-30, 2008** Scouts deliver product & collect money; **December 5, 2008 ALL MONEY DUE (ALL SALES) & ACCOUNTS SETTLED** and **December 12, 2008** 10% (of total money due) penalty assessed for late payments. If your Unit has problems that affect your ability to settle your account by this date, please call the Popcorn Campaign Director, Matt Randall at 797-5252 ext. 21 to work out a payment plan. For other information, please contact Shannon Belfance, York District Kernal at 934-7275 or Frank.

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

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. Families can register at the event.

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 and 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.

York District Committee Meeting: The York District Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2008 at the Saco City Hall**. The meeting will start at **7:00 PM Sharp**. See you there. Let your Charter Organization Representative know about the meeting. They are your direct voice on the district committee. Give them a call, you deserve representation at our district meeting.

Unit Inventory: As a reminder, York District's Fall Unit Inventory will be held the week of, **November 10-14, 2008**. At this time our Unit Commissioners will be contacting **ALL** the units in York District to see if the scouts listed in your unit matches up with the names in the Pine Tree Council Service Center. We want to make sure that **ALL** scouts are registered so their advancements, insurance coverage and Boy's Life magazines are up to date. Thanks for your help. For further information, please contact Frank.

Youth Advancement Records: It has come to the attention of the YD Advancement Committee that there is a **HUGE** number of units **NOT** submitting any Advancement Records to the PTC Service Center or via Internet Advancement. According to the BSA Scoutnet records, in the Spring of 2008 we have only had **35** Webelos Scouts receive the Arrow of Light this spring where we had @ **70** young men cross over into BS from CS who should have had the Arrow of Light in order to do so. We also recently had one YD BS submit his paperwork to the PTC for Eagle Scout only to find out that he was missing @ **10** merit badges. We have seen 1 or 2 merit badges missing in the past but 10? We know that **YES** it is a bit more work but if there is that one parent in your unit that has some computer knowledge and is willing to help out and do it, please get them on board. They do not have to be a registered leader to do it. Our kids and leaders have worked very hard to get the awards they have worked on and **YES** they may have a patch to show for it but there is no record in our tracking system to say **YES** they did do it. Please help us give them credit for what they have done. Sorry for the itchy session but we just want what is fair for our kids. In November, Dave Sinclair will be giving the whole district a short but sweet lesson on Internet Advancement. He has done this class at the University of Scouting the last couple of years and once you have done it, it is a piece of cake for anyone to do at ANY time of the day. Please have somebody here to learn more about it. The Internet Advancement ID #'s were passed out in the Program Launch Packets in June so the information is out there. Thank you for your help.

York District Membership: York District membership as of 9/30/08 is **1,343 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 @ **331** new youth and 6 more units to our program to make it happen. Currently our membership looks like this: **CS 822** (*1,080 in 2007 down 338 CS*), **BS 505** (*568 in 2007 down 67 BS*) and Venturing **16** (*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. If **every unit had 4-5 scouts** recruit a friend into their unit, we would have over **286-345** new scouts in our district. Sport Programs will be ending soon so now is the time to invite them into our Scouting Program. We have some very cool BSA recruiter patches available only through the PTC District Executives for scouts who recruit new scouts into our program. **I would like to pass out as many as possible to our scouts in YD.** We need to promote, promote and promote our programs on a continuous basis.

York District Annual Business Meeting: The date for the York District Annual Business Meeting is **Thursday, November 13, 2008**. The meeting will start at **7:00 PM** and will be held at the Saco City Hall. The meeting will include the election of York District Committee members and we will also discuss the state of our district. Your input is very important to us and we hope you will join us for this meeting. All Charter Organization Representatives, District Committee Members and District Members at Large should mark your calendars for this date. For more information please contact Frank.

Our next RT will be on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM here at the Sanford HS Hope to see you then.



Happy Halloween !!!

