



## York District Roundtable Announcements      November 6, 2008

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**Popcorn: Congratulations York District!!** We had a popcorn sales increase of **\$15,000.00 or 12%** (highest in the PTC) over last year. (**\$125,200.00 in 2007 and was @ \$141,000.00 in 2008**) Great Job and Thank you for your support. Please mark **Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 8:00 – 11:00 AM** as the date to pick-up your popcorn at Hussey Seating Company 38 Dyer St. North Berwick, ME. We will need help on **Friday Night, November 14** to separate the popcorn orders. We will start @ **5:30 PM** till its done. When you are done helping, you can take your order with you that night. Call or e-mail Frank if you can help.

**Unit Inventory:** As a reminder, York District's Fall Unit Inventory will be held during 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. Please note that you can e-mail your current roster to Frank if that would be easier for you.

**York District Membership:** York District membership as of 10/31/08 is **1,479 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 @ **196** new youth and **6** more units to our program to make it happen. Currently our membership looks like this: **CS 957** (*1,080 in 2007 down 123 CS*), **BS 506** (*568 in 2007 down 62 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 **200** new scouts in our district. Sport Programs have ended for the Fall 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.

**York District Fall Camporee 2008:** Thank you to Troop 329 for hosting the "**Just for Fun**" Camp-o-ree in Limerick. The weather was great and it was nice to see everyone enjoying the events T329 had setup. We had **over 330** attendees over the weekend. That is the most at a Fall camp-o-ree in many years. Again, Thank You Troop 329 and its families that helped out.

**Friends of Scouting:** 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. In 2008, York District exceeded its Family FOS Goal. Let see if we can do it again in 2009. 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. The FOS Honor Unit Program used in 2008 will be used again in 2009. Any unit that qualifies will receive all cloth badges of rank from the Council service center free of charge for a year. To schedule your unit's Family Presentation, please contact Frank with your date and time. *This year we will be starting our Family FOS Presentations in December so units (troops) that may not have a Court of Honor until late in the Scouting Year can have it now and have the donations count towards the 2009 FOS Year.* To schedule your unit's Family Presentation, please contact 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.**

**Thank you for all you do in our scouting program.**

Happy Thanksgiving  
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