



## York District Roundtable Announcements December 4, 2008

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**Popcorn:** Thank you to all the packs and troops that participated in the popcorn sale in 2009. A HUGE THANK YOU to Shannon Belfance who was the District Kernal for York District this year. Her help was greatly appreciated. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the folks at Hussey Seating who had the orders picked before anyone came to help pick the orders. Good Deal there. York District units sold over **\$144,000.00** in popcorn (**up \$19,000 from 2008**). The top three selling units in YD were: **P311 - Saco \$12,700.00**, **Pack 350 – OOB \$11,595.00** and **P338 – South Berwick \$8,783.00**. With that in mind, YD units received @ **\$51,350.00** in total commission and the commission for the top selling unit was @ **\$4,500.00**. Do you know of any fundraiser that will give you that much \$\$\$ for a **ONCE** a year push?? Great job to all involved. Anything is possible with popcorn. Thank you again for all your help. ☺

**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. 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 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.**

**York District Membership:** Our current membership as of 12/02/08 is **1,510** youth. The York District goal for the 12/31/08 is **1,674 youth and 75 Units**. We need to add @ **164** new youth and **5** more units to our program to make it happen. Currently our membership looks like this: **CS 983** (*1,080 in 2007 down 97 CS*), **BS 506** (*568 in 2007 down 58 BS*) and Venturing **16** (*25 in 2007 down 11 Venturers*). **Please make sure your rosters are complete and ALL applications have been sent into the PTC to be processed.** As a reminder, the **only** part of a youth or adult application the PTC needs to see is the **COUNCIL COPY**. By sending only the COUNCIL COPY to the PTC, the unit has at least the **UNIT COPY** for your records if any questions arise about a member's registration down the road. Also 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.** **Please take home "Recruit a Friend" letters tonight and pass them out at your next meeting. It is easy and your scouts will get a very cool patch in having a friend join them in our program.**

**Attention All Boy Scout Troops:** As it has been in the past, all troops re-charter in February. The troop charters will be passed out to the commissioners soon and you will be contacted to set a date to get the Charter to you. Please note that in 2009 ALL re-chartering will be done via the ON-LINE Program. There are **NO** Re-chartering forms in the re-chartering packets. A BLUE sheet listing the unit's On-line Re-chartering Access Code is in each packet. 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. It is easy and if I can do it, anyone can. **Please note that during the past summer, 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. 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.** 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 available tonight. They are also available on the YD website and will be 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. A letter was sent out to all **NEW** registered scouts with a coupon for a **FREE** pinewood derby car on November 26, 2008. The new scouts will be able to redeem the Pinewood Derby Car coupon through **March 30, 2009** at their local NAPA Store. .

**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).

**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.



Merry Christmas , Happy Chanukah and Happy New

Year!!!



**Thank You** for all the work you do for the Scouting Program in York District. See you in 2009.