



York District Roundtable Announcements September 3, 2009

York District Website – www.yorkdistrict.org

Frank Gilcreast, York District Executive contact Information

E-mail: fgilcrea@bsamail.org

Tel. # 797-5252 ext. 24

Popcorn Time Again: The Show-N-Sell Popcorn pick-up is **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009** 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. For help planning your popcorn sale, please contact Rachel Gerlach at 284-7243 or e-mail at hither737@gmail.com or contact Frank. We are here to make sure you have a great sale and Scouting Year. Additional popcorn order forms and banners for Show-N-Sell Sales are available tonight. Please make sure you have recruiting information at your Show-N-Sell table. Pick up some Boy's Life Mini Mags tonight and put a contact label on it. People like to take stuff to look at and it might as well be our stuff and how their son can join the program.

2009 Fall Recruitment: "Words To Live BY" is the recruitment program for 2009. 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. Some units received their flyers tonight. Flyers, street signs and posters are available tonight.

Trailblazer Day 2009: The 2009 Trailblazer Day will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Camp Hinds in Raymond, ME or Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade, ME.** Trailblazer Day Offers round robin activities for Cub Scouts and parents which will include ***BB Guns Safety & Shooting, Archery Target Shooting, Obstacle Course, Wildlife Activities & Much More***
Check-in is 8:30 – 9:00 AM with Activities running from 9:30 – 3:30

BBQ lunch w/ guest speakers from local wildlife authorities

Cost only **\$8.00 per person includes BBQ lunch!**

Patches 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.

York District Fall Camporee: The YD Fall camporee is scheduled for **October 17-19, 2009** and is being sponsored by T312 of North Berwick. Information is available tonight and on the YD website.

Webelos Woods Weekend: The 2009 Webelos Woods Weekend at Camp Hinds will be on **September 18-20, 2009.** It is open to **ALL** Webelos and their parents. 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 Scott Martin at 892-0628 or Cathy Gosselin at 797-5252 ext. 14. A flyer is available tonight.

York District Membership: York District membership as of 8/31/09 is **1,329 youth and 67 units**. The York District goal for the 12/31/09 is **1,675 youth and 74 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 **7** more units to our program to make it happen. Currently our membership looks like this: **CS 832** (*1,071 in 2008 down 239 CS*) , **BS 490** (*521 in 2007 down 31 BS*), Venturing **7** (*10 in 2008 down 3 Venturers*) and Exploring **0** (*down 57 Explorers from 2008*). Please note that Exploring was added to the district in 2009 and we are currently re-chartering them. 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 them cross over into your troop thank someone else's. If your program is not growing, your gonna die.** *Give the pack a call. It can not hurt.*

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 Popcorn Sales, District and Council events and a whole lot more. This information is key for a successful scouting program.

New Members to the York District Staff: The York District staff would like to welcome Ron Bickford from Berwick to our Commissioner Staff and Bill Fox and Wayne Twombly from Pack 323 in Hollis to our Membership Committee. Our District Staff is growing. If you would like to be a part of it, please let Frank know. Many helping hands make our program stronger.

Leader Training:

Cub Scout Basic Leader Training (CSBLT) will be taking place at the Roundtables this year on the following Thursday dates: 10/1/09, 11/05/09 and 12/03/09 at the Sanford High School. We are trying this method rather than having leaders do it all in one day. A leader **MUST** take ALL three sessions to complete their CS Basic Leader Training requirement. Flyers are available tonight and on the YD website.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Will take on Friday and Saturday, 10/23-24/09 at Camp Hinds. Please see flyer for more information.

Boy Scout SM and ASM Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS) ONLY will be held on 10/23-25/09 at Camp Hinds. Please see flyer for more information.

Our next RT will be on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Sanford HS. Hope to see you then.

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