

Pine Tree Council
York District



Cub Scout
Activities Catalog

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Dedication

This catalog is dedicated to Lenny Niman, who passed away in July 2009. Lenny had a profound impact on many scouts and scouters alike. His dedication to scouting and its ideals helped many scouts reach their full potential. This included helping scouts to develop leadership skills, working as a merit badge counselor and giving support and that little nudge to scouts on their trail to Eagle. Working with the Activities Committee, Lenny was a major contributor to this catalog content and completion. Lenny's presence, guidance, support, and friendship will be truly missed.

Introduction

This catalog is a collection of activities suitable for Cub Scout packs or dens. A collaboration of ideas from York District packs and members of the York District Activity Committee, this catalog is intended give your packs or dens ideas for your annual planning. The pages in this catalog are not intended to answer all your questions about doing the activity. But, web sites, phone numbers and addresses are supplied to help you get the information you will need to plan an activity.

The intent of this catalog is to be a living document. Your experience in doing these activities will benefit others. Pass this information on to the York District Committee so this catalog can be updated regularly. We would also like to continue to expand the catalog with activities you may do which are not included in this document. Again, pass this information on to those on the York District committee.



Hey You!



Take a Hike!

The Boston Freedom Trail



Description: Take a 2.5 mile hike through Boston on the historic Freedom Trail. The trail starts at Boston Commons and ends at Bunker Hill Monument. On the trail you will visit 16 historic sites important to Boston's role in the American Revolution. Visit Paul Revere's home, the USS Constitution, and climb to the top of the Bunker Hill Monument.

The trail is marked by a row of red bricks in the sidewalks of Boston.

Web address: <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>

Special Considerations: The trail is not a loop. Keep this in mind when you consider transportation and getting to and from the trail. The trail is handicap accessible, though some sights on it may not be.

Notes:

Portland Freedom Trail

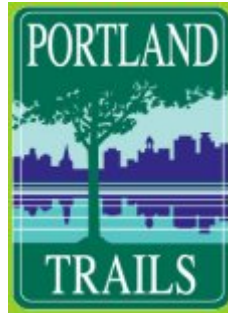


Description: Portland Maine was an important part of the Underground Railroad. In 2007 a series of 13 sights were marked to recognize people associated with the Underground Railroad. Three more are planned for the future. Take your pack on a hike through Portland and discover an often unknown part of Portland's history.

Web Site: <http://www.portlandfreedomtrail.org/>

Notes:

Portland Trails



Description: The Portland Trails is a series of 30 trails throughout the Greater Portland area. The trails are varied in length, environment, and usability. Depending on the trail you can hike, bike, cross country ski, or snowshoe your way along the many trails. Hike the 1.25 mile trail around Mackworth Island, snowshoe 4 miles around Riverside Golf Course, or bike the 3.5 miles around Back Cove. For a bigger trip, take the Casco Bay Ferry to Peak's Island and enjoy the 4 mile trip around the island.

Many trails are loops, making for easy entry and exit. But plan carefully, as some of the trails do not loop back to their starts. Parking may be readily available at some trails and limited at others. Most trails are year round, but some are limited, such as The Riverside Golf Course which is only a winter trail.

Web address: <http://www.trails.org/>

Special Considerations: Many trails are handicap accessible, but check the web site to be sure.

Notes:

Vaughn Woods State Park



28 Oldfields Road
S. Berwick, ME 03908
Park season: (207)490-4079

Description: Located in South Berwick is a 250 acre park located along the Salmon Falls River. Interconnecting trails give the ability to hike a loop up to 3 miles long. Shorter trails are possible. A picnic area is also available for lunch after a fun hike in the woods.

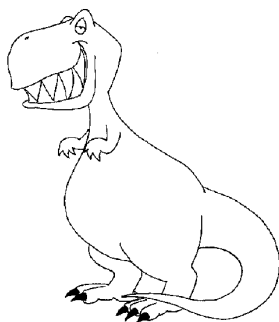
Web Site: <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/doc/parksearch/index.pl>

Special Considerations: While the parking lot, picnic area, and restrooms are generally handicapped accessible, the trails are not accessible.

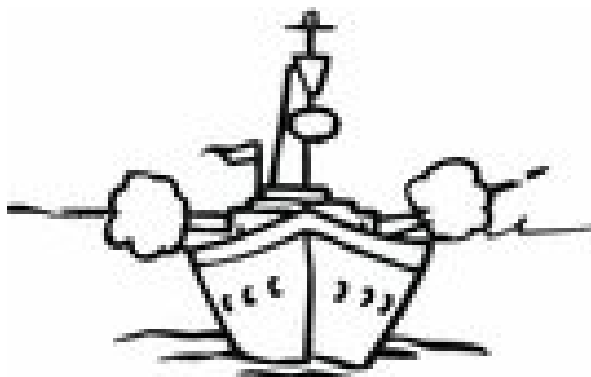
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Night at the



Museum



Boston Museum of Science

1 Science Park
Boston, MA 02114

617-723-2500

Description: See the skeleton of a 65 million year old Triceratops, view a glassed-in bee hive and learn about solar power in three of the many exhibits found at the museum. For a bit more excitement, visit some of the live presentations, such as a juggling show on the atom, and an exhilarating show about electricity to name a couple. For an additional fee you can also go to some special shows, including the IMAX Theater, the Planetarium, or the Butterfly Garden.

For an extra special treat, spend a night at the museum. This program is limited to students between the 1st and 6th grade. Visit the museum web site for more information about this program, group rates and parking.

Web Site: <http://www.mos.org/>

Special Considerations: The museum is handicap accessible with a wide variety of accommodations; see their web page for more details.

Notes:

Seashore Trolley Museum



195 Log Cabin Road
Kennebunkport, ME 04046

(207) 967-2712

Visit the oldest and largest electric railroad museum in the world, and it is located right in our own back yard! See a variety of transportation vehicles, including trolley cars, railroad cards, and buses. The national and international streetcar collections contain a large selection of streetcars dating back to the 1800s. At the museum you can walk the grounds viewing the many displays, visit the restoration barn, and take a trolley ride through the countryside.

Web Site: <http://www.trolleymuseum.org/>

Special Considerations: The museum is closed during the winter; it is open May through October. Group discounts are available. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and eat at their picnic grounds.

Notes for Boy Scouts: The Seashore Trolley Museum has an educational program where members of a troop can earn the Railroading Merit Badge.

Notes:

Boston Children's Museum



300 Congress St.

Boston, Ma. 02210

(617) 426-6500

Description: The Boston Children's Museum's mission is to help children enjoy and understand the worlds in which they live. They do this with a large number of hands on permanent exhibits, special exhibits and special collections.

Food is not available at the museum, but you can bring a lunch to eat on the first floor, or eat at one of the nearby restaurants.

Web Site: <http://www.bostonkids.org/index.html>

Special Considerations: Parking can be a challenge in the area and the museum does not have its own parking, plan ahead.

United States Naval Shipyard Museum



739 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169

617-479-7900

Description: Visit the home of the USS Salem, the world's only preserved heavy cruiser. Located in Quincy Massachusetts at the former location of the Fore River Shipyard, you have the option of a tour of the ship or an overnight adventure.

Web Site: <http://www.uss-salem.org/>

Notes:

Battleship Cove



Five Water Street
PO Box 111
Fall River, MA 02722-0111

(800) 533-3194

Description: Tour the USS Massachusetts, a United States battleship, the destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy Jr, or the USS Lionfish, a World War II submarine among other exhibits. Battleship Cove is located in Fall River Massachusetts. One option popular with scouts is to spend a night aboard a naval vessel and Battleship Cove gives you that option. This museum is a must see!

Web Site: <http://www.battleshipcove.com/>

Notes:

Children's Museum and Theater of Maine

142 Fore Street

Portland, Me 04101

(207) 828-1234

Description: The Maine Children's Museum exists to inspire discovery and imagination through exploration and play. Located in downtown Portland, the museum sports three stories of exhibits ranging from a life-size Space Shuttle cockpit, compete with a mini planetarium to a Tide Pool Touch Tank.

The Children's Theater is also located with the museum. The theater uses youth actors between the ages of 8 and 15 to put on productions. Go see a show!

Web Site: <http://www.childrensmuseumofme.org/>

Special Considerations: The museum's focus is for children 0 to 10 years old. Keep your audience in mind for this activity!

Notes:

Maine State Museum



207-287-2301

83 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0083

Description: Learn about the history of Maine at the Maine State Museum. Twelve thousand years of history recount the changes to Maine from the time of the Woolly Monmouth to the Native Americans of Maine to the history of items made in Maine. Located in Augusta, near the state capitol giving you a variety of things to explore. Along with the museum, get a tour of the capitol building!

<http://www.maine.gov/museum/>

Notes:



Lost and Found

Geocaching

Description: Today's technology adds a whole new concept to treasure hunting. People have hidden containers, known as caches, throughout the world. Using coordinates found on a web page, your task is to find the cache using a GPS. A logbook will be located with the cache which you can sign and an online site allows you to describe your adventure. The cache may hold items, some people will take an item as a souvenir, but you must leave an item of equal value in return.

Visit the official geocaching web site for more detail on this activity.

Web Site: <http://www.geocaching.com> This is the official site, others are available.

Special Considerations: Do your homework; all sites will not be handicap accessible. Review the site closely; it will give you good hints, such as how to find your vehicles once you locate the cache.

Notes:

Letterboxing

Do you like using clues to find a treasure? If you do, then give Letterboxing a try. Tens of thousands of treasure caches have been hidden throughout the United States. Go online to find the clues to a treasure near you. Follow the clues and locate the treasure. Inside will be a stamp for you to stamp your letterboxing journal. Many letterboxers will create a stamp for themselves. Stamp the journal in the cache to mark your successful discovery. There are instructions on how to make your own stamps on the web page.

Web Site: <http://www.letterboxing.org>

Special Considerations: Do your research to understand the rules and guidelines to letterboxing.

Notes:

Corn Maze



Description: There are multiple corn mazes throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Locates on local farms, usually there are lots of other activities to do, such as hay rides, pumpkin patches, and barn yard visits to name a few. This can be a great activity for both the cubs and adults. Some farms even have more complex mazes for the adults to try. For an added thrill, try the maze at night with your trusty flashlight to find your way. If you're into a fright Halloween is a good night to go.

There are multiple corn mazes so find one near you!

Web Site: <http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org/MEpumpkins.php>

Some of the better known mazes:

<http://www.zachscornmaze.com/> - York, Maine

<http://www.pumpkinvalleyfarm.com/> - Dayton, Maine

Special Considerations: Corn Mazes are fall activities. They are usually found on farms, so a pair of boots might be a good idea. A call will let you know muddy it might be.

Notes:



Back

To

Nature



Maine Wildlife Park



56 Game Farm Road

Gray, ME 04039

(207) 657-4977 ext. 1

Description: The Maine Wildlife Park is often known as the Gray Animal Farm. Go and see over 25 of Maine's wildlife including deer, moose and porcupine. At the Visitors Center your Cubs will get the chance to feel the fur of several animals. A tree trail describes the trees of Maine and a wetlands trail where birds, fish, and turtles may be seen. This is just a few of the many sights and activities available at the wildlife park.

A snack shack or a picnic/BBQ are available to round out your day.

Web site: <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/wildlifepark/index.htm>

Special Considerations: The Park is open from mid-April to Veterans Day. See the web site for special access needs.

York's Wild Kingdom



Route 1

York Beach, Maine 03910
207-363-4911

Description: York's Wild Kingdom is a combination amusement park and zoo. The zoo sports a wide variety of animals from around the world. Some of the animals include zebra, kangaroo, and boa snakes. A petting zoo, butterfly exhibit, and an aviary are some of the special features of the zoo.

For a little added excitement take some rides in the amusement park. The park includes a mini golf course, Ferris wheel, and haunted house along with many other rides and activities.

Web site: <http://www.yorkzoo.com/>

Special Considerations: Group rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens



Barthers Island Road
PO Box 234
Boothbay, ME 04537
(207) 633-4333

Description: Located in Boothbay, Maine, the garden covers 248 acres of waterfront property. The gardens are ever changing as the season progresses from spring bulbs to summer blossoms and fall foliage. A variety of youth programs, such as adding a building to the fairy village, special events, and storytelling, exist for the young visitor.

Web Site: <http://www.mainegardens.org/>

Special Considerations: The more formal gardens are handicapped accessible. Visit the web site for more details.

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge

321 Port Road
Wells, ME 04090

Phone: 207-646-9226
Fax: 207-646-6554

Description: The Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge is spread over 50 miles of Maine's coastline. The refuge's headquartered in Wells Maine. The refuge offers a variety of trails and wildlife across ten divisions. Nine fishing spots are also located in the refuge. Visit the web site to find these locations and any restrictions. Hunting, during season, is also permitted, plan your visits accordingly.

Web Site: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/rachelcarson/index.html>

Notes:

Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve at Laudholm Farm



Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve at Laudholm Farm



Wells Reserve

342 Laudholm Farm Rd

Wells ME 04090

(207) 646-1555

Description: The seven miles of trails for hiking and cross country skiing give the visitor a wide variety terrain including woodlands, fields, wetlands, dunes, and beaches. A trail map is available as a pdf on their web site.

A visitor center located at the main farmhouse. At the visitors center you will find exhibits, videos, brochures, trail maps, and a gift shop.

Web Site: <http://wellsreserve.org/>

Notes:



Climb Every Mountain

Mount Agamenticus



Description: Mount Agamenticus is a 692 feet extinct volcano located in York, Maine. A variety of trail, leading to the top, gives you many options. All trails are available to hikes, with some trails also available to mountain bikes, horse, or ATV. Multiple parking lots allow you to pick the lengths and difficulties your scouts are ready for. Sitting on a the 10,00 acres Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region you may encounter some of the many rare plants or native animals of Maine. Mount Agamenticus is known as one of the best locations for watching hawks, especially in the fall. And on a clear day the view is awesome!

Web Site: <http://www.agamenticus.org/index.html>

Notes:

Bradbury Mountain State Park



528 Hallowell Rd.
Pownal, Me 04069

Description: At 485 feet above sea level, Bradbury Mountain offers many trails to hike. The mountain was shaped by a glacier with a rounded top and a sheer cliff. Along with a hike to the top for a beautiful scenic view, the park offers a picnic area, playground and ball field. The park also sports a campground with a group site.

Web site: <http://bradburymountain.com/>

Notes:



*The
Wild World
of
Sports*



Portland Sea Dogs Baseball



271 Park Ave.
Portland, ME 04102
1-800-936-DOGS

Description: Take in a game with Maine's professional baseball team. Playing out of Hadlock Field in Portland, Maine the Sea Dogs is the minor league team of the Boston Red Sox. Tickets are available individually, group tickets for 20 or more, or enjoy the picnic area, where you get great seat and all you can eat for group of 20 to 350. Bring a glove and enjoy.

Web Site: <http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t546>

Special Considerations: The Sea Dog season runs from April through September. Hadlock Field gets a nice breeze from Casco Bay, keep this in mind on a cool evening! A few times during the season the Sea Dogs put on a fireworks display.

Notes:

Sanford Mainers Baseball



Description: The Sanford Mainers are a member of the New England League. The team is made up of college ball players. Their June and July schedule make for a fun and exciting summer event. Home games are played at Goodall Park and generally start at 6:30 p.m.

Along with the opportunity to watch some exciting baseball, the Mainers also offer week long baseball camps for 6 to 12 year olds.

Web Site: <http://www.sanfordmainers.com/>

Notes:

Portland Pirates Hockey



94 Free Street

Portland, Me. 04101

(207) 828-4665

Description: The Portland Pirates, development team of the Buffalo Sabers, is Maine's AHL hockey team. Calling the Cumberland County Civic Center home the Pirates are a great form of entertainment. With an October through April schedule there are lots of opportunities to make a game. Join mascots Crackers and Salty Pete watch future NHL players take to the ice.

Web site: <http://www.portlandpirates.com/>

Notes:

Pack Track and Field Day



Description: Run a track and Field event for your pack. You will need a location, such as the track of your local high school and a series of events. Organize the competition by Cub Scout levels. Give everyone a “I Participated” ribbon with event winners getting a blue winners ribbon. Some possible events are:

- 100 Yard Dash
- 440 Yard Run
- Softball Throw
- Frisbee Toss
- Log Jump

Keep the age group in mind 440 yards may be a long distance for a Tiger Cub. This makes a great Summer Time Activity award requirement.

Special Considerations: Get permission to use any field or track you plan to use, verifying it is available. Be prepared for a hot day! Have tarps for shade and lots of water.

Notes:

Cross Country Skiing



Description: Get out and enjoy the fresh clean air of winter! Hit the cross country ski trails. If you have the equipment, you can use local trails blazed by other skiers, or you can make use of the many commercial trails in Southern Maine. The commercial sites will have equipment rentals, groomed trails and a place to get warmed. Some may even rent snowshoes for those not interested in skiing.

Web Sites: <http://www.harrisfarm.com/xc-skiing.html> Dayton, Maine

<http://www.smilinghill.com/xcski.html> Westbrook, Maine

Special Considerations: Trails are designed for different skill levels, select carefully. Dress appropriately, jeans and sweats do not make good snow pants!

Notes:

Sliding



Description: The thrill of a fast trip down a snowy hill is every young boy's idea of a great afternoon. Find a good hill and some sleds and have a great time. There are also some commercial sliding locations you can go to. The advantage of these is that they supply the sled and may even tow you back up the hill. Bring some hot cocoa and some snacks and have a great time.

Web Sites: <http://www.seacoastfunparks.com/> Windham, Maine
<http://www.camdensnowbowl.com/> Camden, Maine

Mini Golf



Description: Mini golf can be a great outdoor activity for a pack or den. And there are several courses throughout Southern Maine. Many of the courses are themed-based and are a lot of fun. You will find courses at some of Maine's amusement parks and camp grounds.

Web Sites: <http://www.seacoastfunparks.com/windham.htm>

<http://www.golfmaine.com/>

<http://www.yorkzoo.com/>

Special Considerations: Many courses do not have web sites. Ask around to find a good course near you.

Notes:



*Mind
Your
Business*



Pack Meeting at Cabela's



100 Cabela's Blvd

Scarborough, Me

207 883-7400

Description: Need an idea to spice up a Pack meeting? Why not hold it at the Cabela's store. Cabela's is an outfitters store with a wide variety of camping and hunting supplies. The middle of the store is the home to a spectacular mountain with a wide variety of taxidermy animals. What a great way to change things up a bit.

Contact the store manager for further information.

<http://www.cabelas.com>

Notes:

Visit a Local Business

Description: Take your Pack or Den to visit a local business. See how they do business, manufacture a product, or deliver a service. There is so much to discover out there, from how a service station does an oil change to how your local Hannaford's keeps its shelves stocked. Give the owner/manager of a local business a call and set up a visit.

Some business suggestions:

Bank

Service Station

Pizza places

Corner Store

Shaws

Hannaford's

Restaurant

Farm

What's in your town?

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Visit a Nursing Home



Description: Take your Pack or Den to a local Nursing Home or Assisted Living facility. Many of these facilities have sing along sessions. Learn some of the songs in advanced and join in. Go during Christmas and sing Christmas Carols. Help the residents play BINGO or build a jigsaw puzzle. Bring cookies and cheer up someone's grandparent.

Call the activities coordinator to set a date and understand any limitations or restrictions. They can also be a great source for other ideas.

Notes:

Flag Ceremonies



Description: Take your Pack's flag ceremony out of the Pack meeting and into the community. There are many opportunities for a den or patrol to perform a community flag ceremony. Try a town meeting, high school sporting event, or community function. This is a great way to advertise your pack in your community.

Contact the high school athletic director, or a town official to identify opportunities.

Notes:

Place Flags at a Local Cemetery

Memorial Day and the 4th of July is a great time to show your Pack's Patriotism by placing flags at the graves of our deceased veterans. This is often done by the local VFW team up with them to perform this activity. Take it an extra step and cleanup and rake an older town cemetery as part of placing the flags.

Special Considerations: Touch bases with your local Boy Scout Troop before doing any projects to verify no Eagle Projects are planned for the cemetery.

Notes:

Visit your Chartered Partner

Description: Each pack is sponsored by a chartered partner. Many of these sponsors are churches and clubs. Each year, when your pack re-charters, you get a Chartered Partner Certificate. Take the opportunity to present this certificate to your chartered partner. During this presentation, perform a flag ceremony and have some of your scouts describe what they did in scouting over the past year. Be sure to thank them for their continued support.

Notes:

Wash a Service Vehicle



Description: The local police and fire departments perform a valuable service to our communities. Take a moment to thank them by volunteering to wash a fire truck or some police cars. Take the opportunity to get a tour of the vehicle and station.

Notes:

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Camp Nutter

East Shore Drive
Acton, Maine

Spend a weekend in Acton, Maine on Loon Pond. During the summer, the camp is used for York District's Day Camp. Off season, the camp is available for troops and packs to make use of. With two cabins, there is a great opportunity to get a weekend away. The Baden Powell cabin will hold 20 and Seton Cabin will hold 10.

So what do you do with a bunch of kids in a cabin? Well, the sky is the limit. Work on advancement activities, earn a belt loop, spend a day ice fishing, or have a game day.

Web site: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/camps/index.html>

Special Considerations: Plan ahead, the cabins book up early. Cabins have bunks, but you need to bring sleeping bags appropriate to the season. The cabins are heated by woodstoves, so bring fire wood.

Notes:

Camp William Hinds

146 Plains Road

Raymond, Me

Camp Hinds is Pine Tree Council's premier camp ground. With four buildings, 12 lean-tos, and 14 campsites, you have infinite possibilities. Fields for sports, a lake for fishing and woods for hiking make this a great getaway camp.

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Notes:

Camp Bomazeen

656 Horsepoint Road
Belgrade, Maine

Description: Camp Bomazeen is located on Great Pond in North Belgrade. The camp has two cabins, McCurdy Lodge which houses 28 and Pavilion Cabin with 16 beds. The camp also has 8 camp sites for a tenting experience.

A water front, fields, and trails make this camp a fun to visit.

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Web Site: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/campingprogram/cubscout/index.html>

Notes:

Webelos Summer Camp

Boy Scout Summer Camp can be a big transition for a just crossed over scout. One way for a Webelos Scout to prepare is to attend one of the 4 day Webelos Summer Camps. The scout gets to work on Webelos advancements along with all the experiences of summer camp, eating in the dining hall, swimming at the water front and a few nights away from home.

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Cub Scout Day Camp

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