

1st Merrickville Spring Registration for 2004/2005



As indicated in the last newsletter, we are offering a spring registration for youth returning to the program in September. There are a couple of reasons for this: Due to insurance coverage, Scouts Canada would prefer to have the youth registered by September 1st of each year, and this doesn't fit well with our normal registration occurring in the second week of school. Secondly, our membership forecast shows that there will be more youth than places available next year. All youth registering in the spring will be guaranteed places in the program; after that it will be on a first come first serve basis until the sections are full.

The registration fee for the 2004/2005 Scouting years consists of an \$85 Scouts Canada fee (payable per person) and a \$25 group fee (payable once per family). The Scouts Canada fee is valid until June 18th, after that date their fee rises to \$100.

If for whatever reason your child does not return to Scouting in September, the entire fee is refundable. All requests for a refund must be received no later than September 15th, 2004.

With respect to the group fee and fund raising, there appears to have been a little confusion on this point. The group fee was implemented because most families were not interested in fundraising for the group. This fee essentially covers the cost of registering the leaders with Scouts Canada. Revenue received by the group is generally distributed as follows:

Group Fee	Leader registration. We have to pay an \$85 fee to Scouts Canada for every leader.
Dues	Section operating costs. E.g. badges, craft supplies, project supplies.
Fund Raising	Equipment, tents, stoves, neckers, training, activity subsidisation.

Any money raised through fundraising goes towards purchasing equipment and subsidising the cost of activities. The Scouts, since many of their activities are more expensive, are especially encouraged to fundraise as it helps teach them the value of working towards their goals in this challenging program.

Please return the attached registration form, physical fitness form, and payment at any meeting (or mail to 205 Wolford Drive, Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0). When completing the forms, please note the following:

- Registration form must be signed.
- Ensure both a post box number and a street address are given where applicable.
- Check email address for correctness.
- Payment can be cash, or cheque payable to "Scouts Canada – 1st Merrickville".
 - \$110 for the first child, \$85 for each subsequent child.
 - Cheques may be post dated no later than June 18th.
- **All items must be received no later than June 18th.**

If you have any questions, please contact any of the leaders.

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