## The Rideau Challenge Journey

ANNOUNCING RIDEAU CHALLENGE JOURNEY 2006 MAY12,13,14 REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 25

The Rideau Challenge Journey is an overlay of three different hike programs, Bronze for a first experience, Silver level for experience travelling with backpacked personal gear, and Gold Level, to experience a completely self contained back packing adventure. The Rideau Challenge Journey is designed to provide age appropriate hiking experience, and has proven over the past 13 years to be a memorable experience for all.

Location and Logistics: The hike takes place 2nd Weekend in May (Concludes by noon Mother's Day Sunday) on a 25-30 kilometre stretch of the Rideau Trail, Marlborough Forest. Exact routes are decided based the number of participants and on spring flooding access to the trail. Great effort is taken to keep the patrols hiking in separated groups. A common campsite is used on Saturday night for Bronze, and Silver Hikers. Wherever possible Gold hikers will be alone at some remote site. (Monitored by Venturers or adults). These are wilderness camping conditions with no water, no prepared campsites and no latrines.

Leaders are responsible for their youth, and the logistics of camping and being comfortable in the woods. The Hike Masters (Venturers) design the hike strategy and routes, man checkpoints, first aid, and perform search and rescue

You are invited to consider the Rideau Challenge Journey for your spring program. Advanced registration is mandatory and closes April 26<sup>th</sup> There are a limited number of hikes available.

How to register: Each hike is custom designed on a patrol by patrol basis. A patrol has a minimum of 3 youth All you need to do to order your hike is to send the following information in an e-mail to <u>Scouter\_ros@hotmail.com</u>

- 1. Scouters' names, telephone number(s) Group and Area
- 2. Number and hike level (Bronze, Silver, Gold)

Your registration will be promptly confirmed. Patrol Hike details will be provided 7 days prior to the hike.