



It's Camping Time—Big Time.....

Spring is finally here, as we've seen with the last few days of mild weather. As spring arrives we transition from a relatively light activity period, to a full steam ahead period of Scouting, leading up to what is shaping up to be two outstanding year-ending adventures!



Once again, we have a newsletter filled to the brim with activities and camps. Looking at the activity line-up, it may seem at first to be an overwhelming selection. In addition to Scouts, spring also brings sports and family activities to your lives. **We understand and fully support that not every Scout will be able to attend all camps and activities, nor will all the leaders for that matter.** However, we have decided to offer all the activities we could fit in to give you greater choices for maximum fun! All the leaders in the Troop agree that a great Scouting program can't come from weekly meetings alone. Spring gives us a chance to put the OUT back in Scouting!!!!!!

All the camps come in various "flavours". Dorchester is a chance to live the "Jamboree" life and spend a weekend with 4,000 other youth your age. Comp Camp will give you a chance to put your outdoor skills into action, all on your own. Ottawa and Haliburton will give you two weeks of the summer that you'll remember for the rest of your lives.

Look the newsletter over, and go over it with your parents. Chose what works best for your budget and schedule, and be willing to try new things. The choices are yours, bring on the adventure!!!!!!

Yours In Scouting,

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Attention Senior Scouts: This just inwatch for information on a special Scout/Venturer weekend event just for you on the May 30—June 1 weekend. Details coming soon.....

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Special points of interest:

- *The next Canadian Jamboree will be held in Ottawa in 2007 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting.*
- *There will be a "Divisional" Jamboree for Ontario and Quebec in 2005.*
- *Our Activity Calendar is on page 6!*

Scoutrees For Canada Tree Planting



Have you got a spare set of hands? We need your help, all of your help! Scouts Canada, Burlington Area has arranged with the Region of Halton, to plant trees in the Oakville Area on **Saturday April 12, 2003**. Time and place will be confirmed next week, however the event usually takes place in the morning, finishing around lunchtime.

Scoutrees for Canada is a national environmental program that involves youth in a meaningful and hands-on conservation project. Trees help prevent soil erosion, provide much needed oxygen for wildlife and humans to breathe, and add beauty and shade to our parks. Scoutrees helps to beautify Canada and provides a practical way for Scouts to display their care for the environment. Planters receive training in planting, conservation and forestry before they plant trees. Scouts Canada has planted more than 60 million trees since Scoutrees started in 1972. **Over the past 5 years, our Troop has helped to plant over 1000 seedlings!**

If you have a few hours to spare on April 12th, please consider dropping by the site and pitching in. Scouts attending the event will receive credit towards their Citizenship and Outdoor Skills badges. A leader from the Troop will be attending. If you do attend, please dress for the weather. Any interested Moms & Dads, Brothers & Sisters are also welcome. A small shovel and pail will be useful. Snacks will be provided.

If you do plan to attend, please give Scouter Bill a call and let him know. We need to let the event staff know who is attending. You can bring the permission form to next week's meeting, or bring it to the planting.



Soap Box Racing Returns!!!!

Get your cars ready race fans! Last fall we attended an exciting Soap Box Rally. This spring, the Area is running another event, and we've been invited! **For the spring race, we have completed repairs to our very own Troop car thanks to Scouter Andy (Rann) , Group Scouter of 15th Burlington!** This spring's rally will take place on **Saturday, May 3rd** at **Kelso Conservation Area**.

Registration will be at 9am, with trials from 9:30 until 10am. Cars will run down the hill all day, with an hour break for lunch. **Bring your own lunch, or bring money for lunch, as an on-site lunch concession run by Venturers will be available.** Each racer will receive a special crest at the end of the day. Parents and siblings are welcome to come as spectators, but only registered Scouts Canada members will be permitted to race.

The rules are very simple.

- all racers must wear helmets
- seat restraints must be used
- gloves and elbow pads shall be used

The cost for this event is only \$5.00 per racer. Family members, leaders, and non-racers will be admitted free (although there will be a separate cate admission to the park). Please return the attached form by Thursday May 1, 2003 if you wish to attend.



Haliburton Composite Camp 2003— July 26, 2003 to August 2, 2003

Registration is now open for our 26th annual Burlington Area Haliburton Trip! Haliburton Scout Reserve is located northeast of the Town of Haliburton on Lake Kennabi. It is approximately a 4 to 5 hr drive in light to moderate traffic. We are staying at the **Beacroba Cove Campsite** that is approximately a **2 km** paddle from the main activity center. Your youth will spend the week paddling a canoe to attend any of the following activities:

Kayaking, Sailing, Swimming, Fishing (your youth must bring own gear with no barb hooks), Rappelling, Survival Island, Snorkel Island, Trappers Cabin, Rifle Range, Archery Range, Raft Stargazing, Out Hikes. The Camp has badge trading on Tuesday afternoon. If your youth have any badges they wish to trade, please ensure s/he brings it with her/him. The Camp holds a regatta on Thursday. The Camp also holds a Campfire on Friday night for all Campers. Our camp participants are required to perform Songs, Skits, and Cheers, so come prepared.



There are 22 campsites with up to 500 campers. The Camp is extremely popular on the international level and is booked 2 years in advance, so this will be a great opportunity for your youth to meet Scouts from all over the world. Haliburton Camp has a medical facility on site with both a Doctor and nurse. Every leader attending the Camp this year has St. John Standard First Aid + CPR Level "C". We have an extensive Area First Aid kit and every leader carries a portable first aid kit when we are away from our campsite. Every person attending this camp **must have a Fox 40 whistle** that they are required to wear on their PFD.

Cost of the Camp: Youth Attending = \$300

To attend the Camp your **Youth/Venturers/Leaders** are required to complete fully the following forms:

- Haliburton Camp 2003 Registration Form – One for Youth; One for Staff.
- Parental/Guardian Consent Form.
- Troop Code of Conduct – Haliburton Version.
- **Rifle Range Permission Form** – if you do not wish your youth to participate, do not sign the form.
- Physical Fitness Certificate.
- Two Post-Dated Cheques for \$150 each. The first dated for **June 6, 2003** and the second dated for **July 4, 2003**. Cheques are to be made payable to: **10th Burlington Scout Group**.
- Bring your applications in to our meeting no later than **June 5, 2003**.
- Attend a **Pre-camp session on Saturday, June 14th at Camp Manitou at 9:00 a.m.** – meet at the Covered Shelter. We'll finish by 4:00 p.m. with a **parents meeting from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
- **We take a maximum of 36 scouts on a first registered basis.** This is an extremely popular camp, so register early as to not be disappointed.

If your youth needs to return home for any reason, a **parent, legal guardian, or the designated contact person on your youth's medical form** will need to come and pick her/him up. If you need directions to the Campsite, please see our Area Website, www.burlingtonscouts.org, under Events, Haliburton Scout Reserve.

We will also be handing out a map at our Departure/Pickup site in Burlington. This site is: **Fairview GO Station, Saturday morning, July 26th. We leave at 7:00 a.m. sharp.** Please arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of the departure time with full gear, (see Equipment List on Area Website). We require 1 parent to act as our phone contact so that as we near Burlington on the return trip, this parent will call the other parents to let them know our expected arrival time (somewhere around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2nd) so they may come and pick up their youth.

HSR has a general store where your youth may purchase candy, scouting equipment, and HSR clothing. Please do not give your youth more than \$100 to spend. If your youth purchases junk food they will be required to eat/drink it at the store as they are not allowed to bring it back to the camp. We will have a variety of healthy main meals and desserts so there should be little need for junk food. Your youth is required to bring their Ontario Health card with them. If emergency medical treatment is needed the card is required, and the healthcard is the youth/venturer's ticket to get on the bus. The cards stay in the custody of Scouter Debbie. Should you have any questions before Camp, please contact **PHILIP POWER** at **905-336-8162** or by e-mail at **ppower19@cogeco.ca**

“Back To Basics”: Competition Camp—April 25—27

How good are your camping skills? How much have you learned over the past Scouting year? **Are you ready to take the challenge?** This **April 25 –27** weekend, the Area is holding its annual Competition camp at **Camp Manitou**. This is the traditional challenge for youth to demonstrate their camping, outdoor and teamwork skills they have learned without the assistance of their leaders. Games, Campfires and fun are the things that are happening at this camp. The Competition camp is Friday evening to Sunday morning packed with challenging events, good times, and a chance to defend the honour of the Troop. For this event Scouts will camp in Patrols in a separate area from the leaders. All cooking and activities will be done as a Patrol. **Be Prepared for some hard work, but a great deal of fun and challenge!**

Scouts will be allowed a great deal of “independence” at this camp, but will be expected to behave responsibly, both with each other and with the group equipment. Leaders will, however, be onsite for the event.

We will need to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at Camp Manitou. We will be ready for pick up from Manitou at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. **No electronic gear (Walkmans, etc.) or snack food will be permitted.** Scouts with Knife Permits may bring their knife. Remember that we will be camping in tents. **You will need full uniform, minus your sash, for this camp.** Please come prepared for the weather, remembering that it can get quite cool in the evenings, and that it may rain. (Remember to bring a touque.) If any Scout requires medication, please advise a Leader. ***The leader in charge will require each Scout's Health Card. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns.***



The cost for the weekend will be \$30.00, which includes all food and activities. **I will require the attached permission form and the \$30.00 fee returned by Thursday, April 10.**

Ottawa Update



The current count of the Ottawa Camp Commitment forms places us at 15 participants now planning to join us on our summer adventure. This means, of course, that we have more than the minimum number of participants we needed. We are now moving ahead at full steam with the planning. **If you are interested in going, it is still not too late to get your form in.**

As mentioned in the Canoe Camp letter, all Ottawa participants will be required to attend the Canoe Camp to prepare them for the rafting trip.

Our reservations for the campground and the rafting trip will be made in the next few weeks. I have also received quotes from the campground and rafting outfitter and am currently putting together the cost.

May's ScoutTrails newsletter will be a special "Ottawa Edition", which will include full details of the camp, including the sign-up for

parent helpers. We will be looking for the formal permission form and a \$50 deposit to be into us by May 30, the balance due in June. There will also be a parent's meeting on June 19th, time and location to be announced.

Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee!!!!



Get set to meet up with 4,000 other Scouts at the biggest Scouting event in Ontario! This Mother's Day weekend, **May 9-11**, we have been invited to attend the **14th Annual Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee**. This popular camp, which fills to capacity each year, is held at Camp Bel in Dorchester, west of London, Ontario. The camporee is Friday evening to Sunday afternoon packed with challenging events, and a chance to meet other Scouts from across Ontario and the US. Events this year include: basketball, a dunk tank, paddle making, volleyball, first aid, patrol tug-o-war, archery, a Soap Box Derby, and an obstacle course. In all, there are over 50 events to try out over the weekend, and you get to choose the events you want to go to. Plus, weekend-long events will include a patrol flag competition, a gourmet meal contest, and a best Troop spirit competition.

In addition, this Camp has been designed as a Cub to Scout transition camp, and we will be inviting the 3rd year Wolf Cubs from 2nd Strathcona, 10th and 15th Burlington to join us.

We will need to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at Frontenac School. Because of the distance, we are looking for a parent or two to join us for the weekend and help transport youth and gear to camp. We will be returning between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday. **No electronic gear (Walkmans, etc.) or snack food will be permitted.** Scouts with Knife Permits may bring their knife. **There is a souvenir / tuck shop on site for you to use, but please limit your spending money to under \$20.00. Scouts are responsible for their own money.** Remember that we will be camping in tents. Please come prepared for the weather, remembering that it can get quite cool in the evenings, and that it may rain. (Remember to bring a touque.) If any Scout/Cub requires medication, please advise a Leader. **The leader in charge will require each Scout's/Cub's Health Card, due to changes in Health Card procedures. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns.**

The cost for the weekend will be \$35.00, which includes all food and activities. **I will require the attached permission form and the \$35.00 fee returned by Thursday, May 1st.** If you or your parents have any questions, please give Scouter Bill a call.

The Cubs Are Coming, The Cubs Are Coming!!!!



On Thursday April 24th, we will be inviting the Senior Cubs from the local packs to come out and see what Scouts is all about. The "Scubs" from 6th, 10th, 15th Burlington and 2nd Strathcona will be joining us for the evening so that they can get to know members of the Troop before they join us at the Dorchester Camp. We think we have a pretty good Troop going this year, and we want the Scubs to see us doing what we do best.

We will be spending most of the meeting outside, learning about making towers, gates, and other "pioneering" projects in preparation for Comp Camp. There is going to be a pioneering competition at the camp, and we'd like you to go in "prepared" for it. Games will also be part of the evening. Each patrol will be assigned a group of Cubs for the evening to be "honourary patrol members".

The Leaders would appreciate your help in making the Cubs feel welcome in our Troop. Many of you will remember being Senior Cubs in the past, and being unsure and nervous of what was ahead in Scouting. Hopefully, through this special meeting, the Cubs will become excited about joining the Troop and look forward to coming on board in September.

East Burlington Scout Troop

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

We're on the Web!
<http://scouts.15thburlington.org>
<http://www.2ndstrathcona.org>

Program Focus:

1st Year – Voyager Outdoor Skills, Citizen

2nd Year – Voyager Personal Development, Leadership, Pathfinder Outdoor Skills

3rd Year – Pathfinder Outdoor Skills, Citizen, Leadership

April

Thursday 3rd
Saturday 5th
Saturday 12th
Thursday 24th
Friday 25th –
Sunday 27th

Canoe Skills Night—Bring Your PFD!!!!!!

Canoe Camp Pool Session
Scoutrees for Canada
Senior Cub Visit / Pioneering Night
Spring Competition Camp - Manitou

May

Friday 9th -
Sunday 11th
Thursday 15th
Thursday 22nd –
Monday 26th
Friday 30—
June 1st

Dorchester International Camporee

Annual Creek Clean-Up Night
S.C.O.P.E.

“Senior Scout” / Venturer “Moot”—Camp Goodyear

June

Friday 6th -
Saturday 8th
Thursday 12th

Canoe Camp

End of Year Games Night – Sherwood Forest Park

July

June 28th –
July 2nd

Ottawa Trip – Canada Day / White Water Rafting – Gatineau Park

August

Saturday July 26th –
Saturday 1st

Haliburton Composite Camp





Scouts Canada
Parent/Guardian Consent Form
(to be filed with Camping/Outdoor Activity Form)

Note: If applicant is under 18, parent or guardian must sign.

Youth's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Residents of all Provinces/Territories except Quebec:

Experience has shown that in connection with Scouting activities there are times when illness or accident may occur and immediate surgical or medical attention is necessary. This is my permission for the leader in charge, or designate, to make arrangements for qualified surgical or medical attention for my child/ward in the event of an emergency without necessity of my prior approval. I understand that I will be notified by the quickest means possible if this authority is exercised.

Residents of Quebec:

Experience has shown that in connection with Scouting activities there are times when illness or accident may occur and immediate surgical or medical attention is necessary. In the event of an emergency in which my child's life is in danger or his/her integrity is threatened, and I cannot be reached to provide consent, I agree that care may be provided to my child without my consent, as contemplated in paragraph 1 of article 13 of the *Civil Code of Quebec*. I understand that I will be notified by the quickest means possible if this authority is exercised.

IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM YOUR NORMAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE EVENT IS BEING HELD, PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU CAN BE CONTACTED:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

OR

I will attend the event/activity with my child/ward.

Permission to participate:

I the undersigned, having read, understood and completed the above, and having been briefed regarding the nature of the activity, hereby give my permission for my child/ward to attend and participate in:

- the following event/activity: _____
- at the following location: _____
- with the following Leader in charge: _____
- on the following date: _____

I HAVE REVIEWED THE INFORMATION ON MY CHILD'S/WARD'S PHYSICAL FITNESS FORM AND CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.

Signed, Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____



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