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To contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities through the application of our Principles and Practices.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you read this you may be aware of two recent developments in Ontario Scouting which I believe will have a significant impact.

The first is the appointment of a new Provincial Executive Director — Mr. Barry Hardaker. Following an extensive search and interview process, I appointed Barry to the position on December 15, 1995. Barry's appointment will become effective on February 5, 1996.

For the past twenty months Barry has been the Provincial Executive Director for the Manitoba Council. Barry has been employed by Scouts Canada for over 18 years. Prior to his service in Manitoba, Barry held a series of positions in the Ontario Provincial office and served as a field executive in Greater Toronto, Great Lakes and Lakeland regions.

Barry is married and has two children - a boy and a girl. I know they are all looking forward to returning to Ontario.

We are excited about Barry's appointment and I trust that you will make him welcome should he visit your district and/or region early in his term.

The other development is the report from the Re-organization Committee. The Committee's report was presented to the Provincial Executive Board at a meeting on January 20, its first meeting following the deadline set by the Executive Board back in June '95. At this point I would like to thank John Wright who chaired the committee and the fourteen members of the committee who have worked very hard since Labour Day. In addition to attending committee meetings, members were assigned tasks and required to prepare reports on various facets of the re-organization. They have had a very difficult job to do and I want to thank them for taking it on in the first place and for a job well done.

At the time of writing I have not seen the report, but I believe it will have a number of major recommendations which will streamline the operations of Scouting in the province and make our movement more efficient. While it may not be less expensive than our current structure, it places decisions about budgets and other major issues at the regional level rather than at the provincial level. I am sure that spirited debate will ensue but I hope that most of the recommendations will be accepted in full or in a modified version.

I trust, however, that you will give this report serious consideration. While it may effect your region more or less depending on where you live I hope that you will see the recommendations as something that will benefit all of Scouting in Ontario. Good luck in reviewing the document. +

David W. Hamilton
Provincial President

PROGRAM

PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE

By Doug Galloway, Assistant
Provincial Commissioner - Scouts

2,063 Ontario Scouts and Wolf Cubs, from every corner of the province are participating in a unique program to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. This program is called "Passport to the Future" and is being managed by the Royal Geographical Society in the United Kingdom.



This program will allow millions of youth to sign on as "Global Citizens" and encourage them to get involved in some of the world's most pressing challenges: the environment; human rights and peace. Through each Scout and Wolf Cub's individual pledge and participation at a local level they will show their concern for a better future.

Over 22 international organizations have come on board including UNICEF committees and UNICEF India, UNICs, UNAs, YMCAs, Scout Groups, Girl Guide groups, Child International and many more. The passports have been printed in five different languages: English, Spanish, French, Hindi and Polish.

The Royal Geographical Society secured five major corporate sponsors, Goldstar, Reebok International, Reed Services International, British Airways and Levi Strauss & Co. to support *Passport to the Future* in 1995. +

SYD SPEAKS

By Bea McClelland, Assistant Provincial Commissioner -
Scouting for youth with disabilities

We, as leaders, must realize that parents have a goal for their child. They see the way they would like that child to grow and fit into society. We need to work together as a team to achieve that goal in an understanding and encouraging way so that we will be able to promote independence and a feeling of self esteem.

Encouraging parents to get involved will make them feel welcome, and so become a ready resource for hands-on information and support, and could also raise the youth's sense of security.

Parents know the youth, the disability, resource people, and the support and assistance available if it becomes necessary. They are concerned for their child — they can become part of the team and will help make Scouting a happy and joyful experience. Ask for their advice, suggestions and help when needed. They want to be included in this adventure to help their child achieve his or her full potential. +

FUN, FUN, FUN 44th Sea Scout Rendezvous AUGUST 2, 3, 4, 5, 1996

at Fifty Point Conservation Area and Marina,
Stoney Creek, Ontario

**ONTARIO SEA SCOUTS INVITE ALL SCOUTS
TO ATTEND THIS FUN-FILLED CAMP**

EVENTS

Sailing, Canoeing, Fishing, Land events, etc.

COST

\$20.00 per person

CONTACT

Al Mason 905-574-3181

Fax c/o 905-528-7919 (Hamilton-Wentworth office)

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO

Sea Scout Rendezvous
c/o Scouts Canada
9 Jackes Avenue
Toronto ON M4T 1E2

BEAVERS

Colony Outdoor Challenge

Message from
Lil Fulford,
Assistant Provincial
Commissioner -
Beavers



Response has been great
the deadline is extended to April 1, 1996

REGIONAL NOTES

BLUE WATER REGION

New Partners

We're pleased to welcome the Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion who took over from the Lions Club, as Partner for the 1st Grand Bend group in Huron District.

Many thanks to the Lions for their support over the years (the club has disbanded).

In Owen Sound, we welcome St. George's Anglican Church and the Knights of Columbus, who have renewed their partnership after several years of group inactivity.

Training

Three successful Part I courses were conducted in the region last November — 87 Scouters received their Part I woggles! In addition, as this issue reaches you, more Scouters will be taking Service Scouter and Trainer Development One courses. *But there's more...*

ATTENTION TROOP SCOUTERS

Are you interested in a fun, adventurous Troop Part II Wood Badge held over three weekends this Spring? *When?*

April 26-28, May 3-5 and 24-26, 1996
Where?

Right here in Blue Water Region. At Galbraith Conservation Park, just outside Milverton (halfway between Stratford and Listowel).

Send applications and fee (\$140.00) to:
Scouts Canada
401 12th Avenue
Hanover ON N4N 2T4

Let the adventure continue...

Part I Course

Dufferin District is offering a Part I course for Colony, Pack, Troop and Company March 24-26, 1996. It will be held at Jesus Abbey (just west of Orangeville). Send applications to:

Ken Gernhaelder
RR 5, Orangeville ON L8W 2Z2
Telephone 519-924-3479

Other Specialty Training

Dufferin District is also offering courses in Basic First Aid; Basic Canoe; Canoe Tripping. For more information call Ken Gernhaelder 519-924-3479.

FOLLOW UP REGISTRATIONS

District Registrars - Please don't forget those youth and adults that join us during the year. Registrations should be forwarded as soon as possible after they are received by the group.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

At the last Presidents and Commissioners meeting in November, the question was asked *Do we plan another regional conference for '96?* Please be prepared to offer your support to your president or commissioner when called upon to help with the planning.

WOLVES HOWL

Regional Cub Coordinator, Bill Gibson, has introduced a newsletter for sharing of program ideas and updates. Bill will welcome any input for *The Wolves Howl* from Pack Scouters on stories. Fund raising ideas, special events, innovative program ideas and themes. Contact Bill Gibson at:
80-3 Victoria Street
Meaford ON N4L 1R6
Telephone 519-538-2068

TALKING BOOKS

Scouting for Youth with disabilities Coordinator, Ellen Craig, says that section handbooks are being taped for those with reading difficulties or visual impairment and is pleased to report that

BLUE WATER REGION JAMBOREE '96 JUNE 21-23, 1996

SAUGEEN BLUFFS
CONSERVATION AREA
(near Paisley)

A weekend of outdoor
adventure for all sections

Have you registered?

Registration Packages
are available through your
District Commissioner

**DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATIONS IS
FEBRUARY 1, 1996**

Need further information?

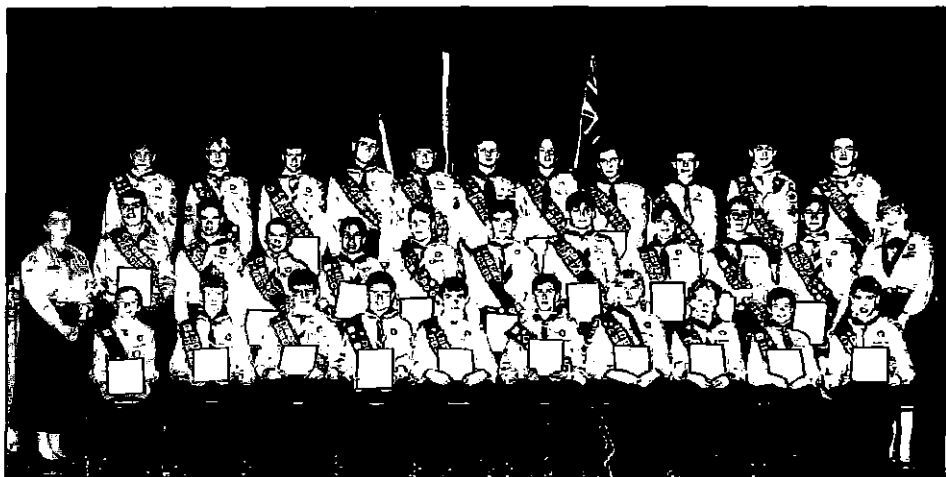
Call Brian Steele 519-271-4097

progress is being made with the Talking Books project.

Each district has a SYD representative. Are you using this resource to ensure that Scouting is accessible to ALL youth?

C.E.O. VISIT

Blue Water Region was pleased to host Chief Executive Officer John Pettifer, on his tour around the region in October. His brief two-day excursion included Key 3 lunch in Stratford, a Partner night in Huron, a lunch and radio interview in Saugeen West, and a recognition night in Owen Sound. ✦



1995 Chief Scout's Award Ceremony, June 11, 1995 in Stratford

Pictured with the 31 Pathfinder Scouts at the ceremony are
Regional Commissioner Catherine Staffen (left)
and Provincial Commissioner Judith Evans.

REGIONAL NOTES

CENTRAL ESCARPMENT REGION

The need for Scouting to change and get back to basics is apparent in all parts of the Scouting community. We at Central Escarpment Region are proud to announce that the youth are very much part of the fabric of change.

It all happened on a fine day in March of 1995 when the region decided that it should take the example of the National and Provincial Councils and include youth as decision makers. The problem was how was that to be, we never have youth on the executive, and so to begin the process of change every district in the region sent youth from Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers to a Regional Youth Forum. The youth identified the top ten reasons why their peers are leaving the movement, and the number one reason was Quality leadership. This included things like properly trained leaders, more outdoors, and programs which were promised to them that would be stimulating and FUN.

The region took all the information and collated it into a document, and asked everybody to come together again with the youth and work on an action plan for the districts to tackle the first issue, and so the seed began to germinate.

Since then districts are utilizing the plan they made for them selves to monitor the progress. Among some of the actions they wanted was more youth input at the executive level, and so districts have taken it upon themselves to do just that, and we are happy to announce that the following youth are now part of the council:

Region

Janice Brooks, Ryan Leggo, Sean Magennis

Brampton

Meagan Pierce, Jason Forbes, Joel Morgan

Oakville

Patrick Hann, Nicholas Steczkiewicz

We would also like to acknowledge the following people who are new to the region, and wish them the best in their new roles in Scouting.

Sandra Roe Brampton District Commissioner
John Holditch Burlington District President
John Huddleston Malton District President
Derek Hodge Milton District President
Dennis White North Halton District President
Jeannette Lawrie . . . Yellow Briar District Commissioner

With all these people and, most importantly, our *section leaders* we know that in Central Escarpment Region we will live up to the Ontario Scouting Vision "Better Scouting for More Youth".

GREAT LAKES REGION

REMEMBER...

A reminder that the next District Registrar's Meeting will be on Saturday, March 16, 1996 in Ridgetown. A map and agenda will be sent out.

101 CLUB

Congratulations to the following districts for creating better Scouting for more youth:

KENT DISTRICT WALLACEBURG DISTRICT SYDENHAM DISTRICT

By going over 100% of last year's registration numbers, we know that the youth in their communities are enjoying the Scouting programs they receive. Keep up the good work!

You can do it, too! Already at 90% of last year's membership, the following districts have a chance of making the 101 Club list by exceeding 100% of last year's membership:

CHATHAM DISTRICT ELGIN DISTRICT THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT

We will all be cheering you on as you help more young people to enjoy Scouting's programs!

If your district isn't listed above, then don't despair. You are over 80% of last year's membership and you CAN reach 100% with a little bit of effort. Perhaps your group isn't fully registered. Has someone forgotten to give the information to the district registrar? Is someone holding on to registrations until *a few more come in*? These things jeopardize our youth (and leaders) by not having them identified for insurance, service and recognition. Make sure that all youth and leaders are registered immediately! Don't wait till it's too late. Contact your district registrar to make sure everyone in your group is registered.

DISTRICT REGISTRARS

Carolyn Powers Chatham
Edythe Bishop Elgin
Edna Webster Essex
Don Snow Kent
Jackie Souter St. Clair
Sandra Hillier Sarnia
Rob Williams Sydenham
Don Axford Thames Valley
Mike Mahoney Wallaceburg
Viki Green Windsor

GREAT LAKES REGION JAMBOREE '96

Sorry... We're full. However, if you would like to have your name/troop put onto the mailing list for '98, please send the information to:

Steve Locke,
84 Maplestone Ave,
Sarnia, ON N7S 4X2
or call between 10.00 & 9.00 pm
519-383-7947
or fax (519) 383-1485

OPENINGS FOR JAMBOREE STAFF STILL AVAILABLE

If you, or someone you know, would enjoy a fun-filled week as Staff at a Jamboree, let us know. No special skills required BUT... you must have a true Scouting attitude and be willing to work long hours, enjoy eating good food, be prepared to participate in some wild and zany antics and smile a lot (even when things are too perfect)! Fee for staff is a mere \$50.00. For more information contact Steve Locke as above

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Have you sent in your registration for the Great Lakes Regional Conference? Chatham and Kent Districts are hosting this fun-filled day at John McGregor School in Chatham. Be sure to circle Saturday, April 20th on your Scouting Calendar. Contact your district commissioner or president to get copies of the registration form. ♣

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GREEN VALLEYS REGION

Got the winter blahs? Give your spring a kick start by joining in one of Green Valleys Region's FUN, upcoming events! Who needs a vacation in the sun, when these events are sure to lift your spirits!

Are your White Tails beginning to droop? Then why not bring them out to Green Valleys' Regional **White Tail Day**? This great event is being hosted by Ingersoll District, and is scheduled for **March 2, 1996**. Who wouldn't enjoy an Obstacle Course, or Movie making? Would Jungle Dances, Games, Kub Kars, and Crafts interest your Beavers? What a great event to get your White Tails ready to join Cubs! Want more information? Contact your local Service Scouter, or contact Mark Womack, Provincial Field Executive at 519-421-2885.

Looking for something to grab your Cub's interest? Then why not plan to join us for the Green Valleys **Cuboree**. With a theme of "Medieval Times", the kids are sure to have fun. Gather your knights and join us **June 7-9, 1996** in the kingdom of Blue Heron (Acton). Contact your Service Scouter, or Mark Womack for more details and registration forms.

GREEN VALLEYS WORKSHOP '96 March 23, 1996

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

Have you booked your spot at the Green Valleys **Workshop '96** yet? If you haven't, you're going to miss a great time. With over 40 different sessions available, it's going to be unforgettable. Come participate in sessions about CJ'97 preparation, Beavers in the Outdoors, Crafts for Cubs, and many more exciting topics. Besides the sessions, there's a trade show and sale, a guest speaker and door prizes. All included for your registration of only \$10.00. To register simply fill out the registration form and send it in before March 17, 1996. Make sure you're not left out in the cold.

Mail the form on this page, along with your \$10.00 registration fee to:
Scouts Canada - Workshop '96
844 Frederick Street
Kitchener, ON N2B 2B8



GONE HOME

Don Marshall, Big Creek District
A. Munro Fraser, South Waterloo District

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Your role in Scouting is: _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE CHOICE PER SESSION:

SECTION	SESSION 1	SESSION 2		SESSION 3	SESSION 4
Beavers	Songs & Stories	In the Outdoors	L U N C H & S P E A K E R	Sharing Session	Linking Activities
	In the Outdoors	Songs & Stories		Linking Activities	Sharing Session
Cubs	Crafts for Cubs	Into the Jungle		Planning with Themes	Linking Activities
	Linking Activities	Planning with Themes		Into the Jungle	Crafts for Cubs
Scouts	Outdoor Cooking	Chief Scout's Award		Pioneering	CJ'97 Preparation
	Scout Games	CJ'97 Preparation		Outdoor Cooking	Chief Scout's Award
Venturers	Leader or Advisor?	Adventuring & Venturing			
Rovers	Regional Round Table	Regional Round Table continued			
Water Activities	On the Water	Basic White & Wilderness			
Training				Tips for Trainers	What's Next???
Utilizing Youth				Youth on Council	
Camping Skills					Summer Camps & S.I.T.s
SYD	SYDs place in programs	SYDs place in programs		Off the Wall SYD	Off the Wall SYD
Group Committee	Fundraising	Role & Respons.		Honours & Awards	Realistic Recruiting

REGIONAL NOTES

THE NIAGARA REGION CREST

By Gord Rose

What does the word *Niagara* conjure in your mind? I immediately think of the Falls, which was one of the thoughts I had in the design of the Niagara Region Crest, which all the members of Scouts Canada in this region wear. But let's start at the beginning.

Why do we wear these crests? It is to identify ourselves as "belonging" to a certain section, group, district and, in this case, region. We also wear a crest to denote our governing body, the Ontario Council, and we also carry the insignia of Scouts Canada to signify membership of the national body.



These insignia are the modern equivalent of the "coat of arms" which knights used to wear in both tourney and battle to identify themselves, particularly when the visor was down and one couldn't see the face. Without the coat of arms one suit of armour looked pretty much the same as another. The insignia we wear is to tell others, particularly Scouts and Scouters who know what they represent, where we come from.

Back to the design. The date of creation was somewhere between WJ'83 and 1987. The "art" of good heraldry is simplicity. The message has to be conveyed as clearly as possible with the minimum amount of detail. So with simplicity as the keynote, the challenge is to represent Niagara Falls and Scouting's connection to it. The letter "N" kept coming up because it had been used successfully in the design of a logo for the centennial of the Niagara dioceses of the Anglican Church. But a capital "N" did not fit my concept of the Falls. Looking into the lower case "n" instead, the curve seemed to insinuate itself in my mind as representative of the Falls cascading over the rim of the escarpment, and also suggestive of the curve of the horse-shoe.

Then we had to associate it with Scouting. World wide, the Scout movement is more closely identified with the *fleur de lys* or *lily emblem* in its heraldic form. More doodling produced the thickened strokes of the "n" with the *fleur de lys* formed as a fretted cut-out within the letter. Trying to keep to a minimum the number of colours and although yellow (or gold) is employed it was not used for the "field" or central area. The "n" became royal blue on a green background with gold lettering and bordered in gold.

The word NIAGARA was incorporated in the design because, in these days of super-educated people, we have lost the "art" of reading the simple logos and understanding them without extensive media exposure to reinforce the identity. Bell Canada is one example.

Gord Rose is a former Niagara Regional President, a Gilwellian, and a long-time member of Fruitbelt District. We thank him for this article.

SCOUTING AUXILIARIES



The 91st Toronto Auxiliary, in the Seton Area, hosted the Annual *Doll's Tea* at Glen Rhodes United Church. This was a night of fellowship and fun for the Scouting Auxiliaries and a good turn for the children. A superb Pot-Luck Dinner was served.

15 boxes of clothing, toys, books, snow boots, jackets and sweaters were packed to be sent to Fort Hope and Grassy Narrows for the Indian children.

A blind auction was held to raise postage money. Auctioneer Clara Corbett was assisted by Dorothy Milne, — they created a lot of fun and the money rolled in!

Congratulations to Eleanor Harvey of the 45th Toronto who was presented with a 25-year service pin during the evening.

Thanks for a job well done to members of the 91st! +

HELPING HANDS

The Auxiliary is an organization of parents and interested people constituted under the authority of the Group or Section Committee.

The aim and purpose of an Auxiliary is to help provide the best Scouting program for our youth. Auxiliaries are especially suited to assist with certain group needs and services.

For more information on Scouting Auxiliaries or help in organizing an auxiliary for your group contact:

The PAC for Scouting Auxiliaries
9 Jackes Avenue
Toronto ON M4T 1E2



STAFF CHANGE

By Bill Palamar, Director of Personnel & Planning

Effective December 8, 1995, Barry Crystal left the employ of the Provincial Council to join Sony of Canada.

We would like to thank Barry for his significant contribution towards the administration of the Provincial Council office, and wish him all the best in his new position. +

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN ONTARIO

WOOD BADGE PART II COURSES

COLONY

March 29-31, April 19-21,
May 3-5, 1996 at CFB Trenton

April 19-20, 23, May 1, 10-11, 15, 22,
24-26, 1996. at NCR/Camp Opemikon

May 10-12, 24-26,
June 7-9, 1996 in Niagara Region

July 20-27, 1996 at Blue Springs

August 17-24, 1996 at Blue Springs

PACK

March 22-24, April 19-21,
May 10-12, 1996 at Woodland Trails

March 29-31, April 19-21,
May 3-5, 1996. at CFB Trenton

May 10-12, May 31-June 2,
June 14-16, 1996. at Camp Samac

July 6-13, 1996 at Blue Springs

July 13-20, 1996 at Camp Nemo,
. Hamilton-Wentworth

August 3-10, 1996 at Blue Springs

September 20-22, October 4-6, 18-20, 1996
. in Niagara Region

October 25-27, November 8-10,
November 29-December 1, 1996
. in London Region

TROOP

March 22-24, April 19-21,
May 10-12, 1996 at Woodland Trails

April 1, 10, 17, 25, 29, May 3-5, 24-26, 1996
. NCR/Camp Opemikon

April 26-28, May 3-5, 24-26, 1996
. at Galbraith Cons.Area, Milverton

May 10-12, 24-26,
June 7-9, 1996. in Niagara Region

May 10-12, May 31-June 2,
June 14-16, 1996. at Camp Samac

July 6-13, 1996 Blue Springs (Ebor Park)

August 10-17, 1996
. Haliburton Scout Reserve

August 22-29, 1996 at Blue Springs
. (Ebor Park)

COMPANY/CREW

July 27-August 3, 1996
. at Blue Springs (Ebor Park)



TRAINER DEVELOPMENT

METHODS & ASSESSING NEEDS

March 1-3, 29-31,
April 19-21, 1996 at Blue Springs

July 13-20, 1996 at Blue Springs

SPECIALTY

PRESIDENTS & COMMISSIONERS MANAGEMENT WEEKEND

February 9-11, 1996 at Blue Springs

SCOUTER-IN-TRAINING

March 9-15, 1996 at Blue Springs

August 24-31, 1996 at Blue Springs

CHAIN SAW SAFETY COURSE

March 22-24 and March 25-27, 1996
. at Blue Springs
(contact local president)

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

May 10-12, 24-26, May 31-June 2, 1996
. at Blue Springs

August 3-10, 1996 at Blue Springs

COURSE LEADER ORIENTATION

April 26-28, 1996 at Blue Springs

QUARTERMASTER COURSE

April 26-28, 1996 at Blue Springs

CAMPMASTER COURSE

May 3-5, 24-26, May 31-June 2, 1996
. at Blue Springs (Ebor Park)

August, 1996 (date/location TBA) NCR

GROUP SKILLS (BASIC)

August 10-17, 1996 at Blue Springs

CHALLENGE TO ALL SCOUTS, VENTURERS, ROVERS CAN YOU FIND BADEN-POWELL LAKE ?

From Joe Ecclestone a former Scouter

Are you looking for a challenge?

Baden-Powell Lake is located in Algonquin Park (45° 39' - 78° 41').

Can you find the Cairn and sign the Log Book — no one ever has!

The old log book (1969 to 1994) was never signed. . .

Be the first to sign the new log!

For a detailed map write or phone one of the following ex-Scouters:

Joe Ecclestone
1080 Troy Place
Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 2G5
604-752-5241

Don Ecclestone
172 Barker Avenue
Toronto ON M4C 2P2
416-429-7782

VENTURERS and ROVERS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND...

**The 10th ANNUAL CRAZY CANUCK
CAR RALLY & MYSTERY CAMP**
at Base Rideau, National Capital Region
MAY 3-5, 1996

Contact 21st Nepean Venturers
c/o Mike Burke 613-829-7273
14 Stapeldon Crescent, Nepean ON K2H 9L5
E-mail: ap772@freenet.carleton.ca

ONTARIO ROVER COUNCIL

Executive Nominations

The ORC executive is elected annually by Ontario Rovers through their regional representatives. The positions available are: Chair, Vice Chair - Program, Vice Chair - Promotion, Secretary and Treasurer.

Any Ontario Rover may be nominated for a position provided the following information is contained in the nomination:

1. The signature of the nominator.
2. The signature of the seconder.
3. The name of the nominee.
4. The address and phone number of the nominee.
5. The Scouting Region where the nominee is registered as a Rover.
6. The position for which the nominee is being nominated.
7. The Regional Commissioner or Regional Rover Coordinator must sign the nomination.

All nominations must be received by the ORC Nominations Committee by the beginning of March, 1996. The ORC Nominational Committee for this year's elections, is made up of the following people:

Robert Craig (Chair)

1207-720 Wonderland Road North, London ON N6H 4Y8

Jason Barker

1115 University College,
Laurentian University, Sudbury ON P3E 2C6

Kim Moore Ede

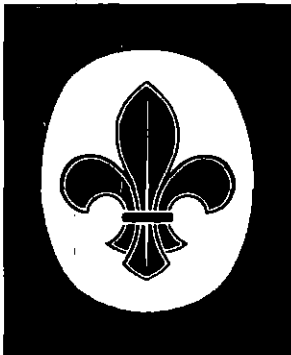
704-1316 Carling Avenue, Ottawa ON K1Z 7L1

Russ Kelk (Advisor)

503 Main Street West, Grimsby ON L3M 1T6

Dan McLean Jr. (Advisor)

1510-65 Wynford Heights Crescent
North York ON M3C 1L7



1995 ORC Conference

The 1995 Ontario Rover Council Conference was held November 10-12 at Blue Springs Scout Reserve (Ebor Park). There were 40 Rovers and Advisors in attendance. Six workshops were given by experienced trainers, on Campfires, Spirituality, Fundraising, The Contemporary Rover Program, Attitudes and Executives. Besides the workshops, there was a quest that challenged the intellectual

capabilities of the conference participants; a Remembrance Day observance; the investiture of a Rover; and a ruled dinner that had everyone roaring with laughter.

The Conference was concluded by a general meeting of the Ontario Rover Council.

Following are the highlights of the November ORC General Meeting:

- ▶ Four Gold level Questor awards were presented to: *Ian Reilly*, *Bob Craig* and *Charlene Fisher* from the Campus Crew (National Capital Region), and *Nathan Thom* from the 1st Sudbury "Thunderbirds" (Mississagi Region). Information on the Questor Award can be obtained from:
ORC Vice Chair - Program
c/o 9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto ON M4T 1E2
- ▶ The Provincial Council has announced the ORC Operating Budget to be \$1,000.00. This is significantly less than was determined to be required to run the ORC correctly. The ORC is now looking for fundraising ideas.
- ▶ A motion was accepted to reject the proposed ORC Award. The Vice Chair - Program and Vice Chair - Promotion agreed to create a new proposal.
- ▶ A thank-you went out to *Amanda Coe* for her work as ORC Secretary. She was not able to finish her term because of personal reasons.

R.S. Dell Award

The R.S. Dell award is an award which is given to an individual or a group based on their contributions to Rovering, Scouting and their community. Nominations for the R.S. Dell award should include the following information: the name of the person or group being nominated, the nominator's name, address and phone number and a resume of the nominee's contributions to Rovering, Scouting and the community.

All nominations for the R.S. Dell award are to be sent to:

Dan McLean, APC Rovers

c/o 9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto ON M4T 1E2.

Upcoming Rover Events

- ▶ ORC General Meeting - January 12-14, 1996, Peterborough
Contact Patrick Wise (Quinte Rep.) 705-292-9954.
- ▶ ORC General Meeting - March 8-10, 1996, Sudbury
Contact Bryan Dorval (Mississagi Rep.) 705-674-6205.
- ▶ Float Your Fanny down the Granny Moot - April 5-7, 1996, Camp Couchingomink (Port Hope District).
Contact Ian & Tammy Elliott 905-885-1703
or Thomas & Dana Baillie 905-545-1641
- ▶ Looney Toons Moot (5th Anniversary) - April 19-21, 1996. Camp of the Woodland Trails.
Contact Allison Ryder 905-339-1029
or Harry Flikkema 905-825-3545.
- ▶ ORC Annual Meeting - May 10-12, 1996, Toronto.
Contact Ian Reilly (ORC Chair).
- ▶ Attawanderonk Moot - May 31-June 2, 1996.
Contact 1st Elmira Rover Crew,
PO Box 41, Elmira, Ontario, N3B 2Z5.
- ▶ Beach Party Moot - July 19-21, 1996. Camp Attawandaron, Grand Bend.
Contact Wayne Bowen 519-899-4406.

AN AWESOME TRIP

By Ron Danks, Leader 3rd West Saltfleet Cubs

On November 18, 1995, our Cub Pack was fortunate enough to be able to attend an encampment on the U.S.S. Little Rock, berthed at the Naval & Servicemen's Museum in Buffalo, New York.

The encampment involved sleeping over on the ship (a post WW II guided missile cruiser, over 610 feet in length), in what used to be the original crew's quarters. After an introductory and safety lecture, dinner was served in the crew's mess. After dinner there were movies to watch in the wardrooms, but most of the youth took advantage of the freedom they were given by the museum crew to explore the hundreds of rooms and corridors within the ship.

Lights out was at 2230, but those leaders that were not on security watch gathered in the wardroom for some pizza and good conversation with some of the sixty or so other leaders and parent volunteers. There were over 250 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, leaders and parents at our encampment, some having traveled from as far away as Cleveland, Ohio.

Reveille was at 0630 followed by breakfast. A video history of the Little Rock and the other ships berthed at the museum (a WW II destroyer and submarine) was shown, after which the ships and the park's museum building were opened up. The youth were given the free run of all the ships and had a great time exploring them from one end to the other.

While we tied in some badge work the main reason we took our pack to the Little Rock was to have fun. One of our Cubs summed up the experience quite simply when he said "It was awesome, man!".

We were told at our last Scouter's Club that the Provincial Office was looking for stories and photographs about trips such as ours, so we have enclosed a great shot of the Cubs from our pack who were able to go.

For more information about the Park, call 716-847-1773 or write to:

Naval & Servicemen's Park
1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo, New York, U.S.A. 14202



From the top of the gangplank to bottom, the youth are:
Cole Horncastle, Logan Horncastle, Justin Frosina, Adam Dechaine,
Matthew Bronowicki, "Chief Cole" (our host), Kyle Carr, Michael Srbljanin,
Kyle Hails, Ryan Danks, Graham Page, Lance Hails, and Daniel Di Martino

WITAN '96

JULY 27 TO AUGUST 10, 1996
IN SCOTLAND

Witan is a small event (approximately 80 people) from a wide variety of backgrounds and nationalities. Witan takes place every two years in a different European country. It is aimed at young adults of leadership age who enjoy outdoor activities, meeting people from different countries and learning about different customs and cultures, achieved through Scouting and Guiding principles. The main language of the camp is English.

ACTIVITIES

Highland Games; Hikes;
Water Sports; Scout Activities;
International Day; Scottish
Dancing; Campfires; Day Trips;
and lots more...

COST

Total camp fee is £220.00
which includes
a deposit of £50.00 which
must be received by
the end of January 1996.
The remaining balance of £170.00
will be required later.

Payment should be made to the
following bank
in pounds sterling:
National Westminster Bank -
Chesterfield Branch
Account no: 43465218
Account: Witan '96
Sort code: 60-40-09

To save bank charges,
pay full amount by deposit date
Payment can also be made by
Eurocheque to Witan '96

Camp fee does not include travel
to pre-camp in Edinburgh, return
travel from the main camp or
personal spending money.

CONTACT

Heather Boyd,
International Secretary
Witan '96
10 Woodcote Green Road
Epsom, Surrey KT18 7DH,
England

NOTICE 85th PROVINCIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MEETING - DINNER
at the Sheraton Parkway Plaza Hotel, Hwy 7 and Hwy 404 Richmond Hill, Ontario
SATURDAY APRIL 13, 1996

Registration	9:00 a.m.
Opening and Keynote Address	10:00 a.m.
Session 1	11:00 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 noon
Session 2	1:30 p.m.
Session 3	2:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Corporation	5:00 p.m.
Cocktail Reception	5:30 p.m.
Annual Dinner	6:30 p.m.

The Trade Show
will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
More displays - More new ideas.

Session Topics
 Training, Program, Reorganization Task Group,
 Outdoor Program, and more.

Accommodation:
 If you require accommodation, please call the hotel
 directly 905-881-2121 to make reservations. Please state
 that you are part of the Scouts Canada meeting.
 "Scout" rates are \$79.95 to \$89.95 plus taxes.

THE PRICES PER PERSON ARE:

Conference & Dinner	\$49.00
Annual Dinner only	\$39.00
Conference only	\$10.00

ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST
Please make all cheques payable to
SCOUTS CANADA

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS
to arrive at the Provincial Office
IS MARCH 15, 1996

NOTE: NO "PHONE-IN" REGISTRATIONS

Please attach a list of names for "table" bookings,
 indicating the name and address of contact person

Religious and dietary concerns must be provided
IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15th

Receipts and dinner tickets will be provided
at the Conference Registration Table

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RETURN TO
Scouts Canada - Annual Meeting
9 Jackes Avenue
Toronto ON M4T 1E2



Name _____

Address _____

City and Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Local Council and Region _____

Conference and Dinner _____	@ \$49.00 per person = \$ _____
Dinner only _____	@ \$39.00 per person = \$ _____
Conference only _____	@ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

TO AVOID LINEUPS ON APRIL 13th,
PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY NAME CHANGES PRIOR TO MARCH 31st

COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

As a movement, we are very good at recruiting. Each year 33% of our members are new to Scouting - impressive by any standards! However, we do run into trouble with retention as, by the end of that same year, we have lost 37% of our membership. Somehow we are falling short of their expectations.

One of the real difficulties we face is putting a handle on just what it is we are or are not doing to meet their needs. We have made great strides in getting feedback from our youth. They now sit on committees and task groups and the National Council has a youth standing committee.

In the short time we have been focusing on this we have learned a great deal from what our youth are telling us. Perhaps we can take this trend one step further and ask for input from those youth who don't stay with us. There are two aspects to this problem. One is the well-discussed linkage problems we experience where youth simply don't make the transition from one section to another. The second is the youth who drops out part way through the Scout year or simply doesn't return the following year.

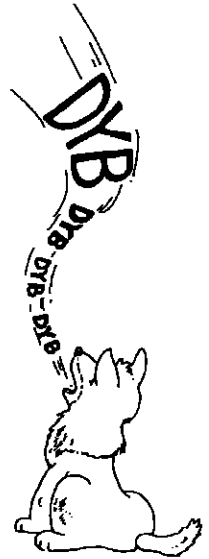
My Cub pack was in a small village but, even though it would have been relatively easy to do, I don't remember asking the boys who left what their reasons were. How much more we would have learned had I taken the time to find out!

If you are not already doing this why not call either the youth or his/her parents? Some will certainly have reasons that are nothing to do with the program and, for others, it may simply be that Scouting is not for them. However, if you find yourself getting a consistent message back, it may be time to review your program. There is certainly no better way to keep it current than to ask both the youth currently in your group and those who left what they think of it.

February in Ontario is c-o-l-d! However, it can also offer some great challenges for outdoor activities. Winter camping has its own special aura and seems to be one of those experiences that youth remember best. "Guess what I did on the weekend?" really comes into play. For our younger members remember that, at this time of year they are indoors so much anyway that a short outdoor activity is particularly appealing to them. At the beginning or end of your meeting I would suggest - so you don't get lost in a sea of toques, scarves and boots!



Judith Evans
Provincial Commissioner



PROVINCIAL NOTES IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

This is the ideal place to share ideas, success stories, promote your region and events. Why not contact your regional public relations representative for help on how to write your article and its content.

Attention Leaders

We would like to receive some good news stories about your activities/events with **youth members** as well as pictures (such as the one on page 10 in this issue).

Articles will appear in future issues of *Provincial Notes*, keeping in mind that we may need to editorialize for clarity.

Editor,
Provincial Notes

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April	February 15, 1996
June	April 15, 1996
October	August 15, 1996
December	October 15, 1996
February	December 6, 1996

