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“Better Scouting for More Youth”

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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

**"WE DID IT . . .
WE INCREASED
OUR MEMBERSHIP!"**

Welcome to the 1996-97 Scouting year. My hope is that we can make this coming year an even better one than 1995-96 and that we all try to implement our vision to provide 'Better Scouting to More Youth'.

Despite the discussions around regionalization that took place last year, we did it . . . we increased our membership! Congratulations to everyone!

Also a big thank you for the great work of many Scouters who presented excellent programs which are both adventurous and educational. We all know that if good programs are presented to our youth, they will be attracted to Scouting and they will remain in the Movement.

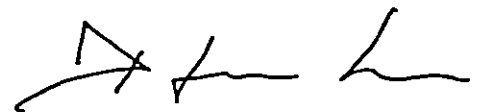
In addition, our total youth membership across Canada increased over the previous year. This has not occurred for several years. Many regions and districts developed and implemented some very unique and successful membership programs which attracted both new youth and adults to Scouting. Some of these programs were financially assisted by both the National and Provincial Councils.

In many respects Scouting operates in a vacuum and we are sometimes very reluctant to share our ideas and successes with other parts of the family. Membership development is one of these areas. We are always discussing new ways to attract and retain youth and adults and how to open new groups but there is no forum to share these ideas or to investigate how they may have worked in other areas.

To enhance the idea of increased membership and to coordinate the various membership development programs across Ontario I have asked Vice-President, David Chezzi to take on this responsibility. He will be working with regional presidents and commissioners in an effort to expand our membership. If you have any membership incentive ideas which you would like to share, I am sure that David would like to hear about them. He can be contacted through the Provincial Office.

During the regionalization discussions last year, many Scouters enquired about what would happen to Blue Springs and the Provincial Office at Jackes Avenue. My response was always I did not know. With training itself and the sites used for training continuing to evolve and with a reduction in the size of the Provincial Office we need to determine the future uses of both sites. Vice-President Dick Dychuck is chairing a small task group which is attempting to determine the role of Blue Springs in the future and if the Ontario Council should retain the site. Provincial Executive Director Barry Hardaker is preparing a series of options regarding the Jackes Avenue property. If you have any comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to send them to the Provincial Office.

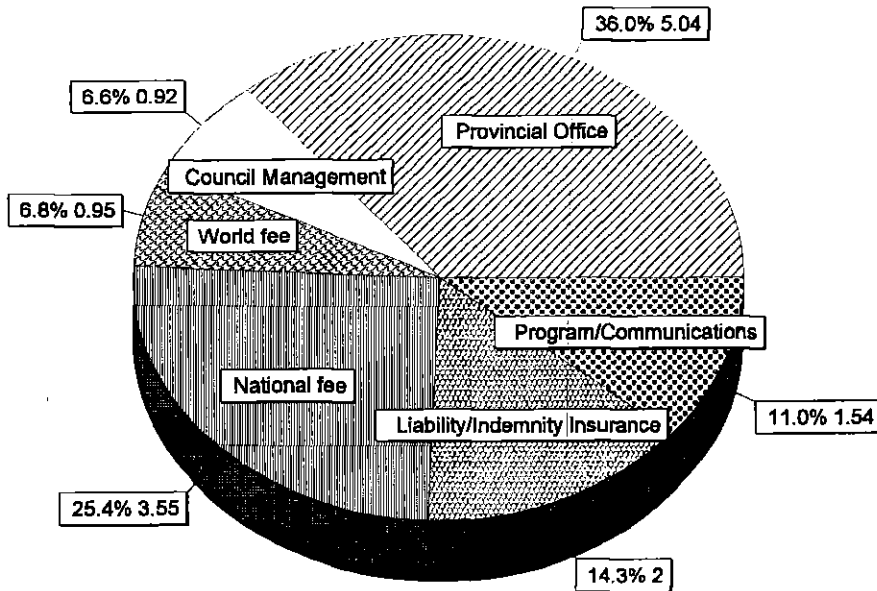
Good luck for 1996-97.



David W. Hamilton
Provincial President

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EMPLOYING REGIONS/DISTRICTS \$14.00

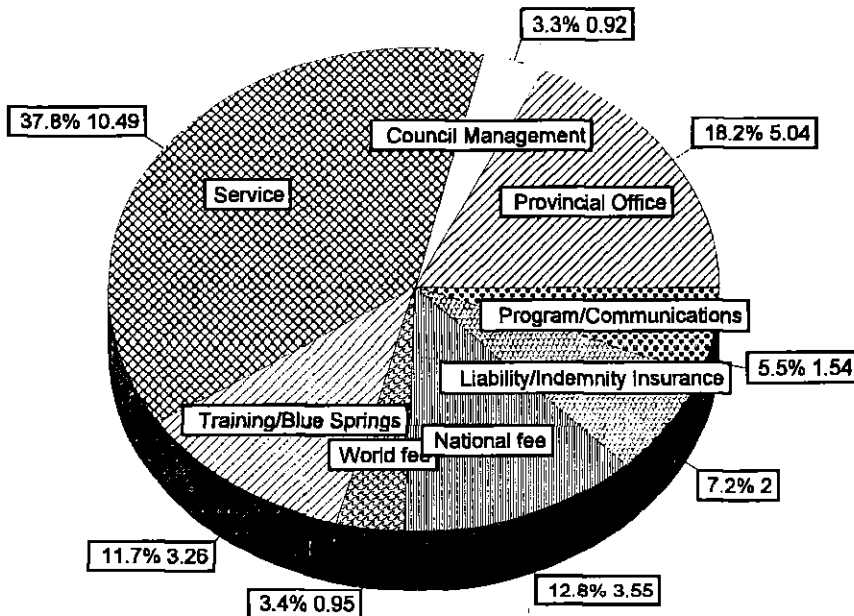


PROVINCIAL OFFICE
 Routine Council Administration
 Maintenance of Provincial Office

COUNCIL MANAGEMENT
 Functioning of the Provincial Council

PROGRAM/COMMUNICATIONS
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 Provincial Notes
 Communications and Promotion
 Partners-Liaison
 Honours & Awards

PROVINCIAALLY SERVED REGIONS \$27.75



WORLD FEE
 World Bureau fee per member

NATIONAL FEE
 Functioning of the National Council
 National Council Office Operations

REGIONAL NOTES and EVENTS



Blue Water Region is pleased to welcome our new Regional Commissioner, *Don Meyer*, who is succeeding *Catherine Staffen*. Don is a former district commissioner of Saugeen East and has been very involved with training in the Blue Water Region. Thank you, Catherine, for your excellent support.

The Regional Team for '96-'97 includes President *Harry Eaton*, Commissioner *Don Meyer*, Regional Training Coordinator *John Nichols*, Vice President *David Strudwick*, Colony Coordinator *Susan Burns*, Pack Coordinator *Catherine Staffen*, Troop Coordinator *Art Starr*, Group Committee and Partner Support *Diane Thynne*, Youth Forum Coordinator *Mary McCarroll*, Outdoors Coordinator *Tom Chalmers* and SYD representative *Ellen Craig*.

A warm enthusiastic welcome to all new key officers of the ten districts in Blue Water Region that were elected or appointed in the summer.

39 Scouts were recognized for their achievements in June at the 1996 Chief Scout's Award Ceremony in Zurich, Ontario. CJ'97 Chair Tom Neill presented certificates to the recipients and issued a challenge to continue in the path that has led them to this achievement. Scout John MacKerzie responded to Mr. Neill's challenge on behalf of the Pathfinder Scouts.

Sauble Speedway invited Scouting to join them for a weekend of fun in May as they opened the track for a new season. Nearly 200 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders camped right beside the racetrack and watched the stock cars warm up for the Sunday races. Highlights included a tour of the facility, meeting the drivers and getting up close to the cars.

Blue Water's big event of the year was the *Blue Water Region Jamboree (BWJ)* in June. Over 900 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Scouters enjoyed a weekend of fun and challenge at Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area near Paisley. It was a great wind-up to a very active Scouting year.

TRAINING

Once again Blue Water Region will offer Service Scouter I and Trainer Development I training from February 7-9, 1997 at Carlsruhe Creative Learning Centre near Hanover. ♣

Blue Water Region Conference '96

THEME SCOUTING IS COOL

will be held on
Saturday November 23, 1996
at
**F.E. Madill Secondary School
in Wingham**

Registration fee
\$25.00 includes a lunch
(\$18.00 without lunch)

There's still time to register
with Agatha VanNynatten
PO Box 1206
Mitchell ON NOK 1N0
519-348-4169

Information Package
Please consult your district
President or Commissioner



Attention Venturer leaders
Plan Now for a Great Weekend!

TRIATHLON '97
Canoe, Bike, Run
(Biathlon Bike, Run)
MAY 2-4, 1997

This 14th Annual event will be held at
Camp Blue Heron . . . across from
Blue Springs Scout Reserve

**Cost \$20.00 Includes
Dinner & Dance Saturday night**

For further information call
Jordan or Alex Furness
905-877-8628
FAX 905-874-4278
email furness@aztec-net.com

*The Victoria Weekend Camporee Staff of Hamilton Wentworth Region
thank all those who attended our Time Travel Camporee
and helped make it a great success.
Without your participation it all comes to nothing!*

In anticipation, we are pleased to announce

VICTORIA WEEKEND '97

May 16-19, 1997

This year's theme will involve the "Crusades"
It will be a fun-filled competitive camp that is sure to please
and challenge your Troop or Company!
Plan on attending... mark your calendars now
and work on your campsite decoration details!
A deposit of \$20.00 will ensure your reservation for your group

For more information please write to
VICTORIA WEEKEND '97
c/o Scouts Canada
375 James Street S.
Hamilton ON L8P 3B9
or FAX
905-528-7919

Please make cheques payable to Scouts Canada

REGIONAL NOTES and EVENTS

GREEN VALLEYS REGION

WELCOME BACK!! The Regional Key Three welcome all Scouters and youth back for another fun filled year of Scouting. This year is shaping up to be another great one! Wouldn't you like to make it even better, by introducing a friend to Scouting?

Honours and Awards Recipients

We're proud of all the people who received an award in the past year, from the One-Year Service Pin to the Silver Acorn. Both the youth and adult members of Green Valleys extend our congratulations.

Do you know someone who is deserving of some recognition? Then why not fill out an Honours and Awards application for them? Applications are available through your council, or by contacting the region. Show your thanks for a job well done!

Has your troop registered for Green Valleys Regional Camporama yet?

This year's event, hosted by South Waterloo District, is being held at Camp Impeesa on the weekend of October 25-27, 1996 (rain or shine). Why not bring your troop out for a great weekend and a really great time?

Three Cheers to Woodstock, Ingersoll, Wellington, and South Waterloo Districts on surpassing the 100% mark last year in membership! Who will be the first to hit 100% or more during the 1996-97 Scouting year? On your marks, get set, GO!!!

Welcome to Jill Rickwood (Colony), Peter Collins (Pack), and Tim Gerbrandt (Venturers), who join the Regional Team as Assistant Regional Commissioners.

A million thanks to Anja Allcott for her tireless work as ARC Colony for the past three years.

The new Scouting year has begun, so let's get Scouting, and having some FUN!!

SHARING SESSION

Jim Wolfe, NWO Beaver Network

A fun filled workshop was hosted by the Provincial Beaver Task Group at Blue Springs Scout Reserve June 7-9, 1996.

Topics covered included team building, networking, songs, crafts, games, format, cost, promotion and outdoor activities. An extremely educational and fun session on *Focus on Forests* was also presented.

Thanks to the Training Team and the Camp Cook for a very worthwhile workshop.

LAKERIDGE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar - Saturday, March 22, 1997

C.O. Bick Police College 4620 Finch Avenue East, Scarborough
Cost \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Sessions



Displays

Early bird Draw for Registration before Nov 30, 1996

meet new Scouting friends

Contact Marsha Winton, Conference Chair
27 Chumleigh Crescent, Thornhill ON L3T 4G5
(Home) 905-886-0231 Fax (phone first) 905-707-7430

Please make cheques payable to Scouts Canada

LAND-O-LAKES

These three regions encompass the area in Ontario of everything north of Toronto to Hudson Bay in the far north, west to White River, and east to Mattawa or Central, North Central and North East Ontario.

The Chief Scout's Award Ceremony for the regions of Mississagi, Northland and Land-O-Lakes, was held on Saturday June 22, 1996, at the Great Hall of Laurentian University and hosted by Sudbury District.

64 recipients were piped into the ceremony where they received messages of congratulations from Governments, Scouting and Guiding. Letters of congratulations were also received from Alan Thicke, movie star and former resident of both Northland and Mississagi Regions, and Bobby Orr,

MISSISSAGI

Hockey Hall of Famer from Land-O-Lakes Region.

The guest speaker, Todd Lalonde, General Manager/Coach - Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League, addressed the youth on commitment. Scott Bouchard, 1st Onaping Falls, Sudbury District, Mississagi, accepted the award on behalf of all recipients.

Closing remarks given by Larry Rivers, Sudbury District Commissioner, pointed out that no one person can earn this award alone; it is a team effort of the youth, the leaders, the parents, the Group Committees, and the youth in the troops who worked with the recipients to attain their goal. Larry asked the Scouts to remember this and thank everyone on their return home.

STAFF UPDATE

Barry Hardaker, Provincial Executive Director

We extend congratulations to Bill Cormack on his new position as Manager of Properties with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Saskatchewan. Bill concluded his employment with Scouts Canada on July 31, 1996.

We are in discussions with Land-O-Lakes Region regarding continued staff support in the 1996-97 Scouting year.

1996-97 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN ONTARIO

WOOD BADGE PART II COURSES

WOOD BADGE PART II & FAMILY CAMP
(Colony, Pack, Troop, Company/Crew)
August 9-17, 1997 at CFB Borden

COLONY

October 4-6, 18-20, November 8-10, 1996
..... at Camp BEL, Dorchester

November 15-17,
November 29-December 1, 1996,
January 3-5, 1997 at Blue Springs

June 28-July 5, 1997 at Blue Springs

August 2-9, 1997 at Blue Springs

October 31-November 2, Nov. 14-16,
November 28-30, 1997 . . . at Blue Springs

PACK

October 25-27, November 8-10,
November 29-December 1, 1996
..... at Camp Sylvan near London

November 22-24, December 6-8, 1996,
January 10-12, 1997 at Blue Springs

July 5-12, 1997 at Blue Springs

August 2-9, 1997 at Blue Springs

TROOP

October 4-6, 18-20, November 8-10, 1996
..... at Camp BEL, Dorchester

February 21-23, March 7-9, 21-23, 1997
..... at Camp Nemo, Hamilton

June 28-July 5, 1997 at Blue Springs

July 26-August 2, 1997 .. at Blue Springs

COMPANY/CREW

July 19-26, 1997 at Blue Springs

SERVICE TEAM

November 15-17, Nov. 29-December 1,
December 13-15, 1996
..... at Camp BEL, Dorchester

March 21-23, April 4-6, April 18-20, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

July 26-Aug. 2, 1997 at Blue Springs

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT COURSES

GROUP SKILLS (BASIC)

July 5-11, 1997 at Blue Springs

August 16-22, 1997 at Blue Springs

METHODS & ASSESSING NEEDS

April 25-27, May 9-11, May 16-18, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

July 19-26, 1997 at Blue Springs

October 24-26, November 7-9, 21-23, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

SPECIALTY COURSES

SCOUTER IN TRAINING

March 8-14, 1997 at Blue Springs

August 9-17, 1997 at CFB Borden

August 17-23, 1997 at Blue Springs

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

January 24-26, February 7-9, 21-23, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

August 9-16, 1997 at Blue Springs

CAMPMASTER

October 3-5, 17-19,
October 31-November 2, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN

WORKSHOP (Train the Trainer)
October 25-27, 1996 at Blue Springs

January 31-February 2, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

PRESIDENTS & COMMISSIONERS MANAGEMENT WEEKEND

February 14-16, 1997 ... at Blue Springs

September 26-28, 1997 at Sudbury

SERVICING FOR QUALITY OUTCOMES

February 28-March 2, 1997
..... at Blue Springs

SCOUTING AUXILIARIES



Welcome to a brand new year of Scouting! We look forward to a busy and productive time in 1996-97.

The Provincial Advisory Committee hopes to continue our visits to your local Auxiliaries and anticipates helping you celebrate anniversaries and reunions.

Since our last column, Eileen Taylor, Past Chair was pleased to attend the 50th Anniversary of the 26th Hamilton Auxiliary. This group has enjoyed 70 plus years in Scouting and is one of the fortunate groups that have all five youth sections plus a busy Group Committee and a Scouting Auxiliary.

The evening started with a delicious Pot-luck Supper, attended by past and present members. Memorabilia was displayed and greetings were conveyed from a number of absent members from such places as Indiana. A letter from the Minister and Clerk of Session of Chalmers Church, their Sponsor, wishing a long and busy further partnership, was read to the group. Thanks were expressed for all the assistance the Church receives from the Auxiliary and the Group. It was a most enjoyable evening and Eileen thanks the group for inviting her.

Auxiliaries are reminded to send in your notices of Special Events and Awards to Marjorie Boyce, Chair, and we will include it in our listings.

Remember a visit to one of our meetings is easily arranged. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Just contact any member of the Provincial Advisory Committee and we will set it up for you. Good Scouting!

Provincial Advisory Committee for
Scouting Auxiliaries
Scouts Canada
9 Jackes Avenue
Toronto ON M4T 1E2

39th World Scout JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air)

October 19-20, 1996

Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General,
World Scout Organization

Radio-Scouting and the JOTA in particular is an excellent opportunity to meet Scouts, Guides and others from many countries.

JOTA is a world-wide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time.

The 39th JOTA provides a challenge to those Scouts, radio amateurs and Scouters who like the outdoors. We encourage all JOTA participants to set up their stations at unusual places: on top of a high-rise building, in the middle of a public market place, on a ferry boat, on a bridge, at a camp site, on a well use your imagination! The condition is, however, that these stations use their own power source. Something like a small generator, a windmill, a water-driven mill, or just batteries. This also means that one has to be very economic with the use of energy. It's a challenge to operate low-power transmitters, radio amateurs call this QRP, in combination with large antennas. Often these unusual places do allow for antennas larger than normal to be put up. Of course, the traditional Scout pioneering craft comes in handy here. How about constructing your own full-size 3-element bean antenna for the 40 metre band?

Details on the Internet JOTA activity are available on the Internet. With the correct usage, you can have a roundtable discussion experience of global proportion. Conversation can cover topics in great detail with Scouters with different points of view. Another common use of the networks are for help in a particular program or event, ideas for outings, camporees, training, etc! Imagine getting information off the networks using input from Scouters all over the world!

Find a computer that uses as little energy as possible. The good old home computer could serve the purpose. Access the Internet via a radio link if you are in a remote area. A dedicated pocket-radio link can do this. Your radio amateur will know how.

We wish you all inspiration and enjoyment for the times of preparation and execution of this World Scout JOTA and look forward to being on the air with as many youth as possible from all over the world. †

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Last summer Scouts and leaders at the New Brunswick Jamboree donated nearly \$4,400 to the Brotherhood Fund for an Africa Region Scouting project. This sum has been sent to support a bee-keeping project in Kenya.

Great Lakes Region raised \$2,000 for "Rwanda Relief". The International Relations Committee approved a \$2,000 matching grant and the \$4,000 has been sent to support the Rwandan Scout Groups operating in refugee camps in Zaire.

The Central Escarpment Region recently collected another \$500 for a Scout Farm Project in Togo that they adopted in 1992. This brings their total contributions to \$5,500. The project was established to teach Scouts in Togo goat raising, crop and vegetable growing and farm management.

Brotherhood Fund grants have also been approved to support Quebec Venturers and Rovers undertaking projects in Africa this summer. The Venturers traveled to Zimbabwe to work alongside local Scouts to build a water supply system. The facility will consist of the installation of a windmill to draw water from an existing well, the construction of an elevated water tank and the installation of pipes to carry water to two neighbouring villages. The Rovers traveled to South Africa to work with Scouts in the Kwazulu-Natal province to build a small schoolhouse. In both cases the Brotherhood Fund money will go towards the purchase of construction materials - the Venturers and Rovers raised funds to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

For 1997, investigations are underway into the possibility of National Capital Region Scouts working on a project in Trinidad and Quebec Scouts working on a proposal in Ghana.

The International Relations Committee has developed "International Community Development Projects Participation Guidelines" for councils or groups interested in seeking funding assistance to participate in a project. †

For assistance get in touch with:

Tom Godfrey, D.P.C. International Relations
c/o Scouts Canada
9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto ON M4T 1E2

HIKE ONTARIO ON THE WEB!

Hike Ontario is now on the World Wide Web! All web surfers can find us at: <http://www.freenet.durham.org/hikeont/>;
We can also be reached by email at: ay625@freenet.toronto.on.ca
Thanks to Peter Verbeek for making this happen!

TORONTO ARGONAUTS "SALUTE TO SCOUTING" SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at SKYDOME

Regular Prices		Scouts Special Prices
\$29.00	Level 100 Sidelines	\$14.50
\$18.00	Level 100 & 200 South End	\$9.00
\$10.00	Level 100 & 200 North End	\$5.00

No returns on half price tickets/all taxes included

For more information call
Mark Rambachan, Toronto Argonauts 416-341-5161

TORONTO RAPTORS SALUTE TO SCOUTING at SKYDOME Sunday, December 8, 1996 vs. Chicago Bulls Sunday, March 9, 1997 vs. Vancouver Grizzlies

All members of Scouts Canada and accompanying friends and family members will be entitled to special Hoops and White Club seats in the Scouts Canada section.
Scouts Canada Hoops Club Seats \$4.00
Scouts Canada White Club Seats \$10.00
Price includes all applicable taxes

For more information call
Tom Pistore, Toronto Raptors 416-216-1901

The Baden-Powell Lake Challenge Continues

Venturers Find Baden-Powell Lake . . . The Hard Way!

Andy Lipchak, Parent, 56th Toronto Venturers

Following the story in the June issue of *Provincial Notes* the question was asked "who will be next?"

The answer appears to be a photo-finish between Venturers from Toronto and leaders from Orillia!

The 56th Toronto Venturer Company was determined to be the largest group to visit the site. On June 21st, led by Scouter David McClellan and Venturer Advisor Mieke Foester, the group of 18 Venturers, friends and leaders pushed



off from the Portage Store on Canoe Lake. They paddled north across the lake, portaged into Joe Lake, and crossed Teepee Lake, camping at sites on the Little Oxtongue River. The next morning they began the last leg by canoeing across Littledoe Lake and Bluejay Lake. After another long rock-strewn portage, the nine canoes moved into very dense marsh where the channel narrowed to as little as two metres. Hordes of mosquitoes also conspired to slow the Venturers' progress.

The group could find no alternative but to backtrack through the marsh when the narrow channel ended abruptly. On the way they encountered a small group of Scout leaders from the Orillia area - also intent on canoeing into Baden-Powell Lake and warned them about the blocked passage ahead.

The Venturers decided on land assault. They formed a canoe bridge in the marsh and stepped from canoe to canoe until they could move onto land. Leaving the canoes behind, they hiked through dense bush up and over the hill that separated them from the Lake. Further along the shore they found the cairn and log book and also found that there *was* a way into the Lake by canoe! The Orillia Scouters had found a portage in the marsh and were in B.-P. Lake when they arrived. The Orillia canoers took a picture of the exhausted Toronto group next to the cairn. The log book was dutifully signed.

These Venturers were quite taken by the challenge and originally planned their canoe trip for the last weekend in April but a late spring and two feet of ice made it necessary to reschedule.

(The 56th Toronto Baden-Powell Challenge Canoe Trip was organized by Venturer Ian Lipchak, a recipient of the Chief Scout's Award. The trip was led by Scouter David McClellan with the help of Advisor Mieke Foster.) Following the previous reports in *Provincial Notes*, Joe and Don Ecclestone visited the cairn in mid-August, at which time they left a supply of the B.-P. Scouts Canada badges for Scout visitors to take, making this the "unofficial" Baden-Powell

Lake badge. When their supply of 50 badges runs out, more can easily be obtained from any Scouts Canada Store.

Joe and Don were delighted to see that 79 people had signed the log book! Including visitors from Europe, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Girl Guides, as well as members of the public. Here are some of the comments:

I want to go home . . . Don't walk here. . . Never come here

or you will die. . . Death is upon all ye who come to this mosquito infested place!

Hats off to the Ecclestones for providing this excellent challenge which has been successfully accepted by so many. ♣

SCOUTING'S YOUTH ARE SEEKING A NEW CHALLENGE TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS WHAT AND FROM WHOM WILL IT BE?

1995 AMORY ADVENTURE AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

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|---|-----------|
| 1st Thunder Bay Venturer Company,
Thunder Bay ON | 1st Place |
| 8th Burnaby Northview R.C.M.P Venturer Company,
Burnaby BC | 2nd Place |
| 83rd Calgary "C" Venturer Company
Calgary AB | 3rd Place |

A FIRST CLASS EFFORT

1st Thunder Bay Venturers impressed the judges with the extensive planning and preparation involved with their Wabikiwi Park Canoe expedition. The log was well and clearly prepared, thus it was easy to gain a fuller appreciation of the challenge undertaken and completed by the Company.

Well done, Venturers, we in Ontario are proud of you! ♣

THIS INVITATION IS NOW POSTED IN THE CAIRN at BADEN-POWELL LAKE
FOR ALL SCOUTERS WHO HAVE SIGNED OR WISH TO SIGN THE SPECIAL LOG BOOK
Mark your Calendar . . . 30th Anniversary Reunion at the Cairn, Baden-Powell Lake
August 15, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. Sharp - Rain or Shine at 45° 39' - 78° 41' Algonquin Park

ROVERING IN ONTARIO

ORC ANNUAL MEETING

May 10-12. Rovers from across Ontario attended the ORC Annual Meeting in Toronto. They began arriving on Friday night and stayed at the Jewish Community Centre.

During free time on Saturday morning many headed towards downtown Toronto and Front Street. More than 60 attended the meeting in the afternoon. Guests included some from as far away as Quebec and British Columbia. After the meeting, we went to the west end for our Awards Dinner which was a great success, filled with fun, laughter and delicious food. Several awards were presented, and the new Executive sworn in.

We thank those involved in running the weekend and hope everyone enjoyed it.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

Congratulations to the Ontario Rover Council new Executive for 1996-97:

Chairperson

Robert Shlemkevich 705-673-2360

Vice-Chair (Program)

Albert Fuchigami 416-421-3291

Treasurer

Charlene Fisher 905-840-0541

Secretary

Michael Flynn 905-648-5022

Thank you to *Ian Reilly, Peter Waycik, Sean Magennis, and Russ Kelk* for their hard work and enthusiasm this past year.

- ◊ Guest speaker, *Bea McClelland*, gave a great talk on Scouting for Youth with disAbilities (SYD) which was very informative and enlightening.
- ◊ The proposal for the Ontario Youth Forum was passed at the Provincial Council's Annual Meeting. For more information, please contact *Ian Reilly*
- ◊ The Contemporary Rover Program Committee has put out a new draft of their proposal. The changes in this revision are mainly grammatical but include some clarification, a new table and a new award scheme. The committee would appreciate any comments.
- ◊ Several amendments to the Constitution and By-Law were accepted by the body. The *Duties and Responsibilities of an ORC Representative* will be voted on at the September meeting.
- ◊ The 1995-96 Annual Report of the ORC was presented. It included

highlights of the past year, comments from the Advisor and Chair, and recognition of those individuals who have helped the ORC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS DINNER

- ◊ The RS Dell Award was presented to *Al Major*, Green Valleys. A \$100.00 donation will be made in his name to a charity of his choice.
- ◊ The following people were presented with certificates in recognition of their service to the ORC:
Charlene Fisher, Heather Smith, Mike Kooistra, Amanda Coe, Dr. Les Dunn, Nicole Dunn, Sean Wheatley, Nathan Thom, John Douglas, Paul Lancaster.
- ◊ *Robert Shlemkevich, Albert Fuchigami and Sean Magennis* were honoured for their hard work in their positions on the Executive.
- ◊ *Russ Kelk* was presented with a plaque in recognition of his years of hard work and dedication to Rovering. Russ is the first Honorary member of the Ontario Rover Council.
- ◊ *Ian Reilly* received a plaque commemorating him as the first Chair of the Ontario Rover Council and a gift from the ORC in appreciation of all he has done for Ontario Rovers.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY ORC RETREAT

This year's ORC Retreat was held at Bon Echo Provincial Park in Eastern Ontario. It was a great weekend, filled with laughter, hiking, swimming, talking, beans, bugs, ball chasing, grease ball, guitars and music. Copies of the new Contemporary Rover Program were handed out, and some good ideas came out of the discussion. Everyone had a chance to relax and remember why they were in Rovers. If you missed it, don't worry. There's always next year.

Attention Ontario Rovers!

Your ORC Representatives - do you know who they are?
If you're a Rover in the Blue Water, Great Lakes, Greater Toronto, or Northland Regions, your region doesn't have official representatives to the ORC. In fact for most of these regions, the ORC doesn't have any contact with the Crews. We'd really like to change that!
Each region is entitled to two representatives, who are duly appointed and/or elected by their regional Rover

organization. In the event that there is no regional Rover organization, the Regional Commissioner will appoint two Rovers after consultation with the Rovers in their region.

If you're interested in becoming an ORC representative, contact your regional Rover body and/or your Regional Commissioner. Even if you're not interested in the position, come on out to ORC weekends and have some fun! At the very least you should have some contact with other Rovers, and your ORC representative. They're a great resource, and you can learn about upcoming events, Rover issues, get the chance to make lots of friends and, most importantly, have lots of fun. For more information, contact:

The Ontario Rover Council
9 Jackes Avenue, Toronto, ON M4T 1E2
and we'll get you started in the right direction. ✦

UPCOMING ORC EVENTS

Every Rover in Ontario is a member of the ORC, and every member of the ORC is welcome to attend the weekends.

Please mark the following ORC event dates in your calendar, and we hope to see you out to some of them.

ORC Annual Conference

November 8-10, 1996

Mt Nemo Scout Camp

Hamilton Wentworth Region

If you missed last year's conference and are still kicking yourself, here's your chance to make amends. There will be great sessions and lots of fun at this year's conference.

For more information please contact

Kevin Bouchard 905-560-7090

or Kevin Dunn 905-388-6801

c/o Scouts Canada

375 James Street S

Hamilton ON L8P 3B9

January ORC Weekend

January 10-12, 1997

St. Lawrence Region

March ORC Weekend

March 7-9, 1997

Great Lakes Region

ORC Annual Meeting

May 9-11, 1997

Greater Toronto Region

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are not someone with whom to argue or match wits.
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bring us our wants.
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otherwise known as SCOUTER are the closest link to
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers —
the very core of our Movement.

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can be sure of our help as you
bring Scouting to the youth of your community.

Inspirational Source - 'Small Fry', Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
(additional paragraphs prepared by the editor)

13th Annual Waste Minimization Awards

Do you know a deserving member of Scouting to Nominate?

The Recycling Council of Ontario recognizes individuals (adults and youths), non-profit organizations, schools, businesses and governments whose efforts to minimize waste are contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable environment.

The next RCO Awards Banquet will be held at
a Downtown Toronto Hotel on Thursday, April 24, 1997

Nomination packages will be mailed January, 1997

The submission deadline is February 28, 1997

For further information please contact

The Recycling Council of Ontario
416-960-1025 or FAX 416-960-8053

Scouts are Terrific

Cobourg Star - May '96

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly a group of young men from the Boy Scouts of Canada who volunteered their time and assisted in the planting of 5,700 trees during the Victoria Day weekend.

Special thanks to *Randy Green*, who helped organize the activity. As well as *Brad Abrams, Steven Dunk, Shawn and Greg Morton from the First Baltimore Venturers, and Mark Deline*. It's comforting to know that the youth of today are willing to do community projects and direct their energy into the betterment of our environment."

Russell and Cindy Dickson, Colborne

BYLAW, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

As a result of the May National Council Meeting, revisions to the BP&P were approved. As recommended from the field to the BP&P Task Group, the format will change to the 8.5 x 11 inch format.

The final draft will be reviewed by the BP&P Task Group and Scouts Canada's legal counsel. There is no set date for delivery, but expected completion is late Fall '96. Inserts for changes in BP&P will be provided as repro sheets to Councils. New printings of the BP&P will include all previous changes provided on the repro sheets. ♣

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Last summer Scouts and leaders at the New Brunswick Jamboree donated nearly \$4,400 to the Brotherhood Fund for an Africa Region Scouting project. This sum has been sent to support a bee-keeping project in Kenya.

Great Lakes Region in Ontario raised \$2,000 for "Rwanda Relief". The National International Relations Committee approved a \$2,000 matching grant and the \$4,000 has been sent to support the Rwandan Scout Groups operating in refugee camps in Zaire. ♣

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Congratulations to Mississauga Region on their environmental contribution through their Goodyear Interpretive Program which is being developed; it involves a series of three trails:

- The Orange Trail, which has recently been completed, focuses on the forest and special trees.
- The Blue Trail and Yellow Trail have yet to be completed - they will each focus on different aspects of the camp which leaders and youth can integrate into their program. ♣

THE FEDERAL BUDGET

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, of which Scouts Canada is a member, has asked the Minister of Finance to enhance the incentives for charitable giving in the next federal budget. The Centre recommended that the value of charitable donations be no less than that of a political party. As well the Minister was asked to consider changes to allow businesses which donate inventory to registered charities to show such gifts as being made at cost for the purposes of computing income. ♣



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May 10, 1996

Dear Scouters:

As Patron of Scouting in the province of Ontario, I am writing to thank you for volunteering your time as a valuable member of Scouting.

Whether as a leader, a group committee member or a council member, each and every adult member of Scouting is striving for an admirable goal: the provision of a top quality program for the youth of our province, emphasizing the outdoors. I know that Scouting has actively sought to reach as many youth as possible and I commend your efforts in offering this positive program to our young people.

The leadership you provide is a significant factor in the individual growth of our youth and the enhancement of our communities. You can be proud of your contribution.

I am confident that with your help, Scouting in our province has a secure future, and I thank you again for your service to the youth of Ontario.

Keep up the good work, and keep Scouting!

Yours in Scouting,


Henry N.R. Jackson
Lieutenant Governor

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CARING CANADIAN AWARD

The award is intended to recognize unpaid, voluntary contributions made behind-the-scenes which provide extraordinary help or care to families or groups in the community over a long period of time. The award recipients will normally not have been previously recognized by a federal or provincial award or honour.

SELECTION

Anyone may nominate any Canadian citizen for the award. Selection of the recipients from the nominations received is carried out by an independent Advisory Committee. There is no deadline for submissions and recipients will be announced periodically.

HOW TO WRITE A GOOD NOMINATION

Since the members of the Advisory Committee do not know either the nominee or you. They will base their assessment on what you, and those who write letters of support, are able to convey. A good nomination will use plain language to tell the Committee what your nominee has done and how it has helped others.

It would be useful to provide an up-to-date biographical sketch of the nominee which would include dates of active participation in organizations and any awards or honours earned by the nominee. To assist us in completing the necessary research as rapidly as possible, please provide letters of support or the names of two or three persons to whom we could write in confidence. These individuals could be members of organizations in which the nominee is or has been an active member or any other persons who are familiar with the nominee's contributions.

Our country is full of people worth celebrating. They're our neighbours - people who care about others, citizens who give more than they take. These care givers are found all over Canada and set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal or formal volunteers, make life brighter for all of us.

For more Information/application please call 1-800-465-6890
The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award

10th Peterborough St. James Venturers
invite you to attend

"STOCKWOOD" OCTOBER 25-27, 1996
at Brookwood Scout Reserve (Peterborough District)
Ask about our \$10.00 Registration Special !!!
Contact John Ashton 705-743-8543

dance...games...lots of activities

Bluevale Collegiate Institute 25th Reunion

Former students of Bluevale are asked to contact:
the Reunion Hotline 519-650-0569
or mail your name, address as well as
home & business telephone numbers to
80 Bluevale Street North
Waterloo ON N2J 3R5

Let's Go and Grow!

Groups in Need get the Focus

Conversation with Rick Edwards, Director - Halifax Region

Provincial Notes: The Halifax Region exceeded last year's membership by January. What's your secret?

Rick Edwards: The council focuses its efforts on the groups in need. Group membership from year to year is one indicator of group health. Leadership ratios and registration of a group committee are also tracked. We act promptly to reports of problems by members, parents or the service team.

P.N.: *What is your system for tracking these groups?*

R.E.: Groups are divided into three categories based on available information. **RED:** in trouble; **YELLOW:** okay, but may be getting in or out of trouble; **GREEN:** growing and healthy.

P.N.: *What is your approach to a group that seems to be in trouble?*

R.E.: We identify the problem as either related to the program or administration. The level of appropriate intervention is determined and followed through swiftly. At times it means recruiting new partners. Sometimes you have to get your hands dirty.

P.N.: *How are partners a factor?*

R.E.: Program problems often go back to partner or administration problems at the base. Leaders need support and a strong community network. Solid partners are a factor in all of the strongest groups.

P.N.: *How does this fit your growth strategy?*

R.E.: Our emphasis is always to get the fires out quickly so we can do more of the proactive stuff. One third of our sponsors are visited each year to renew the partnership.

P.N.: *How are volunteers involved in growth?*

R.E.: Volunteers in senior roles accept responsibility for Scouting in their districts. Presidents and Commissioners are reviewed based on objectives they set for membership, service and council development. Sometimes this results in replacing ineffective individuals. People agree to perform a role to achieve specific outcomes. When it is apparent that they are unable to be successful, the sincere volunteer understands the need to find someone who can be effective.

P.N.: *Any last thoughts?*

R.E.: Focusing on the health of groups has paid off. The youth receive a better program when the adults are working together. Getting to the root of specific problems quickly, allows people to get on with delivering the program. ♣



OVER THE TOP!

Brian Moore, Director of Field Services

WOW! Can you believe the number of districts at or over 100%? The news keeps getting better! We have 46 of 99 councils over 100% of last year's registration as of August 22nd. Thanks for your continuing efforts this year to bring more and better Scouting to many more youth.

The following Districts have matched or exceeded last year's membership figures:

Essex	1 more member	100.10%
Kingston	33 more members	105.14%
Moir Valley	9 more members	102.21%
Port Arthur	57 more members	108.07%
South Waterloo	6 more members	100.53%
St. Lawrence		100.00%

The following have increased membership since the June issue of Provincial Notes:

Belleville	9 more members	101.92%
Blue Mountain	66 more members	114.54%
Cobourg	19 more members	105.60%
Fort William	31 more members	104.80%
Haldimand	11 more members	102.08%
Kempfenfelt Bay	60 more members	104.77%
Kent	93 more members	117.45%
Nipissing	43 more members	106.31%
Oakville	148 more members	109.11%
Opeongo	11 more members	104.60%
Oshawa	182 more members	109.83%
Owasco	58 more members	102.21%
Perth	18 more members	103.47%
Port Colborne	29 more members	109.63%
Richmond Hill	95 more members	113.32%
Rideau Lakes	11 more members	101.97%
Saugeen East	4 more members	100.95%
South Frontenac	29 more members	102.94%
South Lake Simcoe	362 more members	114.64%
Stormont-Glengary	55 more members	109.87%
Temiskaming	30 more members	110.99%
Welland	65 more members	115.12%
Wellington	19 more members	101.27%
Whitby	49 more members	103.65%
Windsor	105 more members	104.85%
Yellow Briar	46 more members	107.80%
York Rouge	49 more members	104.14%

The council with the greatest percentage gain is currently Kent District with 117.45% followed closely by North Halton, Wallaceburg, Welland, South Lake Simcoe, Blue Mountain, Ganaraska and Richmond Hill Districts.

The council with the greatest increase in members is still South Lake Simcoe District with a sizable 362 more members followed by Hamilton with 225 more members, Oshawa with 182 more members and Oakville with 148 more members.

The following regions have joined Central Escarpment, Great Lakes, Lakeridge and Northland Regions in achieving 100% or more of the previous year's membership: Hamilton Wentworth, Land-O-Lakes, Mississauga, Northwestern Ontario.

THANKS once more for your continuing efforts, they are very much appreciated.

The Provincial Council for Ontario has developed a way to recognize those sections that have growth this year. Through our "Scouting for Scouts" program every section that has growth in the number of youth members will be eligible to receive a 10% discount on the purchase of section badges and handbooks.

Each section that has had a growth in their youth membership, based on the August 31, 1996 registration figure, can apply for a discount card to use when making purchases at their local Scout Shop. . . . It is that simple!

Look for a package that will be sent to each Group Committee Chair upon receipt of the 1996-97 registration this fall. The package will explain how the program works and how your section can take advantage of the savings on section badges and handbooks.

90th Anniversary of Scouting - 1997 -

The 1997 Scouting Calendar will focus on the 90th anniversary by use of award-winning posters drawn by our members on the 90th theme. It is sure to be a real collector's item!

Specially-developed 90th souvenir items will be available in both the 1996-97 and 1997-98 catalogue.

The Canadian Leader will devote an issue in the 1997 volume year to the 90th anniversary. Special stories and an exciting cover will be produced. Watch your mailbox!

1997 is the 90th anniversary of B.-P.'s camp on Brownsea Island. What a great theme for a cuboree or camporee... Run a weekend camp with the camping methods and games used by B.-P. Himself!

1997 is the 140th birthday of B.-P. On February 22, 1997 you'll see dozens of special B.-P. Birthday cakes with 140 candles!

1997 is the 75th anniversary of the creation of the World Scout Organization; Scouts Canada joined in 1946.

1997 marks the 40th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA).

Do you have any ideas to add to this list?

EVERY KID'S CAPITAL WINTER POSTER CONTEST FOR YOUTH AT LEAST 7 YEARS OLD AND NOT OLDER THAN 12

it's fun, it's educational and the prizes are great!

Leaders, make this winter a season to celebrate!

Encourage your Cubs and Scouts, whose age qualifies, to participate in the Every Kid's Capital Winter Poster Contest!

They'll learn interesting and relevant facts about Canadian Parliament and exercise their artistic talents by drawing their favourite winter activity.

What's more, if your budding artists return their participation forms by the contest deadline, they'll have a chance to become one of twelve national winners and could win one of two all-expenses-paid trips to Canada's Capital Region this February, with three members of their family, to visit some of Canada's finest national treasures! One way or another, they'll be glad they participated, because each artist will receive a special souvenir!

All winning posters, along with interesting details about the winners, will be displayed during Winterlude along the Rideau Canal and at the Children's Museum, where they will be enjoyed by the tens of thousands of visitors who come to Canada's Capital Region.

Registration forms, which can be photocopied, were mailed to District Commissioners and Regional/District offices during September.

Completed winter pictures must be returned by **November 30, 1996**, to:
The National Capital Commission
40 Elgin Street, Suite 202
Ottawa ON K1P 1C7

For information or additional participation forms
call 1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

Attention all Scouters and Group Committees



The *Toronto Star* has printed a Souvenir Front Page for all participants of the '95 Santa Parcel Delivery

If any sections or members of your group have participated please mail or fax your group name/number, how many you need and when you will pick it up.
Please give us a few days to prepare your shipment.

Scouts Canada
Greater Toronto Region
265 Yorkland Boulevard
North York ON M2J 5C7
FAX 416-490-6911

For further information call 416-490-63634
Robert Engel ext 246 or Harry Bruce ext 228

Scouts in Society

By Paul Rellinger a 12 year old Scout
with 2nd Armour/St. Luke's Troop,
Peterborough

Hello Scouter Dave, Scouter Cathy, Scouter Jeff and fellow Scouts. I have chosen to speak about why Scouting in our society is so called "NOT COOL". At school, when I mention I am a Scout, my friends or fellow classmates say "Scouting is stupid or Scouting is for losers." I don't know if this happened to you but I don't appreciate the attitude or rude comments. Many times I find myself having to defend myself or, should I say, defend "Scouting". I say things like, "We do a lot of camping, learn about both the outdoors and our community. But there are times when my response to "Scouting is stupid or it's for losers" is "Gee, I know what you mean". I know this is surprising but this statement usually ends the conversation.

At school I get, like most kids, Peer Pressure. Peer Pressure is where sometimes you do or say a thing just to belong with a group of friends. The impression I get from kids at school is that if you're a Scout you won't belong. Maybe you think they will laugh or make fun of you if you're a Scout. I feel we should change the myth that Scouting is stupid. I don't think this would be easy but the first thing I would do is somehow teach kids that Scouting in our society is a "GOOD THING". Scouts Canada should try to promote Scouting to our youth in a way that it would encourage more to join this great organization. Kids today are offered a variety of things to do such as recreational sports, drama, art or music clubs, play computer or video games, watch T.V. or movies and more. Most kids I've talked to about Scouting think it sounds boring. I feel that if kids could see what exactly we Scouts do maybe they could understand that Scouting is "COOL". Maybe Scouts Canada can make a video that shows our law, which is: "A Scout is Helpful and Trustworthy, Kind and Cheerful, Considerate and Clean, wise in the use of his or her resources." We could show this by doing skits for each part of the law. Also we would show what fun we have at Scouts.

If I can't get through to my own class, maybe you guys can. Thank you for your time. +

Editor's note:

The above speech was submitted by Al Hoard, Peterborough District Commissioner; it was prepared by Paul as an assignment that was given to Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders by their Scouters as one of the requirements for his Silver Citizenship badge. The speech was given to the Troop during Scout Guide week in February and it was also presented later at a Group Committee meeting.

ISRAEL SCOUT FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN STRIKES GOLD

The Israel Scout Friendship Caravan 1996 came to town on Monday July 15, 1996 and performed before 2,000 people at Mel Lastman Square, in North York.

The Caravan, made up of ten Israeli Scouts and two leaders, put on a show that had many in the crowd dancing, singing, laughing, cheering, and crying tears of joy and remembrance. The music included songs from the past to the present, and even included such notables as "David Melach Israel" with a rap beat, a beautiful medley of songs from *The Fiddler on the Roof*, as well as a moving tribute to the Yitzhak Rabin of blessed memory.

The ten Israeli Scouts were selected from hundreds of nominations received from all over Israel's Scouting councils, and they really put on a show to please everyone present. The crowd was well representative of the Toronto Mosaic.

The Israeli Scouts (five girls and five boys) were representative of a new crop of Israeli youth, who enjoy schooling, travelling, singing, dancing, and meeting people from other cultures. There was Galil, a 17-year old radiant red haired girl from Ashdod, who enjoyed studying criminology, and spent her spare time as a volunteer with the local police station. One 17-year old boy will be remaining in Massachusetts for a year following the tour, as his father, a senior official with the police, will be at Harvard for a year.

The audience and the Caravan were greeted by *Claude Gelbard*, Ontario Chairperson of the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding; *Jennifer Tuchack*, Director Youth Activities, Canadian Jewish Congress; *Eli Rubinstein*, Director Young Leadership Development, United Israel Appeal.

Judith Evans, Ontario Provincial Commissioner - Scouts Canada, thanked the Caravan and presented the Scouts with badges from Ontario and the Greater Toronto Region, as well as the beautiful Scouts Canada 90th Anniversary crest 1907-1997.

Next morning, off they went for a second show in the Centre Camp of the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Here it was a different show, completely geared to the 350 enthusiastic campers. The Scouts performed on the grass behind the Lipa Green Community Building using their Van and U-Hall with their beautiful backdrop banner as the stage. Many staff members of the Lipa Green and BJC attended the show. The Scouts constantly mingled with the campers and encouraged them to join the dancing and singing.

After the show they stayed and met the campers in small groups, where they played with them and told them about Israel, their towns, villages, kibbutzim and, of course, about their role in Scouting, and their anticipation of joining the army in one year's time. These Scouts are already leaders of the younger sections of Scouting in Israel.

At noon they left for Niagara Falls, where they performed in the evening for the communities of Niagara Region. The show started with a slight delay in the Queenston Heights Band Shell, Niagara Park. A crowd of more than 350 waited anxiously for their first show in Niagara. The setting was beautiful. *Rosaly Somash*, the organizer of the home-hospitality for the Israeli Scouts, stated "You have a full house, I see all members of the Synagogues of Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, as well as some from Welland. On no other occasion have I seen such a turn out."



Again a complete success, dancing, singing, you should have seen the audiences - which included park visitors! Many members of Scouting in the Niagara Region were in attendance.

The Caravan was greeted by *Robert Engel*, National Chairperson, Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding, and *Dr. Bernie Blackstone*, Chairman of UIA-Niagara. *Dan Walker*, Niagara Regional Commissioner - Scouts Canada, thanked the Caravan and presented the Scouts with badges and souvenirs of the Niagara Region.

The visit was co-sponsored by The Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding and United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. The Caravan had visited Montreal and Ottawa in June, with the same success as they had here in July. Next morning the Caravan left for the USA, where they performed until the end of August.

Don't miss the show next year, Shalom. ♦

On the occasion of the Jewish New Year,
Rosh Ha Shana 5757,
we wish all our Jewish members

Le Shana Tova

May you be inscribed for a happy,
healthy and peaceful New Year.

*The Provincial Council, the Provincial Staff and the
Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding*

COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! Another Scout year is upon us and there is no doubt it will be one of change and challenge.

I am writing this message with memories of our annual Algonquin Park canoe trip still fresh in my mind. It is a vivid reminder of the wealth of wilderness opportunities we have right on our doorstep, no matter where we live in Ontario.

This year, Peter and I did something a little different and took eight friends with us, four of whom had very limited canoeing experience and had never camped in the wilderness before. The reason I am sharing this with you is to show that wilderness canoeing is an option for all our senior sections regardless of how much experience the leaders have had. Certainly you need one Scouter with the appropriate canoe certification and camping experience, but if there is no one with the necessary skills in your group then invite a Scouter from your district or region to join you.

Our provincial and national parks are a good place to start if canoe tripping is new to you. They have well mapped out canoe routes with signed campsites . . . and portages. If equipment is an issue outfitters abound who rent out everything other than personal gear. Maps are available directly from the parks and tell you everything you need to know. If you have ever thought about taking your youth on a canoe trip but decided it was beyond the capabilities of your leadership team, think again. It is the perfect opportunity to offer the Scout program in the environment it was meant for and both youth and leaders can be guaranteed a challenging and fun filled time.

For groups in Southern Ontario interested in trips close to home, one book that is worth reviewing is Kevin Callan's *Cottage Country Canoe Routes*. It is a straight forward, no-nonsense little book that maps out 2-3 day trips in various parks in the Muskoka, Haliburton, and Kawarthas areas, giving the pluses and minuses of each route.

So next winter, when the wind is howling and the snow swirling around you and planning your group spring and summer activities seems a good thing to do, think about canoeing and all it offers. You will never regret the effort.

And in the meantime **GOOD SCOUTING !**



Judith Evans
Provincial Commissioner



Licensed to Scout

Scouts Canada graphic licence plates are now available through your Ministry of Transportation licensing bureau at a cost of \$53.10 (taxes included). All plates will be numbered with a two digit series number, the letters 'SC' and a two digit number, e.g. 02SC11, and will display the Scout Canada logo to the left of the numbers on the licence plate.

The Ministry of Transportation is also offering the option of "personalized" Scouts Canada graphic licence plates at an additional cost of \$125.00 (total cost \$185.85). These are also available through your local licensing bureau.

Help promote Scouting in Ontario by purchasing a set of graphic licence plates !!

Camp Directory

The final draft of the revised Provincial Camp Directory will soon be mailed to Regional and District Commissioners.

We hope to have the new Camp Directory completed by the end of the year.

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, as well as pictures, about your activities/events and articles by youth members such as the one on page 14. Articles will appear in future issues of *Provincial Notes*, but we may need to editorialize for clarity.

Editor,
Provincial Notes

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December	October 15, 1996
February	December 8, 1996
April	February 15, 1997
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