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## SCOUT - GUIDE WEEK



*We Recognize our Founder During our 90th Year*



*"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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# MEMBERSHIP

*David Chezzi, Vice President Membership*

Best wishes for a successful year to all members!

I challenge everyone to keep up the good work of increasing membership, by recruiting and growth retention, in your groups/districts /regions. You will notice that I have done my part by contributing ONE more member (namely, my son Connor) to the Scouting movement. As you can see, he is eager to become a member!



Many district presidents received a letter from me in early December, outlining their district's current status.

Those who are close to achieving 100% are encouraged to make every effort possible to increase membership. All those groups who are witnessing growth are urged to keep up the great work. It is through your efforts that we grow as a province.

Groups that have achieved growth in excess of last year are reminded to submit their registrations and discount card applications to take advantage of the "Scouting for Scouts" membership incentive.

My sincere congratulations to all the dedicated Scouters who are providing the best quality program to the youth of today. It is my hope that through a combined effort we may bring "Better Scouting for More Youth".

The birthday of our founder, B.-P., is rapidly approaching. You might consider a "bring a buddy" night in your sections, to allow more youth the opportunity of the Scouting experience. Remember, it's never too late to register!

As we enter into the major part of the regionalization process, let's make the needs of our youth and leaders the primary focus and promote the Spirit of Scouting during the transition period. +



# GROWTH



Congratulations to the following councils and unattached groups on their registration achievement for 1996-97, as verified by registrations received at the Provincial Office by December 19, 1996

The following councils have equaled or exceeded last year's membership figures:

District	Membership Increase	Percentage
Algonquin	5	102.60%
Big Creek	3	100.57%
Brockville	4	100.93%
Huron	3	100.48%
Milton	1	100.23%
Nipigon Bay	3	110.71%
Oshawa***	36	101.77%
Petawawa	13	105.02%
Prince Edward***		100.00%
St. Lawrence*	104	118.31%
Whitby***	48	103.45%

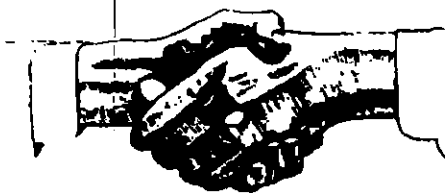
The council with the greatest percentage gain and the greatest increase is currently St. Lawrence District with 672 members, which is a 104 member increase for 118.31% and last year they achieved 100% of the previous year as shown by the \*. Councils with \*\*\* also exceeded 100% last year.

The following unattached groups have equaled or exceeded last year's membership figures:

Group	Membership Increase	Percentage
1st Blind River	75	412.50%
1st Chapleau***	29	155.77%
1st Cochenour		100.00%
1st Gore Bay***	6	118.75%
1st Hawkesbury	23	150.00%
1st Massey	2	105.56%
1st Webbwood	12	133.33%
5th Fort Frances***	3	104.11%

The unattached group with the greatest percentage gain and greatest increase in members is 1st Blind River with 99 members, which is a 75 member increase for 412.50%. Groups with \*\*\* also exceeded 100% last year.

It is heartening to know that 9% of the councils are already over 100% when only 68% have reported to date. Of the unattached groups 28% are already over 100% of last year's membership, with only 43% reporting to date. Let us continue to bring "Better Scouting for More Youth" all across Ontario! Best of luck in your efforts throughout the season.



## Congratulations to the sections in the following Regions that have been issued Scouting for Scouts Discount Cards (at time of going to press)

Blue Water Region	3 sections
Central Escarpment Region	20 sections
Great Lakes Region	13 sections
Greater Toronto Region	9 sections
Green Valleys Region	72 sections
Hamilton Wentworth Region	7 sections
Lakeridge Region	14 sections
Land-O-Lakes Region	3 sections

London Region	4 sections
Mississagi Region	9 sections
Mississauga Region	13 sections
National Capital Region	15 sections
Niagara Region	13 sections
Northland Region	2 sections
Northwestern Ontario Region	3 sections
Quinte Region	9 sections

## REGIONAL NOTES



### Greetings from Blue Water Region

#### Another Success

More than 210 Scouters from Blue Water and neighboring regions attended the Blue Water Region Conference on November 23, 1996 in Wingham. More than forty sessions were offered and some were repeated to meet the demand.

Special thanks to Roy Knight and Jay Campbell for their part in the success of the Conference and also to Adam MacKenzie, a Stratford Venturer, who spoke on his experience at the World Scout Conference and Youth Forum in Oslo this past summer.

### Please Mark Your Calendars

#### S.Y.D. Workshop

November 7, 8 & 9, 1997 . . . (near Hanover)  
..... Carlsruhe Creative Learning Centre  
.. Cost \$50.00 (includes meals and materials)  
To register please call or write:

Ellen Craig  
PO Box 607  
Palmerston, ON NOG 2P0  
519-343-2944

#### Like Stock Car Races?

Here's an event for you!

Sauble Speedway extends an invitation to all  
Cub Packs, Scout Troops  
and Venturer Companies  
to take part in the season opening of the  
racetrack on May 2-4, 1997

#### Includes:

- A tour of the track facility;
- Saturday BBQ supper;
- Attendance at all the warm-up races;
- Attendance at the main Sunday races;
- Participation in bicycle races during track down-time;
- See cars up close and meet the drivers;
- Camping on the racetrack property.

This event was a tremendous success last year, a first try for the racetrack located just outside Sauble Beach (at the foot of the Bruce Peninsula).

For a complete detailed information package and registration kit please call or write:

Ross Potter, Race Director  
680 23rd Street West  
Owen Sound, ON N4K 4G9  
519-376-0616 (after February 15, 1997)

### JAMFEST '97 May 23-25, 1997 Greenwood Conservation Area (MTRCA)

Pickering, Ontario  
Open to all Venturers and  
members of Guiding  
Cost

\$15.00 before May 1st . . . \$18.00 after

5th Markham Venturers are already  
hard at work planning an  
even better JamFest Camp  
Trying to outdo last year's  
campfire is a challenge . . .  
Look for all the usual activities,  
including car bashing;  
human bowling;  
the Saturday night dance;  
and a completely new  
awesome Friday night program

Watch for the 5th's newsletter or call:  
Kerri Artymko 905-294-KOPA  
or  
Mark MacLean 905-472-MARK

This is a very popular camp.  
Last year's JamFest had an attendance of  
more than 600, some from as far away as  
Marathon, Ontario. The organizers gave  
away approximately 54 pieces of slightly  
used chesterfields and chairs to the  
groups that registered early.

## LAND-O-LAKES REGION

### Please Mark your Calendars!

#### Project Wild Course

April 19, 1997 . . . . . Base Borden  
To register and for more information contact:  
Louise Stewart  
705-687-2533

#### CJ'97 Pre-Jamboree Camp

May 23-25, 1997 Location to be Announced

#### Chief Scout Award Ceremony

June 21, 1997 . . . . . Orillia, Ontario

#### Regional White Tail Day

Coming in May . . . . For more information,  
contact:

Sheila McNeice  
705-687-5513

### B.-P. Said, "Train Them and Let Them Lead!"

Hats off to Venturer John Ashton and the 10th Peterborough (St James) Venturer Company, for doing just that!

The 10th Venturer Company planned, organized, and ran the Stockwood Venturee last October at Peterborough District's Brookwood Scout Reserve. The Venturers were armed with only a planning guide, an encouraging and accommodating Advisor, their youthful enthusiasm, and a "Field of Dreams" attitude. (If we build it, they shall come!).

The event was a huge success, 103 Venturers, Rovers and Advisors attended, either as participants or staff. Of the fifteen Venturer Companies present, eleven came from other districts.

Stockwood made a small profit. The youth enjoyed themselves by participating in the various challenges and soaking up the last of the October sunshine. The Advisors also had a good time. Conversations with the Advisors indicated that enough of them were interested in running a Venturer Part I Course during the winter.

Perhaps the greatest indication of the success of Stockwood was the common query, "Is this going to become an annual event?", from both participants and Advisors. Hopefully, the answer is "yes"!

Stockwood represents the second major event in the district this year in which youth have had a major role. Earlier in the year, the 23rd Peterborough (St Giles) Company, organized and ran the District Camporee which was also a huge success with 210 youth participants.

By encouraging youth involvement in undertaking planning and running these events in the district, we are not doing ourselves out of a job, we are merely passing the torch. +

Al Hoard,

Peterborough District Commissioner

### ST LAWRENCE REGION SCOUTING CONFERENCE

Saturday and Sunday  
MARCH 22-23, 1997  
C.F.B. PETAWAWA

Meet old and new Scouting friends and participate in many sessions and displays

Cost \$10.00 per person  
Meals & Accommodation extra

To register contact:  
Manson Fleguel 613-732-7703

# 1997 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN ONTARIO

## WOOD BADGE PART II COURSES

Wood Badge Part II & Family Camp  
(Colony Pack Troop Company/Crew)  
July 27-August 3 ..... at TBA  
..... St Lawrence Region  
August 9-17 ..... at CFB Borden



## COLONY

January 31-February 2, February 14-16,  
February 28-March 2 .....  
..... at G.T.R. Office/Woodland Trails  
June 28-July 5 ..... at Blue Springs  
August 2-9 ..... at Blue Springs  
October 31-November 2, November 14-16,  
November 28-30 ..... at Blue Springs

## PACK

April 4-6, April 25-27, May 9-11 .....  
..... at G.T.R. Office/Woodland Trails  
May 9-11, May 30-June 1, June 6-8 .....  
..... at Camp Wadiscoca (Wallaceburg)  
July 5-12 ..... at Blue Springs  
August 2-9 ..... at Blue Springs

## TROOP

February 21-23, March 7-9, March 21-23  
..... at Camp Nemo, Hamilton  
March 21-23, April 18-20, May 9-11 .....  
..... at Woodland Trails  
June 28-July 5 ..... at Blue Springs  
July 26-August 2 ..... at Blue Springs  
August 9-16 .....  
..... at Haliburton Scout Reserve

## COMPANY/CREW

January 10-12, January 24-26,  
February 7-9 ..... at G.T.R. Office  
March 21-23, April 11-13, April 25-29  
..... at Camp Wadiscoca (Wallaceburg)  
July 19-26 ..... at Blue Springs

## SERVICE TEAM

January 17-19, February 7-9, February  
21-23 ..... at G.T.R. Office  
April 11-13, April 25-27, May 9-11  
..... at Blue Springs  
July 26-August 2 ..... at Blue Springs

## TRAINER DEVELOPMENT COURSES

### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS (BASIC)

July 5-11 ..... at Blue Springs  
August 16-22 ..... at TBA

### METHODS AND ASSESSING NEEDS

April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11 .....  
..... at G.T.R. Office  
July 19-26 ..... at Blue Springs  
October 24-26, November 7-9,  
November 21-23 ..... at Blue Springs

## SPECIALTY COURSES

### SCOUTER IN TRAINING

March 8-14 ..... at Blue Springs  
August 9-17 ..... at CFB Borden  
August 17-23 ..... at Blue Springs

### MANAGEMENT PRACTICES & PROCEDURES

January 24-26, February 21-23, March  
14-16 ..... at Blue Springs  
CAMPMASTER  
October 3-5, October 17-19, October 31-  
November 2 ..... at Blue Springs

### HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN

January 31-February 2  
..... at Blue Springs  
March 21-23 ..... at Blue Springs

### PRESIDENTS & COMMISSIONERS WEEKEND

February 14-16 ..... at Blue Springs  
September 26-28 .....  
..... at Northern Ontario Location

## SCOUTING AUXILIARIES



Restructuring necessitates more volunteers, including Auxiliary members. Scouting Auxiliaries (or *Helping Hands*) consist of parents and other interested adults dedicated to helping group committees and leaders provide the best Scouting program possible to the youth in their group.

Auxiliaries are able to take many functions off the shoulders of leaders, allowing them to concentrate on running their program. Leaders requests are sanctioned by group committees for Auxiliary members to act as badge coaches.

Auxiliary members can keep updated records showing progress, filling out forms, applications, etc. When extra help is needed for supervision and transportation, Auxiliary members are an asset.

Auxiliaries can sew Group neckerchiefs as well as clean and repair *Experienced Uniforms*.

Auxiliaries (with group committee permission - see B.P. & P. Page 18) can help with fund raising. They can organize and help with bazaars, garage sales, fashion shows, card parties, calendar sales, Christmas cards, trees, etc. to financially assist participation in area camps, training, jamborees, exchange visits, etc.

Auxiliaries can provide refreshments for Christmas, Halloween, Kub Kar Rallies, Scoutrees, Apple Day, Meals for banquets, camps and parties.

These are just a few ways that Auxiliaries can be helpful. They can also help with division or regional events to make the load lighter.

The Provincial Advisory Committee look forward to assisting new regions in explaining and training possible Auxiliary members and seeing every group become well-rounded and viable with all sections functioning.

We will explore how an Auxiliary can benefit areas/districts/regions and the Provincial Advisory Committee's role.

If you have thoughts on this subject please contact any PAC member or write, as soon as possible, to:

Chairman P.A.C. for Scouting Auxiliaries  
9 Jackes Avenue  
Toronto ON M4T 1E2

# SALUTE TO SCOUTERS "IN THE NEWS"

Excerpts are taken from the indicated articles

## Paraplegic Scout wins award

By Ashante Infantry, Staff Reporter, Toronto Star

Don Boyd, a 69-year-old Bendale Blvd (Scarborough) resident received the city's special Bicentennial Civic Award of Merit (in December).

He picked up a gold medallion and a certificate to add to the dozen or so citations that line the wall of his study, commemorating Boyd's 50 years of service to Scouts Canada and the community.

Boyd (who sat on two provincial committees, Public Relations and Scouting for Youth with disabilities) has held every Scouting position at the local level, beginning as a Boy Scout at age 12.

Boyd says "it's the fun, the friendship and the camaraderie" that's kept him involved

in Scouts this long, adding he plans to "stick around as long as they'll have me." He was one of 200 people honored with Scarborough's one-time bicentennial year awards in a ceremony held at the Civic Centre.

The recipients had to be past or present residents of Scarborough or have worked in the city and distinguished themselves beyond the confines of Scarborough through outstanding achievement.

Award winners were chosen from more than 1,000 entries and represented culture, politics, sports, community activism and business. But like Boyd, many of the recipients were not household names, although their achievements were legendary.

## He's one of 200 to get bicentennial honor at Civic Centre

Boyd became a paraplegic after falling from an apple tree in 1955. After nearly a year in hospital, he returned to his job at a printing company and to his duties as Scoutmaster.

Boyd credits his then-fiancee Louise and his Scouting colleagues for "encouraging me and accepting me as I was."

Boyd talks sparingly about the accolades he has received over the years, including the Scouts Canada prestigious Bar to the Silver Acorn in 1992 and Scarborough Citizen of the year in 1969.

Editor: We're delighted to see Don's recognition - he also was a proof reader for Provincial Notes while on the Public Relations Committee.

## Holocaust survivor delivers gifts

By Theresa Boyle, Staff Reporter, Toronto Star

Forget the red hat and sleigh, Santa Claus wears a Scout beret and drives a blue Chevy minivan. He's 73 years old and he's Jewish. He's also a survivor of the Holocaust.

Meet Robert Engel, a coordinator with Scouts Canada (GTR) and the man who organizes the delivery of 18,000 gift boxes from The Star's Santa Claus Fund.

It doesn't matter that he doesn't celebrate the holiday himself, "We call it a *mitzvah*," he says, using the Hebrew word for a good deed. "These are the kids who probably wouldn't otherwise get a Christmas present. I don't care if they're Muslim or Buddhist and they don't celebrate Christmas. I know from my own children that when you live in a Christian country, you go to the shopping mall and hear 'Jingle Bells'. I just want to make these kids happy."

And that he does, showing up on doorstep after doorstep, bearing brightly wrapped presents. On this day, he helps deliver 70 boxes in North York.

### "I just want to make these kids happy"

Engel derives immense satisfaction from playing Santa Claus. This is his 11th year making deliveries. "My reward is seeing the children's eyes light up".

### Caught by Nazis

His generous spirit is fueled by a childhood of unthinkable deprivation and horror. He was born in Berlin and survived World War II by fleeing to Amsterdam at the age of 15. He joined the Jewish underground there, but was picked up by the Nazis and detained at Westerbork, the largest concentration/transit camp in the Netherlands during the German occupation. Westerbork was known as "the stepping stone to Auschwitz," the Nazi death camp run by the Germans in Poland, where more than one million people, mostly Jews, were murdered.

Engel was liberated at the war's end by Canadian soldiers. His mother and sister escaped from Germany by obtaining visas to England after applying to work as maids in London.

## The Star Santa Claus Fund 90th Anniversary

"The rest of my family was murdered," Engel says in a solemn tone.

Through the Santa Fund and the Scouts movement, the North York man devotes himself to helping children. He's recruited some 1,000 Scouts, leaders, parents and volunteers to help deliver the gift boxes.

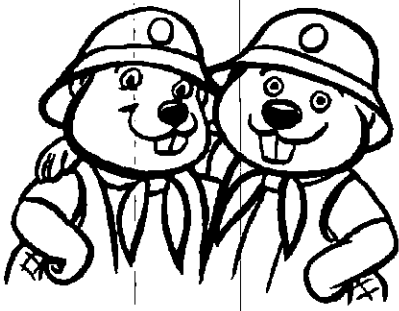
### Child's Smile

"It's nice to be able to put a smile on a child's face," says Scout leader John Mitchel, 39. "More people should do this."

"I do this for very selfish reasons," offers Scouter Mike Johnson, 44, assistant vice-president of computer systems with Manulife Financial. "It makes me feel good."

Scouter Joe Godwin helps coordinate a gift box depot. "When they want something done, they get us old guys to do it!"

Editor: We're proud of you and all the other Scouters who spread good will throughout the year.



## Let's Discuss the Registration Fee

*David Chezzi, Vice President Membership  
and Brian Moore, Director of Field Services*



During this season of difficult employment and income circumstances, the Provincial Office has fielded many more concerns about the registration fee than in past years. The following are some thoughts that may help address some of these concerns and may provide understanding about how fees are established.

First, there is a sense that Scouting is like business or government. As a charity, Scouting has for its ninety years, been conscious that it needs to be a vigilant steward of the limited resources available, especially where money is concerned. Only our uniform gets greater discussion and scrutiny than finances. No fee increase is ever applied lightly whether we are in difficult economic times or not. We are conscious that each increase does have an impact on people's choice to continue their membership. We are not being "wise in the use of all resources" if we do not expect our operating costs to be met by our anticipated revenue. Fund raising is limited by policy for senior councils. Donations are never a certainty (especially in these difficult times). This only leaves senior councils with the registration fee as the revenue source. To deliberately plan to put the organization in a deficit position would be unconscionable for our decision makers. Second, there is a need to understand the process for determining the fees. As you know, each group selects its representative to the local council. The local councils in turn determine their representatives and officers to more senior levels through various elections. The regions, provincial and national levels use this process through to our world congress

delegates. All of these voting delegates are volunteers conscious of the role of volunteering and the commitment of time and energy other volunteers are already providing. At each council level, budgets are not reviewed line by line. To address individual line items, we have left that to council officers (treasurers and finance committees) and staff (bookkeepers, comptrollers and Scout executives). The role of the council is to set the

The decision makers of Scouts Canada would never wish to communicate such a message. Through the group or council we would hope that families experiencing economic hardship can receive assistance. The local council, service clubs or a personal donor could be called upon to ensure that no one is barred from Scouting due to financial need.

Finally, there needs to be a realization that when you compare the National, Provincial or Regional registration fee of \$27.75 to other expenses, such as \$30 for a weekend camp or \$40 for the weekly dues paid annually, it is excellent value for the money.

Our registration fee ensures us strong support. Dues to the World Bureau provide us membership in the world wide movement which includes support to the international secretariat, expansion into once communist countries, and ensures standards for our program and training. The fee maintains insurance coverage for our active program. It guarantees a

national body to provide a current and continually improving program. The fee ensures provincial and regional service and support so that the majority of volunteers can confidently use their limited time and resources in the voluntary way they most wish, within the very local environment of their neighbourhood.

While we in Scouts Canada always will guard against needless expenditures, it is hoped that this information helps you to understand how decisions are made and the role you can play in safeguarding our valuable resources through personal involvement or that of your representatives. †



philosophical pattern:

- "Do we wish staff resourcing?"
- "Should volunteers be compensated for travel that is beyond local environs?"
- "Do we need to have a camp?"
- "Are there more economical ways of managing our office/secretariat?"

With each of these decisions come costs or savings. They are reviewed regularly and budgets adjusted accordingly. Each decision is made democratically while being conscious of the representative voices. The result, however, will never be to have no fees because in our society anything that is free is worthless.

# ROVERING IN ONTARIO

## ONTARIO ROVER COUNCIL

### November Conference

The ORC gathered in the beautiful Scout Camp known as Mt. Nemo, in the Hamilton-Wentworth Region of Ontario.

The Conference consisted of the usual activities: late nights, early mornings and jokes-a-plenty. Another purpose of the Conference was to educate the Rovers in Ontario by providing a series of sessions.

This year's sessions covered *Fundraising*, with some delicious cookies, a Presentation on *Technology and Rovering*, a *Campfire*, *Progress of the ORC* and *Environmental Hiking and Stewardship*. The environmental session detailed the efforts of an ecologist and Scouter in Hamilton-Wentworth, to turn Mt. Nemo into a model of mixing maximum Scouting use while preserving the wilderness. The hike was a welcome chance to get some fresh air and get the blood flowing on such a cold day. The weekend's meeting produced some very interesting results.

### Challenges

- ① Dan McLean, Jr. challenged everyone to run the new Hug-a-Tree program with at least one group.
- ② Dan from 1st Camlachie challenged everyone to write an article for the Canadian Rover-Eh!? Magazine detailing the history and facilities of a local Scout Camp. The ORC would also like to congratulate The Canadian Rover-Eh!? on its very successful first year in publication.

The ORC Executive would like to thank the Conference Co-Chairs, Alison Bray and Kevin Bouchard, their staff, and Ian Reilly, Conference Liaison. They hosted a very successful Conference.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ORC MEETING

### National Rover Review

The September 1996 copy of the draft has been released, although changes in the current draft are relatively minor. Copies can be obtained from your regional representative or your regional office.

### Hug-A-Tree

The Rovers of Canada have been asked to train the children of the country in the RCMP's version of the "Hug-A-Tree" program. The training program will not only include members of the younger sections of Scouting, but also expand to the general populace in the same age range. Each trainer will be provided with a set of colouring books and a 20 minute video.

Please contact your  
Regional Commissioner, Regional President,  
Provincial Field Executive,  
or Executive Director for further information.

### Canadian National Rover Moot

Ian Guppy made a presentation on the National Rover Moot, which will be held in Nova Scotia in August 1998. A flyer is available, just contact your representative, any member of the executive or cruise the World-Wide-Web . . . . <http://www.ccn.cs.dal.ca/~aa493/moot98.html>

The ORC Web is . . . <http://www.csclub.uwaterloo.ca/u/afuchiga/ORC>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**5th Milton will be holding a Car Rally on February 8**  
Contact Gilles Laframboise at 905-878-4020 for details

**Hamilton-Wentworth Region will be hosting a Snowball Moot February 14-16**  
Contact Kevin Dunn at 905-388-6801 for details

**Ontario Rover Council - March Meeting/Weekend March 7-9th 1997**

Location: Great Lakes Region  
Contact: Rob Shlemkevich - ORC Chair  
460 Victoria Street, Sudbury ON P3C 1K9  
705-673-2360

**Lakeridge Region will be hosting a Scouting Conference on March 27**  
Contact Marc MacLean 905-472-2030 for details

**Central Escarpment Region will be hosting a Triathlon May 2-4**  
Contact Ryan Leggo at 905-845-1283 for details

**Ontario Rover Council - May Meeting/Weekend May 9-11 1997**

Location: Greater Toronto Region  
Contact: Albert Fuchigami - ORC Vice-Chair (Program)  
1135 Logan Avenue #201, Toronto ON M4K 3Y2  
416-421-3291 [afuchigami@undergrad.math.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:afuchigami@undergrad.math.uwaterloo.ca)

**Quinte Region is planning a Rover Basic**  
Contact Mary McTaggart 705-292-0020  
or Nicky Patterson 705-743-8955 for details

**The next Australian Moot will be held over New Years 1998-1999**  
Contact Albert Fuchigami at 416-421-3291 for details

## 19th World Jamboree



Imagine celebrating Christmas Day basking on a warm Pacific Ocean beach while Canadians shiver at home!  
The complete Jamboree experience runs from December 22, 1998 through January 9, 1999 (including home hospitality).

As a member of the Canadian contingent, you'll stay in Chile (probably Santiago) for three days after the Jamboree to experience home hospitality with a Chilean family.

If you're a Scout, Venturer or adult volunteer and meet the qualifications then you're eligible to attend.  
You must be a registered member of Scouts Canada during the event, and for two years before the event.

The Jamboree fee for youth participants and leaders is \$3,750

For further information or assistance with your application, please contact your local Scout office or Scout Executive.



# WORLD SCOUTING NEWS

## It's easier with a friend

War in ex-Yugoslavia caused destruction and suffering for millions of people. Many had to leave their homes and their possessions. There are an estimated 600,000 refugees and displaced persons now living in Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Saviz Izvidjaca Jugoslavie (Scout Association of Yugoslavia) is one amongst many organizations which are working alongside relief agencies such as the UNHCR.

Children are most affected. Many of them live with no sense of belonging, no values, no toys, not even friends. Scouts from Yugoslavia want to give them a friendly hand and pleasant experience.

"By inviting them into our units, our activities and camps, we can make their childhood easier," explains international commissioner Milutin Milosevic. "Units and groups in other countries can also involve themselves in our projects for refugees. This will be our practical contribution to implementing the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organization and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, signed during the last World Scout Jamboree."

## UK youth think that...

The Scout Association of the United Kingdom recently commissioned a survey of young people's out-of-school activities and their views on some aspects of Scouting. Over 4,500 young people aged 11-16 completed questionnaires administered by MORI, the professional pollsters.

Here is just a sample of the points of interest which emerged: the most common motive for pursuing out-of-school activity is 'to have fun' (62% boys, 71% girls); a quarter of 11-16 year olds want to do outdoor activities, boys more than girls (29% and 18% respectively); more girls than boys want a chance to help other people (14% and 8% respectively), with similar figures for creative activities; 52% of existing Scouts feel that Scouts should be mixed; 68% of non-Scouts who would like to join Scouts feel it should be mixed; only 10% of 11-16 year olds think Scouting should be for boys only.

## B-P House Facelift

The Baden-Powell House hostel in London is closed for a major renovation and will reopen March 16, 1997. Thousands of visitors use the residential and conference facilities each year. Improvements include air conditioning,

purpose designed meeting and conference facilities, and 180 beds instead of 112.

## JOTA & JOTI?

Scouts know about Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) but what is JOTI?

Jamboree on the Internet has been born by popular demand, and with some World Scouting encouragement. During the traditional JOTA weekend in October, the World Scout Bureau received nearly 8,000 Internet contacts, in various forms.

## Poland: a story from Oslo

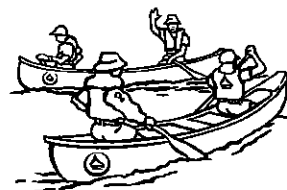
At the World Scout Conference in Oslo, 76-year-old Stefan Mirowski, President of the Polish Scout Organization (ZHP) surely had his dream come true: after 50 years, Poland was once again welcomed into the World Scout Organization.

Ever since he made his Scout promise as a 12-year-old in 1932, Stefan was deeply involved in Scouting, working underground when necessary. (His brother was killed in the underground Scout organization during the war and he himself was a hero of the underground.) His accomplishments and his commitment to the ideals of Scouting tell a story that seems unimaginable to those in countries where Scouting has never been banned or manipulated by the government.

In Oslo, the standing ovation from hundreds of the world's leaders of Scouting, the press conference, and the joyous meeting at the Polish Embassy were proud moments. But the emotion turned out to be too much for him. He passed away in Oslo the day after the Conference closed. He now rests in the Scout section of the Warsaw cemetery. The Secretary General of WOSM paid his respects to him and the other Scout heroes of WWII in October during an official visit to the Polish Scout Association, whose membership in World Scouting Stefan Mirowski had made possible.

## Invitation to Parliamentarians

The Second General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union will be held August 17-22, 1997 in Manila, Philippines. The event is being supported by the top Government and Scouting leadership in the Philippines, and promises to be an outstanding gathering. Invitations have been sent directly to the President of the Parliament, or equivalent institution, in all Scouting countries, and to national Scout organizations. Registration by December 1, 1996 was strongly encouraged.



## BADEN-POWELL LAKE CONQUERORS

RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

"You took up the challenge, you found B-P Lake, located the cairn and signed the log book.

*The joy of achievement  
is shared by others, too,  
who hope life's best  
and finest things  
will always come to you!*

We salute your skills, efforts, enthusiasm and groans and we are honoured to have your names join ours in the log book.

Well done Scouters  
Joe & Don Ecclestone  
(original B-P Lakers)

## What now you say?

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### BADEN-POWELL LAKE 30th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

at  
THE CAIRN  
on  
AUGUST 15, 1999  
(3rd Sunday in August)  
1:00 p.m. SHARP  
at 45° 39' - 78° 41'  
Algonquin Park

### RAIN OR SHINE

#### *It's Party Time*

Hopefully, we will see all Scouters who have signed (or wish to sign) the special 30th Anniversary Log Book.

### UNTIL 1999 GOOD SCOUTING!

Joe & Don Ecclestone  
ex Scouters - Toronto  
416-429-7782

*Editor: And we salute Joe and Don for offering this challenge to Scouting in Ontario and their generosity in providing the badges in the cairn.*



*Be  
There!*

### Looking for Transportation to CJ'97?

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905-528-7919

**Please make cheques payable to Scouts Canada**

## LAKERIDGE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar - Saturday, March 22, 1997

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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**

### *Lamp of Learning Award 1997*

Nominations to be submitted before February 15, 1997

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation cordially invites you to nominate one or more persons in your community, **who must not be a member(s) of the teaching profession**, as candidates for the 1997 Lamp of Learning Award, which is presented annually by OSSTF.

The successful candidate will be selected by a panel of judges on the basis of exemplary contributions to public secondary education in Ontario. This may consist of constructive participation in educational affairs over a number of years. Or of work on some recent and specific undertaking. Achievements may be province-wide or local in scope.

Greater stress will be laid on nominations which cite recent accomplishments rather than those of a decade or more ago and on specific individual accomplishments rather than membership in the "right" organizations.

If there is someone you would like to nominate we can fax an application form to you.

Please call the Dorothy Watkins with your fax number  
416-923-2461 ext 224

## Mother can't afford gifts, child loses faith in Santa

By Theresa Boyle, Staff Reporter, Toronto Star - December 14, 1996

Five-year-old Rachel refuses to see Santa this year.

Her mother offered to take her to visit him at the mall earlier this week, but the child declined.

"Mommy, I talked to Santa Claus before and asked him for what I want, but I never got it," she said angrily.

At her tender age, the child already knows how cruel and unfair life can be.

"My friends get toys, but I don't. Are we poor?" She asked her mother, - more a statement than a question.

Her mother's heart bleeds for Rachel and her sister, Fiona, 11.

"Every year our Christmas and holidays are so depressed," says Dana, 38.

Poverty, hopelessness and despair have pushed the woman to the edge.

She suffers from severe depression and says the only thing that keeps her going are her daughters.

But she says she feels like an inadequate mother, easily snapping and not being able to provide for the pair.

"I get mad so often because I am depressed," Dana says. She takes anti-depressants for her mood swings. She also suffers from arthritis and a thyroid disorder.

She struggles to pull herself

together, but is easily defeated. She has been rejected for more jobs than she can count.

She did her best to celebrate Fiona's 11th birthday Thursday, but she feels her efforts are never enough.

Thanks to Star readers, Rachel and Fiona will indeed be remembered by Santa this year. They are among 35,000 needy children in Metro who will receive gift boxes from The Star's Santa Claus Fund. Each box contains warm clothes, toys, books and candies.

The fund counts on Scouts Canada to deliver many of the boxes.

"It gives you a very good feeling," says Scouts coordinator Robert Engel. "I've been blessed in so many different languages."

**The Scouts' efforts are crucial to the success of the campaign,** says Star Publisher John Honderich.

"I've always been impressed by the vigor and selflessness of the Scouts in volunteering their time to make the fund work," he says.

By donating their services, the Scouts help to cut down on the cost of running the campaign, Honderich notes. "It means more money goes into the boxes and not into delivery."

*Scouters, thanks to you all, we made it happen!  
Happy New Year from Santa's Team*

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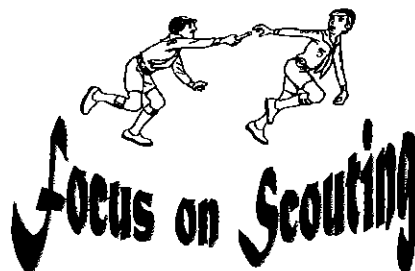
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## COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



Scout-Guide Week is a high point of the Scouting year. One of the benefits is that the focus on our Movement puts us up front and centre in the public eye. Unfortunately it is only seven days long. Scouting would profit greatly if we could keep that kind of spotlight on us during the rest of the year. We would increase the sense of pride both youth and adults have in our Movement as well as increasing community awareness and support of our programs.

How can a Program Scouter promote this? After all, we are busy with the youth and surely that is up to the "marketing group"! Not so. Certainly they have an important role to play but the practical demonstration of Scouting is the job of the front line Scouter, the person who actually gets out there and delivers the program. Unless there are tangible signs that Scouting is alive and well, no marketing program will succeed.

There are a number of ways to promote Scouting in your community. One of the simplest is to ensure that the youth wear their uniform when they are participating in community projects and events. Flags and banners all add to the effect so that passers by cannot mistake that this is **Scouting in Action**. Parades are great for this. The youth have the fun of putting together a float and riding on it and Scouting gets a little limelight as a bonus.

Similarly, taking your program outside at every available opportunity serves to promote Scouting, with no additional effort on your part. The sight of a Scouting section involved in an outside activity brings more than smiles to the passers by. Ensuring that any equipment you use has the Scout logo is also great advertising.

Local papers are always hungry for news. It is worthwhile developing a relationship with them to promote coverage of Scouting events, particularly award ceremonies or the more unusual of your activities. The youth love to see their names and pictures in print and, once more, Scouting is in the forefront.

Equally as important is how we, as Scouters, talk about Scouting to our non-Scouting friends. Sharing our sense of pleasure and pride at belonging to such a great organization is a message all on its own. Take time to update the "old fashioned" image some adults still have by talking about our current programs and how we now have both genders at all levels and youth from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds.

Opening up Scouting events to the community is great advertising. Hold your program in a shopping mall and ask youth who are passing by to participate. Run a pancake breakfast at one of your camps to bring in the community. The number of ways to do this are only limited by your imagination.

We have a great program that offers a unique experience for youth. I challenge you, as Program Scouters, to play an active role in promoting Scouting.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Judith Evans".

Judith Evans  
Provincial Commissioner

