

THE ROUND-UP



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At camp, I found the person I wanted to be...

Dear Camp:

I met you when I was newly 18, and, as you do to so many of us, you changed me. The confidence I gained from learning new hard skills, soloing a canoe for the first time and tying new knots made me grow. By working with a team and learning from them, in addition to teaching youth, I became more confident and self-assured. My energy and enthusiasm exploded every campfire and mess hall rock out, and that stayed with me into university.

The beauty of the mainland gave me a deeper appreciation of nature and an urge to better understand it. This place taught me better time management, first aid and social skills. And most importantly—through my kids—the importance of a lust for life and an energy and enthusiasm for new knowledge and experiences.

People I've worked with here have become like my family—like brothers. Two years in a row I went straight from the airport to Sespenaak instead of going home.

At camp I found the person I wanted to be.

Letter and photo of Soldier's Lake shared by members of Camp Lone Cloud staff



WE MUST VIEW YOUNG PEOPLE NOT AS EMPTY BOTTLES TO BE FILLED, BUT AS CANDLES TO BE LIT.

Commissioner's corner



Don Connors, Commissioner

As we begin the new 2010-11 Scouting year, I look forward with lots of optimism and excitement.

Optimism abounds because so many new things are happening. The New Leader Welcome Kit is much more complete than the first one that was issued last Scouting year, and it looks great.

There are more E-Learning modules now available. This should help to at least expose our new leaders to some of Scouts Canada's good training material. Many of the Scouts Canada manuals for section leaders are now on-line and available to download.

Excitement grows on several fronts. A date for a new Canadian Jamboree was announced for the summer of 2013, which means that Cubs, Scouts and Venturers can start the planning and preparation for this large national gathering.

Preliminary registration numbers coming in have indicated that we are getting our message out to the community; youth and adults want to join Scouting!

I am excited to see or hear of our youth who have had a great summer by being involved in summer camps, summer programs, or travelling to other parts of the world, in the name of Scouting, and doing community projects. It is tremendously exciting to see the number youth involved in the planning and carrying-out of great public relations events in our Area, and seeing them grow as young adults.

There are some new and exciting events planned for Halifax Area, such as Scouting at the Movies for Beavers and Cubs, an Area-wide Kub Kar Rally, and then a Halifax and Dartmouth Areas Kub Kar Rally.

This is the 50th anniversary of Halifax Region/Halifax Area. We have a new Area badge to mark this special event. They are available from me only, at a cost of \$1.50 each and we encourage all Groups to purchase as a Group. Cheques should be made payable to Scouts Canada-Halifax Area. There is no expiry date for taking them off our uniform; that is right—they stay on forever so let's take all of those old Halifax Region badges off our uniforms!

Let our expectations be that every youth member and every Leader—including you—has an exciting Scouting year!



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Don Dorey has gone home

Don Dorey Sr., a much-loved and respected Scouter in Halifax, passed away on September 23. Don started Scouting in 1973 and served in various positions, including leader, trainer and commissioner. In 2000, Don was awarded the Silver Acorn. He was an exceptional Scouter, friend, mentor and role model and will be greatly missed.

Two of Don's children followed him into Scouting; Don Jr. and Roberta, along with their spouses, have served exceptionally well themselves. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree!

Scouting the movies

Halifax and Dartmouth Areas are pleased to present the movie Alpha and Omega in real 3D.

What makes for the ultimate road trip? Hitchhiking, truck stops, angry bears, prickly porcupines and a golfing goose with a duck caddy. Just ask Kate and Humphrey, two wolves who are trying to get home after being taken by park rangers and shipped half way across the country.

Tickets for this Cub and Beaver event are available on a first come-first served basis. If possible, leaders should gather ticket money and place Group orders. Cheques only please, made payable to Halifax Area, Scouts Canada, must be received by September 24 to confirm seating. Additional seating may be available after that date, however tickets will **not** be available the day of the event at the theatre.

Please arrive at the event as a Group. You will be met by a uniformed Scouting member. They will give youth a concession coupon and direct you to the concession area after which you will proceed to the indicated theatre. Another Scouting member will meet you there where you can exchange your ticket for a crest. Kids' Pack includes popcorn, pop and a candy treat; adults are responsible for their own concessions. Section leaders are responsible to address any allergy concerns.

When the event is over, leaders are responsible to ensure Beavers and Cubs are delivered safely to their parents.

Ratios as per BP&P apply, however we are attempting to seat as many youth as possible so please use discretion when ordering adult tickets.

Fun Bash draws a crowd

May Renfrew, 2nd Beaver Bank

We organized a Scouting Fun Bash in Beaver Bank late August of this year. It was held in a field with plenty of exposure to the travelling public. Flags, tents and uniforms were very much on display, and attracted attention to our event.

The Bash consisted of all our section leaders for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts showing up with great participation games for each station. Parents and youth could try any station games they wanted to. All you could hear in the field was laughter, as everyone tried out the games.

There was no time restriction on the parents coming and leaving as they wished, but most enjoyed the fun and stayed to the end.

We also had an early registration table, which some parents found very convenient, and here also was a great opportunity for new parents, and interested visitors to ask questions about Scouting to the leaders who were on hand to answer their queries.

Of course we had a barbecue on the agenda, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the great hot dogs and juice supplied free by our Group.

2nd Beaver Bank Group is always thinking of fun ways to promote Scouting to the public; we all believe in the adventure and fun of Scouting, and the leaders sure enjoy themselves, both in running their programs, and all the other fun combined events we hold throughout the year.

Hurry hard!

Terry Graves, Co-DAC Events

During the week of March 6-13, Scouts and Cubs were on the National Stage at the 2010 Tim Horton Brier.

On the first day, amid the organized confusion of any big event, Scouts and Cubs from Halifax Area were greeted by Brier staff, given event passes and whisked away to an area where flags and excitement were the order of the evening.

Wow! 1st Clayton Park provided Cubs and Scouts to a couple of colour parties (flags) at the Brier. What a good time. The unlimited doughnuts were awesome. So was the curling. The best part was when the son of Martin Gavin (from the Territories team) came to say hi. Martin was a leader with 1st Clayton Park before work forced him north.
— John Kuehn, 1st Clayton Park

Over the few weeks prior to the event, I called Dawn Perrin, the volunteer organizing the colour parties, so many times that we were on a first name basis. She required teams of six Scouting members for each one of 12 possible draws. The call for volunteers had been put out to Dartmouth Area, Girl Guides, Air and Police Cadets to name just a few.

Took my Cub group for the opening of the Brier and they all had the BEST time ever. They were thrilled to be on TSN and later got on the radio. Life was good for them!! Thanks!!
— Cathy Samms, 1st Uniacke

The leaders from Halifax Area responded quickly to the call and we were able to fill four draws. I watched from centre ice as Scouts and Cubs from Halifax Area paraded the colours, led by a piper and followed by curlers from all over Canada.

This was my first event after a long hiatus from Scouting and I couldn't have been prouder!

I just wanted to say thanks for all your help in organizing the Scouts' participation in the Brier. They were great and I hope they enjoyed the experience as much as we enjoyed having them. Thanks again.
— Dawn Perrin, Organizer, Tim Horton Brier

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Impressive stats!

- We mailed registration material to 1,000 Cub-aged youth and 800 leadership youth in Halifax Area, Dartmouth Area, Tri-County, Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, King's and Queen's.
- 11 CLC staff (past and present) volunteered their time coordinating and conducting road shows to 24 Cub Packs (approximately 300 youth), Moosehead Game, Scoutrees at Sears, Cub Fun Day, Sackville Heights Elementary School Spring Fair (250 youth), and several Kub Kar Rallies, taking approximately 122 hours of volunteer time.
- CLC staff members supported the PR efforts of Halifax Area at the Atlantic Canada Family Expo at Exhibition Park.
- The CLC website (www.camplonecloud.ca) contains information about current staff, programs, rental opportunities and endless photos of camp activities.

PRE-CAMP STAFF TRAINING

- All camp staff have current Standard First Aid certification. (They also have, as appropriate, lifeguard certification, pleasure craft operators certification, food safety training and WHMIS)
- Staff participated in approximately 10 days of pre-camp staff training. This includes program delivery, outdoor hard skills, dealing with homesick/troubled campers, first aid (incident report forms), special needs, child abuse, and risk management, to name a few topics.
- CLC employed 18 young people this summer, including one who came from Ottawa.
- HRM Deputy Mayor Brad Johns was Camp Director 20 years ago. He was guest speaker at the parent/staff barbecue this season.

PROGRAM

- Over the summer, special guests come out to the camp and deliver a specialty program. This year's guests: Chris Hoare, Ecology Action Centre, Astronomer, Jujitsu.
- The CLC Leadership Program is comprised of five days of skill building on the mainland including out trips to Soldier's Lake and then seven days on the island supporting the younger youth program.
- Some of the campers spend their out trip on Party Island.
- Each week, program activities are based on a theme. This year's: space, pirate, medieval, jungle, superhero and CLC goes Suessical.

PARTICIPANTS

- Camper numbers reached 112 this year, and Leadership reached a total of 95 (CIT 30, Advanced 27 and Junior 38).
- The CLC program increased overall Nova Scotia Council membership by 81 youth.
- Four campers and seven leadership youth attended camp for more than one session this season.
- CLC welcomed youth with a variety of needs including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, gluten-free diets and hypoglycemia.

It's about making a difference

James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board

I truly am very fortunate to have the opportunity each summer to spend time at Camp Lone Cloud and work with youth of our organization. The emotions displayed at the final campfire attest to the camaraderie, respect, friendship, teamwork, passion and dedication that built amongst the staff team this season.

Under the careful, kind, patient, skillful guidance of Camp Director Michael Kelly, 18 young people spent nine weeks together delivering a quality program to 207 youth from across the province. To say "thank you Michael" is simply not enough. Few can fathom the responsibility, pressures and celebrations of the role.

I have known Michael for a number of years in different capacities. He has been on staff as a Junior Counselor, Cabin Counselor, Out Tripping Director and Program Director. I, for one, am truly proud of this young man's accomplishments and each member of the organization should be making a point to acknowledge and thank him for his work.

Spending a Saturday at camp is indeed a highlight as participants reunite with their family and say good bye to the counselor who has become their friend. Hugs, waves and smiles tell so many stories. Thursday, August 26 was the last day on the island for staff. I spent most the last few hours with them and, like a Saturday with campers, I witnessed the full effect the summer had on us all.

It's more than numbers; it's more than dollars and cents. It's about making a difference.

The information in the sidebars will provide an opportunity for the reader to expand their understanding and increase their appreciation for small bits of CLC and its operations. Please share this with those who are interested.



2010 CLC Registration Results

Program	Armview	Hfx. Central	Basin Lakes	Harbour West	Sespenaak Centre	St. Margaret's	Dart-mouth	Tri-County	Col-chester	Other	No District	Total
Camper	19	5	22	0	6	0	7	4	0	13	36	112
Junior	1	5	7	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	16	38
Advanced	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	2	16	27
CIT	1	3	6	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	13	30
TOTAL	21	15	35	2	12	2	13	8	2	16	81	207
2009	17	12	15	2	11	2	20	5	5	14	110	213

Registration Statistics Comparison

Program	Budget	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Camper	135	112	119	148	145	148	172	193	184
Junior	45	38	27	51	26	33	47	63	62
Advanced	45	27	39	21	30	53	50	37	45
CIT	40	30	28	33	51	48	46	46	44
TOTAL	265	207	213	253	252	282	315	339	335



Big big news!

The Camping Association of Nova Scotia conducted a preliminary visit to Camp Lone Cloud, completed the 65+ page questionnaire with the Board Chair and subsequently have recommended to their board that CLC be certified with CANS.

It may take until Christmas time before the process is complete. Once confirmed, CLC will be listed on the CANS website as a member camp and we will be able to use their logo on our promotional material. This has been a work in progress for about 18 months.

You'll soon be able to find Camp Lone Cloud at www.campingns.ca.

Looters and Earl hit CLC

Hurricane Earl tore through Miller Lake and the Island Camp. In its wrath it split the docks from their mooring and they, along with the *Clipper*, were dragged to the lake's edge—anchors and all.

Looters attacked the *Clipper*, removing the steering wheel and console, cutting the cables to the 25HP motor and removing it from the *Clipper*. Fortunately, they were interrupted in their attempt to get away with the motor.

Several significant trees were felled on the island and much debris was caused from the heavy winds.

- 59 registrations (about 30% of total) were received after July 1 this year.

CAMPERSHIP

- CLC responded to 10 requests for Campership support in part or full.
- Rainbow Haven has been supporting CLC Campership for over 15 years.
- Rainbow Haven has turned their resources toward the United Way to manage in the future.
- Rainbow Haven supported CLC in the amount of \$1,223.50.
- CLC received \$550 in miscellaneous donations for campership: approximately \$390 from other participants directly and \$155 from generous donors.

MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Our camp director facilitated the original crew of volunteer carpenters who built the main structure of the new director's cabin in two days.
- The camp director and a leadership counselor re-shingled half of the roof on Twin Inns to make it habitable for the summer.
- The cost to replace two stovetop burner elements was \$300.
- Camp staff had to maintain good relations with our neighbors despite verbal threats, graffiti and damage to property.
- One individual, Gary McPherson, manages all maintenance needs.

RENTALS

- From the time camp was available in the spring, to the first of October, the camp was rented to 11 different groups/organizations totaling approximately 600 people.

HEALTH

- CLC is inspected annually by a representative of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and passed without fault or deficiency.
- CLC conducts regular water tests on the waterfront swimming area, wash house supply and kitchen supply through the pathology laboratory, approximately every two to three weeks throughout the season.

SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

- CLC raised funds necessary to purchase 10 walkie talkies.
- CLC purchased five pay-as-you-go cell phones to ensure all camp staff and participants were safe when away from base camp on out trips.
- CLC participated in the annual property compliance review conducted by the NS Council.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- Halifax Regional Municipality granted \$9,000 toward the construction of the new director's cabin.
- The Provincial Department of Sport and Recreation granted \$5,000 toward the construction of the new director's cabin.
- The Nova Scotia Power Good Neighbor Fund contributed \$1,000 toward the construction of the deck of the new director's cabin.

I'm a Leader, Be a Leader campaign comes to Halifax Area

Terry Graves,
Co-DAC Events

This summer, a family from Ontario moved in next door to me. I was explaining to the 11-year-old boy what he was close to in the community, and said that there was a Scout troop just a few minutes' walk from his new home.

He replied, "Scouts, what's that?"

In days gone past some children might not have had the opportunity to join, but would have certainly known what a Scout was. The time to sit quietly and rest on our past accomplishments, assuming that others would know of us by our reputation alone, has past.

The I'm a Leader, Be a Leader campaign is an opportunity for leaders from all levels of Scouting in Halifax Area to engage friends, family, co-workers and the general public in con-



versations about their roles in Scouting—by wearing the distinctive campaign button while working, attending community events, sporting activities, church, shopping and other places where it can be seen.

The campaign started in early September and the buttons, which are intended to be worn on uniform or civilian clothes, can be worn at any time during the year.

Recruitment of leaders is not just meant for the individual group who may or may not need them, but of leaders in general. When asked about their role, Scouters are asked to be as helpful and positive as possible. Potential leaders can be referred to the Scout Office (423-9227), where office staff will see that they are referred to the appropriate area.

For buttons contact Terry Graves or Don Connors.

Halifax Area Training Dates

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October 6

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October 14

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St. Margaret's Venturers paddle for gold



Venturers Christopher Anthony and Matthew Madill, along with troop scouter Kevin Anthony and adviser Christine Madill, went on a four-day canoe trip through Kejimikujik in late August. They did the Big Dam Lake–Frozen Ocean Lake–Kejimkujik Lake route. Christopher and Matthew completed the expedition for their gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Buy a Christmas tree and support Scouting

Jim Miller, Group Chair,
Hammonds Plains

Hammonds Plains will be selling Christmas trees this year. They will be grade one (the highest quality) and will be priced at \$35.00. Free delivery in the Hammonds Plains area.

Thank you for supporting Scouting and hope to see you on December 11-12 at Uplands Park, located just past the entrance to the Kingswood subdivision.

Upcoming events in Halifax Area

B - Beavers C - Cubs S - Scouts V - Venturers R - Rovers T - Tentative

September 2010

24-26 Provincial SVR Operation Alert

October 2010

TBA (T) St. Margaret's SVR Scout Island Camp
 2 Area BC Scouting the Movies
 Popcorn Kickoff
 6 Training Core
 9 (T) Armview C North East Regional Cub
 Meet
 14 Training ADHD and Scouting
 Workshop
 15-17 Provincial VR RAVE
 16 (T) Sespennaak Centre C Sixer/Seconder Training
 17 (T) Armview C Pack Mini Alert
 20 Area AMT Meeting
 22 Area BCSV Apple Day
 30 Training Group Committee

November 2010

TBA (T) St. Margaret's CS Orienteering Day
 3 Training Core
 5-7 Provincial Scouters' Conference
 6 (T) Provincial Provincial AGM
 11 National BCSVR Remembrance Day
 13 Training C Pack Section Specific
 13-20 (T) Sespennaak Centre B Beaver Movie Night
 17 Area AMT Meeting
 20 Training B Colony Section Specific
 20 Training V Company Section Specific
 20 Area BCSV Parade of Lights
 26-28 (T) Armview S Troop Fall Camp
 27-28 (T) Armview C Pack Fall Camp
 28 Community Spryfield Santa Claus
 Parade
 29 Community Bedford Santa Parade

December 2010

4 (T) Armview Wave Pool Zone Swim
 6 Community Halifax Explosion
 Memorial
 11 Area Christmas Leader Social

January 2011

1-30 National Operation Good Deed
 5-6 (T) Basin Lakes CS Frosty
 19 Area AMT Meeting

29 (T) Armview S Troop Winter Camp
 29 (T) Armview C Pack Winter Camp

February 2011

11-27 National Scout Guide Week
 19 (T) Sespennaak Centre C Kub Kar Rally
 19 Area BCSV Scout Night at the Metro
 Centre
 19 (T) St. Margaret's BCSV BP Campfire
 23 Halifax Central C Kub Kars
 26 (T) Sespennaak Centre BCSV Torchlight Parade
 27 (T) St. Margaret's BCSV Sunday Church Service

March 2011

9 Area AMT Meeting
 27 (T) Armview C Kub Kars/Scout Trucks

April 2011

2 (T) Basin Lakes C Kub Kars/Scout Trucks
 8 (T) Sespennaak Centre C Tenderpad Camp
 9 (T) Area C Halifax-Dartmouth
 Kub Kar Rally
 9 National Sears Scoutrees
 11-17 C Law Awareness Week
 16 Area CS/QV Medal of Maple
 Banquet
 16 (T) Armview C Pack Spring Camp
 20 Area AMT Meeting
 22 Community Earth Day
 23 Area SVR Scavenger Hunt
 23 Armview B Beaver Buggies
 30 Armview S Troop Camp Scoutrees

May 2011

3-5 (T) Armview S Camp Mush-Mush
 7 Area/Province BCSV Scoutrees
 7 (T) Armview B Shubie Wildlife Park
 8 Area B Beavereen
 10-12 St. Margaret's BCSV Bayjamb
 10-12 Provincial BC Lodges and Lairs
 12 Community BCSV Police Week
 14 Area C Cub Fun Day
 15 Area Scouters' BBQ and
 Social
 18 Area AMT Meeting
 22 Area BCSV Bluenose Marathon

Camp Lone Cloud—An adventure for youth (and visitors too!)

Terry Graves

It had been more than a decade since I last stepped foot on the island to take a look at the facility and the camping program offered to youth each summer on behalf of Halifax Area. I wanted to see as much as I could this past summer, and visited many times. Those of you who check out my photos on Facebook have seen some of what I saw during my visits. The photos hardly do the island justice.

We are indeed fortunate to have this camp so close to the city. CLC is located 12 minutes from my home in Dartmouth; waiting for staff to have an opportunity to pick me up at the dock usually took more time than the trip there.

Once on the island I quickly noticed that themes were the order of the day: Space, the Jungle Book, Superheroes and Dr. Seuss were a few I witnessed. Each week's theme was reflected in the games and activities for the youth, costumes worn by the staff, and in the elaborate decorations and whimsical creations in the dining hall. Complete with a storyline which was worked into program the entire week, it was a fantastic feat of imagination.

The staff was, to say the least, insane. I mean that in a good way. I saw staff members who endured eating cold beans (not on the menu), being thrown in the lake, and long, long hours. But through it all I saw their compassion for the youth they mentored to as councilors. No concern of a



camper was too small—right down to the last day of camp they were in good spirits and took everything in stride.

I attended four campfires and rarely saw them perform the same skit, yell the same yell or sing the same song unless they really wanted to. It would have been easy to repeat the campfire program each week for a different group, but they didn't.

The food was great, with variety and healthy choices being on the menu, as well as an occasional wedge of pie or piece of cake. At the last meal of the last day of the last week, I, along with many other guests, had the privilege to witness a truly spiritual and wonderful event. As we neared the completion of the meal the camp began singing spontaneously; the youth began to dance around and as I sat there I



looked around and thought to myself, "This is good."

There were tears and farewells in the dining hall after campfire as staff and campers realized it was over for another year.

I truly urge all of you, if given the opportunity, make time to visit Camp Lone Cloud—but watch out for the Rope Tangler and Cat in the Hat!

Scout Shop now offers more value for fewer \$\$

Kevin Hughes, Scout Shop Manager

As a store manager, nothing is more disheartening than to have a Scouter come in to have a tent repaired or look for poles, etc., and when I ask the question, "Where did you buy this" or "How much was this" to hear the item was purchased at Walmart or Canadian Tire. What is unfortunate is that if they had only asked me first they would have received better quality merchandise and at a preferred Scouting price.

The Scout Shop offers a 15% discount on regularly-priced camping and outdoor items in the catalogue and in the store (excluding Coleman products and Scouts Canada logoed items)—and this special discount is available to any Scouting member as well as parents and groups!

This idea has been in the works for some time and is an attempt to keep our members provided with good quality camping equipment at great prices, and to keep money within the Scouting Movement.

Our Facebook page promotes weekly specials, sales and clearances, and it is a great page to become a fan of. Simply search The Scout Shop Saint John for everything from tents and backpacks to sleeping bags and freeze-dried meals.

If you have questions or want quotes on purchases, call me toll free at 1-866-535-6556 or email saintjohnshop@scouts.ca and I will work to get you the best deal I can.