

Camp Lone Cloud Island After Juan

James Robertson,
ARC Camp Management

Noontime on September 29 my phone rang. It was a neighbor calling me on his cell phone, having just passed Miller Lake.

“James, your pontoon boat and four docks are halfway up the lake, against the highway.”

I made a few phone calls and off we went to the camp. Mike Stewart and I were the first to reach the island.

A neighbour on the lake had kindly retrieved the *Clipper* and secured it at another neighbour's dock. I walked from the *Clipper* House to the campfire circle thinking that things weren't too bad. Not a twig out of place at the campfire. As I proceeded through the field, I realized that the Field

Cabin was not visible, the roof of the dining hall was completely covered with a pine tree, and the path to the waterfront was impassable



with two large pines collapsed.

Adrian's innukshuk was only a few feet away; I feared what I might find. Again, nothing was disturbed, not even the candle which had been placed in front of it two weeks prior.

Mike and I took the Princecraft

and headed off to fetch the *Clipper*. En route we noticed something scattered along the lake's edge. As we got closer, we realized that the

hurricane winds had literally sucked the life jackets out of the storage boxes and placed them all along the edge of the lake. Several hours later, the *Clipper*, life jackets and docks were back in place.

An assessment was then taken of the damage on the island. Rough count – 40 trees down.

Access was blocked to the First Aid cabin, Cook's cabin, and the trail from Cabin 8 to Twin Inns was impassable. Power masts were bent on the pump house, First Aid cabin, Cook's Cabin and Field Cabin. Power lines were stretched to the point

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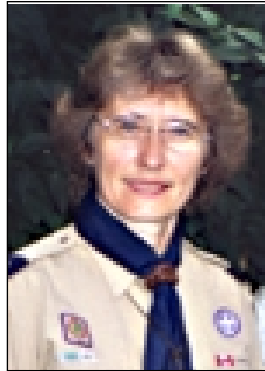
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Commissioner's Corner



Kari Robertson, Commissioner

Here we are again. The summer has come and the summer has gone. Wow! What a beginning to the Fall! Kind of came in like a lion wouldn't you say? Certainly took most of us by surprise and then some.

Guess B.P. had it all figured out when he suggested our motto should be "Be Prepared." How many of you were prepared for what Juan was going to bring? I guess the question now is: how many of us have learned our lesson and will be prepared the next time?

Registration has taken place, and for the most part the Region doesn't look too bad as far as numbers go. Some Areas are up a little and some are down. Nobody seems to have a significant increase or decrease at this point.

Now our biggest challenge is to keep those numbers coming in. Don't forget that registration is an ongoing process. We need to keep the recruiting happening and be sure to get those new registrations into our system. I challenge each and every one who is reading this article to add one new member, either youth or adult, to the organization between now and Scout/Guide week (February 15-22).

SERVICING

The Regional Management Team (RMT) is here to serve you! The focus for this year, provincially, is servicing!

It has been said many times before, that often our leaders never see anyone from the service team. They do not get serviced. Well our job this year is to make sure that is not a statement we hear. The RMT members, who include A.C.s & A.R.C.s, will be out in full force. We will be visiting group meetings, Scouters' Club meetings and special events.

Please extend us an invitation to your meetings and/or events. Put us to work! Let us play! We are not going to be spying on you. We are not coming out to police you! We want to help you, encourage you and support you, your leaders and your youth.

If you look at a service team, be it Area or Region, and add up all the years of service, experience, knowledge and training, what a resource! Pick our brains. Get us to run a game, or bring a craft, or teach a new song!

T.E.A.M. "TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY."

We all work together as a team. We are all here for each other. Let's work together to rebuild Scouting. We have a very strong foundation. We have just experienced a small glitch in the structure, but the fix can be simple.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ROUND-UP APRIL 4.

Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.

Get the FUN back! Enjoy what we are all doing together, get some training, and the natural progression and growth will occur.

I have agreed to continue on for one extra year as Regional Commissioner. Drew Taylor will be the incoming Commissioner, starting in the

Fall of 2005.

I am very fortunate to say that the team has decided to stay with me, and support me, for another year as well. Thank you all so very, very much. This will give us all an opportunity to reap the benefits of our servicing campaign. Let us see what we can make



Trees and Scouting

Maurice Landry, Commissioner, Armview

Over the past number of years, the words Scouting and trees have been used often in the same sentence. The Scouting movement has planted millions of trees across Canada, and therefore it was only natural that the first official replacement tree planted after Hurricane Juan was undertaken by Scouts Canada.

On Monday morning, October 20, three youth from Armview Area made their way down to the Lieutenant Governor's residence on Barrington Street, and with the help of Her Honour, planted a 12-foot English oak tree, acorns and all. Accompanying Jim Gavin (Beaver, 1st Clayton), Emily Nisbet (Cub, 2nd Fairview), and Ryan Kennedy (Scout, 1st Clayton Park), were provincial, regional, area and group representatives.

As the planting was taking place, I observed two squirrels sitting on branch in a nearby tree, watching. Now, I'm not sure if was the lack of coffee that morning, or the bright sun confusing my eyes, but I swear I saw one of those fellows lick his lips!

After the manual work was completed, and the official guest book was signed by everyone, Her Honour Myra Freeman



invited us all in for refreshments. Orange juice and sweets for the youth, and coffee or tea and sweets for the adults. Her Honour could not have been nicer, and she insisted on giving us a personal tour of her residence. To put the icing on the cake, she took time to write a short note to each of the youth's teachers, thanking them for allowing them to miss school for the morning. Each of the youth also received a gold pin as a keepsake.

Noon was fast approaching and it was time to leave. A wonderful morning was had by all. As I was walking up the driveway toward my vehicle, I couldn't help wondering about the squirrels, and how many future generations of them would enjoy climbing that English oak and dining on its acorns.

A good turn was done that morning in many ways, and I know the memories will last a very long time in the minds of those who participated.

happen in the next two years for Halifax Region.

Let me wish you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you all so much for the dedication, support and fun, safe programs. We have such an opportunity ahead of us to work together and build the future.

"Let the Servicing begin!"



ARC Colony is ready for the new year



*Blanche Bennett,
ARC Colony*

Hello and welcome to all new and returning Beaver Leaders in Halifax Region. My name is Blanche Bennett and I am the ARC Colony for Halifax Region. I hope to meet most of you over the upcoming year.

When possible, I love visiting other Colonies on regular meeting nights or attending an Area Event being put on, so please feel free to invite me.

Remember our motto is Sharing, Sharing, Sharing so share your ideas, your meetings or any event with me. Please call or email me even if you just want to chat about Beavers.

My phone number is 455-5866 or email me at benoilers@aol.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and will get back to you as soon as possible.



Cubs Invade McNabs Island

The Cubs from 4th Spryfield invaded Fort Ives on May 24th and 25th. Fort Ives is on the north end of McNab's Island in the Halifax Harbour, looking back at Halifax. The force of Cubs and leaders left on the 'Sea Tiger' from Purcell's Cove shortly after 8 a.m. The journey across the harbour proved to be very exciting, with stories of the ghosts of McNabs as we approached the dock not far from Hangman's Beach.

The fort was approached from an overland trail. The only challenge was moving enough gear into the fort for a few weeks. We were only camping for one night but you know the Scout motto; "Be prepared!" There were a few curious tourists who gave an odd look or two as we set up the camp that included nine tents, coolers, stoves, the kitchen sink and lots of water.

Many of the force, which included 11 cubs, two junior leaders and six adults, wondered if Akela helped to build the fort. Even *he* was not around in 1860.

The island itself is a great place for

a family picnic, historic tour or a hike that you will never forget. You can see views of the city that you cannot see from anywhere else.

Everyone slept well, knowing the cannons of Fort Ives protected us from the top of the wall.

A little rain on Sunday morning didn't dampen the excitement of camping out in a fort in the mouth of the Halifax Harbour.

By noon, the Pack was retreating across the water back to Spryfield. Cold and wet, there were huge smiles on the faces of the 19 happy campers as we rode the high ocean waves back home.



Hug-a-Tree

*K. Jennifer Austin
Director of Commu
Scouts Canada*



The story of the tra camper in British C became lost in the woods, appeared in *The Province* newspaper recently (http://www.canada.com/vancouver/the_province/story.asp?id=47C5C179-7BF1-4FD3-97EC-63EA0157334B).

This story illustrates the need to continue educating youth about how to keep from getting lost; what to do if they become lost; how to stay warm and dry; and how they can help searchers find them.

Scouts Canada does this through the Hug-a-Tree program, which originated from the US and was adapted by the RCMP in 1996.

When conducting school talks, consider using Hug-a-Tree as a resource. The program includes a training manual, colouring book, participation certificates, and a video. Your Council office should have these on hand. If not, you can get more info at:

http://www.rcmpgrc.gc.ca/ccaps/hug_e.htm.

Spirit of Lone Cloud brings birthday wishes



Bryan Wright, Director of Camp Lone Cloud, celebrated his 19th birthday on Saturday, October 12. He awoke that morning to find a barnyard of animals covering his front lawn and bringing him birthday wishes. Of course, the signage shared the news with all passersby. Happy birthday Akela!

HONOURS & AWARDS

Earl Clarke, ARC Honours and Awards

SERVICE PINS

Stewart Gourlay, Commissioner, St. Margaret's Bay, 5 years
 Steve Knox, Commissioner, Halifax Area, 25 years
 Karen O'Toole, ARC Training, 25 years
 John Peach, Regional Website Manager, 20 years
 James Robertson, ARC Camp Management, 30 years
 Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner, 25 years
 Drew Taylor, Commissioner, Basin Lakes, 5 years

WARRANT OF APPOINTMENT

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 Ian Parker, ARC Administration

MEDAL for GOOD SERVICE

Drew Taylor, Commissioner, Basin Lakes

Don't forget to recognize and reward the Scouters in your Area for their efforts! And when you do, send the information to the *Round-Up* so we can include it in our next issue. But wait until after the presentation please — we don't want to spoil any surprises!

And if you think the rest of the Region should know about the accomplishments of someone in your Area, write it up and send it in as well. We'll spotlight that person in a future issue.

- **RECOGNIZE** • **REWARD** • **RETAIN**



The following presentations were made at the RMT closing barbeque. Left to right: Tom Banfield, Medal of Merit; Kathy Peach, Bar to the Medal of Merit; James Robertson, Silver Acorn; Sue Howard, Silver Acorn; Anna Bone, Medal of Merit.

MEDAL of MERIT

Tom Banfield, 8th Sackville
 Anna Bone, Camp Management Board
 Peggy Weaver, Past ARC Training

BAR to the MEDAL of MERIT

Kathy Peach, Camp Management Board

SILVER ACORN

Sue Howard, Editor, *The Regional Round-Up*
 Marilyn Moore, ARC Groups
 John Peach, Website Manager
 James Robertson, ARC Camp Management
 Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner



John Peach, Website Manager, was awarded the Silver Acorn award by Regional Commissioner Kari Robertson. John also received his 20 year service pin at the Annual Regional Meeting.



Provincial Commissioner Kevin MacDonald presents Kari Robertson with the Silver Acorn award at the Halifax Region Annual Meeting.

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they were touching the ground, but not broken.

The insurance adjuster visited the island and the work began. The service of Bob's Tree Pruning & Removal Services was engaged. Bob and his crew, along with an incredible group of volunteers, committed three weekends. The weather truly was in our favour. Bob showed exemplary patience and flexibility in meeting our needs. A rough, conservative estimate would be that over 600 volunteer hours were contributed to the clean-up effort. Scouters, camp staff and friends alike joined in.

All trees are down and cut up; about half the wood is stacked and huge piles of brush await a chipper.



per from the mainland to the island, but alas, the weight was too much.

Camp has been secured and closed for the winter. We will now await our visit after the thaw to see what further damage has occurred.

Again, to all those who gave of their time to assist in the clean-up, our heartfelt thanks. Check out the pictures at www.camponecloud.ca.



Program challenges courtesy of Juan

Steve Terrio, DRC Program

Welcome to another exciting year in Scouting. It's not often we start off with a hurricane.

I am sure that with Juan, there have been a lot of challenges at the program level. Over the last month I have had the opportunity to talk with fellow leaders and to hear some of their challenges and successes. I would like to hear from you. Please email me at steveterrio@hotmail.com.

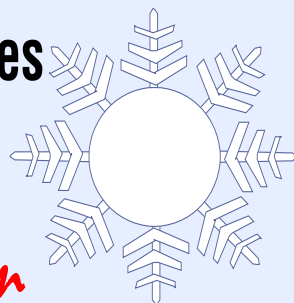
I would like to be able to share your successes with fellow Scouters who are having a rough time since the hurricane. One of the main challenges that I am hearing is being unable to do camps and planning outdoor activities. Please send me your ideas.

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Bob Dunn



Our trip to the "Rock"

*Jonathon Sproul,
8th Sackville Venturer Company*

The summer of 2003 proved to be very eventful and enjoyable, as our Venturer Company traveled to Newfoundland to participate in the provincial jamboree. With the theme "Survivor" it made for a challenging, intense, and fast paced week of activities.

After arriving in Newfoundland, we set up our campsite, cooked our own meals, and were a completely self-sufficient unit for the complete jamboree. This experience was unforgettable and was greatly enjoyed by all the youth and advisors that attended.

With planning beginning months before the trip, everyone's anticipation was growing high prior to the event. Planning involved many meetings devoted completely to jamboree planning — some discussions being about the budget, others dealing with meal plans, and still others talking about transportation.

Early Friday morning, July 4th, our group headed off on our journey to Terra Nova, Camp Nor'wes. With Scouter Tom driving one van and Scouter Mike the other, we began our two-day trek to the "Rock." After departing from the ferry we drove to the camp, picked out our site, set up our tarps and tents and got ourselves situated for a long, much needed night's sleep.

The following day's events commenced with the eco-challenge. Each group was split into different tribes, our group being members of the Fookawee's, and each tribe was sent to different challenges on different days. Our first day's challenge proved to be the hardest. The eco-challenge

involved biking, canoeing, hiking and rafting.

We got the most difficult event over with first — the biking. Usually biking is relatively easy, but traveling 30 kilometers, non-stop on a bumpy dirt road, can be quite difficult. Being mostly uphill battles, this grueling and difficult challenge was completed by the majority of the Venturers.

Following the bike portion we battled with rough currents, and traveled upstream in canoes for about eight



Back (left to right): Dana Fraserm, Eric Snow, Jonathon Sproul, Mike Stoyles (Advisor), Jason Elliot, Patrick Doyle. Front (left to right): Kyle Roddick, Brad Taylor, Ryan Robski, Tom Banfield (Advisor).

kilometers. After a short delay in finding our campsite, we pulled our canoes up on shore and set up camp for the night. All slept very well that night.

Early the next morning, we cooked our breakfast and headed off on our bikes again for a quick five kilometer jaunt to the starting position for our eight kilometer hike. By now everyone was becoming exhausted but kept going. The test of endurance proved to be a good one, and pushed all of us to our limits.

Finally, at the end of our long rainy hike, we came to the next event where we had to follow pre-determined compass bearings through a wooded area

to find a beach, where we would end up making homemade rafts out of twine, wooden poles and empty water jugs. Pulling and pushing these rafts along the very rocky coast for over two kilometers, led us to the end of the eco-challenge where we were all extremely relieved that it was behind us. Looking back, it's rather surprising that we all got through the eco-challenge, remembering the distance we traveled and realizing how exhausted we were, but in the end it was well worth it.

By the following day we were well rested and ready again for more adventure.

We began by going to an orienteering course which was extremely interesting and was on a much larger scale than any of us had expected. With points as far away as two kilometers, and some points on sheer cliffs that were half a kilometer tall, this proved to be a challenging but a very enjoyable event. Having to trek through rough terrain and still be back at a designated time, was anything but an easy task, but it was made fun by all of us in the Venturer Company.

Following the orienteering event, we went down to the beach for a weapons challenge. The event consisted of creating slingshots and trying

to hit targets strung up at random locations. Then, as a team, we had to create a catapult that would project a water balloon about 10 meters and hit one of our advisors sitting afar. Building a catapult was easy, making one that would actually aim, and fire up to 10 meters was the difficult part. In the end we never did get to hit our advisors with our water balloons, but it ended in a friendly water fight, with everyone getting soaked and having a lot of fun.

We then returned to camp for supper followed by a trip back down towards the project areas to the zip

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line, and rock climbing. Starting with rock climbing, we scaled rock walls that were not that difficult to climb, as the Venturer Company had previous experience in the event. We each took a few runs on the zip line before heading back to camp to set up for the night.

The next morning we attended a search and rescue demonstration. After having the staff show us inside the search and rescue vehicles, and explaining what everything was used for, our Venturer Company set out to find a man who had been positioned earlier, to test our rescue and first aid abilities. After finding him, we had to apply the first aid and rescue skills we learned.

On Wednesday evening the closing ceremonies and thank yous were done, followed by a carnival. During these ceremonies the winning tribe was announced. Unfortunately we didn't win, but on the same note we didn't go to win, we went to have fun and enjoy ourselves, and we did just that.

We did place first in the search and rescue event though, which we were very pleased and proud of.

Overall, it was an unforgettable experience for everyone in our Company, filled with laughs, smiles, adventures, and many fond memories. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we are all so appreciative that we had a chance to experience such a great event.

So, what's up with training?



Karen O'Toole, ARC Training

I'm so glad you asked!

We tried very hard this year to make training available to everyone.

For the people who wanted to get it done in one big lump, we created the Wood Badge Training Event — one weekend where you could get the Basic Core, Section Specific and Outdoor Skills all at once.

For those who would like to take a more leisurely pace — we broke the Section Specific Course into four modules that can be taken on four different nights. The Basic Core and Outdoor Skills are separate as well.

We made the promise that training would not be cancelled this year, but we didn't count on Juan. After he flew through, we found we had to cancel the course and reschedule and revise it for a Friday night and Saturday (not overnight) on November 28 & 29. The Outdoor Skills will be done separately on December 13 (location TBA). Let's hope the weather cooperates this time!

We are very fortunate in Halifax Region to have people who are dedicated to training. They have committed themselves — no, not to the hospital — but to making this year's training the best ever. This means they have put a lot of time and effort into the training. It also means they will spend a lot of time away from their

families. They are doing this because they truly believe that having leaders who are properly trained, can mean the difference between a very active Colony, where youth and leaders are having fun and learning, and a Colony that is struggling. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the trainers and TAC members for doing such a great job.

The mandate for the Training Advisory Committee this year is to bring in new trainers. We have seven potential trainers working on the Wood Badge I in November. If you would like to be a trainer, or have questions about being a trainer, please give me a call, or contact someone on the TAC committee. Members are: Kari Robertson, Alice Giles, Steve Terrio, Maxine Adams-Small, Ian Parker, Gordie Hatt, Scott Briand, Peter Townsend, and Guy Mandeville.

There is a lot of work that goes into training. Please show your support for our trainers by signing up for a course. You will learn so much, feel more confident in what you are doing, and understand the Scouting Movement so much better. Or take a refresher course for that matter — never too old to learn!

Hope to see you on a course sometime soon. Check out the website for all the up-to-date information and dates.

Colony Sharing Session



Blanche Bennett, ARC Colony

WANTED: olony Leaders who would like to share a Saturday morning of songs, games, crafts and chatting about Beavers.

Come join us on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 8:45 a.m. till roughly noon time (longer if you wish). We will be at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Ashburn Ave. — behind the fire station across from Bayers Road Shopping Center. It doesn't matter if you are a new or a long-time Beaver Leader, here

is a chance to get some new ideas for your program and also a chance to meet leaders from other Colonies.

Price of admission is bringing along your favourite song, game or craft to share with everyone. Call me at 455-5866, or email benoilers@aol.com to let me know you are coming or feel free to drop by. Hope to see you on February 28.



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Adrian Jay memorial innukshuk

The Camp Management Board, in the persons of Michael Stewart and James Robertson, created a four-foot innukshuk on the shore of Camp Lone Cloud in memory of Adrian Jay — former Camp Director. The plaque placed in front reads as follows:

In Memory of
ADRIAN JAY
June 11, 1976 - September 20, 2002
Director
Camp Lone Cloud
1995, 1996, 1997
"who looked for the best in others
and gave the best he had"



Adrian's parents wrote in response:

"We are deeply warmed with the monument you have raised in memory

of Adrian and his spirit. A permanent reminder and symbol of Adrian and of all he wanted to stand for in life. To us right now, a permanent monument and symbol of all the things we could ever hope for from human beings... love, compassion, kindness...the list goes on and on. All the things we hoped to instill in our two sons. 'In the Image of Man' indeed. A very important image to John, I and Anthony. Adrian was/is here. He was/is a guide/leader and he did try to make the way safe and easier for others. And how the stones are arranged in innukshuks is vital...one not being able to stand without the other...the strength being unity...the team. So many neat things one can learn from the innukshuk. I have one in our garden now as well. I collected the stones from NS while home. I have

a feeling you will see them pop up like little weeds in the next while. So... 'Thank you' can't possibly do justice to how we feel about this act. Just know that it brings warmth and hope to this family."



At your service

*Drew Taylor, Commissioner,
Basin Lakes*

At our recent provincial conference, the discussions we participated in stressed the concept of servicing. For the past number of months, almost all our emphasis has been on trying to give the group, Company, Troop, Pack, Colony and Crew all the assistance it is possible to give. Despite the uproar created by our recent visitor, Hurricane Juan, the service teams have been trying to get out there and visit. Unfortunately, with the loss of Miller's Lake for at least the balance of this month and next, outdoor activity has been limited. Section leaders, ever a resourceful bunch, have taken up the slack with tours, ship visits, community work and so on.

Many of our leaders wonder, with some justification, what all the fuss over servicing is about.

For many, a visit from the service team is seen as an unwanted, and undesirable, intrusion into their meet-

ing. They also wonder what "servicing" is all about. What is the service team actually supposed to do? Finally, they regard the service team member as a sort of a police officer, there only to catch someone doing something wrong.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The service team is coming to your meeting place to HELP, not hinder. They are ready to actively participate in your program. They have bag loads of experience: games, songs and skills which they can demonstrate in your meeting place and enhance your program. They offer the leadership teams a ready source of practical experience, which you can draw upon if you have questions, need program ideas or advice on how to deal with a problem.

Aha, you say — why then, haven't I seen a service team member in my meeting place recently?

The answer, unfortunately, is that there are not enough of us to go around. Many areas have one or two people available to service, in addition to planning area events, working with the Regional Service Team, the training

team and, in many cases, their own groups. In one case an area has no one at all, in others they have some of the necessary numbers, but not all.

The service teams need your help and soon. If you can help, then let us know by giving us a call. If you know a former Scouter who has been gone for a while but may consider returning to a servicing role, talk it over with them and let us know who you have in mind.

Attend your area Scouters' Clubs and find out what the service team actually does when they are not visiting a section. There are a lot of interesting jobs to do on service team, and despite their dedication to what they are doing, a few more hands would make the job a lot easier. After spending five years working in Pack and Troop, I have found working on service team to be just as rewarding, and I am sure you will too if you give it a try.

The most important fact in all this, is that if we can get our leaders trained and a full service team out supporting them, our Youth will get the best program possible and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Camp Lone Cloud — Another great year

James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board



This season's camp program operated for six weeks plus a week of pre-camp and a week of post-

camp. This expanded time frame allowed for a more balanced number of participants per week, which in turn created a more positive experience for staff and campers.

Twenty-five staff members touched the lives of 335 youth. Each in their own way brought a special memory to the lives of these children.

The comments and feedback attested to the positive impact our program continues to have:

"An excellent camp – my son has never had so much fun at a summer camp before and you have obviously chosen great counselors; and know exactly what appeals to kids of that age group – great job and thanks for all your efforts."

"As a parent, sending your child to camp can be scary. However I cannot rave enough about how wonderful Camp Lone Cloud is. My daughter absolutely loves it, looks forward to it every summer. She has made great friends, learned leadership skills and socially is



much more outgoing. She loves the counselors and I had an opportunity to meet some of them and found them to be professional and very welcoming."

"As a parent I saw very positive reactions and results in my son after camp and throughout the summer. Thank you so much for helping the maturity process."

Bryan Wright is to be commended for agreeing to step into the role of Director with only a few short weeks notice. While Bryan is no stranger to CLC, it was a huge task for him to move into this role. Thanks go to Bryan for his commitment, patience and energy in his overall management

of the staff, program and facility.

A big thank you to the entire team who pulled together and delivered a program second to none. The skills and ability, which were demonstrated throughout the summer, were fantastic.

Each summer, for me, personally, the camp season is a time when my faith in the organization is rekindled as I observe a group of young people come together as a team, grow and flourish. The smiles on the faces of the campers at the end of each week and the tears from the staff as they leave at the end of the summer tell me that once again – it is worth it!

Thank you to each and every one.



Camp Lone Cloud Registration Statistics Comparison

Program	BUDGET	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Camper	210	184	241	211	204	144	164
Junior	50	62	58	47	41	22	50
Advanced	50	45	62	38	24	31	N/A
CIT	35	44	39	20	28	16	14
TOTAL	345	335	400	316	297	213	228

A postcard from camp...



Program	Armview	Halifax	Basin Lakes	Harbour West	Sespenaak Centre	St. Margarets	Dartmouth
Camper	16	12	18	0	12	10	20
Junior	3	5	0	0	1	1	2
Advanced	5	1	1	0	1	2	6
CIT	0	1	1	0	2	0	6
TOTAL	24	19	20	0	16	13	34
2002	21	24	20	4	31	12	53

Program	Tri County	Valley	Colchester	Lunenburg	Other	No District	Total
Camper	0	7	4	0	3	82	184
Junior	0	3	1	1	1	44	62
Advanced	0	1	0	1	0	27	45
CIT	0	0	2	0	3	29	44
TOTAL	0	11	7	2	7	182	335
2002	7	9	13	5	6	195	400

Dear Diary

*Kathy Peach,
Camp Management Board*

AUGUST 31

Another Scouting year about to start. The web site has been updated to list the mainland camp rules and map, and the new "Yellow Cards" are available at the Office. Scouters can now also fill in the "Yellow Card" online. Hopefully this will encourage them to complete the form prior to going out to Miller Lake. I think we are in for a good season.

OCTOBER 2ND

Wow! Wow! Wow! Was all I could say as I was driving down the Guysborough Road to check on the Miller Lake property after Hurricane Juan. The woods on the far side of the pipeline were in a disastrous state. Section after section was nothing but a jumble of fallen trees. If it is like this on the edge, what is it like further into the woods? The only way to find out is to go looking. So off I went, taking the trail I normally would, in over Mr. Miller's property. Well, I thought, as I covered the first section of the trail, this isn't too bad. Then came the first downed tree. I just got over that and there was another one. I had to crawl under that one and there was another and another. When I came to the hill that leads down to the bridge I could hardly rec-



ognize it, there didn't appear to be a tree standing. Somehow though, they all missed the bridge. Most of the paths are impassable in spots, detours are required. I slowly make my way, checking all the cabins in that area. Every one has trees down around them, and several have trees on top of them. What a mess. There are areas that are hardly recognizable for the amount of trees that are down, and there are other areas hardly touched. It seems that the worst is in the areas that get the most traffic. I go home with a heavy heart.

OCTOBER 4TH

I made a second visit to the property, this time checking the areas closest to

the Pump House Road. There are fallen and falling trees all over the place. Again there are heavily hit areas and others that don't seem too bad. A lot of the falling trees have huge root balls rising up blocking the way,



exposing the bedrock underneath. This is going to be a major cleanup — how will we ever get it all done?

OCTOBER 6TH

I have been thinking that the cleanup can't be organized by one person, and help is needed. Luckily, David Kennedy answered my plea. He is going to organize an emergency meeting of the cabinholders to let them know of the major work to be done, and try to set



some guidelines as to how we are to go about the cleanup.

OCTOBER 9TH

The emergency meeting was well attended by a majority of the cabin-holders. I was unable to attend because of a prior commitment, but David was able to set up a basic plan approved by most. I am glad that we will be getting started.

OCTOBER 10TH

On the advice of an experienced forester, the Mainland area is closed to all. There are still trees falling, and we were having too many sightseers. The liability alone was enough to cause grave concerns.

NOV 2ND

David has managed to have a work party for the last three weekends, concentrating in the area around the cabins. Instead of feeling like we are accomplishing anything, we feel like the task is getting bigger and bigger. All the trees are off the cabins, and the trails have been cleared once, but with the autumn winds, more trees are coming down. At this rate, we will never get this job done for many, many months to come. It is time to contact

the Department of Natural Resources!

NOV 7TH

Now we have run into another problem that I had forgotten about — that nasty pest, the Brown Spruce Longhorn Beetle. Our property is within the borders of the quarantine area for Halifax Region. This means that there are controls and inspections set on the removal of any softwood from our property. Just another hurdle to work around.

NOV 12TH

Finally, we have come to an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources. They will have Barrett's Lumber come in and harvest the property. Barrett's, in turn, will have to deal with the Canadian Inspection Agency about the Beetle. While the logging will make the area look a lot different, it will take only a few years before there is substantial re-growth. All is not lost, there is hope that we will be able to use our property later this winter. David and I are pleased that this has been worked out.

Visit the Region's web page at www.halifaxscouts.ca, and look under the news section to keep yourself cur-

rent about the work being done to get us back into the woods.

For more information, contact me at 864-2895 or kpeach@accesswave.ca. David Kennedy may be contacted at 443-8208, or tflight@hfx.eastlink.ca.



Cub Fun Day 2004 Crest



*Debbie Doherty,
ARC Pack*

Cub Fun Day 2004 will be held at York Redoubt on May 8.

We are looking for suggestions for a theme and crest design.

If your theme or crest suggestion is chosen, you will be rewarded with a commemorative plaque. Submissions must be received by your respective AAC Pack or myself, Debbie Doherty, by January 11/04.

I may be contacted by email at dadoherly@accesscable.net.

Conference keeps the fun in Scouting! Although some may say a little too much fun!



Scout Trees — It's never too early to plan

Paul Savoie, AAC Pack, Sespennaak Centre

Sometimes we, as leaders, are amazed at what our youth think, say and do. This was an idea put on paper and passed on to me by a young Cub from 8th Sackville Pack. I think it deserves our attention and thought. Groups could discuss it and pass forward their thoughts to their respective area commissioners. It would only be a matter of planning on our part. What better form of public relations and advertising for Scouting and youth building than to help rebuild Point Pleasant Park through Scout Trees. Perhaps at

the same time we could plant a ceremonial Scout Tree in the Public Gardens. Just something for groups to consider. Here is Jeremy's letter:

Dear Mr. Savoie,

My name is Jeremy Cseh. I am writing this letter because I have a very good idea. On Saturday Oct. 18, 2003 my mom and I went for a drive in to Halifax. We went to Point Pleasant Park. My family and I enjoy this park alot in the spring, summer and fall. When we got to the park and seen all of the trees gone, I felt really sad. I

did not know that the trees in the park could be destroyed that fast. Now there is no park to enjoy the fall leaves falling on our heads as we walk through, nowhere to go feed all the squirrels, and we cant go down on the beach to look for periwinkles and crabs.

I think that it would be the best idea if Scouts Canada would get all the groups from Sackville, Halifax, Dartmouth, and even the rest of Nova Scotia and make a day in the spring when the park is safe again and donate all of the trees we plant to the park and the Public Gardens.

I have talked to my mom about this idea and we would be willing to help as much as possible to make this letter a reality. If we could even start to replace some of the trees it would be a great beginning.

Your friend,
Jeremy Cseh

(Ed. note: Remember — the parks are the property of HRM and we must have their permission before making plans of our own.)



Cub Fun Day 2003



Debbie Doherty, ARC Pack

On May 10th we gathered at York Redoubt for another Cub Fun Day of games and activities.

The theme for the day was "T'em good ole days." The weather was cool and damp, but we survived as only Scouters and Cubs can do, when necessary to have fun.

In total there were three hundred eighty-four youth, and one hundred sixty-five leaders/parents/volunteers present. So in total we numbered five hundred forty-nine people. Our attendance was up from the previous year, so the communication did flow after a slow start. Hopefully the Cubs had fun as they are the reason we organize this event and I have heard that to some this is the highlight of their year.

This event would not be the success it is without much organization by your AACs: Rob Braye (Halifax Area), Gary MacPherson (Armview), Marilyn Moore, Paul Longobardi and Bill Wilson (Basin Lakes), and Paul Savoie (Sespennaak Centre).

To actually run the event we need many volunteers to assist in many ways: Earl Clarke assisted in keeping Parks Canada pleased by keeping cars out of the bus circle outside of the park; 1st Emergency Venturers and Rovers for their presence for all emergencies; the Halifax Police Youth Program for providing a necessary presence; the marshals whom I cannot name all, but thank you for keeping everyone organized for the day; John Perkins for the radios to assist with communication as the park is large when it is necessary to convey messages; and Dave Winter who designed the crest for us.

Drew Taylor, thanks so much for organizing the food order for me as I know it is difficult to order when we do not have an actual number to work with.

I must thank you all for encouraging your youth to participate, as we would not have a reason to organize such an event if they did not participate. Lastly, we would not be able to hold this event if we did not volunteer in some way either organizing or manning an event, cooking at the site or accompanying the youth, so a yell for all of you from me—"A Great Round of APPLAUSE."

Hopefully we can depend on you for another great Cub Fun Day on May 8th at York Redoubt.



Go Moose Go!

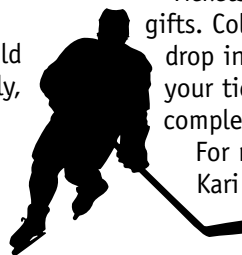
Do you remember when we used to go to a Hockey game during Scout/Guide Week? Well this year we can do it again.

The Mooseheads will be playing Chicoutimi on February 20, 2004 at 7:00 at the Metro Center.

Halifax Region will be selling tickets \$8.00 for all seats, (seats will be upper bowl first 6-8 rows up). Halifax Region will earn \$2.00 for every ticket sold. (Regular price: Adults \$12.50; Students \$8.50 and Children \$7.00)

Tickets make great Christmas gifts. Collect your money and then drop into Scout Headquarters for your tickets. All sales must be complete by February 5, 2004.

For more information, contact Kari Robertson, Halifax Regional Commissioner, 429-7089.





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Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Halifax Region!

Youth Events

SCOUT-GUIDE WEEK, February 15-22.

MOOSEHEAD HOCKEY GAME, February 20. Contact Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner, at 429-7089, or james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

CUB FUN DAY, May 8, York Redoubt. Contact Debbie Doherty, ARC Pack at 864-2892 or dadoherty@accesscable.net for more information.

Committee Meetings

AREA COMMISSIONERS' meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

ASSISTANT REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM meetings are held the third Wednesday of every second month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or by email at james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca for further information.

TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca for further information.

Training Events

Basic Program & Delivery Training (formerly known as Wood Badge I) is comprised of three modules: Basic Core, Basic Outdoor Skills, and Section Specific. It also includes doing some practical experience work back home with your section. Training fees are the total cost for the three components. The cost of the Basic Program & Delivery Training is \$30.00. If you are taking any of the components separately, they are \$10.00 each. If you already have your Wood Badge I and wish to take the Outdoor Skills course on your own, the cost is \$10.00. **ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE AT THE TIME YOU TAKE THE COURSE.**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER by contacting Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca. Participants must fill out a registration form for all Basic Program & Delivery Training and Group Committee courses. The form **MUST** be brought to the course along with the registration fee.

OUTDOOR SKILLS, December 13. Cost \$5.00. Contact Karen O'Toole for information.

COLONY SECTION SPECIFIC – MODULE 1

January 19 or March 30, 6:30-10:00, Scout HQ. Course Manager: Karen O'Toole

MODULE 2

January 8 or March 26, Scout HQ. Course Manager: Steve Terrio

MODULE 3

January 13 or March 8, Scout HQ. Course Manager: Alice Giles

MODULE 4

January 28 or April 3, Scout HQ. Course Managers: Alice Giles/Steve Terrio/ Karen O'Toole

PACK SECTION SPECIFIC – MODULE 1

January 6 or March 4, Course Manager: Sandra Braye

MODULE 2

January 15 or March 9, Course Manager: Kari Robertson

MODULE 3

January 23 or March 31, Course Manager: Debbie Doherty

MODULE 4

January 27 or April 15, Course Manager: Mark Thornton

TROOP SECTION SPECIFIC – MODULE 1

January 9 or February 24

MODULE 2

January 20 or March 25

MODULE 3

January 22 or April 6

MODULE 4

January 26 or March 12

OUTDOOR SKILLS

(Indoor Session) February 26

(Outdoor Session) February 26

Please note that attendance at the Indoor Session of the Outdoor Skills course is mandatory before attending the Outdoor Session.

Other

COLONY SHARING SESSION

February 28, Calvin Presbyterian, 3311 Ashburn Avenue. Contact Blanche Bennett at 455-5866 for more information.

TRAINER SOCIAL

February 4, 7:30 p.m. Contact Guy Mandeville at 433-1971 for more information.

Sespenaak Centre Scouting youth receive Canada Day Youth Award

Robert Sproul, Commissioner, Sespenaak Centre

On Tuesday, July 1, 2003, numerous Scouters, family and residents of Sackville and Beaver Bank, looked on as four youth from Sespenaak Centre Area received the "Canada Day Youth Award" at Fultz House in Lower Sackville.

Many dignitaries and local politicians watched as Adam Saunders, 2nd Beaver Bank Troop; Craig Stadnyk, 3rd Sackville Troop; Kyle Roddick, 8th Sackville Venturers; and Ajit Sidhu, 8th Sackville Venturers/ Sespenaak Centre Service Team received the prestigious award. Among the dignitaries was MP Peter Stoffer, who spoke of the commitment and dedication of the four youth members. Mr. Stoffer presented Adam, Craig, Kyle and Ajit with the award, and requested the youth take part in the Canada Day cake cutting ceremony celebrating Canada's birthday.

Adam began his Scouting involvement in 2nd Beaver Bank B Colony, and has progressed through the movement to his current position of patrol leader with his troop, giving him a

total of ten years within the movement. He is presently working toward obtaining his Chief Scout Award. Adam is also very involved in activities in his school, Harold T. Barrett Junior High.

Craig has been involved in Scouting



Canada Day Youth Award recipients, from left to right: Kyle Roddick, Ajit Sidhu, Craig Stadnyk, and Adam Saunders.

for ten years and has used his vast experience, and knowledge gained in the program, to further himself personally and as a member of the community. He is also a member of the Sackville Youth Council and the Sackville Community Development Association. A fourth year Scout with 3rd Sackville, Craig is well on his way

to earning his Chief Scout Award.

Kyle is presently a member of the 8th Sackville Venturer Company, having a total of eight years in the Scouting movement. Presently he is enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program Silver Level, the Young Canadians Challenge. Kyle is also a member of the Canada Games Fencing Team, and coaches and referees numerous local events.

Ajit has completed nine years in the Scouting program beginning with Beavers, and is currently a member of the 8th Sackville Venturer Company and a youth member of the Sespenaak Centre Service Team. It is noteworthy that while in the Pack program, Ajit earned all available badges, stars and awards.

He is presently working toward his Chief Scout Award. Ajit's work on the Area Service Team shows his commitment to helping the Scouting youth of the area. He is also a valuable member of the NS Badminton Team.

It is evident that all these young men are very deserving of this award. A job well done!

