

St. Margaret's Cubs learn wizarding ways

Christine Madill, First Five Island Group Commissioner

A wonderful and mysterious thing happened last June. With a bit of magic, Camp Lone Cloud was transformed into Camp Hogwarts.

Over 30 Cubs from St. Margaret's Area brought their knowledge of Harry Potter and his wizardry, to the annual Area Cub Camp, held each June.

Three Cub packs sent their wizards (Cubs) and professors (leaders) to this special training camp. Only one rule applied: All the ways of Muggles had to be left behind.

It all began on a Friday night when Muggle moms and dads left their charges at a fog-enshrouded dock. The lake was quiet and the island was a murky blot in the distance. There was no fear on the faces of the wizards-in-training, just excitement and anticipation. Upon arrival the boys were directed up the hill to the

receiving area, where they were assigned their sleeping quarters during a sorting-hat ceremony. Professors kept a close eye on those assigned to Slytherin House — we

Gryffindor and Slytherin but sleep didn't come easy to professors and professors-in-training. We had the entire weekend yet to survive.

The morning broke sunny and warm (ah, my first camp in five years without rain!). After breakfast, wizards were divided into their houses and training began.

Wizards were asked to work hard and do their best in their classes: Defence Against the Dark Arts (archery), Marauders Map Challenge (orienteering), Castle Building, Potions (invisible ink, troll snot and ooblek), and Spell-Books along with Harry Potter

Trivia. (All right you Muggles, let's test your knowledge. What is the snake-language called? What does the spell Wingardium Leviosa do? Who IS the prisoner of Azkaban?)

Wizards-in-training had the chance to earn "coins" for participation, good behaviour and good



Castle Building was hard work!



Defence Against the Dark Arts.

were way of the kind of magic these boys would make. Professors-in-training (Scouts) also kept an eye on things.

Campfire and mug-up ensued— no trouble broke out between

participation, good behaviour and good

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A fond farewell

Kari Robertson, Commissioner



Another year, another place, another position. One of the best things about Scouting is that every 3-4 years there is a shuffle of the "Honour Guard" and we get some new blood, new ideas, and new perspectives.

I remember four short years ago, as I made my *début* as Regional Commissioner, how I felt and how I thought "Boy! I've really done it now."

Scouting has always given me so much! Taught me how to step out of my box, learn, teach and gain so much self growth, but did I take a giant step this time? Was I in a different time zone? I was very unsure of myself and how things would turn out. Then I remembered the importance of the T.E.A.M.

What have I trained so many times before? In Scouting we are never alone. We never have to stand there by ourselves. We always have the support of a good strong team behind us. Together Each Action Multiplies. I picked a team to support me, help me, back me, and be my friends. What a team I picked. I always had their support. I know there were times they thought I didn't have a "clue," but they still stood by me and things worked out!

Now as I prepare to pass the Region on to Drew Taylor, I have to say I will miss a lot of what I have been doing. I have met so many people, visited so many groups and learned so much history and new things from the Areas. It has all been an education and one giant step I am glad I took! As I move into my new role, I will do so with courage and support of a Region, and many friends backing me up.

I will quickly put a team together to work with me and continue to make training in Halifax Region as complete and as flexible as possible. Just coming off Wood Badge II and Wood Badge I courses, it is truly amazing to think what a wonderful organization this is. How fortunate we all are to be part of it, and part of the shaping of our adults of tomorrow. We really are making a difference, so let us all work even harder to promote, support and encourage all our leaders to get together and really find the true Spirit of Scouting.

The next time you hear from me in the *Round-Up* I will write for another column—the training page. We will try to get as much training as possible without going overboard to bring everyone up to speed on all the latest and newest program ideas.

I thank everyone in Halifax Region for allowing me to take that giant step four years ago. It has been an experience I will never forget. As with anything there have been good and bad times. The good ones I will remember fondly, but the bad ones allowed me to learn from them, so they too have been positive. Thank you to the best team a girl could ever have, both those who stepped down during the four years as well as those who are with me now. I never could have done it without you! You're the BEST!

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Adrian's Leadership Lodge

James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board

Subsequent to the tragic and sudden death of Adrian Jay (Director CLC 1995–1997), in September of 2002 the Camp Management Board began plans for the development of Adrian's Leadership Lodge. This building is intended to replace the aging complex known as Twin Inns and will serve the increasing needs of the summer leadership program which Adrian founded.

Thanks to the generosity of the Nova Scotia Department of Sport and Recreation, the Royal Bank, memorial donations, the Estate of N.H. Akerland, Buy a Log for the Lodge, and other various generous individual donations we were able to break ground on Saturday, September 10.

This building is located off the side of the field toward Twin Inns. The overall floor measures 24'x50'. It will consist

of two sleeping areas, each accommodating 16 (8 sets of bunks). A common room in the middle will be available for training and group meetings. To the back of the common room will be two councillor rooms, each designed to accommodate two staff.

By the time you read this article it is intended that the building will be roof tight. This will have been accomplished through the volunteer efforts of a relatively small but dedicated group, too numerous to name in this forum. I would be remiss however, if I did not take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Marshall Giles and Gary MacPherson who have provided yeoman's service. More work will be required in the Spring to put the "finishing" touches in place before the grand opening, which we certainly hope to have before the next camp season. Additional funding will be required to make this a reality, so if you have contacts or would like to make a donation,



Lynda Hawkins-Chisholm, Manager RBC presents James Robertson with a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 as a contribution toward Adrian's Leadership Lodge.

please let us know.

Check out the pictures on the Camp Lone Cloud web site.

Welcome Back!

Drew Taylor,
Deputy Regional Commissioner

Another year of Scouting lies ahead. Once again leaders take up the challenge of training youth, getting into the outdoors and having a lot of fun. The next few months will see all of us move toward new challenges as we get to know our youth, our team members and, balancing our Scouting life with family and work. No surprise! This has been the challenge facing leaders since it all began 98 years ago. B.P. himself observed that life was hectic.

In November 1927, he submitted an article to *The Scouter* entitled "Personal". In the body of his missive he listed 23 written requests he received that day from various friends, military friends and museum curators — for everything from letters of reference to scheduling a 10-day tour of Wales to visit Scouts. Last on the list was an item to submit the article to *The Scouter*. Needless to say it was the first thing he did that day.

Leaders balance program with resources and, of course, time. Many leaders put a lot of effort into planning their program and execute it

wonderfully. B.P. would be impressed. But looking at the outdoor activity being done, I think he would be quite disappointed. He felt the outdoor program provided the basis for youth training and that weekend camping, tramping (day hikes), or trekking (long distance week-long camps) were the most important elements in the Scouting program. Leaders were to get out frequently and to have structured plans for each day in camp. Youth, he felt, learned best by doing, and better when they learned in camp.

Why then, do our groups spend so little time in the outdoors? It is an intriguing question that I have always had a hard time getting an answer for. As Group Commissioner and then as Area Commissioner, I spent a lot of time observing the program in action. One note always struck home right away. At Section visits I noted that the struggling groups spent very little time outside of the meeting place. The sections doing well spent a lot of time in the woods. The question that naturally follows is why do certain sections spend so little time outdoors? One glaring point struck home: the time outdoors is directly related to the training held by the leaders. If leaders are uncomfortable in camp they are less likely to get the youth out.

How then, does the leader who is not fully comfortable in camp, find a way to get this program element in? The answer lies in gaining experience by linking with sections whose leaders are comfortable in the outdoors. Joint camps spread the burden of leadership, introduce youth to new friends and experiences, and meet the need. Ask your Area Service Team members about what other Packs, Troops and Colonies are doing and get in touch. Leaders are always happy to help out, and getting 40 people into camp is not much harder than 20. It boils down to logistics and manpower. They can guide you in how to plan a camp, work out the logistics and plan the program. Your presence at camp will give you a good idea of what it is all about, how to put it all together, and who knows, your joint camp may become a yearly tradition with that group.

One final thought, if you never leave the meeting place, what makes the Scout program any different from basketball or any other activity where youth get together in a building? Getting our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers into camp ensures that they have fun, stay in the program and learn those skills that B.P. identified as important so many years ago!

Training news and views

From the ARC Training...



Karen O'Toole, ARC Training

Just got in the door from another successful WBI course. It was exciting watching 19 people receiving their woggles – 4 more will receive woggles within the next two weeks and another eight will receive theirs on November 1st, upon completion of the rest of the Basic Core. Thanks to the candidates who participated, to their families for allowing them to leave for the weekend, and also a big THANK YOU to the trainers for all their time and effort (especially since most of them spent the summer working on the WBII course held in September). Also thanks to Kari for putting this course together. Great job everyone!!

What an exciting way to start the year. We are planning to have another course on Tuesday, February 7th (the indoor part of Outdoor Skills) and February 10, 11, and 12 for the weekend course. Place TBA. Again, candidates will have the option of staying or going home overnight. Get those registrations in now!!!

This is my last report as ARC Training. As of November 14, Kari Robertson will be the new ARC. I would like to thank the members of the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) for their continued support. Over the years, we have tried to change our training methods to meet the needs of leaders, Group Commissioners, etc. The TAC worked hard to keep up-to-date on the changes from National and keep our training on a steady course. They did a tremendous job and I thank each and every one of them.

I would also like to say thanks to the trainers. I don't think most people understand the amount of time it takes to be a trainer (on top of their other duties in Scouting). Besides being away from their families for the weekend, they have spent many hours putting the lesson plans together,

meeting with the rest of the team, re-doing the lesson plans, meeting with the rest of the team, tweaking the lesson plans, meeting with...well you get the idea. We are very lucky to have such a high caliber of trainers in Halifax Region. Thank you all for your dedication – your love of Scouting shows.

Thanks to the Commissioners, the Group Commissioners and all who helped spread the word that training is an essential part of the Scouting movement. With well-trained leaders, the workload on Service Team is lightened. And thanks to Kari who was always there to lend a helping hand and keep my head above the water.

Keep up the great work everyone. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated Scouters.

Keep the spirit going and growing.

Course participants pay tribute to a much loved Scouter...

Karen O'Toole

The Colony Gillwellians of 2005 wanted to work on a project during the Wood Badge II course held this summer at Camp Nedoae. After getting suggestions from Diane and Jim, the group decided that they would build a quiet, reflective spot and name it "The Ramsey Room".

Although the Colony group was small this year (only six), their ideas, dedication, and energy made up for it. The Colony course was made up of Daniel Cole, Lisa Gowan, Cathy Hicks, Mary Lou Hill, Monique Hughes, and Gaetan Tremblay.

Steve Terrio gave us a tour of Nedoae – and while we were listening to the history of the area we were also scouting out appropriate spots for our project. We looked at several spots, and it was only when we returned to our camp that we

discovered the perfect place. It was right beside our camp. It had a natural path leading to a quiet spot surrounded by trees, and had a view of the water.

The plans began...Lisa had a friend who could make a plaque, and Gaetan generously offered to pay for it.

The next weekend Gaetan arrived early – with his tools – and started hauling logs down to our site. Daniel arrived with every carpenter's tool you could think of. Lisa arrived with the plaque and a post hole digger. Cathy, Monique and Mary Lou pitched in – lugging logs and placing them along the path, clearing away the rubble, painting, carving, weaving etc. We all had jobs to do – of course I forgot to bring the whipper snipper. However, Peter Comeau came to our rescue by mowing the path (and we promised not to tell that he ran out of gas at the bottom of the hill).

It is now complete, and you have to see it to believe it. They worked very hard and did an excellent job. Drive down the road towards the dining hall, stop at the stand of trees just before you reach the cabins, and walk toward the water. On your right you will see a gate – take a walk down and spend a few minutes in the peaceful setting. The group constructed a bench and there is a pole with wooden beads on it. It is also a "gone home" sign with the rocks around the base. Each of us placed a special rock. We thought the room was complete, but Diane had been complaining because Daniel had made the Colony trainers and candidates beautiful walking sticks and she didn't have one. So the group made one for her and Jim to share and presented it to them during the campfire. Unfortunately, it



was over 8 feet long and Diane couldn't get it into the car, so she generously donated it to the Ramsay Roome.

The Ramsay Roome is a perfect spot to sit and reflect about all the Gilwellians who have gone home. I am sure each of us could name several people who have influenced us over the years. I know for me, Ramsey was one of those people, as was Pat Morrison and Lawrence LeBlanc. I now have a place to go and thank them for all they have done for me.

Please check it out – the gang did a great job and have assured that the Gilwell spirit will live on...just the way Ramsey would have wanted it.

From a new Gilwellian...



*Bryne Henderson
AAC Pack Armview Area*

Having just completed my Wood Badge II Pack course in September, I thought it was important to talk about this valuable training.

Many of us have qualms when it comes to the need for training, or figure it would be impossible to find time to do it. I quickly found out that not only is the training excellent and very important, but that every minute was extremely worthwhile, rewarding and personally fulfilling.

Having completed Wood Badge I training as a Colony leader in 1998, very soon after joining 1st Shad Bay Colony with my oldest son, I found that I was well prepared to work with this Section of children. As my children progressed through the program I, as many of us do, moved on to Pack, and I quickly realized that this age group was very different from Beaver-age children. I found that I had to rely more on the experiences of others, but found that Wood Badge I still gave me the basic planning tools to plan a program within the guidelines laid out by Scouts Canada. But I lacked some of the skills and tools required to work with this age group. Since I had always thought about completing Wood Badge II training, I began to inquire as to how I could get

this course. Since I now worked with Pack I wanted to do Wood Badge II in that Section. The mentoring program provided me with the opportunity to complete Wood Badge I Pack, qualifying me for the Cub course.

The training started on a Friday evening in September when a diverse group of about 60 people from around the province, encompassing leaders from all sections of Scouting, arrived at Camp Nedooae. We were there with the common goal of becoming better leaders, and to find the right mix of tools and skills to allow us to work with the youth of our sections. The training began right away and continued non-stop for the entire weekend. The subjects were diverse and interesting, covering everything from leadership through to program planning and conflict resolution. The training team proved to be exceptionally knowledgeable, and dedicated to ensuring that we all had the tools required to deliver a quality program to our youth. After what seemed like two jam-packed weeks of training (was it really only two days!), we broke camp having learned many new concepts, and exposed to many new ideas. But, perhaps most importantly, we made many new friends. And Oh yeah! Let's not forget the homework for weekend two of the course.

The second weekend commenced with the promise of perhaps one of the nicest weekends, weather-wise, we will see this Fall. We set up our camp, and embarked on a weekend filled with a variety of new ideas, concepts and the many tasks we needed to complete. This weekend focused more on Section-specific training topics, that is, how to be a better Cub leader. The Saturday evening show of stars in

the night sky, after campfire and mug-up, was truly breathtaking. Finally on Sunday, we were given the opportunity to share our investiture as Gilwellians, with our families, friends and the many others who had come before us. It was an honour to become a member of such an outstanding group of people. I could go into great detail as to what we did during these two extremely rewarding weekends, teach you the secret handshake if you like, but there is nothing that can replace actually doing the training.

Although interesting and varied, the training was the smallest of the rewards I took away from this course. The opportunity to meet and work with a group of truly exceptional people, as well as the sharing of our experiences and ideas was perhaps the greatest of the many rewards. I believe we all came away from this training revitalized and recharged in our desire to work with the youth.

We all share many of the same goals. We enjoy working with the youth of our sections and want to gain the knowledge and tools to set these youth on the road to becoming the leaders of tomorrow. I would challenge leaders at all levels to take training when offered. It will give you new tools useful not only in Scouting, but in your everyday life as well. Perhaps most importantly you will come away from these courses with friendships that will last you a lifetime. Let's get out there and take training!

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to thank Diane Burns and her outstanding training team for giving up what must have been hundreds of hours of time in preparing and executing this course. Thanks Diane *et al!*



Several Scouters and Trainers from Halifax Region participated in the Wood Badge II course in September.

began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, when the donkey realized what was happening, he cried horribly. Then, to

Camp Lone Cloud 2005

James Robertson
Chair, Camp Management Board

As the Editor will attest, I am normally one of the first to submit articles for the *Round Up*. This time 'round I am struggling – not sure what to say or how to start. Now get one thing straight, that is not because there isn't a lot to say. For those who know me are fully aware that I am never at a loss for words when expounding the virtues of Camp Lone Cloud.

So, what did I say in this issue last year? Thanks to our Region website I glance back to 2004. What about the year before that? Before I know it, I have reviewed articles on camp over the past five years.

Have we made a difference in the lives of children in our community?

You be the judge. Read back over the years and soak in all that has taken place.

At this time I congratulate the entire Camp Lone Cloud Family for the effort they put forth this past summer. In particular, I salute a man who took charge of the program and staff and made an incredible difference in everyone's life. Thank you André Amiro – Akela.

In past articles I have talked of youth who came to us from

Japan, St. Pierre and elsewhere. This year I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Adheek the Scotsmen

– Myles O'Donnell. Myles came to us from Scotland as a volunteer member of staff and added great flavour to our family. As well, we had three youth participants from England.

Our campers and leadership youth were treated to a program second to none. We invested in our equipment this year ensuring the tools everyone needed were available. On top of it all they ate darned well too! Long days, short nights, hot days and wet ones,



their enthusiasm never waned. Jugglers, homemade ice cream (courtesy of the Discovery Centre), canoe rides, floating campfires, bottle rockets, Santa Claus, Solos, Pirates, Cowboys, fishing, swimming, and so-o-o-o much more. We would welcome feedback from any and all.

Each year I am in awe when I see our staff come together as strangers and eight weeks later part as life-long friends with memories that will always be there.

As staff prepared to depart the island on the last day of post camp, André gathered everyone around the flag pole at the waterfront; he said it was story time. Out comes Dr. Seuss'

Camp Lone Cloud Staff, 2005
Inset: Cabin Counsellors



2005 Camp Lone Cloud Statistics

Program	Armview	Halifax Area	Basin Lakes	Harbour West	Sespenaak Centre	St. Margaret's	Dart-mouth	Tri-County	Col-Valley	Lunen-chester	Other	No District	Total	
Camper	16	14	19	8	20	4	23	4	4	2	1	1	56	172
Junior	6	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	28	47
Advanced	5	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	37	50
CIT	1	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	1	33	46
TOTAL	28	22	21	8	21	7	30	5	10	5	1	3	154	315
2004	26	32	18	7	23	4	35	5	9	6	0	4	170	339

Budgeted in 2005 for 100 non-registered campers.

Camp Lone Cloud Registration Statistics Comparison

Program	BUDGET	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Camper	204	172	193	184	241	211	204
Junior	50	47	63	62	58	47	41
Advanced	50	50	37	45	62	38	24
CIT	35	46	46	44	39	20	28
TOTAL	339	315	339	335	400	316	297

"Oh The Places You'll Go." I confess I had not heard this one before – now I own it. The last 2 pages...

And will you succeed?

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So...

Be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray

Or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,

You're off to Great Places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting.

So...get on your way!

Check out pictures at www.camplonecloud.ca

Employment applications for the 2006 season will be available mid-December on the website.

What they're saying about CLC '05

"As a parent leaving our child at camp for the first time, staff made us very comfortable! Very informative and capable. Explained qualifications etc. of staff."

"A" for Awesome in all cases. Out Trips – "I seriously loved that!"

"He came home from camp very enthusiastic and wanted to stay another week! His first experience at camp (without parents) was awesome. He can't wait until next year (his younger brother will be able to go too). As parents, we were so impressed by the staff. A great experience! Keep up the good work!"



Camp Lone Cloud acknowledges the generosity of DownEast Communications through supplying complimentary use of walkie-talkies and cell phones for the summer camp program. We would not be able to offer the program as we do without their support. Being able to conduct our programs knowing that at all times participants can be in contact with one another and emergency services should the need arise, is critical to our success. Thank you DownEast from all the campers and staff of Camp Lone Cloud 2005.

The top seven reasons NOT to go to Camp Lone Cloud on your summer vacation...

7. There's never anything to eat! ➔



← 6. It's always as cold as December!

5. Too many baths! ➔



4. You call making rockets FUN? ↓



3. You're busted for the least little mistake. ↓



2. Would you really want to learn orienteering from these guys? ↑



And the #1 reason not to go to Camp Lone Cloud for summer vacation...

I JUST DON'T LIKE IT!!!

HONOURS & AWARDS

Margaret Alexander, 1st Bedford	5 Years
Ralph Barnes, 1st Hammonds Plains	Medal of Merit
Gerald Burgess, 2nd Wellington	10 Years
Sue Conrad, Halifax Region	15 years
Dave Durnford, Halifax Region	10 years
Harold Griswold, 1st Riverlake	15 Years
Sue Howard, Halifax Region	20 years
Tim Hubley, St. Margaret's Area	5 years
Deborah LaBrech, 2nd Wellington	10 Years
Maurice Landry, Armview Area	Medal for Good Service
John Perkins, 1st Riverlake	10 Years
John Perkins, 1st Riverlake	Medal of Merit
Jerry Sampson, 1st Hammonds Plains	25 Years
Jim Simon, 2nd Waverley	15 Years
Robert Sproul, Sespensaak Area	15 years
Bill Strum, 2nd Waverley	25 Years
Bill Strum, 2nd Waverley	Medal of Merit
Drew Taylor, Halifax Region	10 years
Steve Terrio, Halifax Area	10 years
Marion Verboom-Doucette, 2nd Wellington	10 Years
Marion Verboom-Doucette, 2nd Wellington	Medal of Merit
Len Wagg, 2nd Wellington	Medal of Merit
Bill Wilson, 2nd Wellington	25 Years
Bill Wilson, 2nd Wellington	Medal of Merit

Congratulations also to the many Scouters throughout Halifax Region who have been awarded the Certificate of Commendation.

Cub Fun Day 2005

Debbie Doherty, ARC Pack

On May 14th, 450 youth and adults gathered at York Redoubt for the Annual Regional Cub Fun Day.

Approximately 278 Cubs and 23 Beavers played games hosted by Armview, Basin Lakes, Halifax and Sespensaak Centre Areas. These events were run by the respective Service Teams with assistance from many fellow Scouters. The theme for the day was "Back To The Jungle," although the weather did not match the theme. It was cold and the wind was raw. The sun did break through around noon enough to warm up us some, but the wind stayed cold.

Dave Winter designed the crest. As usual it was great, and the Wolf Cub certainly looked comfortable

perched on his rock.

Bryne Henderson, AAC Pack from Armview, Robert Bray, AAC Pack from Halifax Area, Paul Savoie, AAC Pack from Sespensaak Centre and I met several times to plan, and without their hard work this event would not have taken place. Drew Taylor, AC Basin

Lakes organized that Area.

Prior to, and on the day of the event, Scouts, Leaders and other volunteers organized and manned the projects, cooked, and marshalled the youth. All worked hard to keep it well-organized and keep the youth busy.

From the time everyone arrived we had volunteers assisting. Bill Strum, along with a friend of his, Bill Gardner, and my son Brent were busy keeping everyone safe in the parking lot. Karen O'Toole, ARC Training and Marilyn Moore, ARC Group were busy registering everyone so we knew where the youth were in case a parent came looking for them, and also so that we had numbers to organize the quantity of food needed at each site for lunch. Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner was also present and assisted in whatever was required at that moment.

Speaking of food, I would be remiss not to mention Drew Taylor's role as he ordered the food, and he also must estimate how much to order as we never know the exact count until the day of the event.

Our Emergency First Aiders were present, which is always a relief for me as I never worry then about any concerns in that area.

As you can tell, it takes many to plan and run Cub Fun Day. I want to truly thank all of them, as their assistance is greatly appreciated and without them this event would NEVER be held, as one person cannot organize and run an event of this size. This has been the fourth Cub Fun Day I have organized, and each has presented its challenges, but I have enjoyed doing this as the youth always seem to enjoy themselves and have fun.

The big question is: "Are we having fun yet?" Our reward is the smiles on the faces of the youth when they are having fun and we get to see and meet our fellow Scouters.

So finally, thank you all for supporting me by attending, encouraging your youth to attend and assisting with Cub Fun Day. Thanks, and hopefully we will all meet next May for another day of fun!



Blunders All Scouters Should Avoid

Robert Sproul, Commissioner,
Sespenaak Centre

Volunteer Scouters are not perfect. We make mistakes, and plenty of them, but cheer up. As long as we learn by our mishaps and errors, and pass our learning experiences on to others (and avoid the same mistakes in the future) we should come out of this all right.

So, what are these mistakes? Below are a few of the many I have made myself, and seen others make.

"I Want To Do It All" – Sure, other members of our team won't do the task exactly the same way we would, but chances are the job will get done, and with the same results. They will experience the feeling of being a team player and you'll be able to accomplish tasks that only you can perform.

"Wearing Too Many Hats" – We all like to help out as much as possible, but give yourself a break. Learn to say NO. It's better to accept one task, do it well and finish it completely before donning another hat (or task) to wear.

"Not Allowing Kids To Be Kids" – Kids are kids. They want to act like kids, not little adults. Let them have their fun. Sure, it may not fit perfectly into our plans for that evening's program but live with the bumps and curves they throw at you. Give them the freedom and fun they expect and want. Remember – They are only kids.

"Not Allowing Adults To Be Kids" – Adults are just overgrown kids. Volun-

teers join our movement to have fun. Let them relive their childhood activities and memories again. By all means, treat adults like adults, but remember, there is a little child in each of us.

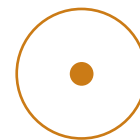
"Talking Instead Of Doing" – Youth join our program to have fun. Nothing is more disheartening to a youth than to have to listen for fifteen minutes to instructions about how to play a game, and then have only five minutes to enjoy playing it. Yes, we do have to have time to talk to the youth, but keep it short, to the point and at a level they can comprehend.

"Not Planning Properly" – Occasionally you can have an exceptional evening program without having any advance planning, but proper long, medium and short term planning will ensure your Section runs effectively. Be sure to include planning ideas obtained from the youth themselves. They will make some mistakes, but remember Scouting is "learning by doing.". With proper planning by all, everyone will reap the benefits.

"Not Getting Out" – Youth love being outdoors. From the smallest Beaver right through to that young adult Rover, the Scouting program is based on outdoor activities. Take a weekly Pack meeting and hold it outside in the parking lot instead of inside, go for a hike on your regular weekly meeting night or plan that special outdoor activity that the youth have been asking for. Remember – Get the "OUT" out of ScOUTing.

The message is clear: If you want to make progress sometimes you are going to make mistakes, but learn

from your errors and pass your knowledge on to others. But most of all – enjoy your Scouting involvement, even with all the blunders.




Gone Home Pat Morrison

Pat Morrison "Kingfisher," a dear friend and long-time supporter of Scouting, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Pat, a member of the Provincial Service team, trainer and consummate events organizer, had also served as a leader and District Commissioner for Basin Lakes. She was an instrumental organizer of many Provincial Conferences, Lodges & Lairs and a regular participant on the Alert team. As a trainer, Pat worked many Gilwell courses over the years and imparted her love of fun, song and game in the outdoors to successive generations of Scouters.

A memorial service was held on June 13th at Bedford United Church where long-time friends, members of the community and Scouters came together to celebrate Pat's life. Many former and current Scouters took the time to share their memories of Pat's quiet way of getting things done, her hearty laugh and her many passions.

Pat Morrison will be lovingly remembered by all who knew her.



it's hockey time again!

Did you attend the Mooseheads game during Scout Guide Week last year?

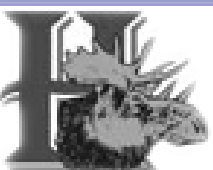
Well, don't miss out!

Two games are scheduled for this season!

All tickets are \$8.50

GAME 1 – Friday, November 25
7:00pm – Metro Centre
Mooseheads vs. PEI Rockets
Tickets now on sale at Scout Office

GAME 2 – Sunday, February 26
4:00pm – Metro Centre
Mooseheads vs. Bathurst Titans
Tickets may be purchased at Scout Office before Christmas.



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Storytelling

Greg Fenwick, ARC Youth

One of the fondest memories I have of Scouting as a youth, was going to camp and attending campfires in the evening. We sang songs, did skits and yelled our hearts out, but most importantly for me, we listened to the Scouters tell us stories.

I have thought over the last while that this is an important part of Scouting that we seem to be losing. Storytelling can be a marvelous tool to enchant, calm and teach the youth in our care during a campout. A story doesn't have to be told just at a formal campfire, although that is important too, but also at informal campfires where a few gather together to enjoy a quiet night and listen to the snap of a cheery fire.

Many people seem to be intimidated by telling stories, but here are a few guidelines that can help you become a better storyteller:

To start, find a short story that has a moral or a message, perhaps a fairy tale, a native tale, or a historical tale — but make sure that it is something you like, and that you can hear the message the tale is trying to tell.

Memorize the story so that you can easily repeat it. Some storytellers memorize the gist of the story, and fill in details as they go. That is okay too.

Now that you have done this, practice it at home in front of a mirror, and repeat it in the car when you are by yourself, driving to work or on your way to do an errand.

By doing these things you will be able to tell a story with ease and be able to concentrate on your presentation rather than remembering the story. Nothing is worse than not remembering the punch line to a joke, and the same is true with storytelling.

You can find stories in many different places, sometimes just by listening to others, and each person develops their own storytelling style. If you enjoy telling the story the audience will enjoy listening to it.

The final piece of advice that I would like to pass on to you would-be storytellers, is that you should be sure



to find a second story to tell, for if you are successful in telling the first one, your audience will probably call for another!

Happy storytelling!

Editor's note: One of my fondest memories of Scouting is, and will always be, listening to Greg's melodious voice as he enchants his audience at campfire by telling a story or delivering a Scouter's Five. To me, this is Scouting at, and by, its finest!



Group Committees are vital

Marilyn Moore, ARC Groups

Group Committees are a vital and valuable part of Scouting.

Functioning properly, the committee members "free up" the Section leaders so they are able to concentrate on the youth and the program. It is the administrative part of Scouting, but it also plays a servicing role by giving the leaders support.

Who should be on the Group Committee? The Group Commissioner is the chair of the Committee but cannot do the job alone. The Commissioner must delegate some of the responsibility to others. Some of the tasks others can do are secretary, treasurer, registrar and serving on committees such as fundraising, camp, publicity, Apple Day, Scoutrees, Popcorn, etc. The Group Committee may also have a Group Scouter who will give direct support to the Sections. These people are the administrative part of the Group Committee, but input is required

from the Sections. One leader per Section should represent that Section at each meeting. This may be the Colony spokesperson, Akela or Troop Scouter, but not necessarily. Some groups share representation on the Group Committee among all leaders. Who else? A Sponsor representative is always a valuable addition to the Group Committee and helps to keep the Sponsor involved and informed. It is always good to encourage parents not already involved, to attend.

How do you support the leaders? Group Committee ensures that the leadership team is there and providing a quality program for the youth. It is responsible for finding meeting places, coordinating registration, fees, uniforms, fundraising, providing handbooks and other supplies, and helping with camps and special events. They should encourage leaders and committee members to take training. The Group Scouter can monitor how the program is going, suggest changes and help with recruiting.

The Group Committee is also the link between the Sections. It can play a large part in organizing events, which bring the Sections together, in order to complete linking activities. The Group Committee, generally the Group Commissioner, is also the link between the Group, Area, Region and Province. Usually communication comes from these levels to the Commissioner, who is responsible for informing the others in the Group, both leaders and committee members. Communication should flow both ways so the Committee should keep the Area informed of the entire Group's activities by attending the Area Management Team meetings, preparing an annual report and ensuring that an annual audit is completed. The Committee can also function as the link between the Group and the community. Another linking function of the Committee is between the Group and the Sponsor. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Sponsor is kept informed about the activities of the Sections. The Sponsor should also receive a copy of the Annual Report and Audit.

Finances are important to the functioning of a Group. It is the responsi-

bility of the Group Committee, not only to collect fees and organize fund raisers, but also to ensure that the monies collected are spent responsibly. In order to do this each Section must present a budget which is then merged into a Group Budget. The Committee monitors the use of the money assigned to each Section, including any dues collected. Each Section must keep its own record of income and expenses as well as receipts for materials purchased. The Section accounts should be audited by a member of the Group Committee and this audit then becomes part of the Group Committee audit. Group or Section bank accounts require at least two signatures (two of three is better in case one of the signers is not available). The account should include the words "Scouts Canada", for example "Scouts Canada 1st Whatever Group Committee".

The Group Committee is responsible for recruiting new membership – both youth and adult, retaining membership and recognition of youth and adults who have contributed to Scouting in your community.

A well-run, supportive and effective Group Committee can help to make Scouting more fun for everyone.

Change

v. To make different; alter, transmute.

*Drew Taylor,
Deputy Regional Commissioner*

Transition is always a time of uncertainty. The members of the outgoing team are anxious to wrap things up and the incoming team is just as anxious to get going. The incoming Regional Service Team will be spending most of their time in the field. They will be visiting sections, Group Committees and the Areas as part of their plan to help Scouting grow and flourish. I invite all of you to pick up the phone and invite us to visit your Section, etc.

Communication is a key part of the success of the Region's Scouting vision. As the members of the incoming team settle into their jobs in late November, you will begin to see more of us, hear more in print, e-mail and webspace about what is going on in the region and, see what the next few years are going to shape up as. Meetings, while necessary, will be kept at a minimum. This will mean a slight increase in e-mail and phone traffic

over the next while to keep you up to speed. Region broadcasts will be sent out as necessary and will be aimed at getting each of you the information you want and need to run your program. Please take the time to read the material we send you and then decide how it affects you and in what ways you may act upon it.

This issue of the *Round-Up* is somewhat unique as it will be the last in its current format. As a means of communication with Scouters it has been excellent as it has grown and matured over the years. Scouters have come to rely on the *Round-Up* as a primary source of news and upcoming events.

The *Round-Up* will be changing in a very substantial way over the next few months. First, its scope will be broadened to include the other important stakeholder groups, the parents and Sponsors, who have been left largely in the background over the past years. Parents and your Sponsor will now receive copies of the *Round-Up* as well. Material specific to the parents will be added in an effort to bring them in as a participating partner in Scouting. Second, a third issue will be added at mid-year, sometime in February, to

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Wizarding Ways

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deeds. At the end of the weekend, a Honeydukes store was opened and they cashed in their earnings.

Professors-in-training played a significant role in the education of the young wizards. They took aside the senior trainees (third-year Cubs) and



Matthew Madill gets sorted into Ravenclaw House.

taught lashing.

Third-year Cubs were also given the opportunity to spend Saturday night sleeping in a lean-to with a Scout. One Cub, who had graduated to Scouts the week before, took us up on the offer. After campfire, he went to his cabin, grabbed his sleeping bag, pillow and teddy bear and walked to the other end of the island to the lean-to. He managed to spend the entire night and the look of pride on his face at Sunday morning breakfast



Successful completion of the Marauders Map Challenge.

spoke 1,000 words. Later, on the ferry back to the land of Muggles, he quietly said, "I really am a Scout now."

With that one comment, I knew the weekend was a success.

Big thanks to leaders Terry Thibault, Mike Voigt, Kristy Hardy, Kevin Conrad, Larry Stevens, and Tim Hubley. Extra big thanks to cooks Holly Hubley and Rhonda (whose last name escapes me, sorry).



Kristofer Hardy, Matthew Madill and Andrew Weston make troll snot during Potions class.

Change

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keep Scouters and parents current. A significant challenge is now before us; leaders will have to help us with the submission of articles for the three *Round-Up* issues. It is our hope that this will give you a forum to spread news of your successes and to talk about issues relevant to parents. The Group Committees can also use this space to get their message across to both Sponsor and parent alike.

The team is also beginning to take the first tentative steps towards the building of a youth e-zine. Our wish is to have the e-zine built by, run and managed by youth. This electronic medium will allow youth to speak to issues they see as important. By giving them a voice and a forum they can begin to develop their own communication methods in a space comfortable to them. The Region will exercise some editorial constraint to ensure privacy and appropriateness of content. How this initiative comes to fruition will largely be the result of their efforts. Just as program is in some part driven by youth as well. As we get closer to starting the planning we will keep everyone posted.

As always we encourage your comment and input. As a commissioner I often heard the comment and question about what the Service Team does. The answer to that question is "Whatever we are asked to do!" They key is to let us know what needs to be done and where. Scouting in Halifax Region is alive and well. Our goal is to see it become bigger, better and focused on having fun in the outdoors, an idea started some 100 years ago.

Do a Good Turn Every Day

Ian Parker, Deputy Regional Commissioner, Administration

Robert Baden-Powell, in his speeches to various youth groups and organizations, had been encouraging boys and young men to "do good." "By doing good," he wrote in 1900, "I mean making yourselves useful and doing small kindnesses to other people — whether they are friends or strangers." (quoted by Jeal 1989: 363). This concept famously became incorporated into Scout Law.

We are pleased to advise you that Operation Good Deed is back!

Doing good deeds is a self-sacrificing act that people usually seek to complete. This is something that we can recognize especially among young children, with their responsible nature and their kindness. They usually do such good deeds without vision of any outcome or reward except seeing a smile on the face of others.

In today's world, we find it very important to maintain and promote good deeds, good human values, encourage our children to follow similar deeds, and show them how important and valuable these deeds are.

They should realize that these acts are what could build a strong cooperative, peaceful, society which will indicate to the general public the great values that the brotherhood of Scouting has to offer.

The purpose of Operation Good Deed is to return to the grass roots of Scouting, by generating a sense of

good spirit and community. Operation Good Deed is a revival of doing something good for others. Not to be considered a competition, it is recognition for doing good for others.

Open to youth members of all sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers, it is an excellent way of promoting the Scouting slogan, "Do a good turn every day."

How does Operation Good Deed work? Youth members complete good deeds during the month of February and report them to their leader who keeps a record and reports the total number of youth participating, and the total number of good deeds performed by the entire Section. This information is forwarded on the report form to the Provincial Office or to me, by March 15, 2006.

All participants will receive a certificate, for even a single good deed. Certificates will be mailed out to participating Groups no later than April 30, 2006 (in time to be presented at your Section's year-end closing).

Further information is available from the Provincial Office, through your Service Team, or by emailing Ian Parker, Provincial Co-ordinator for Operation Good Deed at hicks.parker@ns.sympatico.ca.

Some people ask, "Is there a difference between a good deed and a chore?" The answer of course, is yes. Chores are jobs that are assigned to youth, while good deeds are acts that are performed for others without being told to do them. The concept is one of caring and helping to make life a little easier for someone, by performing a random act of kindness.

Let's all plan to get involved with Operation Good Deed!

