

## First Aid Venturing comes to Nova Scotia

Chuck Stewart

I would like to introduce you to a new vocational Scouting group that has started in Nova Scotia.

We are the 1st Emergency Scouts. We have a Venturer Company and a Rover Crew. We are sponsored by the Nova Scotia Ground Ambulance Fleet and meet in Bedford. We are always looking for new members, and our numbers are growing fast. Our groups consists of first aiders, first responders (advanced first aid providers), and paramedics. We also have members who are qualified first aid instructors.

We will be offering the following services to all Scouting groups. We are available to provide first aid personnel for Beaver/Cub/Scout events. The minimum personnel we would provide to any camp is one first aider and one first responder or paramedic. For larger area camps we would provide several first responders or paramedics and several first aiders. The size of the camp will determine the amount of notice we would require for this service. The minimum notice is one month, due to the working schedules of our people. Ideally the more notice given, the easier it is on



Members and invited guests on Investiture night. Soon after this photo was taken, numbers increased to over twenty. Photo: Laurie Stewart.

our resources. For really large camps such as Alert or Fantasy Camp, given enough notice of approximately 4-6 months we would be able to provide all personnel and on some occasions, a fully equipped ambulance and our own communications.

We will also be available to provide first aid training with certificates at a cost of \$35.00 per person. This fee is set and pays for the first aid books and certificates.

The instructors provide this on a volunteer basis and therefore no instruction fee is charged. The course would be two full days to be held on weekends.

We would be more than happy to provide this training to anyone going for their Chief Scout Award or the Queen's Venturer Award.

Depending on the availability of our resources, we would also be happy to put on demonstrations showing some of the advanced lifesaving skills that our group uses. For anyone interested, we are accepting new members into our group.

All of our services are being offered at no cost to any Scouting group, however a donation to our group would be greatly appreciated and all of these

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# Ramblings from the RC's desk

John Peach, Commissioner



It's official now. By the time you read this we will have started a new millennium. To start the new Century, we have a new Regional crest available at the Scout Shop. All

reports so far is that the change has been well received. The old crest will continue to be around for a while yet. It is our intent to grandfather the old crest for youth now wearing it on their uniforms. Congratulations to Jane Mason-Browne, from 2nd Halifax Troop, for her winning design.

Check out [www.halifaxscouts.ca](http://www.halifaxscouts.ca) and [www.camplonecloud.ca](http://www.camplonecloud.ca) They are our own two official domain names which we have registered for Halifax Region. For the present we have moved the existing web pages to our new site, but in the near future we plan to make some changes to make this the primary location to find current information about people, events and news within Halifax Region. We can now offer to host each Area's web page and provide them with an Area email address. In the near future we plan to enable on-line registration for such things as

training courses. The good news is that by shopping around we were able to accomplish all of this for approximately the same amount of money as we have been budgeting for the past several years. If you have a suggestion as to how we can improve communication within the Region please let us know.

The Region's finances continue to be a struggle as income continues to decline. We have made significant gains in managing expenses over the past year. As an example, we have just reached an agreement with Province that will see our share of the operating and maintenance budget for the Quinpool Road property reduced to \$3,500 instead of the \$7,000 which we had been assessed for this current year. Last year we paid \$6,700. But the news gets better. We have agreed to a phased reduction over the next 20 months that will see us paying on the basis of \$2,600 annually until September 1, 2002, when our assessment will drop to \$1,700. Just in case you may not have been aware of it, Halifax Region and the Provincial Council each have a 50% equity share in the ownership of the Quinpool Road property.

In the near future, I will be calling a special meeting to set out next year's operating budget for the Region and to

provide you with an accounting of where your money goes. As I mentioned in the lead to the previous paragraph, declining revenue continues to be a serious and significant issue for us, even though we are watching expenses carefully and not running any budget deficits.

I also expect in the near future to recommend to the Provincial Council that Halifax Region's by-laws be repealed, consistent with what is occurring within the rest of the Province. As we are not a separately incorporated entity, but simply a branch of the Provincial Council, there appears to be no reason to continue to have them. The National and Provincial restructuring initiatives have clearly stated that the Regional Commissioner will be appointed by the Provincial Commissioner and accountable to that Commissioner. What is new though, is that each Region will be required to develop a set of "Operating Procedures" as their operating guidelines. I believe that this a model which can work well for us as well.

Earlier in the fall, Don Dorey's service to Scouting was recognized with a presentation of the Silver Acorn Award. Don has served as both Regional Commissioner and President of Halifax Region, but others, particularly the many youth who have attended Camp Lone Cloud know Don from his many efforts on behalf of the summer

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ROUND-UP IS APRIL 20.**

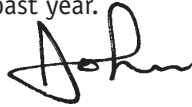
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program there.

And finally, congratulations to Earl Clarke. I recently had the opportunity to present Earl with his pin for 40 years of service to Scouting. Many of you know Earl and his tireless efforts on behalf of Scouting in Basin Lakes, Sespennaak and in more recent time with Halifax Region. Currently Earl is the ARC for Membership and leads a very active team that has accomplished a great deal over the past year.

Yours in Scouting,



# HONOURS & AWARDS

Earl Clarke	Halifax Region	40 years
Don Dorey	Halifax Region	Silver Acorn
Lowell Perry	Halifax Region	Medal for Good Service
Jerry Samson	Basin Lakes	20 years
Sue Samson	Basin Lakes	20 years

**SEE THE  
MILLER LAKE  
MAINLAND CAMP  
PULL-OUT  
SECTION IN THE  
CENTER OF THIS  
ISSUE!**

## Attention Nova Scotia Power employees...

It has come to the attention of the Camp Management Board that both past and present employees of Nova Scotia Power are eligible to apply for up to \$1,000 toward a community project they participate in as volunteers. This program is available under the Good Neighbour Employees' Volunteer Fund Program. Contact: Kendra Power, Communications Specialist.

**The Camp Management Board would very much appreciate being considered when making application for support through this fund.**



## Halifax Area Cabin

Halifax Area has taken ownership of the former 43rd Halifax cabin. The cabin is available to all Scouting groups at a minimal fee of \$5.00 per night to cover maintenance costs. The cabin can accommodate 10 people comfortably. Groups are responsible for their own firewood. To book contact Wayne Hall at 477-5433.

## Update on the Design Contest – a new badge for Halifax Region

*Dave Winter, Contest Co-ordinator*

We finally have a contest winner!

At the end of April, a selection committee of five Scouters met "somewhere between Halifax and Montreal" to go over the many design submissions for a new replacement Millennium issue of the Halifax Region badge. A unanimous choice was made with a recommendation presented to the Halifax Regional Council via the Regional Commissioner for a new replacement design.

Our recommendation was accepted by Council and an order placed in October. These new badges have arrived and are now for sale in the Halifax Scout Shop. The wearing of this new badge on our uniforms is not mandatory immediately but will be slowly replaced by attrition as groups deplete their supply of the old ones. (See page 9 for a description of the new crest.)

The contest winner was **Jane Mason-Browne**, a Troop Leader with **2nd Halifax Group**.

A big "thank you" to the many youth and adult Scouting members of Halifax Region who submitted a design in the contest.





# Mainland News

Kathy Peach

Maritimes NorthEast Pipeline has finished work on the pipeline that runs along the Guysborough Road at Miller Lake. They have restored/improved the pathways that lead from the road to our property. The street numbers (see map in pull-out section) that had to be taken down at the time of construction are back in place along with a few "No Trespassing" signs to keep away unwanted visitors.

The biggest change though is at Akerlund Field where there is now a proper gate across the driveway that leads to the field. A small parking lot for about 10-12 cars has been built off to the left inside the gate. This will enable anyone who is camping/hiking either at the Troop area or at Soldiers Lake to be able to park their cars off of the main road in relative safety. A key to the gate may be obtained by contacting me at 864-2895 or email [kpeach@accesswave.ca](mailto:kpeach@accesswave.ca). One caution to keep in mind is that the driveway and lot will not be plowed during the winter. The gate and parking lot were concessions given so that Maritimes NorthEast could build a small valve site to the right of the Akerlund Field driveway.

Another bit of good news for Miller Lake is the refurbishing of the main campfire site.

The campfire area had been deteriorating for the last number of years and all of the benches were rotting away making it unsafe to use. Mark Sanford, a Cub leader with 7th Sackville, has come to its rescue.

Mark was able to get a donation from Elmsdale Lumber of some impressive split Hemlock logs. These new benches are huge and it took a Herculean effort to get them to the site. One day was spent fighting a wind storm when they were floated down the lake and then winched onto the shore by the Harbour West cabin. Another day was spent in sub-zero weather hauling them up the hill to the campsite and arranging them in the circle.

Mark is still not finished. He has plans to clean out the campfire pit

which has become too large, and to construct one that will better fit the new guidelines around campfires. This will have to wait for better weather.

Mark wishes to thank all the adults and youth who have helped with this project.



## Harbour West and Sobeys partners in new group

Allan Boucher, Area Commissioner



We are pleased to report the start of a new group in our Area—8th Spryfield, Chebucto Heights.

The Beaver and Cub sections will be meeting in the

Chebucto Heights School. The Sponsor for the Group will be Sobeys in Spryfield. The Manager of the store, Mr. Derek Botma has agreed to be the Group Committee Chair.

We are also pleased to announce that Sobeys has given a very generous donation of a \$1500 start-up fund.

Thank you to both Sobeys and Mr. Botma, for the support and help in getting this group off to a great start!

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
**Many of the trees on Camp Lone Cloud were planted in 1951 by the Scouts of the 1st Armdale group.**

## 1st Emergency Group

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donations would go into purchasing new equipment to be used at future camps or during our first aid courses, and therefore ultimately will be put back into all Scouting groups wishing to use our services.

If you wish to enroll in a first aid course or require personnel as first aiders for camps, you may contact me at [stews.crew@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stews.crew@ns.sympatico.ca) or by

phone at 462-6363. I will then schedule the appropriate personnel.

### How it all began

The idea to start a group whose aim is to provide first aid at Scouting Events, started to develop to Jim Williams while at CJ '97 in Thunder Bay, where he talked to the MedVents from British Columbia.

When he got back to Nova Scotia he started to put out word that he would be available to do first aid at events around the Halifax area. He was asked to do first aid at a Fantasy Camp which is held at Camp Harris in May for Scouts. He recruited a couple of friends who knew first aid and the first time went over very well with a dedicated group doing the first aid. He was then asked to do first aid at the Beaveree and again they were very well received. He then started gathering names of people interested in doing first aid and over the next three years when asked he would contact everyone on his list and they would get together to do first aid.

At the same time he started to look into what would be required to form a Vocational Scouting Group whose primary goal is first aid, and therefore the resources could be managed more easily. It took Jim, a couple of other dedicated individuals and assistance from the Nova Scotia Ground Ambulance Fleet to clear all the *red tape*.

By mid-December we had 22 registered members from Baddeck, Cheticamp, Chester, Hubbards, the South Shore, Tri-County, Hublely, Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax and Dartmouth and seem to grow almost with each meeting. We have mandated that not only would we provide first aid for events, we would also provide first aid training for registered members of Scouts Canada and put on exhibitions demonstrating advanced skills our group uses.

Shortly after forming we were contacted by Mr. King who is in charge of the medical staff for CJ '01 and asked if we could attend and man one of the many first aid stations, which we will be doing.



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# MILLER PARK

SCOUTS CANADA  
GREATER HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL



## CAMP RULES MILLER LAKE MAINLAND

THE GROUP LEADER IS RESPONSIBLE TO ENFORCE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

1. A PERMIT TO CAMP AND/OR HIKE CARD MUST BE FILLED OUT AND DEPOSITED IN A DESIGNATED BOX FOR EACH VISIT TO MILLER PARK.

CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCOUT SHOP AND CABIN HOLDERS.

DROP BOXES ARE LOCATED ON THE BOAT HOUSE (6), THE FENCE OF THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION GARAGES (31) AND HARBOUR WEST CABIN (21).



2. ALL CAMPING, HIKING AND BOATING MUST COMPLY TO CURRENT REGULATIONS PUBLISHED BY SCOUTS CANADA- "BYLAWS, POLICY, PROCEDURES".



3. POSSESSION OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR NARCOTICS OF ANY FORM ARE FORBIDDEN.

4. POSSESSION OR USE OF FIRE ARMS, SNARFS, TRAPS OR EXPLOSIVES OF ANY FORM ARE FORBIDDEN.

5. COOKING AND/OR CAMPING IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE MAIN CAMPFIRE CIRCLE IS FORBIDDEN.



6. USE PERMANENT LATRINES (OUTHOUSES) AT ALL TIMES.



7. LEAVE THE AREA CLEANER THAN WHEN YOU FOUND IT. COLLECT AND REMOVE ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE FROM THE MILLER PARK AREA.



8. SAFETY AND FIRST AID IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GROUP LEADER.

9. CAMP ONLY ON SCOUTS CANADA PROPERTY (SEE MAP FOR BOUNDARIES). PERMISSION TO USE OTHER PROPERTY MUST BE OBTAINED FROM OWNERS.



10. FELLING OR DAMAGING OF LIVE TREES IS FORBIDDEN.  
DEAD FELL CAN BE USED.

11. ALL OUTDOOR FIRES MUST BE IN PERMANENT FIRE PITS. TEMPORARY FIRE PITS ARE NOT PERMITTED. OUTDOOR FIRES ARE SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FOREST RULES AND MUST BE SUPERVISED.



12. ACTIVITIES MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT SCOUTING IS CO-ED.



13. PARKING ONLY ON MILLER LAKE SIDE OF THE GUYSBOROUGH ROAD. NO PARKING IS PERMITTED ON THE PUMP HOUSE ROAD OR IN FRONT OF THE CHAIN GATE.



14. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED ON ANY TRAILS (ATVs-SKIDOOs).



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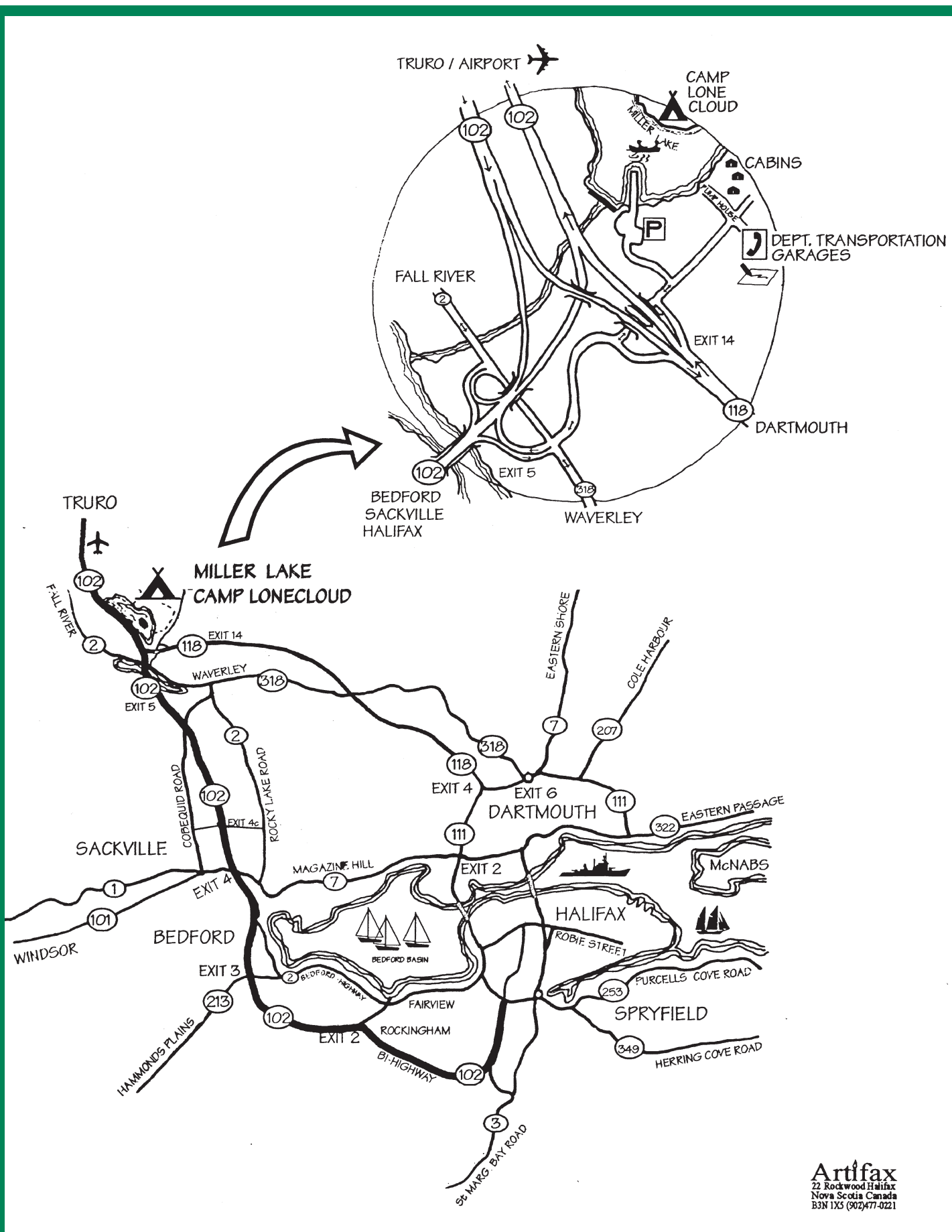
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GIVE LOCATION ON MAP







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# Badge Histories

By "Badger Dave"

## Halifax Region

With the restructuring of Halifax Region in the late 90s, two separate items surfaced for discussion: (1) a



Halifax Region 40th Anniversary badge issue and (2) a redesign of the present badge in use since 1960. The purchase of 1000 40th

Anniversary badges was approved by Council and they arrived in September 1999. They were to be worn (as an option) by adult members in lieu of the regular Region badge for one year and by the youth members until they moved to the next section. These were so well accepted by our Regional members that the Scout Shop was sold out by December.

Redesigning the Halifax Region badge was also approved by Council, and a contest, open to any member of Scouting in Halifax Region, commenced in October 1999. From the many submissions a committee recommended one design to the Regional Council in May, 2000. The approved new design was submitted by Jane Mason-Browne, a Troop Leader with the 2nd Halifax Group. The first 3000 badges were ordered in October 2000, and are now available in the Scout Shop.

Many of the symbolizations from the now extinct Halifax District and old style Halifax Region badges were kept in the new design. Kingfishers still remain a symbol of Halifax Region, Scouts Canada and the new Halifax Regional Municipality's Flag and Coat of Arms. The three fronds of the Compass Rose represent the three parts of our Promise—Duty to God and the Queen, Help others, Obey the Scout Law. The two five pointed stars are sometimes called the "eyes" of the Scout. The ten points on the two stars

represent the ten Scout Laws. The "Be Prepared" band binding these three fronds stands for the bond of sister/brotherhood between Scouts. As with a compass, these combined fronds, or gold Scout sign, always point us in the right direction in our daily lives through Scouting's values. The light blue background symbolizes the waters of Bedford Basin, Halifax Harbour, North West Arm and the many rivers that surround or flow through much of Halifax Region's area.

Some of the new design changes include the oval shape of the badge, something totally different in Nova Scotia badge shapes, representing near perfection and strength. The gold and

navy blue echoes the colour shades of our new Scouting uniforms. The male and female Kingfishers signify the presence of both girls and boys within the traditions of Scouting. The direction of the Kingfishers was reversed to look forward (as worn on our uniform's right sleeve except for Beavers) symbolizing Scouting in Halifax Region is moving forward; accepting new challenges and never dwelling on the past.

*Dave Winter is a Service Scouter in Sackville Centre Area and Atlantic Representative for the Badgers Club—Canadian Chapter.*

## Training Corner

*Peggy Weaver, ARC Training*



### INTERESTED IN A WORKSHOP? REGISTER NOW!!!

We need your help. If you are interested in taking a workshop or a course in Halifax Region, please don't hesitate to register ahead of time. All you have to do is call me, Peggy Weaver at 868-2245 or email me at [puffins@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:puffins@ns.sympatico.ca). Your call will help the presenters prepare for your arrival. Arrangements can easily be made to have sufficient amount of handouts and refreshments when they know ahead of time. Having your name and phone number is also essential in the event we have to contact you to inform you of a cancellation due to an insufficient number of registrations.

The future of the workshops is in jeopardy due to the fact that we have had two no shows (Interview Skills and Time Management) already this season.

So please, help us help you and call me to register. It only takes a minute and can save a great deal of time and expense in the event that there is no interest in a workshop topic. Thanks so much for your understanding and cooperation.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

All Scouters involved in training are required to take trainer development courses and complete a certain number of courses in order to receive recognition of their progress through the Scouting Training Career Path. On behalf of Halifax Region, I would like to congratulate Kathy Peach and Janet MacLaren on completing the requirements for Level 3 recognition. Best wishes for continued success in your training careers.

**You can always lead – even from the back of the pack:**

**"You don't have to hold a position in order to be a leader."**

**– Anthony J. d'Angelo**

**"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person."**

**– Mother Teresa**

**"A leader leads by example, whether he intends to or not."**

**– Anon**



# Employment Opportunities – Camp Lone Cloud

The Camp Management Board of Scouts Canada, Halifax Region is accepting applications for the following positions.

## CAMP DIRECTOR/RANGER

The successful applicant will be responsible for the total physical and mental health of all participants (including staff) in the camping experience at Camp Lone Cloud at Miller Lake. This includes the following:

- hiring, training and continuous assessment of all staff
- ensuring all facilities are safe, clean and meet the needs of the camp to the best of our ability
- to develop, implement and evaluate a camp program that is progressive and that meets the needs of the youth at Camp Lone Cloud
- to provide appropriate authorities within the Scouting Community with information regarding operations, concerns and recommendations
- to provide service to rental groups and ensuring that Camp Lone Cloud is a safe environment for their programming.



Applicants should be a minimum of 19 years of age and have experience in a camp management setting. A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle would be an asset. Knowledge of Scouts Canada's programs would be valuable. A current Police Record Check (PRC) will be required. **Applications for this position should be submitted to Scout Headquarters no later than JANUARY 26, 2001.**

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Program Director has several diverse areas of responsibility. They are to help the camp director with set up, execution and evaluation of the camp program, help with enforcing the policies and procedures of the camp and discipline related to them. Specifically – aid the Camp Director in the set up, running and evaluation of a summer camp program; participate in staff meetings and training events as

applicable; follow camp administrative procedures as outlined; write, teach and supervise program.

## OUT-TRIPPING DIRECTOR

To assist the Camp Director in several diverse areas of responsibility. He or she will help with the set up, execution and evaluation of the camp program. He or she is responsible for the maintenance of the camp environment and is to ensure a safe and secure camp environment. He or she is responsible for writing, running, teaching and evaluating the out-tripping program to counsellors. He or she is expected to assist the Camp Director in enforcing policies and procedures for the camp and discipline related to them.

## WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

The Waterfront Director is responsible, with the help of senior staff, for the set up, execution and evaluation of the waterfront and waterfront programs. He

or she is in charge of maintaining the health and safety standards for the island and has complete jurisdiction over all activities which take place there.

## FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Food Services Director is responsible for opening the kitchen at the beginning of the summer and closing it after camp ends. He or she also prepares all meals, orders and stores necessary food stocks and maintains kitchen cleanliness and operations. The food services director is assigned assistants (junior leaders) each week and is responsible for their actions, health and safety.

## LEADERSHIP DIRECTOR

The Leadership Director is responsible for the complete junior leadership, advanced leadership and CIT programs both on the mainland and the island camps. He or she is responsible for the safety, supervision and behaviour of the leadership counsellors as well as the health and safety of all participants. He or she is responsible for writing, executing and evaluating the camp programs for leadership participants and conducting the pre-camp program.

**Employment application forms are available at Scout Headquarters, 6232 Quinpool Road. Submissions for all positions, with the exception of Camp Director/Ranger, should be returned to the same location to the attention of James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board not later than MARCH 26, 2001. Questions may be directed to James Robertson, 429-7089.**

**FOUND - SLEEPING BAG**  
On December 30 at Soldier Lake. No name or identifying markings. The owner may claim by phoning Dave or Shauna Russell at 883-1247 and describing the sleeping bag.

**CUB FUN DAY - May 12, 2001**  
Don't Miss It!  
Watch For Further Information!

# A Scout is trustworthy, loyal and seaworthy...

Brandon Cooke

A trip to Europe, under any circumstances, is a trip to remember.

With that in mind, imagine a trip on the high seas, aboard a tall ship. Put the two together, and you have the voyage of a lifetime. That voyage, is the one I had this past summer.

Three days before the ship left for our destination, Amsterdam, I was called, and asked to participate. Although there was minor confusion, and a lot of rush, I was able to make it to a warm welcome aboard the ship. After grabbing some meager supplies (which lasted but a few days), I left on the great adventure.

We were immersed in the sailing experience as soon as the ship passed the starting line. Life at sea is very different than life when not at sea. Time of the day, for example, meant very little. Other than meal time and the time you were required for watch, I could be called upon to do anything, any time of the day.

Within a couple days, I had learned the routine: how to helm (steer) the ship, and how to perform galley duties, how to perform sail maneuvers, and most importantly, my watch schedule. Three days out of a four-day cycle, you would have watch duty, which is two four-hour watches a day, at any time that it was scheduled. The other day would be galley, where you would do the required work for the meals. It also didn't take me long to completely learn every physical object and space on the ship, and not much longer to become familiar with all the other crew members. We were also expected to learn *all* the lines.

Every Sunday was the worst day of the week, considering everyone had to clean for four hours for captain's inspection. As life at sea is very carefree, this date would hit us suddenly, as we did not generally keep track of days. Considering we slept when we weren't on galley/watch, the only thing that kept us aware of the passage of days was "colours" (kind of like an attendance).

Although we braved storm and a little

seasickness, after three weeks at sea we finally arrived at Amsterdam (save for a little visit to the German island of Helgoland). Docking itself was a grueling procedure, which I do not want to repeat again (though I guess it was worth it). We travelled all across the Netherlands, and even took an accidental trip to Brussels, in Belgium. Amsterdam is a beautiful city, as is the rest of the Netherlands, and a nice change from Nova Scotian life.

Although it has its obvious downsides, I loved life at sea. It lets you really get away from it all, and gives you the chance to live without any worries or commitments. It gives you a chance to think about things that you wouldn't normally think about. As well, I got to meet people from all across the world.

I guess I can say that the best part of the trip was re-tracing a voyage made centuries ago, using the same method that they did. I got to grasp that magic of the sea that sailors always talk about, and that people who have never felt it can never understand.



*As Tom Banfield celebrates his birthday at the RMT Christmas party, he tells Santa (a.k.a. Steve Terrio) what he wants for Christmas.*



## Wanted: Scouters who are doing a great job!

*The following letter was received by the ROUND-UP from Father Duncan MacMaster. Although our issue is too late to help Father Duncan's committee for 2000, please take the time to read it and make a new year's resolution to assist the committee in 2001. Recognition of dedicated service should go beyond issuing pins to recognize years of service. Our members need to know that what they are doing is valuable and worthwhile work. Acknowledging their efforts also plays a key role in retention of leaders, so everybody wins!*

Dear Friends,

This is an appeal to you to help us reach our goal set for the year 2000.

We need 18 additional Honours & Awards applications to enable us to reach the national average.

We are attempting to educate ourselves to ensure that our leaders receive recognition. This means that every year we in Nova Scotia must endeavour to recognize the dedication and exceptional service of our volunteers in the Scouting Movement.

I realize that this is a busy season. However, if you give this endeavour a high priority, I believe you could give us two or three applications.

On behalf of your Provincial Honours and Awards Committee may we extend to your area and your families a very Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

We are eagerly awaiting your immediate response to our urgent request.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Duncan MacMaster, Chair  
Provincial Honours & Awards Committee

# Halifax Region Calendar of Events & Training

## January–June 2001

### JANUARY

Interviewing Skills/Screening/Forms  
 Knots Workshop  
 Regional Management Team Meeting  
 First Aid (Recertification)  
 Wood Badge I – Module A  
 Honours & Awards Workshop  
 Citizenship Course (Troop)

January 13  
 January 15  
 January 17  
 January 20  
 January 23  
 January 25  
 January 27

Wood Badge I – Module A

RV Show (Venturers)  
 Regional Management Team Meeting  
 Spring Ideal Home Show

March 15  
 March 15–18  
 March 21 (7:30 pm)  
 March 29–April 1

### FEBRUARY

Colony/Pack WB I Application Deadline to Region  
 More Games, Songs, Crafts, Skits, etc.  
 Operation Good Deed 2000  
 First Aid Course  
 Troop/Company WB I Application Deadline to Region  
 Colony/Pack WB I (B–E)  
 Scout/Guide Week  
 Regional Food Drive  
 Introduction to Training  
 Regional Management Team Meeting  
 Co-Ed Scouting (Policies & Practices)

February 2  
 February 3  
 TBA  
 February 10–11  
 February 16  
 February 16–17  
 February 18–24  
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 February 19  
 February 21  
 February 26

### APRIL

Provincial Annual General Meeting  
 Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Awards Banquet  
 More Use of Outdoors/Spirituality/Campfire Programs  
 Regional Management Team Meeting  
 Outdoor Skills  
 Planning for September

TBA  
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 April 7  
 April 18 (7:30 pm)  
 April 21–22  
 April 23

### MAY

Scoutrees Plant Day  
 Cub Fun Day  
 Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)  
 Regional Management Team Meeting

May 5  
 May 12  
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 May 16 (7:30 pm)

### JUNE

Annual General Assembly & Annual General Meeting  
 Camporee (Provincial Beaver/Cub Camp, Camp Nedooae)  
 Nature Study Workshop  
 Closing BBQ for Trainers

June 4  
 June 8–10  
 June 9  
 June 16

### MARCH

Popcorn 2000 Campaign (Delivery Date)  
 Troop/Company Wood Badge I (B–E)

March 3  
 March 2–3

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Members of the Camp Management Board hosted Saturday lunch at Conference 2000 in Baddeck. Left to right: Harold Griswold, Mike Stewart, James Robertson, Kathy Peach, Anna Bone, Marshall Giles.

