

THE REGIONAL ROUND-UP

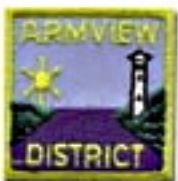
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Welcome to Canada—and Scouting!



Above: Maurice Landry, Colony Leader; David Hicks, Pack Leader; Philip Landry, first year Cub and Christopher Hicks, first year Cub, all of 2nd Fairview, recently attended a pot luck supper to welcome new Canadians to our country. See story on page 4.



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Commissioner's Corner

Kari Robertson, Regional Commissioner



Well, here we are at the start of a new year again. Where does the time go? How many new year's resolutions were made at the beginning of this year? How many are still in effect? Remember, if at first you don't succeed try, try again.

What are some resolutions we can make for Scouting? Don't forget to know when to say "no"! In this time when volunteers are dwindling and we need to do so much, many of us are already doing too much. Delegation is a great thing and many hands do make a lighter load.

So let's see who we can recruit to help out with the many jobs we are already doing. Aim for many people doing lots of small jobs, instead of a few people doing lots of big jobs, and never having time to do the best they can or want to do.

Let's get back to servicing. When we have enough people to service all the groups and areas and offer our support, then the program has a better chance of being received the way it should.

One concern that has come up recently is paralleling of Scouting programs with the school system. Our policy says that we accept children typically aged from 5-7 for Beavers, 8-10 for Cubs, 11-14 with the option to stay to 16 for Scouts, 14-17 for Venturers and 18-26 for Rovers. We do not worry about what grade they are in or whether they pass or fail a grade. Generally, if the parent wants a child to go on to a section, and they are the (typical) age, give or take a few months, they should be able to move on. Sometimes the parent will request that a child stay back in a section for an extra year. This should be acceptable as long as the child is happy in that section, and not disturbing to the other children. It is important that we support groups and leaders, and try to help them interpret the policies to their best abilities.

Given the current focus within our organization of recruitment and retention, it is critical that we maintain a focus on every factor which influences our success in this area. I encourage you to be creative in developing ways in which to attract youth to the movement, remove roadblocks preventing them from joining, and retain those who have chosen to be part of the worldwide brotherhood. The term "waiting list" will not be found on any list of Scouting jargon.

Something new from National according to page 17 of the November issue of the *Leader* magazine: We need to use a Photography Release Form if we are going to take pictures of children within our groups and publicize them, i.e., web pages, brochures. The *Leader* magazine produced a form which you can use. Please make use of this form and be sure not to use pictures of children if you do not have permission.

A further interpretation as received from National follows:

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT *ROUND-UP* APRIL 21.
Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.

"The purpose of a release is to get permission of a person, or persons, who appear in a photo, video, etc., where it is to be used for other than to record an event. If the purpose is to gain from the use of the picture in any way, whether it be for promotional purposes or the raw generation of revenue, you need the permission of those in the picture."

I look forward to meeting many of you as we move forward with the new year work on our new resolutions.

Kari



Attention Cub Leaders!

Debbie Doherty, ARC Pack



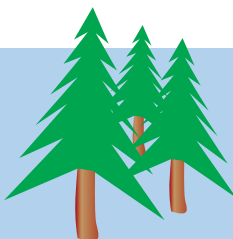
I am Deborah (Debbie) Doherty and I have joined Kari's Service team as ARC Pack. I am presently a Cub Leader with 2nd Sackville and have served as ADC

Pack and Area Commissioner in Sackville Centre. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or new ideas regarding the Pack program. I hope to meet most of you within the next few months, either in conjunction with the program or in the preparation of Cub Fun Day.

Cub Fun Day will be held at York Redoubt on May 11, 2002. The youth enjoy the activities of the day, and we have also enjoyed many sunny days together, so let's hope we have another great day.

For those of you new to the Cub program, this is a day of activities geared to the Cub age youth, and each Area is responsible for running four or five events for 50 minutes, following which the youth move to another Area's event. The Area will need assistance in planning and running these events by Cub leaders, parents or leaders from other sections. The cost will cover a crest and lunch, as this is an all day event. Any ideas for a theme? If so, please contact me at 864-2892 or ddoherty@accesscable.net.

I look forward to meeting you, and to CUB FUN DAY.



REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY!!

A great piece of property has become available for lease at Halifax Region's camp site.

Situated overlooking the crystal clear waters of beautiful Miller Lake in Fall River, it is a great place to have a campout. This is a wonderful waterfront property with a spectacular view. The existing cabin is a definite "fixer upper" and will require some major repairs.

For leasing information and a tour of the property, please contact Kathy Peach at 864-2895, or by email at kpeach@accesswave.ca.

Only those with serious intentions need apply!

Camp Lone Cloud, Employment

Camp Director / Ranger

Competition closes Feb. 23, 2002

The Camp Management Board of Scouts Canada, Halifax Region is accepting applications for the above referenced position.

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 are available at Scout Headquarters, 6232 Quinpool Road. Submissions should be returned to the same location to the attention of James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board not later than February 23, 2002.



The Real Story!



Don't believe everything you read in the newspapers! After many years, the real story behind the sinking of the Titanic has been made public.

It seems that the captain and first mate of the ship were actually two Scouters from Halifax Area, and contrary to popular belief, Titanic did not collide with an iceberg, but with three men rub-a-dub-dubbing in their tub.

Perhaps Colony Wood Badge I should include map and compass!



Welcome to Canada—and Scouting!

Maurice Landry, 2nd Fairview Colony

On Saturday, November 3, 2001, members of the Scouting family from 2nd Fairview attended a pot luck supper held at St. Lawrence Church in Fairview. This supper was put on to welcome new Canadians to our great country, and to try to make them feel at home. Many of the families in attendance were from Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

We didn't know what to expect, so we gathered up as many Scouting-related items as possible. We had photos, flags, campfire blankets, ropes for knot demonstrations, Scout staffs, a stuffed beaver, wolf fur, etc.

As dinnertime arrived, our team knew we were going to have a great time. There were youth of many nationalities and ages in attendance, and they were very curious about our display.

Most had never heard of the Scouting movement before that evening, and of

course most didn't know what a beaver is. Our two young members had a great time explaining that it was Canada's national animal and why we chose it to represent our movement. They also explained what they did in Beavers and Cubs, and showed those interested how to tie a few simple knots.

All the very young children wanted to hold the beaver, and David suggested it would be nice if they could somehow get a souvenir to take home. So we put our heads together, and came up with the idea of giving out nickels to many of the children. We explained that the beaver is so important to us, that we put it on our money.

If I had to guess, I would say there were approximately 150 people in attendance at this event. Needless to say, the evening was a great success, and we all left feeling proud of being Canadian, as well as being part of the Scouting movement.

God's Masterpiece



"Hi There, My name is ELIZABETH ANNE DOREY. I was born on November 21, 2001 at 6:57 pm. I weighed in at a whopping 9 lbs. 5 oz. Mommy and Daddy are both very excited and doing great. I cannot wait to meet you all later."

In 2006, Elizabeth will no doubt take her place in Scouting with the rest of the Dorey family—Daddy Donald, Mommy Sarah (Sinclair), Grandpa Don, and Auntie Roberta (Morash).

B.P. Guild Special Event



During Scout/Guide Week, the BP Guild will be hosting a special display of Nova Scotia Scout archives in the

Tweedsmuir Room, Scout Building, located at 6232 Quinpool Road in Halifax.

Displays will be set up to allow youth to have a first hand look at Scouting's past, and the Guild will be glad to give you a "close-up" look at any items you have a special interest in. Displays will be open for viewing during the week of February 17-24 as follows:

Monday to Friday, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Please contact the Scout office by phone 423-9227 or 1-800-557-7268, or by email at boutilier@ns.scouts.ca to let them know when your group can attend.



Hot Off the Press!

The new spiral-bound Beaver Leader Handbook is now available at the Scout Shop for \$14.95. This latest version includes new chapters on "Duty of Care" and "Shared Leadership."



Gone Home

The sympathy of the Scouters in Halifax Region is extended to Jerry Walsh, Provincial Executive Director and his family, on the recent passing of Jerry's father Anthony Walsh, in Halifax. Funeral Services were held in Montreal.



HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Halifax Region has been postponed to February 20, 2002 7:30 p.m. St. James Anglican Church Hall at the Rotary

Please remember, this is a uniform event!



HONOURS & AWARDS

Tom Caithness
Edith Crooks
Richard Danelles
Danny Drabble
Holly LeBlanc
Kim Murphy
Pat Poirier

Harbour West
Sespenaak
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Harbour West

Medal of Merit
10 Years
5 Years
Medal for Good Service
5 Years
Medal for Good Service
Medal for Good Service

A Thanksgiving Story

Kari Robertson, Commissioner

We all know what happened on September 11. We can also recall exactly what we were doing at the time we heard the news. However, did you know that something good happened as a result of this tragedy?

As you are probably aware, many passengers were diverted to Halifax and put up at Exhibition Park. Well, shortly after the people went back home, I received a phone call from Steve Mann, Manager of the Spryfield Canadian Tire store. He asked if Scouting could use some 600 sleeping bags and air mattresses which had been donated by various Canadian Tire outlets and used by the stranded people. Their hope was that they would go to youth and leaders who were not able to afford to buy the gear to enable them to go camping.

We were the first organization to be called and if we could not use them

they would call someone else. Not wanting to be greedy, I said we would take 300 of each. I called Ian Traverse, Dartmouth Region's Commissioner, who said they would take 100. I suggested the rest go to EMO who were next on their their list and a worthy organization as well.

The next day the sleeping bags were delivered to the two locations. Thanks to Halifax Area Commissioner Wayne Hall, our 300 bags and mattresses, along with probably 25 or more pumps, were stored in his warehouse.

Thanksgiving Saturday we distributed the sleeping bags to all the Areas within Halifax Region. Everybody was extremely impressed with the quality of sleeping bags and mattresses. So we can say there are 300 youth and leaders much more equipped to go camping this year, getting the OUT back in scOUTing once again.

THANK YOU Canadian Tire for thinking of Scouting and the needy youth.

SCOUTS CANADA – HALIFAX REGION

Yes! I would like to help Halifax Region continue its programs for our youth.

Enclosed is my donation for \$_____ (receipt issued over \$10.00).

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please send to: SCOUTS CANADA – HALIFAX REGION
6232 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1A3

Thank you for your support!

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Recognition: an important part of Scouting

Earl Clarke, Honours and Awards

What is meant by Honours & Awards and Recognition?

I'll take it apart in reverse.

Recognition means to be singled out individually or as part of a group of people for performing their duties in an exceptional manner, and for the betterment of all within their organization. It is then incumbent upon the person recognizing the exceptional performance to appropriately write up a summary of that person's performance, or arrange for another person to do so. Official recognition doesn't happen by smiling and waving a wand. Someone must take the time to research and write. Remember—anything worth doing is to be done diligently and correctly.

Awards—If the recognition has been properly documented and submitted through the channels in a timely fashion, an award appropriately recognizing the Scouter's efforts will be forthcoming in a reasonable time frame.

Honour—With the award presentation comes the honour to the individual or body and fellow Scouters.

Recognition should definitely be bestowed on businesses, service clubs, civic organizations, etc. which have contributed significantly to Scouting with cash donations, materials, volunteer help, facilities, and so on.

Some Scouters say they don't want to be recognized, therefore won't provide information on themselves. Very few

people join any organization for recognition, however all volunteer organizations have an awards system and some are much stronger than the Scouting awards system.

When is it time to submit an application?

Judgement calls must be made in several instances, perhaps in consultation with others, as to what type of award is most deserved by a particular individual. If you or others are experiencing difficulty in doing a suitable write-up, then perhaps what has been earned at this point is a sincere thank you or a framed certificate from the leadership team or Group Committee.

What format does an official award submission take?

There is an award application form which may be obtained from your area honours and awards representative or the Scout office. Keeping the honours and awards rep in the loop is all-important for communications. Whether you choose to write, print or type your information on the form, it must be legible. The reverse side is not lined, however it may be used if necessary. All information must be of a Scouting nature. This caveat is printed on the form. If you have problems with this, talk to your area reps or any of the other reps whose names, phone numbers and email addresses are provided in the sidebar to this article.

Where are recognition emblems procured?

All yearly or multiple year service pins and stripes are obtained from the Scout Shop. The cost for pins marking multiples of five years, i.e., 5, 15, 20 etc., are currently \$2.95 each. The 10 year long service medal is free. It must be applied for. Service stripes for the uniform sleeve may be a combination of silver and gold; each gold marks five years, each silver marks an additional year. Youth membership in Scouting/Guiding or a Guiding leadership role counts toward these stripes. The same does not hold true for Service pins nor the long service awards.

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ST. MARGARETS BAY – Kathy Summers
826-7914

summersfamily@vrinteractive.com

When and where is it suitable to make presentations?

Although that is up to the Group Committee/leadership team, the norm is to gain as much exposure as possible for the individual being honoured, fellow leaders and the Group. Therefore, some suggested sites are Scouters' Conference, annual meetings, closing banquets, Scouter's Club, Alert or other events, and Group Committee meetings. It may depend a lot on the award being presented. The presentation should be treated with the decorum it deserves. At a recent meeting of area honours and awards reps, the feeling was unanimous that only as a last resort should presentations be made at a section meeting.

Who may write up an individual Scouter for an award and what award should be applied for?

This is where full democracy goes to work. Any registered Scouter may undertake to make a submission on behalf of any other registered Scouter. You don't apply for a particular award. You write as you, and others see the individual as a Scouter, paying very particular attention to what he or she has done over and above that which is expected.

Where does my submission go when

ERRORS TO AVOID AND POINTS TO PONDER

1. Don't exaggerate achievements.
2. If you are not comfortable in writing the application, get help.
3. Carry out research on the intended honouree.
4. After the write-up is completed, don't sit on it, get it moving!
5. Don't forget the Scouter who has already been recognized. That person may be due for a higher level of award. Remember that a submission for a Scouter who has already received an award can cover only the period from his/her last award.



Halifax Region Training Calendar 2002



- * To register or for further information contact Peggy 868-2245
- * All participants must be registered by phone (fax) or email with Peggy Weaver (ARC Training)

Please Note: All Wood Badge Part I Courses in Halifax Region are modular in format. To successfully complete a Wood Badge Part I, a leader must complete five (5) modules, A through E. However, a leader who has a Wood Badge I in one section and moves to a new section is only required to complete Modules C & D, which are specific to their new section.

Colony Leaders may obtain their complete Wood Badge Part I by attending the following courses:

- * Modules C & D - January 12th
- * Modules B & E - Module 'B' November 23rd and Module 'E' November 24th from 3 to 5.

Please register with Peggy Weaver 868-2245 for these modules.

Courses/Workshops

Date	Title	Location	Course Manager	Time
January 2002				
Saturday, 12th	Group Committee Course	Postponed to March 2nd		
Saturday, 12th	Colony Wood Badge I Modules C & D Only	St Margaret's of Scotland 3761 Robie St.	Karen O'Toole	9:00am
Sat.-Sun., 19-20th	Service Team WB I	Postponed to March 24-25	Greg Fenwick	TBA
February 2002				
Saturday, 9th	Winter Camping Skills	Miller Lake Mainland	Stephen Knox	TBA
Friday, 15th	Registration Deadline for combined Colony/Pack/Troop WB I with Outdoor Skills			
March 2002				
Saturday, 2nd	Group Committee Course	Superstore, Bedford Place Mall	Jan Connors	TBA
Monday, 18th	Mod "A"	St. Margaret's of Scotland 3761 Robie St.	Steve Terrio	TBA
Sat., Sun., 23-24th	Service Team WB I	TBA	Greg Fenwick	TBA
April 2002				
Saturday, 6th	Outdoor Skills	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri.-Sun., 26-28th	Colony/Pack/Troop WB I with Outdoor Skills	TBA	TBA	TBA

it is ready to forward?

If you haven't already consulted with your area honours and awards rep for assistance, then do so now. That person may review it with you and then normally it is passed along to the Area Commissioner. What has been done to this point keeps all the necessary people in the picture. As a courtesy, the

Commissioner may verbally inform the Regional Commissioner. Everything is kept in confidence. The submission will be passed along to the Provincial Council for consideration by their honours and awards committee. This committee may approve a provincial level award, for example the Medal for Good Service, Medal of Merit, or Bar to

the Medal of Merit. If the committee feels the Scouter deserves a higher award, for example the Silver Acorn, or the Bar to the Silver Acorn, it is forwarded on to the national council. The entire process, particularly if the recommendation goes to the national council, can take a considerable period of time. Patience is a virtue.

Calendar of Events – Halifax Region

January–June, 2002

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT	TIME
January 2002				
Wednesday, 16th	Regional Management Team Meeting	Tweedsmuir Room	Kari Robertson	7:30pm
February 2002				
Sun-Sun., 17th-24th	Scout/Guide Week	Provincial		
Wednesday, 20th	Regional Management Team Meeting	TBA	Kari Robertson	7:30pm
March 2002				
Saturday, 2nd	Popcorn Distribution Date	Region	As Scheduled	
Wednesday, 20th	Regional Management Team Meeting	Tweedsmuir Room	Kari Robertson	7:30pm
April 2002				
Wednesday 17th	Regional Management Team Meeting	Tweedsmuir Room	Kari Robertson	7:30pm
Sat-Sun., 20th-21st	Camp Chaos	Region	TBA	
May 2002				
Saturday, 4th	Scoutrees	TBA	Area Commissioners	
Saturday, 11th	Cub Fun Day	York Redoubt	Kari Robertson	9:00am
Wednesday, 15th	Regional Management Team Meeting	Tweedsmuir Room	Kari Robertson	7:30pm
TBA	Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Award Banquet	TBA	TBA	TBA
June 2002				
Saturday, 1st	Chief Scout/Queen's Venturer Award Ceremony	Mount St Vincent University	Province	1:00pm

ARE YOU READY FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT? PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING PART OF THE ROUND-UP TEAM!

We are looking for someone with a good knowledge of the ins and outs of purchasing and caring for camping equipment to write an article, or series of articles for the *Round-Up*. If you think this might be you, please contact Sue Howard at 832-0687 or by email at sue.howard@ns.sympatico.ca so we can talk about it.

We have other ideas we'd like to talk about as well. If you'd like to try your hand at writing, or if you have a suggestion for an article or feature, please call. We're looking for exciting new ideas as well as new contributors! Together we can make the *Round-Up* the best newsletter there is! (We welcome back "old" contributors as well!)

