

Future Engineers?

Christine Madill, First Five Island Group Commissioner

First Five Island Scouts may be training future engineers.

Armed with popsicle sticks and glue guns, Scouts made bridges using basic engineering principles. Leader Kevin Anthony gave a very quick, super-beginner course on trusses and triangles before wishing his charges good luck.

Well, it seems the Scouts didn't need the luck. Over the course of one evening, using brawn and brains, the youth produced impressive two-foot-long spans. Some worked alone and some worked in teams. But they all hunkered down, concentrated and worked hard.

The following week, their engineering skills were put to the test. Using water and rocks, the Scouts tested how much weight their bridges would hold. At the breaking point, some snapped in two, some crumpled, and others slowly listed to the side and fell. We learned that popsicle sticks and hot glue are very strong.

Jonathan Gardener built the



Chad Hendsbee, Logan Baker and Cole Campbell, all Scouts with First Five Island, build bridges. The following week, the Scouts tested their bridges to see how much weight they could hold. Photo by Christine Madill, Group Commissioner, First Five Island

bridge that sustained the most weight—it held 107 pounds before snapping in two.

This is a great activity that we'd recommend to other Troop leaders.

Matthew Covey looks on as Christopher Anthony tests how much weight his bridge can hold before collapsing. Christopher's bridge held 93 pounds! Photo taken by Elizabeth Anthony, Beaver leader, First Five Island



Commissioner's Corner

Drew Taylor, Area Commissioner



Six months has whipped by already this year and we are now talking about wrapping things up for the summer. The weather has been pretty darn good and it looks like summer—yes, we may have one this year—is going to arrive just a little earlier this year.

As we approach the summer and look forward to next year, I have not had the chance to share much in the way of news with the Area, so this is it.

Next year Scouting celebrates 100 years as a youth organization. Jamborees, Centennial Projects and many events themed around this milestone are being planned and thought through. Nova Scotia Scouting is alive and very capably doing its part too. Nova Scotia is running all the water projects at CJ'07. Scouter Herb Ripley from Dartmouth is organizing the Centennial Patrol. Areas, Groups and Sections are all working on projects which will bring our history into the current day, and show our craftsmanship along the way. Check around your neighbourhood to see what is going on to celebrate the event.

Continuing with the theme, there will be a centennial strip for all members to wear on their uniform to signify the event. The strip, like the 1967 Canada Centennial strip worn by members, will be a permanent addition to the uniform for youth and leaders alike. The design is in its final stages and we will get the artwork out as soon as we have it in hand.

The Area continues to operate at the levels of service we expect and we are looking at enhancing our work on your behalf next year. We will keep you posted, but you should check www.halifaxscouts.ca often to get news over the late spring and summer. We will be adding events, training dates and anything else that we think may be of interest to you and the youth.

Please have a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

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Ryan's Letter

Debbie Doherty,
Director of Program

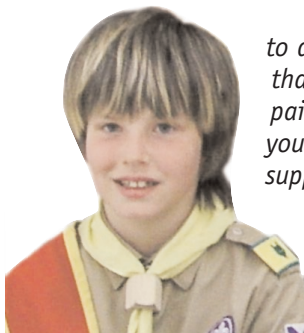
The Government of Canada declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran, and throughout that year Canadians celebrated, honoured, remembered and taught our youth about the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans and peacekeepers as stated in *Leader Magazine* (March 2005).

As Scouters we were given a "thank you" crest mounted on a card to present to a Canadian veteran or peacekeeper. We were encouraged to present this crest to a relative, neighbour, friend or any person who has served or is serving in the Armed Forces.

Ryan Murphy, a Cub with the 2nd Sackville Pack, presented this crest to a friend of his family—Rowan Morris, CD, Lieutenant (Navy) Senior Staff Officer with Maritime Forces Atlantic Headquarters. Lieutenant Morris was previously a peacekeeper in the military and is presently active. He wrote a thank you letter to Ryan. The following is an excerpt from his letter:

"The purpose of this short letter is to say thank you for the generosity and thoughtfulness you recently demonstrated when you gave me a very nice crest saluting Veterans.

"Having spent the last twenty-one years in the Navy, I can assure you that a gesture such as yours means a great deal to those of us in the military. Knowing that fine young Canadians such as you are appreciative enough of our effort to take the time to say thank you, makes what can sometimes be a very difficult and dangerous job, very rewarding indeed. In fact your respect for what those of us in the military try



to do every day means more to us than any money we could ever get paid. Again, I would like to thank you and your fellow Cubs for your support."

I just wanted to share this thoughtful thank you letter which Ryan received, as Lieutenant Morris thanks

Ryan's "fellow Cubs" for our support.

Nowadays we are all so busy that we rarely write a letter, but to think that this gentleman was so grateful of the thoughtfulness of one youth that he took the time, speaks

greatly of his appreciation of the crest which was in partnership of Scouts Canada and Veterans Affairs.

Hopefully all our youth learned more respect for those we were remembering, and said thanks during the Year of the Veteran.



Parents and friends: Join the adventure!

Scouting needs dedicated volunteers to help provide fun and exciting adventures to our youth.

You can get involved as a leader working with your child and other young people in the community, or as an administrative support volunteer working behind the scenes.

Scouts Canada and Halifax Region provides all the training and resources you need to help provide the adventure of a lifetime.

Find Out More!

To obtain more information on how you can enjoy a Scouts Canada Adventure, please contact:

N.S. Provincial Scout Office
Phone: 423-9227 or 1-800-557-7268
Email: scouts@ns.scouts.ca
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You can contact us direct at
Halifax Area: area@halifaxscouts.ca
or by contacting Halifax Area's Commissioner Drew Taylor, 832-9026.



Pack Alert!

Sandra Braye, DAC Pack



Well here it is time once again to write an article for the Round-Up.

Everything is well underway for Cub Fun Day. The theme this year is Winter Olympics. Registrations are coming fast and furious. It looks like it will be a great, fun-filled day. Now if any of you have a direct line to the weather, please ask for sun and very little wind.

Remember, dress for a couple of types of weather as that is the norm for Cub Fun Day. Please encourage your youth to have a hands-free water bottle on them to keep hydrated.

I have been out over the past couple of months going to Kub Kar

Rallies and a few Pack meetings. I have enjoyed meeting those of you I have met for the first time, and have enjoyed re-acquainting myself with some others.

It is nice to see that almost all Service Areas run a huge Kub Kar Rally, that, in some cases, involves having Beaver Buggy Races and Scout Trucks as well. Some of the designs were awesome. Thank you everyone, for making me feel welcome.

Do you have challenges with crafts that you think the youth would enjoy? Not the best singer? Can't think of a way to encourage play acting?

Please remember that I am available to help you with just about anything from craft ideas to planning. If you have any questions just reach out to me.

You can reach me at 865-4703, or by email at thebrayes@eastlink.ca.

Training, training, training

Kari Robertson,
Director of Training



Oh yes! "We're going to work our ticket if we can."

It has been a wonderful year for training in Halifax Area (formerly known as Halifax Region). We have been very pleased to have put on two Wood Badge I courses this year with close to 70 participants in total. We also put on an Honours and Awards workshop as well as a Screening workshop.

When we were using the mentoring system, barely more than a half dozen people would complete their Wood Badge I training in the course of a year. Now look how much more equipped the groups are, and how much better programming the children are getting.

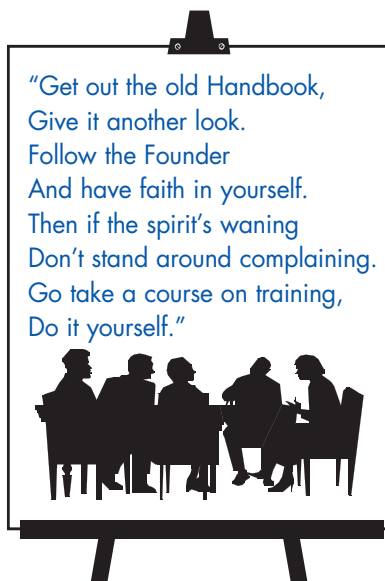
It has also been substantiated that those leaders who have received formal training stay involved in Scouting for a much longer period of time. Makes sense wouldn't you say?

We are very lucky to have a number of dedicated and enthusiastic trainers in Halifax Area and I want to say a special thank you to all of you. You give so much of your time and energy. Any participant would be honoured to be on a course with you.

We have a wide variety of trainers with all levels of training. That's not to say that if you are thinking of joining the team we have too many, because you can never have too many of a good thing. There will be a Basic Trainer Course offered by the Province in September. If you are interested, please contact me and we will chat. You do have to be recommended to take the course, so I would love to get you going on the right track.

Also, for those of you who already have your Basic Trainer, there is a good chance the Province will be offering an Advanced Trainer course in the Fall. Those who are eligible to take the Course Manager's Course (the final accreditation level for Trainers) know of the course in June.

For those who have not yet been able to take Wood Badge I, please think about registering for the course at Camp Lone Cloud on September 29, 30 and October 1. This course is a wonderful experience. If you have never been out to the camp it is a great opportunity to see and enjoy all it has to offer. If you have been there



before, it is another opportunity to not only enjoy one of nature's most beautiful spots in Nova Scotia, but also to get a feel for the experience that so many of our youth get when they attend Camp Lone Cloud during the summer months. You can contact me for more information or print off a registration form from the web site and send it to the Scout Office. The course will offer Basic Core training, Section Specific (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and, if needed, Venturers and Group Committee) as well as the Outdoor Skills Course. Outdoor Skills is two parts; the first part, referred to as the Indoor/Outdoor portion, is scheduled for September 26 at the Scout Office and generally goes from 6:30-10:00.

We are also offering a Service Team Wood Badge I course on November 17 and 18. The location has not yet been determined, but please give some very serious consideration to this course if you are a member of a Service Team.

As you can see, we are very busy getting all the training possible to you. Do you have some thoughts on training you would like to share with us? Do you have suggestions for

sessions you would like to see the Area offer? If you do please, please let me know.

Training is the backbone of our program. If we as leaders don't know what we are supposed to do, or how, or when, then it is no wonder we don't stick around, and neither do the children.

Pass it on—it is lots of fun, stimulating and very rewarding for both you and the trainers.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to see many of you on the training courses coming up this Fall.

Planting a Tree

What does he plant who plants a tree?
A scion full of potency;
He plants his faith, a prophecy
Of bloom, and fruitfulness to be;
He plants a shade where robins sing,
Where orioles their nestlings swing:
A Burning Bush – a miracle!
Who plants a tree – he doeth well!

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He makes a strong mast for the sea;
He makes the earth productive, fair;
He helps the vines climb high in air,
And from their censers shed perfume
To sweeten night, and bless high noon.
Against the vandals who despoil
He sets his protect in the soil.

What does he do who plants a tree?
An emblem of the men to be:
Who lightly tough terrestrial clay,
But far above the earth, away
From sordid things and base,
Incarnate ideals for their race –
Who plants a tree, he doeth well –
Performs with God, a miracle!

Author Unknown

Scoutrees
May 4



What's in a name?

Drew Taylor, Area Commissioner

Too often we spend time trying to figure out what is going on in our lives without really trying to examine the details. We look at the surface of the issue at hand and miss the tiny detail which makes what we do interesting and unique. After all, not everyone does things in the same way I do.

Unfortunately we sometimes forget that everyone is not like us.

Scouting offers the youth and the leaders alike an interesting way to spend time and have fun with our peers. The goal of our program is to ensure that we all get maximum benefit for the reasonable amount of effort we put in.

Consider what is going to happen over the next few months here in Halifax Area. We are now getting back into the woods, doing the stuff we really enjoy. It makes us different from almost every other youth organization out there.

Many Groups are turning their attentions to preparing for next year, a Jamboree year. Others are also trying to get going on that one big project which caps off the year for everyone concerned.

I am reminded of a couple of Groups who have allowed me to visit over the past few months.

At 2nd Fairview I was to attend a meeting one Wednesday night, and arrived with my customary five minutes to spare. While I waited, I watched the Cubs file in one by one and prepare for their meeting, which was occurring at the same time.

The youth quietly went about their assigned duties getting tables, flags, chairs and equipment organized. They had a special guest speaker coming that night and these boys and girls were doing everything they could to make sure the place was shipshape. Smiles abounded and they treated each other with the same respect that they so obviously showed their leaders.

Anyway, after five minutes and the last sip of my coffee, we were still

waiting to go into the meeting. What was the first meeting about, I wondered.

Well another ten minutes passed by and finally the door to the church parlour opens and out come at least fifteen folks, eagerly chatting about C.J.'07. Inside there were just as many waiting to participate in the group meeting.

These are motivated folks.

After I was done I stopped to check out what was going on as I left the hall. One Cub proudly showed me his project which he clearly had put a lot of effort into. The pride in his eyes was just fantastic. OK, I thought, this is one well-run program, happy motivated kids, calm organized leaders and a boatload of support working behind the scenes.

Later in the month I attended two Area Kub Kar Rallies, and with some dismay I found that I was not the only person around who knew how to run one of these things. Both events were well run, completely focused on the youth and the parents who brought them, and, to varying degrees, kept everyone on time, on track and on point.

How often do we see a bunch of Cubs all standing at the end of the track, loading their cars into the lanes and racing just for the fun of it! No leaders hovering, no adults saying "don't," you know, the stuff we do all the time. There simply was no need.

The point of my inward gazing on these events is to illustrate that we can let the youth take control, that they are responsible to themselves and their leaders and that with clearly defined expectations they can and will have a good time, with or without us.

These leaders have done all the right things and the payoff, for them at least, was a relaxed event or meeting, goals being met and, finally, no exhaustion.

For my part it means that what we are trying to do is working, meets our expectations and shows what true commitment means.

A Leader is unlike no other, a Leader sets the tone, the pace and the goal and then shows the way.

Well done everyone!

Go Moose!

Kari Robertson

Well, once again we have had another great game. Thank you to all who took the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Mooseheads game in February. It is yet another opportunity to bridge the gap between Scouting and hockey.

I want to thank Brian Urquhart, Manager of Corporate and Group Sales, and the Mooseheads Hockey Club for all their support and generosity to Scouting. Brian made it possible for us to have the signed Mooseheads Jersey that was won by little Beaver Gabriel Papion from 1st Riverlake.

Over the past three years we have worked with the Mooseheads to have these games as part of our B.-P. Week celebrations, and the mood and excitement has grown. Each year we get a new crest and have fun enjoying a good game. We don't have dates yet for next year's game, but as soon as the schedule is set we will provide the details to the commissioners.

Thank you also to those who helped out at the two booths we had at the game, as well as the flagbearers.

A very special thank you to Shirlene, and the others from the Scout office, who work so hard at making this event such a success. Shirlene in particular, goes way beyond the call of duty on this event and I, for one, appreciate everything she does for it.

See you at the game next year!



Beaver Gabriel Papion of 1st Riverlake with his prize Mooseheads jersey.

THE CAMP LONE CLOUD



SPIRIT



SPRING, 2006

Appointment

James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board is pleased to announce the re-appointment of André Amiro to the position of Director/Ranger for the 2006 season. André has been on staff at Camp Lone Cloud for the past four years. From Cabin Counselor to Logistics Coordinator, to Program Director, André returns for his second season as Camp Director.

He is a graduate of King's-Edgehill, and is currently taking a year off from studies at King's College. This year finds André participating in the Canada World Youth program in the community of Hohoe in Africa. Canada World Youth's mission is to increase the ability of people, especially youth, to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies.

André has been a member of Scouts Canada youth programs, receiving his Chief Scouts Award. He is an active rugby player and rock climbing enthusiast. He brings outstanding skills to the role of Camp Director; knowledge of the outdoors, experience working with children and youth; programming and people management. We are extremely fortunate to have André returning to the role for a second year. Please welcome André to the position when you have the opportunity to do so.



Camp Lone Cloud – A summer camp adventure for Cub-aged youth

By the time you receive this newsletter, brochures and registration forms will have been mailed directly to all registered Cubs in Halifax Region and neighbouring areas. Additional copies of the registration form are available from Area service teams.

Once again this season we will be offering six one-week camp sessions. Theme days have been set in advance.

- Week 1 – July 9-15
- Week 2 – July 16-22
- Week 3 – July 23-29
- Week 4 – July 30-August 5
- Week 5 – August 6-12
- Week 6 – August 13-19

Don't be shy, register early; before May 26 the cost is \$300 + HST. A 50% deposit at the time of registration is all that's required, along with postdated cheques for the balance.

After May 26, the fee will increase to \$315 + HST. *Bonus week – Week 5 – special price \$275 + HST.*

For anyone who has taken part in camps of this duration, you are sure to appreciate the value you will receive for your dollar spent. The fee is all-inclusive—meals, accommodation, supplies, and a CAMP T-SHIRT is included!

White Tail Beavers

Keep your White Tail Beavers in mind.

Most likely they have participated in a Swimup Ceremony or are about to do so—let them know about Camp Lone Cloud. What better way to start off their Cubbing experience than to spend a week at Camp.

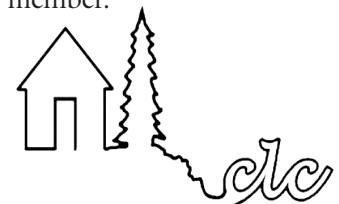
Spread the word!

Bring a Buddy

Often young people are hesitant to leave home and spend a week away from what is familiar—family and friends.

We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the spirit of Camp Lone Cloud, so if you know of Cubs who would like to come but aren't quite sure about it all, encourage them and let them know that they may bring a friend with them, whether or not they are currently registered in Scouting.

Those who attend camp and are not members, must complete a Scouts Canada membership registration form and pay \$43.50 which is a portion of the annual fee, thereby entitling them to all privileges and benefits of any registered member.



Rental Opportunities

| | <u>Scouting Group</u> | <u>Non-Scouting Group</u> | <u>Corporate Group</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Base Day Rate Per Person | \$150 \$2 | \$150 \$3 | \$800 |
| Base Weekend Rate Per Person | \$300 \$4 | \$300 \$5 | |

Leadership Program

Our Leadership Program has developed quite a reputation in the community! We've always said that the youth themselves are the best PR. Before our mailing has hit the streets, the phone has been ringing and applications have been received for this year's program.

We offer three levels of leadership training: Junior, Advanced and Counsellor-in-Training.

Each of these programs begins on a Tuesday, with base camp on the mainland. For the rest of the week participants learn both hard and soft skills in preparation for the second component of the experience.

On Saturday, participants move over to Camp Lone Cloud and prepare to join the camp on Sunday and support the program, putting to use the skills they have developed the previous week.

The Leadership program has undergone an extensive review this past winter. Demand for the program has grown tremendously since its inception, and the time had come to create a more structured approach. We look forward to an exciting



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season, and welcome feedback on the results.

- Week 1 – July 4-15*
- Week 2 – July 11-22*
- Week 3 – July 18-29*
- Week 4 – July 25-August 5*
- Week 5 – August 1-12*
- Week 6 – August 8-19*

Register early; before May 26 the cost is \$360-375 + HST. A 50% deposit at the time of registration is required, along with postdated cheques for the balance. After May 26, the fee increases to \$385-389 + HST. Fee includes 11 nights and a t-shirt.

Check out our brochure or website for all the exciting details. Spread the word—space is definitely limited.

Campership

Our promotional brochure for Camp Lone Cloud indicates that pending availability, “No child will be denied the opportunity to experience Camp Lone Cloud due to financial constraints.” Requests for support from the sponsorship fund have been steadily increasing over the past few years. It is becoming more and more

challenging to seek out funds to offset these requests.

Please help us by identifying sources of funding for sponsorships. Some suggestions are service clubs, sponsors, and casual day collections at the workplace.

Our thanks to all for their generous contributions. Won't you consider adding your name to the list?

History in the making

Keep an eye on our web site for some growing developments. Check the ‘History’ tab and watch for continual additions to reflections of the past. We are endeavouring to collect as much history as possible—staff names, trivia, program changes, etc.

Should any of our readers have contributions they would like to share, please do so by contacting the web master. You may contact us by e-mail at postmaster@camplonecloud.ca.

If you have contact information for past staff members—snail mail, email or phone—please pass it on as well.

Perhaps the future may bring a reunion—we'll keep you posted.



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.



Scouting is Booming!

Sue Howard

Baby-boomers, the children born in the months and years immediately following the Second World War, have taken over, and have changed the world forever!

In our lifetime, we've seen personal lifestyle changes that included smaller families, an increase in divorce, common law unions, and now same-sex unions. We fought for equality in the home and in the workplace. We were the first generation to see television, and later computers, come into our homes. Most families owned one car, and many owned two. Children acquired rights and privileges never before enjoyed.

It is possible that over the last 55-60 years, the world has changed more than in any other equivalent period in history.

In 1998, Statistics Canada told us that Boomers comprise approximately one-third of the Canadian population. They also said that as the baby-boom generation moves into retirement, there may be a marked increase in volunteer workers since, on the whole, the baby-boom generation is more educated, wealthier and healthier than earlier senior generations.

So it makes sense that a large number of our volunteers are baby-boomers.

We can't lay claim to having seen the beginning of the Scouting movement, but we can brag that we introduced Beavers and Venturers! We can proudly say that under our care, Scouting was vibrant and exciting, not only for the children but for the adults as well. We can brag that our leaders were well-trained and ready to take on the challenges that met them in their day-to-day lives.

As youth members of Scouting, we met, respected and loved, Scouters whose dedication to the program and to us, left a life-long impression. They taught us how to make a lean-to, build a campfire, and survive outdoors in sub-zero temperatures. We boiled

eggs in paper bags, learned the difference between spruce and fir trees, and how to find Orian's Belt.

They opened our eyes and ears to the simple joys found around us: a drop of rain magnifying the veins in a leaf; the work of art that is a spider's web; the difference between a chickadee's call and that of a sparrow.

By example, they bestowed upon us a strong work ethic and a sense of loyalty.

And they never forgot us.

They followed our progress as we grew into adulthood, took pride in our accomplishments, and shared our sorrows. And when we came back to Scouting they were there to welcome us, and to be our trainers, mentors and friends.

And now we're losing them.

Appreciation is like insurance...it needs to be renewed regularly.

We have to face it: Baby boomers, and those immediately preceding them are an aging population, and because they are such a huge demographic, we will lose more and more of them in a short period of time.

And so I ask: Why are we waiting until they are nearing, or have reached the end of their time with us to reward them? Worse still, why are we honouring them posthumously?

Scouts Canada has a large and

varied honours and awards system in place. Every Group and Area should have someone responsible for maintaining service records and initiating the application process for special recognition. We should be doing this on an ongoing basis as it is due, rather than sporadically trying to play catch-up every few years. We need to begin to show our sincere thanks while our Scouters are still young, and continue to appreciate them as time goes by. There must be no outstanding debts to any of our volunteers.

We are reaching the end of an era. Over the past few years Scouting in Nova Scotia has lost many of its finest: George Clements, Ramsay Roome, Pat Morrison, Jack Brownell,

Akie Akerlund, Mel King, Bill Stanbrook, and Cy Dockrill are only a few who will no longer watch the sun rise and set at Camp Nedooae.

But they are with us still. In our hearts they will sing with us at Scouts' Own, sunrise and sunset ceremonies, and campfires. They will give us support and strength as we

teach other leaders at Wood Badge courses and Scouters' Conference. We will work to honour their memory as we reach out to the youth in our meeting places each week. And we will continue to thank them for helping to make us who we are today.

Let's not regret that we didn't show our friends how much we admired and appreciated them while they were still with us. Let them leave us—however they leave us—with our debt paid in full.

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Cabinholders' Meeting

There will be a meeting held for all Miller/Soldiers Lake Mainland cabinholders and other interested parties at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 24, at the Spry Room, Scout Headquarters.

If you have items you wish to have added to the agenda, please contact Kathy Peach at 864-2895.

Thank you.

New registration forms

Marilyn Moore, DAC Groups

In response to leaders' concerns with the number of forms required throughout the year, National Council has released new registration forms for the 2006-2007 year.

The Registration, Physical Fitness, Photo Release, Parent Consent for Tours, Visits and Fundraisers and the consent form for camping and outdoor activities, categories 1 and 2 as set out in the Outdoor Activity Guide, are now combined in one form. These forms for both youth and adult are now on the National website.

You will continue to receive preprinted forms for both adults and youth with your membership kits. Registration Kits will be distributed to the Groups in the usual manner. Registration nights are held and fees collected. The information is then entered on the MMS by the Registrar of your Group. The forms, along with the required fees, are then collected at an Area Kit Return Night.

All completed forms and monies from each Group are to be returned at this time. Membership cards will be distributed at Kit Return Night. As new forms are received by the Groups, the member should be entered on the MMS and the forms and fees sent immediately to the Provincial office.

The registrar should check with leaders on a weekly basis for the first month or so for new forms to ensure that all youth and adults are covered by insurance. Leaders and Group Committee members need to be aware of the importance of getting new registrations to the Registrar as soon as possible.

No forms or monies are to be sent to the National office as they will no longer be processed at the National level. All data processing will be done by the Group and by the Provincial office. The Provincial office will forward all fees as required.

As the Physical Fitness form is part of the registration form, it will now go to the Provincial office with the forms

so it will be necessary for the Group to retain a copy of the form.

For emergency care in Nova Scotia, it is necessary to have a medical form signed in blue ink by the legal guardian. Therefore, it is advisable to have the parent or legal guardian sign both forms at the time of registration. It is also necessary to have the forms updated for any changes so that the leaders or medical staff, at any event, are aware of the current status. Any updates on any part of the form including the Physical Fitness form are to be sent to the Provincial office as they occur.

The last question on the Participant Information section of the form, is one that should be carefully noted at the time of registration to insure that the leaders are aware of any medical, family, cultural or faith concerns regarding the youth. These should be kept confidential and other than the standard responses on Physical Fitness form, need not be included on the registration form itself.

Also ensure that the emergency contact (Physical Fitness Form) is someone other than the parent or guardian. Explain to the parent that this needs to be someone that can be contacted if the parent is not available or cannot be reached.

At the end of the year all forms for that year are to be sent to the Provincial Office for disposal. This will ensure that old forms with confidential information are not disposed of improperly.

Although the Parental Consent form is signed by the parent or legal guardian at the time of registration, it will still be necessary for the leaders to inform the parents of any events which will be taking place outside the regular meeting place.

A new section designated "Parent/Guardian Involvement" has been added to the Youth Form. This lists a number of ways in which the parents can assist the leaders throughout the year. It is advisable that you point out this to the parents and request from them an indication of how they might help the program. Don't forget to follow up with any parent willing to volunteer.

If you have old registration forms, don't hold onto them. They should be shredded before disposal.

If you want more complete information, this is available from www.scouts.ca.



Scouts Canada Foundation – Awards & Scholarship Committee

Fellowship Program

Provides financial support for special Scouting projects which are not within the field of normal day-to-day operations. Preference will be given to projects which are designed to address new needs, test new approaches, introduce new programs or resources which will serve to expand and strengthen Scouting.

Molson Leadership Awards

Provides financial support for special Scouting projects which increase the general membership and participation in the Scouts Canada movement designed to attract, develop and retain superior leadership and/or influence young Canadians to join the movement.

Environmental Fund

Provides financial support (up to \$500. for groups/sections and \$5,000. for councils) for special Scouting projects which stimulate increased environmentally friendly activities across Canada. These projects should also increase public awareness and support of Scouting and its record in relation to the environment.

Reginald K. Groome Memorial Scholarship Program

To provide financial support to members of Scouts Canada entering or continuing in full time studies at a Canadian university or college. Members must complete and return scholarship application by April 1st.

Application forms for each of these programs are available through the Provincial Scout Office.

The life of a youth representative

Adam Saunders, Greg Veinott and Sean Peddle, Sespenaak Centre Youth Team Representatives

Becoming Youth Representatives has been a great privilege and an honour to us. We are grateful to be welcomed as part of such a great Scouting community.

We have learned many new life skills while working with our leaders and youth. Our work has ranged from group visits to Area events to speaking at Thinking Day services.

Our role as Youth Reps has become clearer to us as we progress in our service. While working with the youth, we have come to learn how each section is unique in its own way. Beavers—Willing to listen and try their best. Cubs—Ready on a dime to go anywhere. Scouts—Prepared to sleep outside and work hard.

Each section has given us the experience so we can strive further and further in our own lives. Going on section visits is rewarding, fun and enjoyable. We learn a great deal from the groups and sections and can't wait to go on more visits over the next couple of years.

One of the main events we service each year is the Sespenaak Centre White Tail Camp. We help out with many of the activities such as the campfire and B.-P. stories. We help wherever it is required to alleviate the workload of Akela (Jonathan Ritchie) and the other adult volunteers. We always think of Jonathan as a role model. He puts great effort into the planning and running of the camp.

Akela managed to talk during the whole camp and kept our interest along with most of the younger youth, however there are always a few who aren't.

Each member of the youth rep team brings something special.

Adam brings his knowledge and power to help hold the team together. He keeps everyone working and trying their best.

Greg perseveres through everything



Sean Peddle, Adam Saunders and Greg Veniott.

that he does and helps to explain things to the younger youth.

Sean is the funny person in the

Start your engines!

*By Christine Madill,
First Five Island Group Commissioner*

The roar of a raceway filled the Lewis Lake firehall on April 8 as 37 Cubs from four Packs in St. Margarets Area raced for glory...or rather for fun. The track was slick and the race demanding. Great skill was required of our junior drivers. Those who moved on to the finals were thrilled and leaders didn't see an unhappy face on those who didn't. Cubs should take pride in their good sportsmanship.

After lunch, the noise pitch changed as the older youth arrived. There was an air of excitement as this was the first-ever St. Margarets Area Scout Truck rally. We had 25 participants and there is hope that this event will grow in future years. This year the Scouts made pickup trucks, next year...bring on the 18-wheelers.

Photos by Christine Madill



Junior leaders Daniel Hubley, Glen Haven, and Scott Lyons, First Five Island, also made trucks and raced. Both are Grade 11 students at Sir John A. High School.

group. He works his hardest but still manages to keep everyone chuckling.

Ray (Youth Advisor) is the person who keeps it all together. He is everything you could want in an Advisor. Ray makes sure everyone is doing everything when they're supposed to, but still not burdening us to hard.

He believes in each and every one of us, that someday we will become great leaders.



Andrew Leblanc, front, St. Margarets Pack, won the second-year Cubs category; Matthew Williamson, back, St. Margarets, won the first-year races and had the fastest car overall; Morgan Zwicker's car, from Glen Haven, was the best design; and Lukas Rhyno, Hubbards, was the top third-year Cub.



In front, Ryan Gallant, First Five Island, produced the overall fastest Scout truck and the fastest of first-year Scouts; Wayne Purchase, Hubbards, second year; in back, Michael Hardy, Hubbards, best design; and Brad Lyons, First Five Island, third-year Scouts. Congratulations!

Operation Good Deed

Debbie Doherty, Director of Program

As we plan our activities for the Scouting year, we use the calendars from the old Areas and the renamed Area (previously the Region), and provincial dates for Scoutrees, popcorn, etc. We receive these calendars or dates from our Group Commissioners, Service Teams, online, or from other Leaders.

During February we commemorate Lord Baden-Powell's birthday which is February 22. The week it falls in we name Scout/Guide Week, and we gather together with our Scouts' Own ceremonies, campfires, church parades, birthday parties (who doesn't like to have a party?), parades, playing with the Beaver Buggies, Kub Kar rallies and Scout Trucks rallies. During February we also have Operation Good Deed, which is a provincial month-long event.

According to the Wolf Cub Leader's handbook, our Founder emphasized helping others, and using the daily "good turn" as a way to show young people how to put faith into action. He believed the regular practice of helping others would lead them to discover their own worth. He also believed that leaders must show by example how the quality of life is greatly improved when adults have a caring attitude, fostered by faith.

We commit to this in our promises: Beavers: "To help take care of the world," Cubs: "To do a good turn for somebody everyday," and Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders: "To help other people at all times."

Operation Good Deed is organized within the province by Ian Parker, Director of Administration for Halifax Area, and consists of the sections keeping a record of who does a good deed and how many within the month.

Most of us ask our youth when we do our inspections if they had done a good deed the previous week, so we can incorporate the spirituality within our sections. Beavers do not have inspections within their sections but perhaps one night the promise could be reviewed and they could share

some stories of how they "help take care of the world."

I am sure that each youth does at least one good deed during the month of February, which can be as simple as assisting the leaders bring in the supplies from their cars. I know of one Pack which assisted at the Food Bank.

After we inform Ian that our section participated, the provincial office sends a certificate for the

province, I also received a print-out of how many sections truly participated. As Director of Program for Halifax Area (which encompasses Armview, Basin Lakes, Halifax, Harbour West, St. Margaret's and Sespensaak Centre) I was shocked to see that only five sections had participated in this project. If other groups participated in Operation Good Deed, it is not too late to submit numbers and receive



2nd Sackville Cubs proudly show off their Operation Good Deed certificates.

number of youth who participated. As a Cub Leader with 2nd Sackville, along with Bill Gardner, we framed them and presented them to the Cubs who were very pleased to receive them. One youth stated that this was his first framed certificate and you could feel his pride of receiving this. What did we ever do before the Dollar Store?

What prompted me to write this article was the fact that when I received the certificates from the

your certificates.

As we are always looking for program ideas, I think we should utilize Operation Good Deed. If we did this we would be utilizing the spirituality element of the program at the same time. Then we could present our youth with the certificate to reinforce that they can make a difference in the world, as simply as doing a good deed for someone and living up to our Founder's ideals.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Halifax Area and Across the Province!

Youth Events

SCOUTREES, May 6.

**CHIEF SCOUT/QUEENS
VENTURER BANQUET**, May 13.
Contact Dave Durnford at
864-7084 for more information.

CUB FUN DAY, May 13, York
Redoubt. Contact Sandra Braye
at thebrayes@eastlink.ca for
more details.

LODGES & LAIRS, June 9-11,
Camp Nedooae.

OPERATION ALERT, September
15-17, Camp Nedooae.

BEAVEREEN, October 29,
Oakfield Park. Contact Debbie
Doherty at [dadoherty@
accesscable.net](mailto:dadoherty@accesscable.net) for more
details.

Training Events

Basic Program & Delivery
Training (formerly known as
Wood Badge I) is comprised of

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

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST
PREREGISTER** by contacting
Kari Robertson at 429-7089, or
by email at [james.robertson@
ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:james.robertson@ns.sympatico.ca). Participants
must fill out a registration form
for all Basic Program & Delivery
Training and Group Committee
courses. The form **MUST** be
brought to the course along
with the registration fee.

Contact Kari Robertson for
further information about these
courses.

BASIC WOOD BADGE I,
September 29-October 1. Camp
Lone Cloud.

**SERVICE TEAM WOOD BADGE
I**, November 17-18. Location
T.B.A.

ADVANCED OUTDOOR SKILLS,
Spring 2006. More information
T.B.A.

COURSE MANAGER'S COURSE,
Spring 2006. More information
T.B.A.

BASIC TRAINER, Fall 2006.
More information T.B.A.

Other

**REGISTRATION FOR 2006/07
SCOUTING YEAR**, September
13.

**NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL
CONFERENCE**, November 3-5,
Truro.

