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Scouters. We hope you are enjoying your summer.

This brief Notes and News has some very important information. Your Service Team asks you to please read through it thoroughly.

Cambridge Centre Expo – Active Cambridge

South Waterloo Area Scouts have been invited by Active Cambridge to participate in the Cambridge Mall Expo. This annual event showcases different clubs in the city that promote staying active.

This is the first year that we are able to participate and we need groups to attend!

What can you do? – anything to promote Scouting and staying active!

Get together with your Group and come up with an idea on how to promote what you do in Scouting. Here are some ideas for your booth.

Remember – booths need to be interactive and engaging so people will *want* to come and say hello!

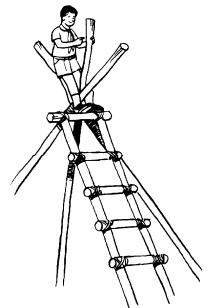
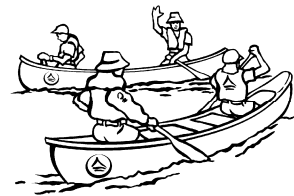
Canoeing – is your group into canoeing? Bring some of your boats and gear and set it up in the mall.

Pioneering – 20th Cambridge is going to set up a Brynbach Tower to let kids climb all over it. At the base will be some tents, a fire (just for fun, no flames! Darn) and some camping gear.

Biking – if your Group really likes to go biking, bring your bikes!

Signs & flags – the more group signs and flags we have the better!

Attendance is very important – we need as many Scouting members as possible to help over the weekend.



Here is what Active Cambridge has to say.

One of the most effective ways to activate someone and get a new participant into your activity is through face to face contact. By talking one on one with someone you can share your enthusiasm for the endeavour and help them take that initial step. Furthermore, if you can engage your prospective member in a second step by including them in the experience you can have them hooked!

It is with these goals of information, inspiration, and activation that Active Cambridge is pleased to once again host the Community Physical Activity Expo. The Cambridge Centre has generously partnered with Active Cambridge on August 28th and 29th to allow local Activators to set up information booths throughout the mall.

Booths should be interactive and engaging to peak the interest of local residents. Also, activators should prepare a challenge to include in the TRYATHALON. On Sunday, August 23rd, the ice rink will be booked for on-ice demonstrations and a free public skate.

Dates

PLEASE CONTACT FOR MORE INFO Rhonda Stewart, SWA Commissioner 519-622-3366
AreaCommSWA@gmail.com

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Help our Area become even stronger by volunteering for one of our most important positions! Go ahead, you can do it!

Or, nominate someone for the job. Out there are people who would be perfect for this, they just need a little nudge!

VOLUNTEER POSITION - COUNCIL COMMISSIONER

Scouts Canada – Battlefields Council is seeking nominations for the position of Council Commissioner. This is a volunteer position that requires 25-30 hours per month. (i.e.: 12 hours from home, 12 hours travel in the field and 6 hours in various management meetings).

Battlefields Council is comprised of both urban and rural communities that include Brantford, Cambridge, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and Simcoe and all points between. It boasts a growing membership of 3,500 youth and 100 adult volunteers.

The Council Commissioner works closely with a team of volunteers and staff in the planning and managing of the affairs of the Council. The Council Commissioner ensures the activities of the Council is consistent with Scouts Canada's strategic directions and provides for the necessary service and support is in place so that Areas can supervise the delivery of the Scouting programs. The Council Commissioner is recognized as the principle point of contact for the Council regarding program management activities. The successful candidate is expected to be committed to the Scouts Canada ScoutingNow Action Plan.

As a member of the Executive Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer's team, you'll provide quarterly reports on the program status of the Council. You'll ensure an effective flow of accurate and timely information regarding all Scouting matters, including procedure and policy changes.

Essential qualifications for this position include:

- Excellent Communication Skills
- Strong ability to DELEGATE, facilitate, and manage
- Broad-minded perspective
- Understanding of volunteer management
- Good Time Management Skills
- Motivational leadership qualities
- Able to convey a positive public image
- Consultative
- Demonstrated ability to follow through
- A good financial acumen

It is beneficial that the Council Commissioner has a flexible time schedule and the support of their family. The Council Commissioner will also be dedicated to self development through taking the appropriate training courses for the role. Being "tech savvy" will be a definite asset for the successful candidate.

For a full job description and further information, including an application form, please visit <http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/bat/CouncilNominatingCommittee/tabid/2452/Default.aspx>

Nominations close July 20, 2010. [Info package](#)

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Needed! Service Team members

DAC (Deputy Area Commissioner) Communications – after a few very enjoyable years in this position, Mark Van Dyke is stepping down to enable this position to grow. The role of DAC Communications is vitally important to the Area to ensure that the membership knows what is happening with Service Team, Scout Council and of course Scouts Canada. The person in this role should be good with people, have good communication skills and most of all, LOVE Scouting. Hey, that sounds like ALL OF YOU!

DAD Honours and Awards – Catherine Kirk has honoured many of us with her dedication to excellence in ensuring that Scouters and Youth are recognised for their accomplishments. She has revitalized our Area in recognition. In 2010, SWA had the highest number of awards presented in Ontario! Way to go everyone for making those nominations. NOW Step up and keep this fine legacy going!

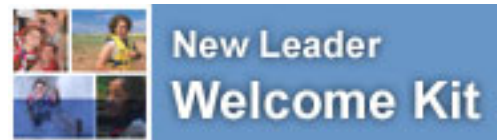
Both positions need to be filled as soon as is possible.

Think about becoming involved at the Service Team level. You will never regret it. It is VERY rewarding.

Submit your nominations to Scouter Rhonda SWA Commissioner - 519-622-3366
AreaCommSWA@gmail.com

New Leaders Welcome Kit!

Get prepared for your new Leaders.
Check out this great resource



Registration Forms

Get your forms here!!

2010 – 2011 Scouting Calendar

This is a draft from Council, but is accurate for South Waterloo Area.

Thanks to our FANTASTIC Service Team, we are way ahead of everyone else in the Council! Way to go!

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Upcoming Events

<p>GILWELL REUNION Fri., Sept. 10 to Sun., Sept. 12. Blue Springs. Scouters who have earned advanced training recognition, consisting of the Gilwell neckerchief and beads, are invited to celebrate a reunion involving about 2000 Scouters. Ask your Commissioner about Wood Badge Training.</p>	<p>South Waterloo Area ‘Become a Firefighter for 1 Night’ Friday, September 10. South Waterloo Area. Location and Time TBA. Limited registration. Become a Firefighter for 1 night! Only 30 spots available. Experience the life of a firefighter in full gear and go through a maze as if you were in a home on fire. For 3rd year Scouts and up. More details to follow.</p>
<p>(PSH) Property Committee Meeting 7 PM Preston Scout House</p>	<p>Service Team Mtg 7 PM Preston Scout House Group Commissioners are encouraged to attend</p>
<p>Youth Forum 7 PM Preston Scout House Amber LeBlanc 519-277-0167 Email Jessica Dyet 519-622-7310 Email</p>	<p>Scout Brigade of Fort George Sep 17-19 Web Site</p>
<p>Group Commissioners - 7pm 4th Wednesday every month Preston Scout House - Map Contact: Rhonda Stewart - 519-622-3366 Email</p>	<p>Area Team Meeting - 6pm Scouters Club - 7pm SWA goes Virtual! 4th Thursday of Every Month Preston Scout House - Map Contact: Rhonda Stewart - 519-622-3366 Email</p>

Beaver Blast August 17th at the PSH for 7pm. This is for Beaver Leaders across the Area to meet and exchange ideas before the Scouting year begins. Contact person is Sharon Richards at 519-653-5454.

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Online Training

Another option is to complete some of your modules in the Wood Badge Part I online. Presently, the Orientation module and Module 1- Fundamentals is available online at <http://www.scouts.ca/elearn/> As the year progresses, there will be other modules online. A log-in and password will be required to register for online training. All of the following sessions have to be completed in order to satisfy the requirements and allow for the Module 1-Wood Badge Part I certificate to be printed. The sessions are: Orientation, Structure, Mission, Risk Management, and Spirituality. Once a topic has been completed, print out the corresponding certificate which will be your proof of completion.

Haliburton Scout Reserve – Canada’s Largest Wilderness Camp

Find out what it is like to experience the ultimate in adventure by experiencing Canada’s largest wilderness camp – Haliburton Scout Reserve.

What makes Haliburton so unique?

- The largest Canadian wilderness camp, with thousands of acres to explore.
- Challenging and fun instructor led programs like rappelling, sailing, mountain biking, snorkelling and kayaking.
- All campsites are lakefront with personal docks for swimming and fishing.
- On site grocery store and medical facilities.
- Available to Scout-Venturer aged youth.



Great new Resources. If you have not visited these sites, you should!!



Great Resource, program ideas, networking. WOWSA!

I’m excited about *Scouting Now!*

Scouting Now is the name of a document recently published by Scouts Canada. From the content of this plan, it's apparent that our Chief Commissioner knows quality ideas when he sees them.

I want to encourage all members of Scouts Canada to read the report, participate in the discussion at talkscouts.ca, and take action where you can. We have an opportunity to move into the future. Let's take it!



A great new site that focuses on things that are truly Scouting!

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[Message from our new Chief Commissioner](#) - Some very hopeful things are happening at Scouts Canada. This video outlines some of the goals and hopes of our new Chief Commissioner. We're very optimistic about what he wants to achieve. While democracy per se is not directly on the agenda, the focus on Scouting values and on openness gives us hope for the organization and for democracy in the long term. [More](#)

[E-Learning](#) is here for Leaders! Wood Badge On Line! Check this out. Very cool.



[10 Ways to Increase YOUR membership!](#) - Scouts Canada asked for ideas, and many Scouters responded. Check this out! Some simple ideas, can improve your program!

[A Free Group Website!](#) Your group has a free web site domain! www.scouts-sw.ca

[Notes & News](#) – Make sure your fellow Scouters know all about our Area newsletter.

[Scouters Club](#) - An informal get together for all Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer & Rover Leaders.

[Scouting's Best Kept Secret](#) - (A great document to give to your youth to give to their friends!)

[Scouting Career Checklist](#) - Please fill this out and send to Catherine Kirk [Email](mailto:519-623-8966) 519-623-8966

[Leadership Passport](#) - Track your personal Scouting career! You might be surprised at what you have accomplished!!

[Training - Why Take Training?](#)

The boys and girls who wear Scouting uniforms each week deserve to receive quality programs. AND, as a Leader, you deserve to receive training that makes you comfortable in your role.

[Honours and Awards](#) - How will you say Thank You? Through the Honours and Awards Program we show our appreciation and admiration for the hard, dedicated work carried out by adult volunteers in Scouts Canada. Contact - Catherine Kirk [Email](mailto:519-623-8966) 519-623-8966

Check out these cool videos on our site - www.scouts-sw.ca