



South Waterloo Area
Notes and News January 2008

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Notes and News*

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2007 – 08 [Calendar](#)

*Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers sections
Have been updated!!*

Happy New Year

Mat 2008 bring you, your families and your Scout Groups, happiness and peace.

Area events

If you are in charge of an Area event, please send us your info!
This way we can make sure all registered leaders receive your info!

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Info submission deadline – 3rd Friday of each month

South Waterloo Area Events Calendar

Where is your copy? [Download it here](#)

National Flag of Canada Day Feb 15

Challenge your youth to find out how the Canadian Flag came to be.

Pop quiz – which flag represented Canada before the Maple Leaf?

Answer – At the bottom of this Notes & News

Leadership Appreciation Breakfast and

NOTE – Correct date is Feb 16

Preston Scout House @ 8:30 am

Contact – Catharine Kirk

519-623-8966 [Email](#)

This is a great event every year and we encourage everyone, especially new Leaders, to come out and enjoy the good food, camaraderie and fun stories we have! Doors open at 8:30am, breakfast at 9:00am and awards to follow.

Preston Scout House

Area Information Sessions

For Group Commissioners and interested Leaders

Next session –

February 21st, 7pm

March 27th - 7pm; April 24th - 7pm; May 22nd - 7pm

Stay up to date, stay informed!

Scouter Elizabeth Barrow - ebarrow@scouts.ca 905-741-4078



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***Kub Kar Registration
& Tune ups***

NOTE – updated time and location

6.30pm – 8pm

Preston Scout House

1580 Queenston Road

[Rules and Regs](#)

Kub Kar Races!

March 1, 2008!

Stewart Avenue School

Get the [Flyer](#)

Please hand out the flyer to parents and all Leaders!!

LORD BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL

Our founder's birthday is February 22.

Scout Guide Week Feb 17-23

Traditionally, groups celebrate the event during Scout-Guide Week. If your Group or Section wishes to do something special, contact your Service Scouter or Commissioner for ideas. Remember 101 years of Scouting!

Beaver Buggy Blast

NEW INFO

March 29, 2008 - Preston Scout House 9 – 1pm

Please register with Louise Austin at louisemauston@aol.com or 519-622-4397.

Beaver Buggy [Info Sheet](#)

World Jamboree Photo presentation!

WHERE were you AT 8:00 AM ON AUGUST 1, 2007?

If you would like to see how the world celebrated this “AWESOME” scouting occasion, The 1st Centennial Patrol – Central Ontario, invite you to:

PRESTON SCOUT HOUSE

1580 Queenston Road

Cambridge, ON

Sunday, February 10th, 2008

From 2 PM to 4 PM

David Fallows will be presenting a slide show of our local celebrations and CJ'07.

A DVD of 100 years of scouting from the UK

- See Baden Powell's last address to scouting.
- Scouting past, present and future.

- Messages from famous scouts including Sir Richard Branson and Steven Spielberg...and much more!

A DVD of the World Scout Jamboree at Chelmsford, England.



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Scouter Elizabeth's Corner

Reduced half-year youth membership fee

I am happy to announce that a reduced youth membership fee (half-year fee) has returned for the 2007-08 Scouting Season!

Please read the following for more information.

For groups who sold Popcorn:

The reduced fee will be \$99.00 effective March 1st, 2008. If the Group has a formal "Bring a Friend" campaign, upon the Area Commissioners or Council Field Executives approval, the reduced fee could be available earlier, but no sooner than February 1st, 2008.

Group Commissioners will be asked to sign a statement that firsts lists those youth who are paying the reduced fee and second that those youth have not been coming out to the program a significant amount of times prior to the effective dates. That statement will be forthcoming.

For Groups who did not sell Popcorn:

The reduced fee will be \$119.00 effective March 1st, 2008. If the Group has a formal "Bring a Friend" campaign, upon the Area Commissioners or Council Field Executives approval, the reduced fee could be available earlier, but no sooner than February 1st, 2008. Group Commissioners will be asked to sign a statement that firsts lists those youth who are paying the reduced fee and second that those youth have not been coming out to the program a significant amount of times prior to the effective dates. That statement will be forthcoming.

NEW - Bring a Friend Campaign! - NEW

A new program from Scouts Canada

The "Bring a Friend" Campaign is...

....a CELEBRATION of Scouting's involvement in the Community and an OPPORTUNITY for Scouting youth and leaders to invite their friends to one or two meetings.

It usually occurs during the months of January, February & March.

[Download your FREE kit!!](#)

OR

Get the groovy [Powerpoint version](#) Version!!

Peacehaven Update – See next page

Camp clean up day

February 23, 0800 – 1700

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He is very organized!!



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Leaders

Leader Appreciation Breakfast and Award Ceremony

Saturday, February 16th.

Open to all registered Leaders!

A great annual event. We encourage everyone, especially new Leaders, to come out and enjoy the good food, camaraderie and fun stories we have! Doors open at 8:30am, breakfast at 9:00am. Awards to follow. Preston Scout House Please R.S.V.P. by February 9th to Cathy Kirk, DAC Honours and Awards
519-623-8966 [Email](#) [Info Sheet](#)

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Scouter's Club

4th Thursday of every month – 7pm Preston Scout House - 1580 Queenston Road

Next session – Feb 28

The Scouter's Club is an informal get together for all Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer & Rover Leaders. It helps provide program resources and an opportunity to plan and organize collaborative events.

Everyone is welcome

Please plan on attending

Have some laughs and you may even learn something.

(PS, Sharon usually brings treats and WOW, you will not be disappointed)

Contact: Rhonda Stewart - rhondaphil@rogers.com 519-622-3366.

Peacehaven Camp clean up day

February 23, 0800 – 1700

Yes, Geoff has a “honey do list!” – see his letter in the Jan Notes and News

He is very organized!!

Adult Leader Training

Why take training?

The boys and girls who wear Scouting uniforms each week deserve to receive quality programs.

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Woodbadge & First Aid Training

If you need your woodbadge, or first aid contact Amanda

She is setting up training for our local Leaders!

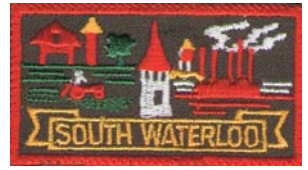
Amanda Kelly – amandakelly@live.ca



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Youth events

Beavers

White Tail Sleepover

Friday, February 29. Camp Impeesa. Cost: Youth \$9; Adults \$5.
Contact Sandi Landsborough 519 449-3702 or sland4@sympatico.ca
or Bill Wilson 519 752-2045 Twilson_@sympatico.ca

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Breakfast with Santa Feedback!

Well, did we have fun or what?
The weather was beautiful, the sun shone and the people arrived prorr)tly at 8:30.

Kitchen staff included Lois Comeau, Doug Richards, Katie Havens, who were the cooks. We served up pancakes, sausages, syrup, cereal, muffins and juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Nick , Sheila Brown, and Leslie worked very hard and kept the serving area moving at a super pace. Myself, I went where I was needed. We were also blessed to have 3Venturers, two dressed as Elves. Leslie worked wherever he was needed and Amber and Jessica were in the craft room in the Memorial Room.

The Crafts were very ably attended to by Ronda Stewart, Kathy Hillier, two Venturers from 26t", Amber and Jessica and some parents. The comments that I heard about the crafts were really great, everyone just had so much fun doing them. There were 6 crafts in all. We also had goodie bags for kids to take home.

Santa was Rolly Mathews and I sincerely thank him.

The official Photographer was Amanda Kelly and I sincerely thank her.

We all had a great time and are looking forward to next year.

Sharon Richards



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Cubs

Winter Cuboree

Sat Feb 9, 2008 - Winter Cuboree at Camp Impeesa
Contact Sandi Landsborough 519 449-3702 or sland4@sympatico.ca
Contact Bruce Hunter 519 732-2085 or hunter_bruce@sympatico.ca

Kub Kar

Registration & Tune ups

Feb 25 - 26 7-9 pm

Your Leaders must register youth to participate.

St. Peters Lutheran Church, Preston,
corner of King and Church Streets

Get the [Rules and Regs](#) NOW!

Kub Kar Races!

March 1, 2008!

Stewart Avenue School

- 9:00 am - Kub Kar (for SWA Cubs)
- 12:00 noon - Beaver Buggy (for SWA White Tails)
- 1:00 pm - Scout Trucks (for SWA Scouts)
- 1:30 pm - Open Class (open to all)

Get the [Flyer](#)

Please hand out the flyer to parents and all Leaders!!

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

Night Ops

!!!!WOW!!!!

Good for all sections!

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope, Ontario L0R 1W0

What is a "Night Ops"?

- A unique sleepover experience for Guiding and Scouting groups.
 - Camp underneath a World War II aircraft.
- An evening of fun, aviation themed crafts and activities.
 - Flashlight tour of the museum (the Night Operations)
 - An evening snack of pizza and pop
 - A light breakfast

What does it cost?

\$35.00 per child, \$35.00 per adult (1 adult leader free per 6 children)

Optional camp blanket crest \$2.25 each

Reach Brenda or Christine at (905) 679-4183 ext 222 or edserv@warplane.com

Contact CWHM 905 679-4183 ext 222 or e-mail edserv@warplane.com for available dates



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Summer Cuboree

Fri May 30 to Sun June 1, 2008 - Summer Cuboree at Camp Impeesa
Contact Sandi Landsborough 519 449-3702 or sland4@sympatico.ca

Scouts

45th Woodstock International Scout Camporee

Woodstock International Scout Camporee is an organized scout camp for scouting youth from ages 11 to 17.

The program consists of patrol based scheduled events that are designed to be fun and competitive and are based on scouting skills, as well as open events for individual and troop participation.

<http://www.scouts-woodstock.info/2008.htm>

[Get the info](#)

Scout Heritage Camp

April, 2008 - Blue Springs Scout Reserve.

contact Jack Angell jangel@cogeco.ca

or closer to this date check Blue Springs web site at

www.blue-springs-scout-reserve.ca

Great Lakes Jambo 2008!

July 12 – 19, 2008

Challenge, Fun, Friendship The Adventure Continues !!

The Great Lakes Jamboree is the longest continuous running Jambo in Ontario.

We invite Scouts, Scouters, Guides and Guiders to be part of this wonderful Jamboree experience. The dates are July 12 – 19, 2008. Jambo 8 will be at Camp BEL at Dorchester near London Ontario!

We will have 7 main area villages for day programming plus the expanded overnight Brownsea challenge and a full 5 nights of Subcamp program with 2 nights of camp wide program. There are 2 levels of canoe action, repel towers, climbing wall, archery, rifle ranges, blacksmith forge, 3 levels of hikes and much more. Special Opening and Closing ceremonies will add to your Jamboree Adventure.

If you would like to include your group or be part of Staff, please visit the website for more information.

www.greatlakesjamboree.net

See below for details on the Venturer assembly. Senior Scouts welcome!



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Venturers

Med Vents & Med Rovers

If you're looking for a career as a paramedic,
or any other medical career,
or just a specialized skill set and experience that looks good on a resumé,
then the MedVent & MedRover program is for you!

[More info](#)

[Email](#) Cindy Burgetz

22nd Annual Venturer Assembly

Medieval

April, 4,5,6

Camp Impeesa

www.geocities.com/brant_ent

Venturers & Rangers

(Senior Scouts, and Pathfinders welcome.)

Quiz Answer - The flag before the Maple Leaf was - *The Red Ensign*

Peacehaven Scout Camp - Update

An introduction of our new Peacehaven Property Chair
and an update on Peacehaven.

The camp is doing very well!!! Please, Read on.

As I sit here writing this the wind is howling and the weather is blistering cold and all I can think of it is what great weather for camping. Crazy I know but there's nothing better than curling up in a sleeping bag at -30°C.

Hi, for those of you who don't me my name is Geoff Dow, I am 29, have 4 kids, 3 boys and a girl aged 10, 5, 4 and 2 a wonderful wife (who graciously puts up with all my meetings and time spent away from family at camp), a dog, a cat and two turtles.

Am I a Turtle? – you bet I am and have been a proud card carrying member since 1997).

I have been involved in Scouting since 1983 as a Beaver and went right through to Rovers. I became a Beaver Leader in 1996 and in 2001 a Scout Leader. I have been involved in Scouting in London as a youth and leader, Lindsay as both a leader and Rover, in Whitby as a Leader, and in Kincardine as a leader. In 2002 I moved to Cambridge for work and have been active in 24th Cambridge since then. My background is Water and Wastewater and have worked in this Industry since 2000. I currently work for a consulting Firm called Hydromantis, Incorporated, where we design and build Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. I am a Certified Process Technologist which means that I will look at the specific processes of a plant and try to streamline them to achieve a better end product.



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Camp Property Chair – Geoff Dow

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In-town Mailing Address: 3-1635 Blair Rd. Cambridge Ontario N3H 4R8

Camp Address: 807342 Drumbo Road, RR1 Drumbo N0J 1G0

Before I go any further I need to clarify some items as I have some issues with mind sets of some scouting members in South Waterloo Area.

- I know in this Area there have been hard feelings for Scouts Canada and Tri-Shores-SWO (South Western Ontario-The South Waterloo Admin Centre)
- However, **it is very important** to know they are on our side! I truly believe this.
- What happened with the old Atironta Region is in the past and needs to stay in the past. These events do not include anyone who works for Tri-Shores now
- If we feel they won't support us, they won't.
- If we allow them to help us and trust them they will be straight with us.
- In all of my personal dealings with any of the people from South Western Ontario SC (SWO) I have had nothing but good response and the answers to my questions 6 months ago are still the same answers I am getting today.
- **Lets stop living in the past and move on.**
- At the last Scouters Club meeting, someone stated the following - SWO is not behind the camp, has their own agenda, and that we failed our first water test because SWO caused us to fail and that this test was supposed to be a practice test.
- This is not true. They want the camp open as much as we do
- They have proven this by investing time, energy and a lot of money into the camp.
- They have helped us complete our certification and provided resources to bring the camp in line with Ministry of the Environment official standards.
- **Lets work together and make this work. If we are not fair with those who support us, we can not expect support from them.**
- The water samples from camp, which are taken by certified volunteers on the property committee, are tested by an independent laboratory that is governed by the Ministry of the Environment, NOT by Scouts Canada and SWO has no authority over the lab they just receive the results.
- There is no such thing as a practice test – any sample submitted to a Laboratory is a representative sample at that time and as such is recorded.

In May of 2007 I formerly took over as the Volunteer Property Manager for Peacehaven Scout Camp. Since that time we have had a lot of changes.

The camp was closed in May 2007 by Scouts Canada until the necessary requirements were put in place.

What were those requirements? Let me tell you.

- Scouts Canada has a policy that there must be at least 3 certified “Small Drinking Water System Operators” on the camp committee. They also like to see at least 3 people on the camp committee so that one person does not get stuck trying to do everything.
- An Engineers Report had to be prepared by the Engineer who designed the System and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
- We needed to continue to provide bi-weekly water tests to an **MOE APPROVED INDEPENDENT LABORATORY** for Microbiological and organic analysis. The lab that Tri-Shores Region - South Western Ontario Scouts Canada chose was SGS Laboratories (<http://www.sgs.com/>)
- The Water System needed to be inspected and certified by the MOE
- Once the MOE certified the Water System then Scouts Canada would open the camp for use.

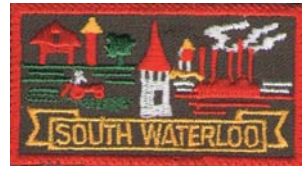


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Where are we now and why isn't the camp open you ask?

Let's go back to August 2007 and we'll work our way to today in chronological order:

August

- An operator went to turn the water on to sample and noticed that a pipe had burst on one of the two Ultra violet units. As water is always in these units, when the pipe burst it caused the electronics in both units to short circuit and essentially fried both units. **THESE NOW NEEDED TO BE REPLACED**
- A minimum of 3 certified operators needed to be in place before the camp was opened – there were not 3 operators and I was busy with work and let things slide in ensuring that we got them (**THIS IS MY FAULT**) The Engineers Evaluation Report (EER) could not be completed as the UV units were being replaced and the report needed to identify and reference the correct units. If we had completed it we would have had to do a revised EER once the units had been replaced.
- In October it was identified that I, Geoff Dow was not returning phone calls or emails and people wanted to know the status of the camp. Elizabeth Barrow brought in Bruce Parks and Brian Moore from Scouts Canada for a meeting on October 25th, 2007 at Scout house to identify the concerns and issues with Peacehaven and with myself. At this time Brian and Bruce both stated that Scouts Canada is behind Peacehaven all the way and that they want to see the camp open as much as we do. They stated it was closed to allow me time to get my committee members in place and get the required work done to open the camp. There were no issues about myself brought up at this meeting – although there were apparent issues before no-one was willing to stand up and identify those issues.
- **Folks, if you have questions or concerns about Peacehaven, call me, please don't raise them at the Scouters Club if I am not there. I cant help anyone if I don't know the questions or concerns.**
- **My cell is on 24/7 and I check my email on a regular basis – I may not return your message immediately but it will be returned within 2 business days!**
- At this meeting a hopeful deadline of January 2008 was set up for the camp to be opened – to do this we needed 2 more certified members as well as have the water system replaced, the Engineers report completed, a minimum of 3 water samples (this is a six week process in it's self) and have the MOE inspect the system.

Requirements Completed to Date:

- On November 27, 2007 the new system was installed.
- On November 28th, 2007 the Engineer came out to inspect the system
- In December, I instructed for water samples to be started however this was not completed until January 07th, 2008.
- In December the MOE inspector did a surprise visit and identified some issues that needed to be completed before he could officially inspect the camp. – These issues included two leaking taps as well as he felt that there was not a proper length of contact time between that water and the chlorine for proper disinfection. The engineers feel that there was so this issue is still going back and forth between the engineering firm and the MOE Inspector. Until this issue is resolved which I understand will be shortly the Engineers Evaluation can't be completed (as we may need to re-route piping and add tanks). The MOE will not inspect until they have reviewed the Evaluation report.
- **CURRENTLY WE HAVE 4 CERTIFIED OPERATORS:**
- **Mark Van Dyke, John Maxner, Terry Hillier and myself Geoff Dow**
- **THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE ARE ROBIN DEROUCHIE AND SCOTT INGLE.**
- The MOE must then inspect and certify the system,



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Well this concludes the Water System aspect of my letter and now we'll go into the upgrades needed at camp.

There are numerous upgrades required to bring the camp back to it's optimal working conditions.

Geoffs – "Honey do list"

- replacing roofs,
- repairing building interiors,
- painting,
- general building clean up I.e. washing dishes,
- cleaning stoves,
- removing dangerous trees and clearing deadfall out of the bush.

As a committee we have been dealing with a few of these issues slowly – we are in the midst of getting the necessary quotations and documents prepared to complete these upgrades. There has been some interest from a few people to help out.

7th Camb Rovers have been splitting wood and trying to sort through the wood pile located along the back driveway. Thank you!!!

We are looking for trades people who are affiliated with Scouting and can volunteer a few days to help bring things back to snuff.

If you have any parents, grandparents or leaders who would be willing to help that would be great.

On February 23rd from 0830-1700 we will be having a clean up at the camp. This will include cutting down dead trees, removing deadfall from the brush and generally cleaning up areas not easily accessible during spring/summer/fall. Any leaders/parents who are interested in helping please contact me and let me know. Unfortunately until the water system is certified we cannot allow anyone under 18 on the property.

In conclusion, thank you for listening or reading to my ramblings. Remember, the camp is a resource for all of us in SWA and beyond.

As with any resource if you ignore it and assume others will put the time and effort into it then it will perish. If we all put time in we can have a camp we are proud to call our own.

I leave you with the a paraphrased version of the Sharing Sharing Sharing Chapter in Friends of the Forest –

Tic Tac the squirrel was watching the beavers as they all gathered food for the winter from the smallest kit to the largest beaver and didn't understand why they work together. She then went and asked Malak the Owl who said that perhaps it was because the work load was lighter, the job was completed faster leaving more time for play and that unlike squirrels who have a tendency to forget where the food is a stored and are hungry the Beavers will be prepared and have enough food for the winter.

If we all work together we will end up with a better job, completed faster so that we can have fun at camp, or we can work by ourselves and forget what we are doing and watch the camp disintegrate.

Sincerely *Geoffrey Dow*

Scouter **Geoffrey J. Dow**

Property Chair Peacehaven Scout Camp <http://www.scouts-sw.ca/site/Peacehaven.html>