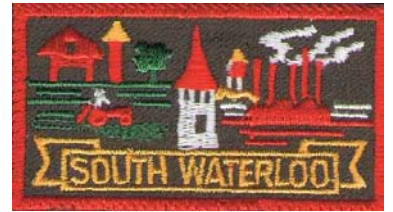




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You are invited!

**To our annual
*Leaders Appreciation Breakfast***

**April 16th
Hespeler Legion, 26 Schofield Street**

Featuring our honoured guests..

You and your Spouse!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

**Let us celebrate your commitment to our youth in Cambridge.
Chat with old friends, share the celebration of honours & awards.
Catch up with fellow Scouters.**

PLEASE - BRING YOUR SPOUSE!!!

**Sat. April 16TH 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Hespeler Legion, 26 Schofield Street
(eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, coffee, tea, juice & Friendship)**

Please RSVP Scouter Lyle, AC, before April 1st

653-9873 or @ lheimbecker@rogers.com



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What is Notes & News?

It is an informative Area resource for all Leaders, Sponsors, Group Committee members (just to name a few) in South Waterloo Area. It is meant to keep everyone up to date and connected!

How does it work?

It is our desire to print this newsletter every 2 months and mail it out. The Area will advise everyone of upcoming events like training, Leadership Appreciation get - togethers, or the annual Area or PL/APL camps. Anything to do with Scouting can be presented here. The content is made up of information sent to the editor by the Area, Scouts Canada & most importantly, OUR LOCAL GROUPS! Lets here what you have to say!! Keep us up to date on what your group is doing. Perhaps an invitation to other groups to attend your function or camp Maybe someone needs help creating program for their Beaver Colony, or Venturer Company and does not know where to turn. Perhaps you have a question you need answered about Scouting? Pose it to the editor and the rest of the Area and together, we can come up with the answers you seek. This is an Area effort, and the more we all participate, the better it will be.

Notes & News will be released in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Oct. – Submission deadline for any info is the 3rd Friday of the previous month. *(This edition is labelled April. We waited till now so we could advise you on our progress with Peacehaven)*

Why are you getting this?

This Notes & News is being sent to all currently registered South Waterloo Area Leaders. If you have Leaders who would like a copy of this, but are not registered, please get them registered and advise Mark Van Dyke of their contact info so they can be included. This is also available by email if you request it.

Who else should get this newsletter?

Share this with your group sponsors, ie – Church committee/Pastor, School Principal, Group Sponsors like Kinsmen, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs etc. We want to keep our sponsors up to date so they feel like they are an active, important part of their group. Go ahead; invite them to our Area events, your group events & camps. When was the last time you had your school sponsor represented at your investiture? Or your Pastor to one of your camps to say grace? They will love you for it.

If you want these people included in our mailing, please let Mark know. We do ask all Scouters and Group Committees to share this info with their sponsors!!

Thank you Scouters

For many years this publication was put out by the South Waterloo District Council and has always been edited by local volunteer Scouters. Without these dedicated Scouters, this newsletter would not exist. Thank you Scouters!! It has been sent out over the last year or so by email, but we realise this is not the most effective way to communicate with all of our leaders. (Okay, it took us a while, but we're learning too!) ☺

Send us your stuff!

This Notes & News is only as successful as the information we share. Let us know what you are doing, what you have done, what cool stuff is going on. Share some of your victories, pictures of your investiture, the 4th star for a Cub or the green lanyard for a Scout, awards received, that great Scouts own you had at last weeks camp, anything that can benefit our Area and Scouting in general. Tell us what you need from the Area and Scouts Canada to make your group more effective. The Area is currently working on creating a calendar of events, like camps, training, committees etc, but we can't do it unless we know what you need. So, bring on the Adventure!!

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DAC Member Retention	Required		Go ahead, volunteer!
DAC Training	Required		Go ahead, volunteer!
DAC Group Support	Required		Go ahead, volunteer!
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Property Chair – Preston Scout House	Dave Fallows	653-7203	david.fallows@pasdrafting.com

We need your help.

Your Area Service Team is responsible for direction to all members of the Area. This dedicated group of volunteers is seeking members to contribute to the betterment of all Area Members.

If you are interested, or, know of a retired Scouter who is perfect for one of these positions, please, contact Scouter Lyle.

A full directory of all Scouts Canada offices is available on-line at www.scouts-sw.ca Go to the Leader Resources link in the left column. A South Waterloo Directory is available here as well.

If you would like these publications mailed with your copy of Notes & News, tell the editor, Scouter Mark.

Resources

Our local web site – www.scouts-sw.ca – we have links to darn near everything! Check it out!

Scout Shop Kitchener – IT IS OPEN!! Peter Miller- Manager, 844 Frederick Street, Kitchener, ON N2B 2B8
Phone: 519-742-8325, Fax: 519-742-8542, kitchenershop@scouts.ca

Scouts Canada local administration centre - 531 Windermere Rd, London, ON N5X 2T1
www.trishores-scouts.on.ca Ph (519) 432-2928 Fax (519) 432-1677 1-888-SCOUTS NOW 1-888-726-8876

Gone Home

Scouter Glenn (33rd) lost his father, Harold Ross Mader March 8, 2005.

Harold Mader was a former Scouter in Breslau as well as being active in local sports and in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kitchener.

Our condolences to Scouter Glenn and his family.

God Bless you Scouter Harold





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NEW! – South Waterloo Area web site! www.scouts-sw.ca

John Turner at Imaginary Light Productions has generously donated free web hosting to our site. Mark Van Dyke and Lyle Heimbecker are the volunteer webmasters for the site.

Visit our site to find Leader Resources, an Area Calendar of events, a reservation system for Peacehaven Scout Camp, contact info for your service team, lots of cool stuff.

Each group has their own web site!!! That's right, we have created a web site for each of the registered groups in the Area. They are pretty basic, but it is a good beginning. If you already have your own site and want your address to be linked here, just send it to Scouter Mark and he will set it up.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know. We are constantly adding new things and encourage you to check it out often!

Dates to remember

South Waterloo Area All Sections Camp June 10th – 12th at Peacehaven

South Waterloo Area is hosting its' annual all sections year end camp. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever before. We have many new and exciting activities booked for the youth, there are activities geared for each age group. This event is open to all scouting members from Beavers to Rovers and Leaders.

Featuring - gateway challenge, rope bridge, bouncer, obstacle courses, water fight, water balloon catapults, lashing, archery, kayaking and canoeing for the older youth (10 and up) and a climbing wall!

You're adventure will begin on Friday evening when you and your group check in. Saturday will feature many exciting activities. Saturday will feature a formal campfire and mug up. Sunday will feature a Scouts Own in the memorial chapel. Closing at 11:30 am.

Registration is \$25.00 per person which includes: camp fees, crafts, all activities, crest, Saturday dinner, mug-up x 2, snack and juice during activities. There will also be a tuck shop featuring many fun items for sale.

Register your group early to avoid disappointment. Space will be limited to 500 participants. **A \$50.00 deposit is required by each group to hold your spot by May 14, 2005.** Balance of funds and registration numbers to be submitted by May 31, 2005. Send your deposit/ registration to: South Waterloo Area Service Center 1580 Queenston Road, Cambridge, Ontario N3H 3L9. Mark your envelope: All Sections Camp.

Planning meeting for end of year camp

Mar 29 & 30, Scout House, 700pm

Please, we need your enthusiasm and expertise to make this camp successful. We have a Scouter organizing the camp, but he can not do it himself. We have some great ideas, but need assistance bringing them to our youth. Many hands make light work and we need many hands. Thanks for thinking of helping us with this. Contact Scouter Chris Singleton for more info at 650.4915 chrissingleton@imags.ca

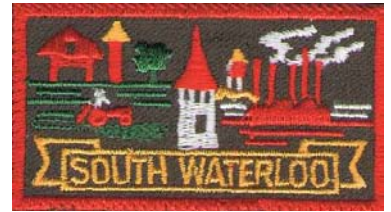


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Peacehaven Scout Camp

As of March 21, Scouts Canada has agreed to remove Peacehaven from the list of camps for sale. We are going to work with them to come up with a productive 5 year business plan (unfortunately, our previous submissions were misplaced) that will move Peacehaven into the future. This is a huge step forward for Peacehaven. Thank you to everyone who has supported Peacehaven over the past 72 years.

We still need your help!! - We need you to reserve your camping space!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The only way we can save Peacehaven for years to come, is to use it and promote it to everyone! Please, reserve space at Peacehaven as much as possible this year. Do this online at www.scouts-sw.ca or contact the London Tri-Shores office directly at 1-888-568-7472. Also, spread the word that the camp is open for business. It is very important that the local community know that we are moving forward with our camp and need their support.

News Flash!!!

From South-western Ontario Admin Centre - Serving Battlefields & Tri-Shores Councils

Our administration office in London periodically sends out a newsletter of their own. We will take snippets from this and share it with you. If you prefer to receive the full version, contact Sarah Ransome at 1-888-568-7472 or sransome@scouts.ca

ADVANCED TRAINING

For Colony, Pack and Troop Scouters – April 15, 16, 17 and May 13,14,15 at Camp Nemo, north of Burlington. Complete the advanced outdoor skills and program planning and deliver for your Section. Cost - \$160, includes camping costs, meals and course materials. For more information, contact your Area Deputy for Development or the Battlefields Deputy for Development, Bob Pressey at bpressey@sympatico.ca or call (905) 834-9599

BLOOD DONOR CHALLENGE – February 19-March 31

EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY, SOMEBODY IN CANADA NEEDS BLOOD

Are you working the challenge? Scouting is challenging members and parents to become a blood donor. Give at your local permanent or mobile clinic and sign the Scouting Donor sheet.

Have you told your fellow leaders, youth parents, co-workers, neighbours, family, and friends?

Have you rolled up your sleeve to save a life?

Check out the Canadian Blood Services Website for clinic locations and times and for donor requirements www.bloodservices.ca or call 1-(888)-2-DONATE to book an appointment.

HOT CHOCOLATE – We need your help – CLEARANCE PRICING!

Groups – looking for a few extra dollars for some spring or winter programs? Scout Hot Chocolate is available for Groups to sell as a fundraiser. The price has been reduced to sell! Group cost is now \$5 for a case of 10 (for \$.50 per box). Groups can set their own selling price. Please contact Michelle at the South-western Ontario Admin Centre to order yours now. (519) 432-2928 or toll free at 1(888) 726-8876 or mtaylor@scouts.ca. Orders can be picked up at either the Hamilton, London or Windsor locations. The product is available on consignment – you only pay for what you sell!

WHERE'S WALLY – STAND UP & BE COUNTED!

We need your help to count Wally and any other person active but not registered. Groups will be contacted shortly by their Field Executive or an Area Team member and receive a print out of current registered members. They will work with you to help identify active people not registered and help you get them registered so they are counted and insured as members.

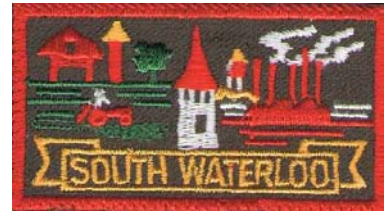


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CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD/YOUTH RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

May 6, to be hosted by Brant Area. Application form available on the Battlefields website (link is on www.scouts-sw.ca) or from your Area Commissioner. Applications are due April 1 to the South-western Ontario Admin Centre. 531 Windermere Rd, London, ON N5X 2T1

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

April 14 – Copp's Coliseum in Hamilton or April 16 – The John Labatt Centre in London
Special Scouting rates and activities – attend the practice & Basketball University & have your picture taken with the Globetrotters. Order Forms available from the Hamilton Help Desk or South-western Ontario Admin Centre. Order direct with Group Sales at Copsps or the JLC.

TOUR PERMITS

Groups who are planning to travel outside of the country for more than 12 hours or more than 250 km one way, are required to complete the tour permit application and submit it to the South-western Ontario Admin Centre more than 4 weeks prior to the trip. The Camping and Outdoor Activity application form (approved and signed by the Group Committee) must accompany the application. The group must also obtain out-of-country medical and travel insurance (ie. blue cross) for all members on the trip.

THE ONE TONNE CHALLENGE

We've all heard Rick Mercer on television issuing the challenge – save 1 ton of emissions per person – a great way to help preserve the environment. Sounds like a lot but it isn't really!

- reduce idling your car – turn it off at a stop light or at the train crossing or don't let it warm us so long – this will save you over \$70 a year in fuel costs and ¼ tonne in
- plan your trips – 'trap line' so you do more things in one trip and car pool. If you drive 2000 km less in a year, you'll save ½ tonne
- compost all non-meat food products and save 1/8 of a tonne (and your garden will love you!)
- Reduce the heat in your home by 3 degrees when not at home and save ½ a tonne and 30% on your hydro bill!
- Replace just 5 regular light bulbs with the new and improved energy saving bulbs. They emit better and more light and will save you \$30 a year in hydro and 1/8 a tonne!

Greenhouse gases (car emissions etc) are harmful to our environment; they deteriorate the ozone, contribute to climate change and cause respiratory ailments

As you can see, saving a tonne is not a difficult job. Have a night with your youth and discuss the effects of Greenhouse gases and ways they can help save their tonne. This will help meet some badge requirements too! For more information visit www.climatechange.gc.ca

Do YOU HAVE YOUR CAMP BOOKED?

Spring is around the corner (so we're told!) and many groups are making plans for camping. The council camps are filling up and all of them have openings. There are several though, that have space to accommodate most weekends. Consider trying a new site this spring – Timken, Wadiscoca, Peacehaven, Shegardaynou, Catarauqui and Impeesa all have several weekends available. Try a weekend at one of these hidden gems! Book through either Council website or by calling 1-888-568-7472