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Dear Fellow Scouters

As the Scouting year winds down in South Waterloo, we reflect on the year, the smiles, the laughs, the camps, the memories, and the friendships made. We also find ourselves reflecting on the last 75 years that Scouting has been in the South Waterloo community. Again, the smiles, the laughs, the camps, the memories, and the friendships made. Be it 1934 or 2009, Scouting has never changed in South Waterloo, just the faces who smile, laugh, camp, make memories, and lasting friendships.

Scouting in South Waterloo has been blessed by each of you who have over the years connected with the youth. Your dedication and commitment to the Scouting movement in South Waterloo is in large, the reason as to the success that the Area has achieved. The youth who have been affected by your involvement pay tribute to you through living the Scout Law and Promise within their family and community. Your lessons are invaluable and memorable to the youth. In the last year, South Waterloo has experienced tremendous growth, and that is because of each you.

South Waterloo has a great history, and we are still creating history by making memories for today's youth. No matter how much time may pass, Scouting will always be an important aspect in the growth of our youth. The smiles, the laughs, the memories, and the friendships in Scouting, will be forever creating history in South Waterloo. 75 years may have come and gone, but there are many more to come.

As we all fight the hustle and bustle of putting the finishing touches on the preparations for the holidays, I would like to take this time and say, "From my family to yours, "Happy Holidays"! And may God bless you and your family in the New Year."

**As always,
Yours in Scouting,
Rhonda Stewart
SWA Area Commissioner**



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Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year!

May the joy and peace of Christmas time be with all of you, today, tomorrow and throughout the year.

Every Christmas, I try to reflect on the beauty of family, friends and the simple joy of all that life offers us. I believe we all have a great deal to be thankful for; health, happiness, and the wonders of life that our youth in Scouting, and at home, bring to us.

To everyone with whom I have the tremendous pleasure of spending time with in Scouting, learning from, teaching, laughing, smiling, camping and most of all, just being ourselves,

Thank you for a wonderful 2009!

Scouter Mark Van Dyke

Congratulations South Waterloo!

**We are the first Area in Ontario
to surpass 100% membership
from last year!**

Nov 2008 - 381 Members

**Nov 2009 - 450 Members!
With 17 New Leaders!**

Look out Canada! South Waterloo is back!



Thank you Drumbo Transport!

For supplying a truck and driver to transport our popcorn from Hamilton to Cambridge!

[Visit them here](#) [PHOTOS!!!](#)

Thank you also to Douglas Hobden – Popcorn Coordinator extraordinaire & super-excellent DAC Fund Raising Coordinator!

Thanks also to Tim Read who contacted Drumbo Transport



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Letters to the editor – taken from the North Waterloo Wagon newsletter.

The Value of being Polite

For years we have been telling our youth to always be polite at Apple Day when canvassing. And time and time again they have seen why. We teach them to ask politely, albeit sometimes loudly, "***Would you like to make a donation to Beavers*** (Cubs, Scouts, Scouts Canada ... whatever they are comfortable with) ***for an apple?***". If the person says yes we say ***thank you***. If the person says no we say ***thank you anyway***. If the person says I am sorry I don't have any money we say "***That is OK would you like an apple anyway?***" And quite often those who do not originally donate will go to their cars find some change and come back and make a donation. Sometimes they even bring back paper money.

On top of this we always are sure to follow the vendors wishes where we canvass. Some people only want us on the out door; others only want three youth maximum, etc. etc. We always make sure at the end of the event to send a thank you letter letting them know how much we raise and we throw in an Apple Day badge. This year I received a call well after Apple Day from the manager from one of the stores we canvass. I must admit I was a little nervous wondering what we had done wrong. Far from it. The manger had called to say that their store had received compliments from both staff and customers on how polite we were and how refreshing it was not to be blocked at the entrances. Their Chain had a program where if they chose to they could apply to match the funds raised by any group that was canvassing their store. The staff talked it over and because we have always been polite and they recognize Scouting as a worthwhile cause, they decided they would like to match the money that we raised at this year's Apple Day.

How would you like to double your revenue and all the hard work the youth put in simply by being polite?
Sincerely,

Mark Panchaud , 1st Freeport



Please Vote Today! And Tomorrow, till this program wins!

The *No One Left Behind* program was introduced in 2007 as part of Scouting's Centennial. The purpose of *No One Left Behind* is to ensure that financial barriers are not an issue when a child wishes to participate in Scouting in Canada. In 2006 local Scout Councils across Canada reported that approximately 5,000 children required some financial assistance to cover basic membership and the related costs of participating in Scouting.

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Upcoming Events

Bring a Friend Campaign!

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!!](#) & [Invitations](#) or in groovy [Power Point](#)



ELECTION OF VOTING MEMBERS TO SCOUTS CANADA AGM

The period for electing Battlefields' Voting Members to the Scouts Canada Annual General Meeting starts in January. Nominations for candidates will be accepted until February 22, 2010. Groups and Areas must submit the names of their Voting Reps by February 22.

ANNUAL HAMILTON- WENTWORTH CURLING BONSPIEL

Sunday, January 17. Dundas Granite Curling Club. Cost: \$40 per person.

Experienced & first time curlers welcome: Leaders, Group Committee, Youth Members & Friends of Scouting.

Includes: 2 games of curling, a prize, lunch and supper. All profit goes to support Camp Nemo. Register as an individual or a team of 4. Teams will curl at 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM OR 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM. Some coaching will be provided if needed.

REGISTER EARLY: Form can be printed from the H-W website (www.hwscouting.ca) or obtained at Scout House.

Cheques made out to: Hamilton Gilwell Club. Send or deliver to Scout House Help Desk by January 8, 2010. For information call Frank Goodman 905 388-5681 or Doug French 905 389-4313

First Aid Training - Everyone Welcome!

January 17/18 [Preston Scout House](#) - [Map](#) contact Amanda Kelly DAC Training 519-241-5602 [Email](#)



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Klondike Winter Camp February 12 – 14 [Scout Camp Nemo](#)

[Camp Information](#) [Registration Form](#)

Join the Iditarod at Camp Nemo

- **Who?** All scouts in Battlefields Region and beyond **What?** Klondike Camp - The Iditarod
- **Why?** To encourage winter camping skills **When?** February 12 to 14, 2010
- **Where?** Camp Nemo

Tubing Night! February 16 - [Chicopee Ski Club](#)

The Area Youth Forum/Advisor is starting to accept pre-registrations for the Chicopee Tubing Night on Feb 16, 2010 at \$10 per member/parent (for Beavers only). Registration will begin at 6pm at the front door of the park. Full payment and registration must be received by Feb. 05, 2010. There will be no extensions on the closing registration date. Contact Tim Read [Email](mailto:timread@scouts-sw.ca) 519-590-4732

Leadership Appreciation Breakfast February 20 Preston Scout House

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Please R.S.V.P. by February 12th to Cathy Kirk, DAC Recognition at mchkirk@rogers.com or call (519) 623-8966. [Flyer for distribution](#)

Scout Guide Week February 21 - 28

What is your Group doing? Plan your event today. [Planning Kit](#)
HEY - LETS DO SOMETHING AS AN AREA!!!



[Kub Kar!](#) - Saturday March, 6th 2010

South Waterloo Area's [76th Annual Kub Kar](#) 2010 Count Down...

82 days, 1 hour, 27 minutes, 12 seconds (Countdown is live on our [Kub Kar web site](#))

Where: Ceder Creek Public School, Ayr [Directions from Scout House](#) Hosted by: 1st Ayr

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Lord Robert Baden Powell Birthday February 22

February 22 is 'Thinking Day'

Scouts and Guides mark February 22nd as B-P Day or Thinking Day, the joint birthdays of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell, to remember and celebrate the work of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide of the World.

http://www.wivenhoe.gov.uk/Orgs/WSGA/about_badenpowell.htm



Chief Scouts Award



Workbooks that are fun!

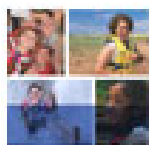
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20th Cambridge Scouts

<http://www.scouts-sw.ca/site/20program.htm>

WOW – Great idea!

<http://www.scouts.ca/nlwk>



**New Leader
Welcome Kit**



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Training Opportunities

Training – Get yours today! See your [2009 - 2010 Area Planning Calendar](#) for details

Venturer Winter Survival Camp

Friday, January 8 to Sunday, January 10. Held at Camp Nemo.

Cost: \$15 per person. Hosted by the 31st Hamilton Company. The Venturer Motto is CHALLENGE! This is the weekend to live up to that. Live for 2 nights and 2 days like Survivor Man. Limited equipment allowed, pre-camp survival kit construction required. Contact Todd Martin 905-385-3837 or tcmartin@mountaincable.net

WOOD BADGE PART 1 COLONY, PACK & TROOP SCOUTERS TWO SATURDAYS ARE ALL IT TAKES!

Saturday, January 9 and Saturday, January 16.

Held at 126 St. Matthew's Church, 126 Plains Road in Burlington. Cost: \$25.

This training course will be run on two consecutive Saturdays. Learn skills needed to deliver a quality program and have fun. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources etc. Contact Susan Little: littleivo@yahoo.ca or 905-528-3326

HONOURS & AWARDS WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 30. Held in Hamilton. Location TBA. No cost.

This half-day hands-on workshop will focus on the process of writing successful submissions for the formal recognition of fellow Scouters.

Learn techniques needed to prepare a convincing application. This workshop is for all members of Area Honours & Awards Teams, Area

Commissioners and Deputies as well as individual Scouters. Contact John Aikman: john.aikman@quickclic.net or 905-383-5696.

North Waterloo Cuboree 2010 - A 100 Year Cub Anniversary

Saturday, May 8th, 2010 09:00 to 15:15 Location: Everton Cub Camp Cost: \$14.00 per person

Bruce Boehmer, 519-574-2888 bboehmer@rogers.com [Registration Form](#)



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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.

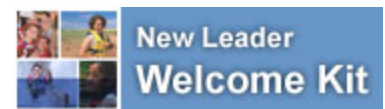
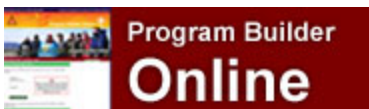
I want to encourage all members of Scouts Canada to read the report, participate in the discussion at talkscouts.ca, and take action where you can. We have an opportunity to move into the future. Let's take it!



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



[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](#)



[2009 - 2010 Area Planning Calendar](#) – *Do you have your copy?*

[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 519-623-8966

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[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 519-623-8966

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

Scouting's Motto is 'Be Prepared.' Will you be?

3 Clips on Peace, Education and Environment

These three clips highlight some of the issues facing the world today and how, through the core values of Scouting, the Movement is active in being part of the solution and working to realise the vision of 'Creating a Better World'.

Peace



Education



Environment

