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“On the Same Page”

The NB Council Commissioner's Newsletter

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I hope that everybody is enjoying our warm summer. It's certainly a good summer to be outdoors and enjoying New Brunswick. This newsletter is tidying up some issues from the spring and summer and anticipating the fall. I plan to meet individually with each Area Commissioner before Scouting begins in earnest in September. Please keep the pressure on Scouters in your Group and Area to complete the new requirements for Child and Youth Safety and Accessibility before September 1.

Peter Kent

1 Changed Date for the Next Meeting of the NB Council

The next meeting of the New Brunswick Council is presently scheduled for **November 17, 2012** and this meeting is intended be our Annual General Meeting for 2011-12. As it now turns out that the Scouts Canada Annual Meeting is scheduled for Ottawa on that same weekend, we are going to have to change our meeting date. I propose that we change our meeting to **Saturday, December 1, 2012**. The meeting will be in Fredericton, at a site to be announced and will also be our AGM.

There will be a special meeting of Area Commissioners on **Friday evening, November 30**, with Tom Heath, Keegan Eatmon, Paul Nickerson and myself.

Please mark your calendars for these meetings.

2 New Brunswick Council Cub Camp

The fourth in the series of NB Summer Camps to be held at the Yoho Scout Reserve is the Cub Camp, between Sunday, August 19 and Saturday, August 25. Leadership will be provided by Jennifer Purdue as Camp Director, with help from Bill Richards, Chris Arsenault and other Scouters.

As with the other camps this summer, except the Paddle Camp, the number of our applicants is low. The quality of the camps and the leadership is strong, but we need to encourage Cub Scouts, in this case, to apply. The camp fee is \$300 + HST for a week in camp. Some Groups could help to encourage attendance by subsidizing some or part of these fees. Please do what you can to encourage more youth to apply.

For your information, the Paddle Camp was successful, as was the Scout Camp, although in the latter case, seven campers at the beginning became five

after a couple of days. The Sailing Camp had to be cancelled because we only had three applicants. The Cub Camp will proceed as advertised, but it has room for many more youth.

As a Council, we need to rethink this program in the coming year and I understand that Bill Richards, as DCC Outdoors, will be asking Groups and Areas for information on what kind of summer programming is currently being done by Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venturer Companies.

Questions should be directed to Bill Richards:

William.richards@nb.sympatico.ca

3. September Registration:

Remember that we have a discounted registration fee for those who register and pay by September 17, 2012. Information and forms are available on the Council website, www.scoutsnb.ca.

Please be ready to register all your Scouters after September 1 who have completed their Child and Youth Safety requirements, as well as their Accessibility training and, if necessary, the first unit of Wood Badge Part I. It is the responsibility of the Group Commissioner to know who has completed these additional registration requirements and to ensure that those who have not do not wear uniforms or work with youth until they have completed.

4. The New Brunswick Award Ceremony

The New Brunswick Award Ceremony will be held this year on the afternoon of Saturday, November 3. It will be held in the Legislative Assembly in Fredericton and the Lieutenant-Governor will present the recognition scrolls to those who have earned their Chief Scout Awards and Queen's Venturer Awards. He will also present awards to youth and adults recognized for bravery as well as to adult volunteers who are being recognized for their service to Scouting. The Lieutenant-Governor will host a reception at Government House following the ceremony. We also hope to provide a lunch for the award recipients before the ceremony. More later on this.

This year, we set a deadline of August 1 for submission of names for the Chief Scout Award and the Queen's Venturer Award. We realize that not all the names have yet been submitted, so we are still willing to accept names, but ask that the forms for all candidates for recognition in this year's ceremony be submitted to Tom Heath at theath@scouts.ca or P.O. Box 21042, Quispamsis NB E2E 4Z4, **NO LATER THAN September 1, 2012.**

5. The New Brunswick Pioneer Award

The New Brunswick Pioneer Award is awarded annually at the New Brunswick Awards Ceremony in November to the Scout Troop or Venturer Company which has carried out the most adventurous and innovative outdoor Scouting activity in New Brunswick during the previous year. This year's award will be given for activities between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012.

With the summer drawing to a close, please encourage your Scout Troops and Venturer Companies who have had organized outdoor activities in the summer or other times of the year to apply for this award, which is designed to showcase our major program initiatives during the year. Information on the award and an application form can be found on the Council website,

www.scoutsnb.ca. The deadline for submission of applications is September 30. They are to be sent to Tom Heath and they will be judged by an impartial panel of experts.

6. The Medal of the Maple

The Medal of the Maple for Distinguished Youth Service is an award created by the members of the National Youth Network, designed to honour those youth who have significantly contributed to the Movement and the spirit of Scouting through outstanding community service, extraordinary Scouting participation and a solid system of personal values. In terms of the award criteria, “outstanding” is defined as service and commitment that excels and exceeds the performance of the ordinary duties and expectations of youth within their sections, groups, local councils or other pertinent Scouting associations and bodies.

The selection of the medal recipients is the responsibility of the Medal of the Maple Committee, chaired by the Council Youth Commissioner, with a membership that includes the Council Commissioner and two or three other impartial individuals who do not come from the same Areas as those nominated.

Nominations of candidates for the Medal of the Maple should be sent to Council Youth Commissioner Keegan Eatmon at kneatmon@scouts.ca or at 105 Crestwood Drive, Moncton, NB E1C 9E3 **prior to September 1, 2012.**

Aside from the broad definition of criteria, youth must meet the specified criteria below:

1. Be a member of Scouting for no less than three years, be currently registered and participating as a youth in the following defined youth programs. It is anticipated that most recipients will be registered as a Scout, Venturer Scout or Rover Scout however Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts that display exceptional skills and thoroughly reflect the Scouting spirit will also be eligible. This will be based on their participation, community involvement and dedication. The awarding to Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts will be decided by the Council Commissioner and the Council Youth Commissioner, who may consult with the National Youth Commissioner for input if desired. Please note that awards to Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts will only be done in exceptional circumstances.
2. Show outstanding leadership and teamwork capabilities in their area, group, council or national Scouting body
3. Help organize, run or coordinate events that better their community, other Scouts and/or the Scouting Community at large
4. Positively benefit other youth members as a direct result of their work, dedication and/or personal values
5. Provide service and display a commitment that exceeds the faithful performance of the ordinary duties and expectations of a youth within their sections, groups, local councils or other pertinent Scouting associations and bodies.

More information and the nomination form can be found at <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/medal-maple-distinguished-youth-service>

7. Program Quality Awards (PQA)

We want to get as many of our sections as possible to earn the Program Quality Award (PQA) each year. The administration of these awards has now been simplified. Once a section completes the requirements for the award, it will send a completed Program Quality Award application form (from the Scouts Canada website) to the Group Commissioner for signature. The Group Commissioner then forwards the form to the Area Commissioner, who, having been provided with award insignia by Tom Heath, will visit sections to present the awards. The Area Commissioner will keep a record of the PQAs that have been presented for later report to the Council Commissioner.

Note that there is no longer any requirement that the completed forms be sent to Garth Holder as DCC Program.

8. Wood Badge Part II Gilwell Goes Green! Yoho Scout Reserve October 10-14th



The following notice is from Paul Nickerson, the Director of Wood Badge II for 2012. There is still space in the course, so please encourage your Scouters to sign up for what promises to be an exciting Scouting experience:

“Wood Badge training began in 1919 at Gilwell Park England. Twenty five Scout Masters attended the first 12 day long program. Upon completion they were presented with a simple leather thong (for good luck) with wooden beads (BPs own war memorabilia). Thence forth the course was known as Wood Badge.

“Our theme for the Wood Badge II this year is “Gilwell Goes Green”.

“Dates: the evening of Wednesday October 10, through to the afternoon of Sunday October 14th.

“Cost: \$160 which covers camp fees, course materials, one crest, Wood Badge beads, Gilwell necker and lunches.

“Prerequisites: all participants will have completed the elearning Wood Badge I in any section and the elearning Child and Youth Safety modules from the www.scouts.ca website.

“Registration on or before September 10th. Applications will be available soon on www.scoutsnb.ca website for download.

“Call or email any questions to Paul Nickerson, scouter@nb.sympatico.ca (506) 386-8481.”

9. Financial Reports:

A reminder that August 31 is the end of the NB Council fiscal year and that Group and Area financial reports for the year ending August 31, 2012, are due after that and should be sent to Tom Heath.

10. Scout Popcorn Campaign, September 22 to October 26, 2012

The NB Council is still looking for an individual to become our Popcorn Coordinator. If anyone is interested in this position, contact either Tom Heath (theath@scouts.ca) or Leo Johnson (Leo.Johnson@nbp.cd.com). There are some perks, such as a trip to the North American Popcorn Conference and.....all the popcorn you can eat!!