



“On the Same Page”

The NB Council Commissioner’s Newsletter

4th edition – September 26, 2012

To Area Commissioners, Group Commissioners and Members of Council

I have a good feeling about the way that the New Brunswick Council is tackling the issues connected with registration on MyScouts and also with the new training connected with Child and Youth Safety. Last month, I met each of the Area Commissioners to learn of the work that was going on in all the Service Areas to help get Scouters prepared for the year ahead and in particular, meeting the new Scouts Canada compliance requirements. I have asked for reports from all the Area Commissioners before the end of September so that we can see how many of our sections have sufficient leaders in compliance and, as a result, have been able to open their programs for the year.

At the same time, I know that a number of you are still frustrated by your attempts to register in MyScouts.Ca and I ask you to have patience and to keep working at it. My particular thanks to Darlene Metivier-Maund (d.maund@pei.scouts.ca) and to Tom Austin (taustin@nbnet.nb.ca) for helping people get set up with My Scouts. This has been a difficult month but I’m sure that we will be better off as we get more time working with the new system. My thanks also to the many folks on the Ottawa Help Desk who have been hearing our problems and trying to sort them out.

This Newsletter will deal with a number of housekeeping items. Please see that necessary information is passed along to members of your Group or Area who need to know it.

1. New Brunswick Contingent Leader for the 2013 Canadian Jamboree

I invite applications from Scouters to be the New Brunswick Contingent Leader at the 2013 Canadian Jamboree in Alberta. The Contingent Leader will act as a liaison between the various troops from New Brunswick attending CJ13 and will be responsible for arranging contingent crests, neckerchief, contingent jackets, etc. The Leader will also be responsible for organizing and running a Jamboree pre-camp for all those who will be attending the Jamboree.

The Contingent Leader could be a Scouter who is already planning to attend the Jamboree with a Troop and would be willing to take on this additional responsibility. If the Contingent Leader is not planning to be at the Jamboree with a Troop, then Linda Boone, the Atlantic Sub-Camp Chief, will take her or him on Offer of Service as a member of the Sub-Camp staff.

Please send your application for this position to Council Commissioner Peter Kent (kent@unb.ca) **on or before Friday, October 19, 2012**. Your application should be accompanied by a resumé of your career in Scouting and the name of one referee who is familiar with your work in Scouting. The Council will pay the registration fee for the Contingent Leader and may also provide some assistance with travel expenses.

2 New Brunswick Pioneer Award

This is a reminder that the deadline for submitting an application for the 2012 New Brunswick Pioneer Award is September 30, 2012. Applications must be sent to Tom Heath at P.O Box 21042, Quispamsis, NB E2E 4Z4 or via email to theath@scouts.ca.

The NB Pioneer Award goes to the Troop or Company which has carried out the most adventurous and innovative outdoor Scouting activity in New Brunswick during the previous year. Tell us what you have done and how it went and let our committee evaluate the applications we receive.

The Award will be presented at the NB Awards Ceremony in Fredericton on November 3.

3. Reorganized Website for NB Council and A New NB Newsletter

Mike Stewart, as DCC Communications, is working on a reorganized website for the NB Council, which he expects to launch early in October. Mike asks all the Area Commissioners to send him as soon as possible a list of the events that have been planned for the rest of the 2012-13 Scouting year. Send it to Mike at mike.stewart@unb.ca. He will see that all these events get on the Calendar of Events on the website.

Mike will also be preparing and distributing a New Brunswick Newsletter to all adult volunteers and to youth members over the age of 14, which will contain information about upcoming program events, training sessions, etc. He intends to incorporate all the Area events into the Newsletter.

There will be three Newsletters distributed during the year. The first will be in October and will contain information on all activities planned in the province and outside for the coming year. This will enable Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Venturer Companies and Rover Crews to have information to help them in planning their long-term programs for the year. It will also be helpful for Beaver Leaders.

The second Newsletter will be distributed in January with information about events coming up in the winter and the spring.

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If you have an event that you want publicized in New Brunswick, send the information to Mike and he will get it out for you.

4. New Brunswick Scouting and the Social Media

Mike Stewart has also set up our Facebook page and our Twitter account. Our Facebook page may be found at www.facebook.com/ScoutsNB
Our Twitter account is twitter.com/ScoutsNB
Enjoy!!

5. New Brunswick Awards Ceremony on November 3

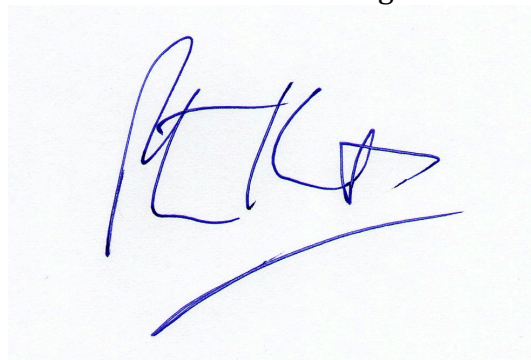
I am pleased to tell you that our Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 3, will see 26 Scouts who have earned the Chief Scout Award during the past year and 2 Venturer Scouts who have earned the Queen's Venturer Award, being recognized by Lieutenant-Governor Graydon Nicholas at a ceremony in the Legislative Assembly Chambers in Fredericton. There will also be presentation of the Medal of the Maple to a number of other youth, bravery awards and recognition awards to Scouters who have given good service.

Invitations are now being sent out to the youth to be recognized, to their Scouters and to their Area Commissioners. Members of Council and Group Commissioners who would like to attend the ceremony are more than welcome to attend. The ceremony begins at 2:00 pm and, following the ceremony, there will be a reception, hosted by His Honour, at Government House on the Woodstock Road.

6. Other Dates for Your Calendar

October 10 to 14 – Wood Badge Part II Course at the Yoho Scout Reserve
October 26 to 28 – Star Trek in Fundy National Park
Saturday, October 27 – Meeting of the Administration Committee in Fredericton
Saturday, November 3 – N.B. Awards Ceremony
November 15 to 18 – Scouts Canada Annual Meeting in Ottawa
Friday, November 30 – Meeting of Area Commissioners in Fredericton
Saturday, December 1 – Meeting of NB Council, followed by Annual General Meeting

Yours in Scouting



Peter Kent
New Brunswick Council Commissioner

