

NS COUNCIL NEWS

Nova Scotia Council Scholarship Fund



Scouting youth in their pursuit of higher education. Three scholarships will be awarded annually in the amount of \$750 each. The Maritime Service Centre must receive applications by March 31, 2015. The application is on our website [here](#).

For questions contact the Maritime Service Centre.

Upcoming Events

March 31st- Scholarship Deadline

June 5th- Lodges and Lairs

July 11th- ScotiaJamb 2015

September 11th- WoodBadge II Course

Details for all can be found at nsc.scouts.ca

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CHIEF SCOUT'S / QUEEN'S VENTURER / MEDAL OF THE MAPLE AWARD CEREMONY

The Chief Scout's / Queen's Venturer / Medal of the Maple Award Ceremony will take place Saturday, June 13, 2015, 2:00 PM at Main Auditorium, Holland Building of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, 1 Challenger Drive, Dartmouth NS. Additional information will be forwarded to all award recipients in the near future.

We are extremely pleased to announce that His Honour Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd), Lieutenant Governor Province of Nova Scotia will be on hand to present the awards.

LODGES & LAIRS

Lodges and Lairs, our fun spring camp event for Beavers and Cubs, is taking place at Camp Nedooae in Elderbank from June 5th to 7th. This year's theme is "Super Heroes" and will include many fun events.

Application Forms including the OOS forms are available on our website [here](#) or you may contact the Maritime Service Centre for a Group Application, an Offer of Service Application, or for any other information related to the camp that may be required.

Program Quality Section Awards



Youth pose with their Chief Scout Awards (Kings County News)

I am sure we have **lots** of Sections throughout Nova Scotia that already qualify/earned or are close to qualifying/earning the Program Quality Award.

It is that magical time of the year to start completing your Program Quality Award Application(s) for your Section(s). Please forward the completed, signed

forms via mail to the Maritime Service Centre, 84 Thorne Ave., Dartmouth NS B3B 1Y5; by fax to 1-902-423-7989 or by email to ndouglas@scouts.ca.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all sections, in all groups could be presented the Program Quality Award Certificate, Program Quality Award Crest and year flash? Check out the application (link below) perhaps you already qualify and don't realize it! Maybe you need to complete just one more thing to qualify? Should you have any questions please do not wait - give us a call, we are here to help!

Available here by

Section: <http://www.scouts.ca/vstk/program-tools.html> (click on appropriate Section - then Program Standards) to access the Awards Application.

Training Corner

Changes to WoodBadge II Course Dates

Please note that due to various time constraints the 2015 WBII course initially planned for this June will be postponed to September. The location remains at Camp Malagash. The new dates are 11-12-13 September & 18-19-20 September 2015. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused those of you who had made plans for attending the June course. Check back here for more details in the next newsletter.

Thank You to Scouters

As I move on to my new role as National Training Advisor - Continuous Learning you should know that being your DCC Training has been an extraordinary experience, both as a scouter and personally. When I joined Council Leadership Team in 2011 I was thrilled by the challenges and the opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with passionate scouters from the across our province. Early in that role I came to realize that it is great scouters who make our Council what it is and that above all else is what I will miss the most. I feel truly honored to have served Scouting alongside you.

Thank-you.

George

"The power in each of us comes from all of us." - Mike Murray, track & field coach



SCOUTREES (May, 2015)

The easiest fundraiser! 70% of funds raised remain with your group!

Over 80 million trees since 1972! That's how many trees have been planted by Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and their leaders! This Spring will mark the 43rd year and gives the youth a chance to demonstrate concern for the environment and to learn about the important role trees have in their lives.

Scouting members plant trees in conservation areas, provincial parks, on crown-lands, and at Scout Camps. Through Scoutrees the youth learn the important role trees play in helping the environment. Trees are planted as windbreaks to help reduce soil erosion from wind and rain, they provide wildlife habitat for birds and other animals, and also beautify our parks and provide shade during warm summer days. You can reduce your carbon footprint by donating to Scoutrees.

Volunteer Opportunity- CJ'17 Jamboree Chairperson

Chairperson, Planning Team

RESPONSIBLE TO

Responsible to CJ'17 Event Manager, DNC Program, and to National Key 3.

SCOPE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY

Oversee all administrative functions required by the Planning Team.

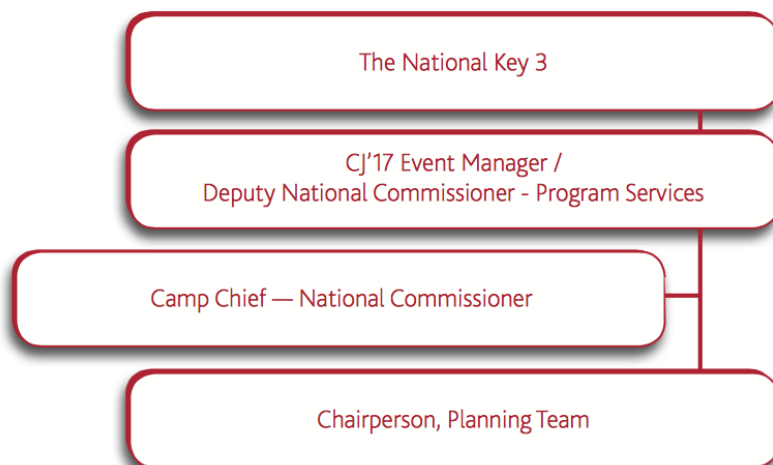
MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Chair all Planning Team meetings
- Help develop the organizational structure for the event
- In consultation with the CJ'17 Manager, help recruit volunteers for the Managers/Directors roles
- Help develop and implement the strategy by which the event will be planned and carried out
- Establish effective communications links with appropriate groups, inside and outside of Scouts Canada, that bear directly on the event
- Establish and ensure the on-going process of consultation with the National Leadership Team
- Help develop an operating and capital budget for the event
- Ensure that the appropriate body is kept aware of all major decisions/activities of the Planning Committee and the status of the event itself
- Ensure on-going consultation with the Manager and the Office
- Help prepare a detailed final report

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- Successfully meeting the goals of the event
- Effective use of good managerial skills (research, plan, budget, implement, monitor)
- Ability to set and meet relevant milestones
- The completion of a successful event
- Display of interpersonal skills
- Quality, quantity and timeliness of communications, both oral and written

More information and how to apply can be found [here](#).



Adventure on the Canadian Path

The Canadian Path is divided into six Program Areas-categories of the different opportunities that Scouting offers.

Environment & Outdoors: Exploring, hiking, camping, paddling and other ways of enjoying the outdoors make up most of this program area. Youth also learn new skills to live in, and take care of, their environment and leave no trace.

Leadership: Youth learn about and practise the skills of being good leaders in their Section, local community and Canada.

Active & Healthy Living: This program area is about being involved in play, having fun and being active while developing good mental and physical habits for happy and healthy living.

Citizenship: youth are involved in learning about being good citizens in their community, Canada and world.

Creative Expression: youth are involved in sharing and exploring their own creative expression and trying out the creative expression engaged by others.

Beliefs and Values: youth explore personal values and beliefs as well as the diversity of

cultures and faiths that make up our communities, our nation and our world.

Every Section will explore the Program Areas through age-appropriate activities. As your Section plans its Adventures, you may discover that your plans include more than one Program Area. Using features from multiple Program Areas makes the Adventure more challenging and encourages development in all of the SPICES.

Remember, the Canadian Path is Youth-led, so the youth will decide on Adventures for every Program Area. The ideas below give a sense of the fantastic possibilities the six Program Areas can provide.

See more at:

<http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/program-areas.html>

Have other questions about the Canadian Path? You can email me at kevin.croft@scouts.ca



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