



It Starts with Scouts

Scouts Canada – Nova Scotia Council
Newsletter - May 2014



The Nova Scotia Council has several important activities on the horizon ...

Scout Trees (May 2nd, 2014)



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 42nd 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. Please remember to advise the number of crests that will be needed for your groups. More information can be obtained on the website at <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/scoutrees>



Jamboree on the Trail (May 10, 2014 all day)



Jamboree On The Trail is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. All Scouts, whatever their age and wherever they may be in the world, are invited to participate. Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts could visit a local nature trail as part of a weekend camp. A Scout Troop might check out a hiking trail while working on badge requirements. A Rover Crew might make a service project out of restoring or maintaining a hiking trail. In their own way, everyone will be hiking the same direction; towards a better future through Scouting. In Nova Scotia we have such wonderful trails, let's make this a fun event for our Nova Scotia members.

Visit the JOTT website for more details. <http://jott.org/>



Good Turn Week (April 26th – May 4th)

Thanks to all who participated in activities for Good Turn Week. Don't forget that Canadians are able to share their good turns with Scouts Canada's 100,000 youth members and adult volunteers by submitting it via scouts.ca/goodturn/done, or by sharing on facebook.com/scoutsCanada or Twitter using #goodturn. On these websites, you'll be able to see many of the good turns performed.

Lodges and Lairs (June 6th – 8th, 2014)



Lodges and Lairs, our fun spring camp event for Beavers and Cubs, is taking place at Camp Nedooae in Elderbank on June 6th. This year's theme is "Vacation" and will include many fun events. Contact the Nova Scotia Council Service Center for a Group Application, an Offer of Service Application, or for any other information related to the camp that may be required. Remember you must have all forms turned in by May 9th.



The park opened on April 1st. If you are interested in taking your section / group to enjoy the excitement and physical challenges of OnTree Fun and Adventure Park, please go to the Nova Scotia Council web site at ns.scouts.ca then click on Initiatives.

NOTE: Although there are no waivers to be signed by our Scouting members, there are steps that must be completed.

Please print the approval application, general terms and conditions in the Important Documents section.

Please note the form must be submitted to the Nova Scotia Council Service Center 2 weeks prior to the date you wish to attend.

For pricing information, please do not contact OnTree – instead contact Nanci Douglas at ndouglas@scouts.ca. So please complete the forms, book your adventure and have fun!

Operation Alert (September 26th – 28th, 2014)

Are you looking for an exciting event to kick off the year for your Troop or Company? Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Operation Alert at Camp Nedooae, September 26 – 28, 2014. The theme for Alert 2014 is 'Mars and Beyond'.

For those unfamiliar with Operation Alert, the event is for Scouts and Venturers with at least 1 year experience at the Troop or Company program. Teams of 4 compete against other teams in either the Troop (14 or younger) or Venturer (14 or older) category as they complete projects put on by Scouters.

Scouters, this is a great way for you to get together with some of your Scouter friends for a weekend of fellowship and rewarding scouting involvement. We can always accommodate new projects or find an existing project for a Scouter to get involved with.

September 26th-28, 2014 – come join the fun! Watch the Nova Scotia Council website for more information or contact Nanci Douglas.



Early Registration for 2014/15

A reminder that in order to receive the early registration fee of \$125.00, a savings of \$20.00, participants must be entered in MyScouts by June 30, 2014 and payment must be received at the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre by July 15, 2014.

We still have 4 good scouting months left to our great Scouting program. We extend a challenge out to every active group in our system to encourage our youth to invite a friend and ask them to come join our great outdoor adventure.

Let's see if we could have every section in our Council invite and grow our membership by just 2 new members between now and the end of the Scouting year.

We have parents looking and willing to register their sons/daughters in a spring program across this country, let's take advantage of this and grow together.



Target Dates for Upcoming Newsletters

FYI; following are the target dates for the next three newsletters. Any comments or content you would like placed in the newsletters, should be forwarded to Brenda Miller at the Nova Scotia Council office or by emailing brenda.miller@scouts.ca

May Newsletter

Friday April 25 th	Newsletter to be complete and ready for approval by council office.
Thursday, May 1 st	Seek approval by this date from Council Commissioner.
Tuesday, May 6 th	Newsletter release

June Newsletter

Friday May 23 rd	Newsletter to be complete and ready for approval by council office.
Friday, May 30 th	Seek approval by this date from Council Commissioner.
Wednesday, June 4 th	Newsletter release

Summer Edition

Friday, July 18 th	Newsletter to be complete and ready for approval by council office.
Thursday, July 25 th	Seek approval by this date from Council Commissioner.
Wednesday, August 6 th	Newsletter release

Training News - George Mawko, DCC Training

Kudos: Congratulations to the 117 volunteers who have completed Wood Badge 1 training this scouting year so far! This was accomplished through either attending an in-person course or taking an on-line course (i.e. myscouts.ca's e-learning) with a small number of volunteers completing both. Thank-you!

WB1 woggles: In recognition of completing Wood Badge 1 training, sometimes called WB1 milestone, a woggle and training card are presented at the course closing by trainers in the case of an in-person course and within 5 weeks by Area Service Team for e-learning. Here is the breakdown of the e-learning recognition timeline:

E-learning WB1 Milestone Completed		→		WB1 woggle & Training card Presented
Responsibility	Week 1	Week 2		Weeks 3 - 5
NATIONAL	E-mail milestone list to Council			
COUNCIL		E-mail milestone list to Area		
		E-mail recognition letter to individuals		
AREA			In-person presentation of WB1 woggle & training card	

Every week National e-mails Council with a list of who has completed an e-learning WB1 milestone from the preceding week. Council then parcels out the list by Area and e-mails those lists to respective Area Commissioners within the next 1-2 days. Starting this month Council will also e-mail WB1 milestone recognition letters to respective individuals on the list at the same time. Each Area, reflecting local circumstances, has its own protocol for presenting a WB1 woggle and training card to identified individuals in the remaining 4 weeks. For those details, please contact your Area Commissioner or the Council Service Center (i.e. Scout Office).

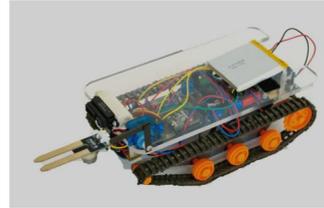


STEM

Science | Technology
Engineering | Mathematics

The CJ'13 Robot is Available for Borrowing from the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre!

Scouts that attended the Canadian Scout Jamboree 2013 (CJ'13) were the first to try out the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Robotic activity. You can check out the highlights here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTOirlt0f6Q>



Now the CJ'13 Robot is available from the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre!

You can borrow the kit and use it in your Scout or Venturer Scout Group.

Scouts and Venturer Scouts can use the Adventure book in the kit to program the robot for a planetary exploration project. They will drive the robot and read the sensors to find different signs of life in an environment that models a new planet.

The kit includes the robot and the sensors, a laptop for programming and project manuals for Scouts and Scouters. You will also be provided the contact information of our robotics support Scouter who can help you if you face any problems or have any questions about the robot.

A deposit is required for the robot; you will need a \$50 Group cheque (with two signatures). You must sign a borrowing agreement and you may take the robot for up to a month. Upon the safe return of the robot, your deposit of \$50.00 will be returned.

The Scouts who engaged in the robotics activity at CJ'13 and the Groups who have borrowed the robotics kit in Toronto have all had great fun and learned a lot. So don't wait!



Contact Nanci at the NS Council Service Centre, 84 Thorne Ave., Dartmouth NS, B3B 1Y5

Email: ndouglas@scouts.ca

Phone: 423-9227, toll free 1-800-557-7268 to reserve the robot for your Group and embark on an exciting STEM adventure.



There's a great contest being offered by C100 called "Win a Week at Camp" allowing someone to send their little explorer on a week away at Camp Lone Cloud. More information about the contest can be found in the attachment below or on the C100 website at www.C100fm.com.

<http://www.c100fm.com/rules-and-regulations/2014/04/30/win-a-week-at-camp-rules-and-regulations>