



It starts with Scouts

Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council  
Newsletter - June 2014

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### **COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE**

*Happy Summer!*

*My thanks to all the Scouters out there who have done so much to make a difference in the lives of our youth this past year. Your efforts matter in ways that we can sometimes see immediately and sometimes in ways that may take us years to discover, if ever we do. No matter, the impact is real.*

*Many Groups in the province have embraced early registration for both Scouters & youth. This is a great way not only to retain youth but to allow lots of time to get new leaders screened and trained. And many Groups are starting to put on an event or two during the summer for youth who are available. If you have not tried this, it's fun!*

*I will be stepping down at the end of this month after three years as your Council Commissioner. I am pleased that one of the many hardworking members of our provincial service team, Martin Drapaeu, has agreed to step up. To Martin, his fellow Deputy Council Commissioners, and our Area Commissioners & Area Youth Commissioners, a great big round of applause for all the support for Scouting in Nova Scotia.*

*Yours in Scouting,  
Richard Dyke*

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### **Jamboree on the Trail (May 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Thank-you to everyone who participated in the Jamboree on the Trail on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Many Scouters participated. Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts visited local nature trails, many Scout Troops checked out hiking trails while working on badge requirements and many of the Rovers worked on restoring or maintaining trails. Scouters from all over the world were hiking towards a better future through Scouting.

## Eco Endurance Challenge May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>

A big thank-you goes out to the Scouting/Venturers team who provided support at the 2014 Eco Endurance Challenge <http://ecoendurancechallenge.ca/> which took place on the week-end of May 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>. The members provided a relief station for participants in the challenge and provided much appreciated refreshments to the tired participants, from the emergency responders' community, who attended the camp.



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## Sci -Fi Camporee, May 2 - 4th

On the first week end in May, Kings Area "SCI-FI" Camporee was held at Blomidon Provincial Park. Troops from 3<sup>rd</sup> Falmouth, 1<sup>st</sup> Gaspereau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berwick, 1<sup>st</sup> Aylesford, 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilmot and 4<sup>th</sup> Yarmouth along with Companies from 1<sup>st</sup> Wolfville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berwick, 1<sup>st</sup> Aylesford, 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston and 4<sup>th</sup> Yarmouth all attended. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

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## Lodges and Lairs (June 6th - 8th, 2014)

**This camp was held at Camp Nedooae with over 375 youth and adults in attendance.** It's a popular event and this year's theme was "Vacation". A great time was had by all.

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## Chief Scout's, Queen's Venturer and Medal of the Maple Awards



On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 67 youth awards were presented by Andrew Price, National Executive Commissioner and CEO of Scouts Canada. 54 received the Chief Scouts Award, 6 Scouters received the Queen's Venturer Award and 7 received The Medal of the Maple. All of these rewards are high achievements in Scouting and are something that all recipients can be very proud of. Congratulations to all who received their rewards.

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### **Early Registration**

Once again we'd like to remind you about the early registration deadlines.

In order to obtain the early registration fee of \$125.00, members must be entered in MyScouts by June 30th and payment must be received by the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre by July 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date, the registration cost increases to \$145.00. Be sure to encourage all our members to invite their friends to join them in the enrollment for the fall program.

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### **12th Canadian BP Guild**

The 12th Canadian Fellowship of Baden-Powell Guild will accept any uniform item that will no longer be used by youth or leaders. Please remind the members that if they have any uniform items that will no longer be needed, and they would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre at 84 Thorne Avenue in the Burnside Industrial Park in Dartmouth, or you can call (902)423-9227 to find out where or whom can be contacted in order to donate. The Guild also collects cancelled postage stamps, and any funds collected from this project will go to the Brotherhood Fund. You may send any used postage stamps to the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre.

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### **A Royal Visit, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Thank-you to the Scouters who were at the Halifax Public Gardens during the Royal tour on May 19<sup>th</sup>, (Victoria Day). His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cambridge welcomed many visitors including some of our Scouting members. It was great to see everyone out to attend such an important event. Thank-you to all who attended.

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### **Bluenose Marathon, May16-17<sup>th</sup>**

The Bluenose Marathon is a huge event, and Allison Covert, our Area Support Manager, and several Scouters were there promoting our programs. Scout popcorn was provided to participants and proved to be very popular with over 1000 bags

being distributed on Friday and Saturday. Numerous people entered the Camp Lone Cloud contest and many volunteer applications were given out. Great work Scouters who participated in this event!

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### Training News \_

- George Mawko, DCC Training

### Thanks

A big thank-you to Tri-County's Craig Cameron for testing Scouts Canada's new Learning Management System for e-learning. Craig was one of ten individuals nation-wide involved. This new e-learning platform is expected to be available to all sometime this summer. Well done Craig!

### Trainer List Update

Updating Council's Trainer List is taking longer than expected and should be completed over the summer. If for some reason you have not been contacted please feel free to reach out to me. My e-mail address is ns.dcctraining@scouts.ca or if you wish to chat over the phone my evening number is 435-6244.

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### Camp Lone Cloud

It's not too late! There's still space left in our awesome summer camps. If you have any youth who are interested in fun summer experience, at an active outdoor camp, the details are available on the website link below.

<http://camplonecloud.ca/blog/program-dates/>

We'd also like to congratulate the winners from our recent "WIN A WEEK AT CAMP!!!" contests:

The winners from the C100 Contest Free Week of Camp Program:

Winner - Kim Franklin

Winner - Martine Papineau

The winner from the Bluenose Expo Free Week of Camp program:

Program Winner - Ronna d'Eon

Congratulations to all!

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Operation Alert (September 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Are you looking for an exciting event to kick off the year for your Troop or Company? Come celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Alert at Camp Nedooae, September 26<sup>th</sup>-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 3 or 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 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - come join the fun! Watch the Nova Scotia Council website for more information or contact [ndouglas@scouts.ca](mailto:ndouglas@scouts.ca)

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