



It starts with Scouts.

**Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council  
Newsletter – August 2013**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!**

***Deputy Council Commissioners***

We are pleased to call for applications from Scouters of all ages to join the Nova Scotia Council Leadership Team as Deputy Council Commissioner (DCC). You will lead the council's efforts in your capacity as DCC and work closely with the Council Commissioner, Area Commissioners, and Scouters across the province to providing valuable support to our programs, leaders, and youth.

Your appointment is for a one-year term, your time commitment is 15 to 20 hours per month plus periodic conference calls and in-person meetings with other members of the Council Leadership Team.

**Please forward your resume by Monday, September 16, 2013 to [NSapplications@scouts.ca](mailto:NSapplications@scouts.ca)**

Thank you for taking the time to consider how you can best help Scouting in the coming year. We aim to contact candidates to arrange interviews soon after the application deadline.

**HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT**

**Good news Scouters and Scouting youth!**

When youth achieve their Chief Scout and Queen's Venturer Awards, they will qualify for additional high school credits, called personal development credits. These credits do not replace courses or credits that are required for high school graduation; however, they are placed on youths' high school transcripts as extra credits. When our youth apply for jobs, for college and university and for scholarships / bursaries, they will be able to show how well-rounded they are!

The Nova Scotia Department of Education has approved the Chief Scout Award as a Grade 10 personal development credit and the Queen's Venturer Award as a Grade 12 personal development credit. When youth receive their awards, they should take their certificates to their high school guidance counselor so that these credits can be added to their transcripts.

Note: When youth apply for jobs, to post-secondary institutions and for scholarships / bursaries, they should, if applicable, write about their Scouting outdoor and leadership experiences and not rely solely on the mention on their transcripts.

If youth and/or Scouters have any questions, please email Christine at [cmadill@eastlink.ca](mailto:cmadill@eastlink.ca) or visit <https://pdc.ednet.ns.ca/students>. Please note that the Department of Education has not updated its website yet for the 2013/14 school year.

Christine Madill, DCC Media and Government Relations  
Thomas Oickle, Area Commissioner – King's, former DCC Program

**RAVE 2013**

**When:** Friday October 18, 2013. The arrival time is any time after 6:30 PM and will end at approximately 11:00 AM Sunday Oct 20, 2013.

**Where:** Camp Hiawatha, Lower Lake 60 (Kings Area)

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person

**Pre-registration:** The registration form and pre-payment is due to the Nova Scotia Council Office by Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Any person that has not fully completed their registration will not be permitted to stay for the event. A Physical Fitness Form will need to be shown upon arrival at camp

Registration Form - [https://www.dropbox.com/s/snb06cftckv6avr/RAVE\\_2013\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/snb06cftckv6avr/RAVE_2013_Registration_Form.pdf)

**Accommodations:** The "animal house" used in the Venturer Winter Camp is **not** going to be used for youth to sleep in. There are eight unheated, unserviced cabins (with eight bunks in each) that can be used first-come first-serve basis, plus lots of field and wooded area for tents if you bring one.

**We ask to be notified in advance of any dietary needs.**

We have lots of hands-on sessions in the works. If there are any Scouters who would like to run a hands-on project, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please let us know by emailing Scouter Tommy at [oickletm@gmail.com](mailto:oickletm@gmail.com)

Thanks

Caeleb Carver- 1st Aylesford Venturer President

Tommy Oickle- 1st Aylesford Venturer Advisor

**Thomas Oickle, CMA**

Area Commissioner- Kings Area

1st Aylesford Venturer Advisor

(902)-220-0529

## **SCOTIAJAMB 2015 NEWS**

Here is an update for Scouters and youth on the plans for ScotiaJamb 2015.

**Date:** July 11-16, 2015. Now is the time to include ScotiaJamb in your long-range plans!

**Where:** At Camp Nedooae. Camp improvements are being made. A new large campsite will be located by the upper Loop Road.

**Cost:** Stay tuned to the website [www.scotiajamb.ca](http://www.scotiajamb.ca); we plan to announce this very soon!.

**Programs:** We will have backcountry, water and offsite activities.

**Volunteers:** A jamboree organizing committee has begun work under the guidance of Herb Ripley and Thomas Oickle. But we need more help. Contact Herb or Tommy if you are interested;

[JOGHerb@scotiajamb.ca](mailto:JOGHerb@scotiajamb.ca) or [JOGTom@scotiajamb.ca](mailto:JOGTom@scotiajamb.ca).

**Theme:** Here is an announcement from your organizing team:

*Come test your strength, courage, stamina and skills at SJ'15. SCOUT OLYMPICS is the theme.*

*Subcamps will be turned into "athlete" villages and there will be opening and closing ceremonies, with a Scouting flair of course.*

*Events and activities will reflect the Olympic ideals of fair play and "do your best" with an added touch of Scouting fun and ingenuity.*

*Did you know?:*

*The first Olympics were held for the first time almost 3,000 years ago.*

*The first Greek athletes competed for glory, honour and a laurel of olive leaves.*

**Logo:** We need your help designing a logo so we are having a contest. Please ask your Scouts and Venturer Scouts to design a logo for our website, Facebook page and correspondence. Please drop off submissions at

the Nova Scotia Council Office, addressed to Scouter Christine Madill, or scan it and email it to [cmadill@eastlink.ca](mailto:cmadill@eastlink.ca) Entries are due Oct. 18. Prize is a plaque and \$50. Please note that the Olympic rings icon is copyright and can't be used. The winner will be announced at Conference in Bridgewater in November and will be posted on the ScotiaJamb website and Facebook page.  
**Crest:** We will be having a crest design contest as well. We'll let you know all the details soon.  
**Information:** Visit [scotiajamb.ca](http://scotiajamb.ca)

## **ADVENTURE 14**

For more information on the 2014 Venturer Scout Jamboree, visit [scouts.ca/adventure14](http://scouts.ca/adventure14)

## **DCC-TRAINING REPORT**

### **Training News from Council**

Before turning the page on the 2012-13 training year, Kudos to the following Scouters who recently completed the two weekend Wood Badge II training course;

#### ***Colony Section:***

*Elizabeth MacPherson, 10th Dartmouth, Dartmouth Area*  
*Tracy Dugas, 1st Dartmouth, Dartmouth Area*  
*Steven Uchacz, 1st Woodlawn, Dartmouth Area*  
*Dave Ghent, 6th Cole Harbour, Dartmouth Area*  
*Renee Masching, 6th Cole Harbour, Dartmouth Area*  
*Kenneth Nicholson, 1st Shad Bay, Halifax Area*  
*Eleanor Murley, 2nd Beaver Bank, Halifax Area*  
*Maddie Little, 2nd Beaver Bank, Halifax Area*  
*Josh Dyke, 2nd Hatchet Lake, Halifax Area*  
*Tammy Rudderham, 1st Aylesford, Kings Area*  
*Melinda Tupper-Benjamin, 1st Aylesford, Kings Area*  
*Annika Bienvenu, 1st Kingston, Kings Area*  
*Debbie McComber, 1st Kingston, Kings Area*  
*Darren Struble, 1st Kingston, Kings Area*

#### ***Pack Section:***

*Billie-Joe Eagles-Forbes, 1st Parrsboro, Cumberland Area*  
*Tracy Redmond, 1st Parrsboro, Cumberland Area*  
*Rick Gruchy, 1st Riverlake, Halifax Area*  
*David Sinclair, 1st Riverlake, Halifax Area*  
*Lisa Johnson, 3rd Falmouth, Kings Area*  
*Murray Bishop, Digby Neck & Islands, South West Nova Area*  
*Jeff Little, 2nd Yarmouth, South West Nova Area*  
*Brenda Wamback, 1st Gay's River, Tri-County Area*  
*Emile Comeau, 1st Lantz, Tri-County Area*  
*Louise Gallagher, 1st Lantz, Tri-County Area*  
*Jeff Schofield, 1st Shubenacadie, Tri-County Area*

#### ***Troop Section:***

*David Mahoney, 3rd Truro, Colchester Area*  
*Daniel Cole, 1st Fenwick, Cumberland Area*

*Richard Gould, 1st Fenwick, Cumberland Area*  
*Gordon Parlee, 1st Fenwick, Cumberland Area*  
*Randy Smith, 1st Fenwick, Cumberland Area*  
*Stefan Karsch, 1st Lawrencetown (HRM) Dartmouth Area*  
*Christopher Rice, 17th Dartmouth, Dartmouth Area*  
*Scott Munro, 6th Sackville, Halifax Area*  
*Tim Green, 1st Uniacke, Halifax Area*  
*Troy McKinney, 1st Uniacke, Halifax Area*  
*Stephen Aulenback, 1st Enfield, Tri-County Area*  
*Janice Cameron, 1st Shubenacadie, Tri-County Area*

***Company Section:***

*Victor Miniotas, 3rd Truro, Colchester Area*  
*Kenneth John MacDonald, 2nd Berwick, Kings Area*  
*Richard Oickle, 2nd Berwick, Kings Area*  
*Claudia Brannen Miller, 3rd Barrington, South West Nova Area*  
*Rhonda Nickerson, 3rd Barrington, South West Nova Area*

**AND** to the following trainers and supporting Scouters who were instrumental in planning and delivering the course;

***Course Manager:***

*Debbie Doherty*

Elizabeth Sears “  
Steve Terrio “

***Colony Section:***

Beth Emery (Section Manager)  
Krista Stott-Jones (Trainer)

***Quartermaster:***

Robert Hickey

***Pack Section:***

Chip Madic (Section Manager)  
Bryne Henderson (Trainer)  
John Nisbet (Trainer)  
Dave Rogers (Trainer)

***Troop Section:***

John Knock (Section Manager)  
Carolyn Ashley (Trainer)  
Peter Comeau (Trainer)  
Howard Donohoe (Resource)

***Venturer Section:***

Don Dorey (Section Manager)  
James Grigg (Trainer)  
Jim Jotcham (Trainer)  
Hardy Schlegel (Trainer)  
Jim Williams (Trainer)  
Kevin Croft (Trainer)

***Cooks:***

Mark Giles (Sun Banquet)  
Chad Schlegel (First week-end)  
Hardy Schlegel “

The timing of the next WBII course is under discussion and will be communicated in a future Newsletter. Looking forward to the 2013-14 training year, there is news from National that a Group Committee Wood Badge I training course will be available by E-Learning sometime this fall. Again, stay tuned to upcoming Newsletters for more news about this course.

## **REGISTRATION**

Our National Office has requested we remind all groups that for parents who register on-line that follow-up communication is crucial to providing a well-rounded registration experience for those whose only pre-contact is through the ‘find a group’ feature and the subsequent self-registration function.

## **OPERATION ALERT – SUPER HEROES**

The theme for this year’s event is “Super Heroes” and takes place the weekend of September 27 – 29, 2013. For those of you who have attended the event in the past, we are very much looking forward to meeting up with you again this fall. If you haven’t attended the event before we would love to see you there.

For those less familiar with the event, here is a little background. Operation Alert started in 1963 as a camp to provide challenge to Scouts from across Nova Scotia. It continues today as a competitive challenge for teams of Scouts and Venturers from across the province and occasionally other provinces. Teams are made up of 4 youth participants (although a team of 3 can still compete) with Scout teams having an age range of 11-14 and Venturer teams having an age of 14-17. Teams are scored on completion of projects and their camping skills.

The projects are run by groups of Scouters and Rovers who have worked together for a few years and find Operation Alert a great opportunity to get together for a weekend to work together, have fun, and meet ‘new’ Scouters. If you are interested in getting a group of Scouters together to run a project or are an individual who might like to come to the event to work with a project we can always find a spot for you. Colony & Pack Scouters are always welcome.

To obtain team applications and Offer of Service forms, contact [ndouglas@scous.ca](mailto:ndouglas@scous.ca).

Team registration cost - \$45.00 until September 19, 2013; \$55.00 after September 19, 2013.

Offer of Service fee – \$5.00. If you are a registered Scouter, please register by September 19, 2013. If you are a non-registered Scouter, please register by September 12, 2013.

For information on Operation Alert please contact:

Peter Comeau – Games Director [pacomeau@accesswave.ca](mailto:pacomeau@accesswave.ca)

Nanci Douglas – NS Council [ndouglas@scouts.ca](mailto:ndouglas@scouts.ca)

## **POPCORN**

Our Annual Scout Popcorn Campaign will start on September 21, 2013, and will run through to October 26, 2013. Mark the dates on your calendar now, so you can support our biggest fundraiser!

## **SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE AND AGM**

This year's Scouters' Conference and AGM are being held November 1-3, 2013, at the totally renovated Days Inn and Conference Centre, Bridgewater. Please note these dates, as you'll want to attend. The Conference Organizing Committee is working on the training sessions and putting the final touches on the menu.

You may contact the hotel directly at 1-902-543-7131 to book your room. Please advise them that you are attending the Scouters' Conference. The room rate per night is \$79.99 plus tax and this includes a hot breakfast. Note – we will still be holding 'Gilwell Breakfast' as we do every year at Conference!

For information on Scouters' Conference, please contact Nanci Douglas at [ndouglas@scouts.ca](mailto:ndouglas@scouts.ca)

## **BANNERS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN**

We have some exciting NEW tools available to our groups and areas to promote Scouting in your communities. Please call for more details. Use these links to see a photo of the banners.

Join Now - [https://www.dropbox.com/s/ldvtiq6yai18pcm/Join\\_Now\\_Banner.jpg](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ldvtiq6yai18pcm/Join_Now_Banner.jpg)

Registration Night - [https://www.dropbox.com/s/wvvpzwi9qss8zp6/Registration\\_Night.png](https://www.dropbox.com/s/wvvpzwi9qss8zp6/Registration_Night.png)

## **PENPAL OPPORTUNITY**

**The following person from Spain would like to contact Scouters in our area.**

My daughter Gala is interested to contact overseas scouters to keep in touch and to share experiences. She is enrolled in Nou Foc Scouting group, in Valencia, Spain. (<http://grupscoutnoufoc.blogspot.com.es/>) Her interests are scouting, reading, computers, .... She speaks English. Conversations have to be by Skype, email, ... Thanks a lot for your attention. Manuel Cervera  
[0034-601050803](tel:0034-601050803)

## **PROVINCIAL EVENTS\* 2013-2014:**

Operation Alert.....September 27 – 29, 2013

Scout Popcorn Campaign.....September 21 – October 26, 2013

RAVE.....October 18 – 20, 2013

Scouters' Conference.....November 1 – 3, 2013

Nova Scotia Council AGM.....November 3, 2013

Moosehead Hockey Game.....TBA

Chief Scout's / Queen's Venturer / Medal of the Maple Ceremony.....TBA

Scoutrees .....May 3, 2014

Lodges and Lairs.....June 6 – 8, 2014

If you would like to share something in the newsletter, please send submissions to the Nova Scotia Council Office care of Peter Biddle ([pbiddle@scouts.ca](mailto:pbiddle@scouts.ca)).