



It starts with Scouts.

Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council
Newsletter # 3 – April 2011

OFFICE

Membership

Our current membership, as of April 30th is as follows:

Youth -	3504
Leaders-	1058
Total Membership -	4562

Compared to the same time last year, we are down 339 members. Our goal for year end is 5100 members. As of today, we are 538 youth away from our goal. Let's get out there and tell our story. We need your help to reach out to more members to join Scouting.

PROGRAM – Howard Donohoe - howarddonohoe@hfx.eastlink.ca

LODGES AND LAIRS 2011

We still have some space left for groups to register for Lodges and Lairs. If your group is interested in attending, please submit your application and \$5.00 deposit ASAP as space is limited.

The dates for this year's camp are June 11 - 12, 2011, at Camp Nedooae with our theme being "Monsters." Participants will register as colonies or pack with their leaders. There is a feeding plan available or groups can plan to prepare their own meals.

We are also looking for Offers of Service. If you are interested, please submit your application or contact us for information. Scouts registering as Offers of Service can use this time as service hours towards their Chief Scout's Award.

For more information contact Shirlene at the Scout Office, 423-9227 / 1-800-557-7268 or e-mail - slewis@scouts.ca

Operation Alert 2011 - Crest Design Competition

Would you like to be a hero and win a prize for your team?

We are seeking youth participants to submit crest designs for this year's event by June 1. The theme for 2011 is Ninjas vs. Samurai. The prize will be a supper of your choice prepared trailside on Saturday evening by the Game Director and Chef Patrick!

Text to include on crest:

Alert 2011 Ninjas vs. Samurai

Include with your submission:

Your Name

Address

Email address

Group name

Section

Send submissions to the council office care of Nanci Douglas.
Nanci Douglas
Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council
84 Thorne Ave
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1Y5
or by email: ndouglas@scouts.ca

If you have questions please contact:
Peter Comeau - Game Director
pacomeau@accesswave.ca

PEPSI REFRESH GRANT

As you are most likely aware, Scouts Canada was provided \$50,000 from the Pepsi Refresh Grant specifically directed to providing new youth with Scout camping experiences.

We invite you to provide us with your initiatives for strategic outreach in your community. These initiatives will provide youth with a Scout camping experience they would never have been able to achieve otherwise. They should bring new youth to the organization and encourage those youth to want to stay with Scouts beyond the camp experience.

The application process is open to submissions from councils, areas and groups. We do ask that areas and groups get sign off on the initiatives from their council.

Please contact the Scout Office for an application.

TRAINING – Gary Thurston - scoutergary@ns.sympatico.ca

St. John Ambulance

Each year St. John Ambulance presents a Health and Safety Award in the amount of \$500.00 to a Scout Troop in NS. I am pleased to advise that the lucky winner this year is 1st Bedford Scouts.

2011 Wood Badge II Course:
September 16-17-18 & September 30 - October 1-2, 2011
at Camp Nedooae, Elderbank, NS

So you've completed Wood Badge I in your section and now want to learn more about

- working with youth,
- section operations,
- team development,
- problem solving,
- program planning & practical ideas, and
- coaching new leaders?

Then, Wood Badge II is for you! In addition, you will get the opportunity to develop your camping and outdoor skills and to meet and network with other Scouters from across Nova Scotia! This course is for Scouters and Scouters-in-Training from Colony, Pack, Troop, and Company Sections. For more information or to register visit <http://www.ns.scouts.ca> or contact the Scout Office, 423-9227.

TECHNOLOGY – David Lincourt - david.lincourt@sap.com

AMS SYSTEM

You should have received an e-mail announcing the enhanced online member information management system. Please take a few minutes and contact your group registrar to confirm that we have your current information correctly imputed. Your time on this would help us with the rollover from the MMS to the new system.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Peter Koskolos - pack@eastlink.ca

The search is underway for the Nova Scotia Council Commissioner. The deadline for the Council Commissioner position applications has been extended to May 19, 2011, due to possible confusion regarding the original deadline and the opportunity to encourage additional applicants. Click this link for more information <http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0%2bm3MjyZMAs%3d&tabid=2815&mid=5371>

15th Annual Scouters' Golf Tournament

This year's tournament is again being held at Eden Gold and Country Club in the valley. We hope everyone can come to play, enjoy the day and the opportunity to meet other Scouters (old and new) and guests.

The fee includes a meal, green fees and possibly a cart. There are prizes for team scores, special holes and other categories. It's a fun day for those who are golfers or those who aren't. Join as a team or maybe we can put you on a team if required. Contact the Scout Office or Ed Sautiere at 479-2078, edscout@eastlink.ca for additional information.

FEES:

\$55.00 per player – includes green fees and meal

\$65.00 per player – includes green fees, meal and shared motorized cart.

We are very pleased to be sending you the application for the Pepsi Refresh Grant funding for camp initiatives this summer.

WEBSITE

Please visit www.ns.scouts.ca for updates and information on council activities. If you would like to post an event that is happening in your area, please contact Shirlene Lewis at slewis@scouts.ca

Please contact your area commissioner or Council (Key 3) for assistance in carrying out your Scouting objectives in program delivery.

Terry Greenham – Interim Council Commissioner
John deRosenroll – Council Youth Commissioner
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