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## Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council Newsletter – August 2012

### GREETINGS:

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have enjoyed our fabulous summer weather and are gearing up for another Scouting year.

There are some excellent tools to assist with programming your year that are far beyond the old Jumpstart booklets. If you haven't looked recently, you will be surprised. Check it out at: [www.scouts.ca/vstk](http://www.scouts.ca/vstk)

If you plan to attend the Canadian Jamboree next summer with your troop, new details are available as described below. Will you please let our local office know if you plan to attend so we can help coordinate travel and shipping opportunities?

There are many training opportunities in-person, on-line, or some hybrid where the area service team comes in to help. I know that some section leaders have their first meeting of the year as adults-only, to allow for group training on issues like Child & Youth Safety. Let us know if you need help.

Returning leaders take note: We always hear terrific things about the Wood Badge II training course but scheduling is always a challenge. We have been invited to participate in New Brunswick's Wood Badge II course this fall. This is run in a 5-day format (Wednesday through Sunday) which may work better for you personally than the current NS approach of two weekends (Friday night through Sunday). See details below on both courses.

I am pleased announce that we have added a new resource person to our service team. Rick Gruchy has agreed to act as our Deputy Council Commissioner for Child & Youth Safety. Rick is a section Scouter and works with DCS in Child Welfare, as well as, being a resource to Scouts Canada nationally.

On the youth commissioner front, things have been hopping. First, we say farewell (and thanks!) to John de Rosenroll, who just completed his maximum three-year stint as Council Youth Commissioner. We will miss John in this role but expect and hope to see him busy in his many other Scouting roles. Second, we welcome Marissa West as his replacement. Marissa is a student at Acadia University, who has great plans for the Provincial Youth Network. For example, there is youth FOCUS training planned for this fall (details below). We also say farewell to one area youth commissioner but gain two more: PEI is lucky enough to gain Emily Horner as the Council Youth Commissioner when she attends UPEI this fall ... but we have added two new bright lights in Halifax and Dartmouth (as Marissa describes below). Scouting youth are engaged!

We are always looking for service members across the province who are willing to help out their fellow leaders. This is fun and rewarding work. If you would like to chat about the opportunities, please drop me an email at [rdyke@scouts.ca](mailto:rdyke@scouts.ca)

As always, your service team is here to help. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,  
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NS Council Commissioner  
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**DCC TRAINING - George Mawko: ([scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca))**

We all believe that nothing is more important to Scouts Canada than ensuring the health and safety of our members. Every member of Scouts Canada plays a critical role in fostering a safe and healthy environment for youth to learn and grow. That means having the appropriate training to deliver Scouting programs safely.

Scouts Canada has a policy that all volunteer members (including Scouters-in-Training and Activity Leaders) and Rover Scouts must complete mandatory training before they can be made active for the 2012-13 Scouting year and permitted to participate in Scouting activities. The mandatory training is made up of three modules:

1. Module 1 of Wood Badge (WB1) Training – with specific emphasis on Risk Management Information for Leaders;
2. Accessibility Training – which covers topics regarding the proper interactions with persons with disabilities;
3. Child and Youth Safety Training – which covers topics regarding the identification, prevention and intervention of abuse, as well as Scouts Canada's policies, procedures and expectations related to keeping youth safe. It is based on content developed by the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM).

These mandatory training modules are available online at E-Learning and face-to-face courses are run in your area on an as needed basis. Please contact your Deputy Area Commissioner-Training (DAC) or Area Commissioner for course information.

Please let us know if we can do anything to help you with this important training.

***Woodbadge II: (mark your calendars)***

There are two opportunities to take Wood Badge II training this Scouting year.

New Brunswick Council is planning to run a Woodbadge II course Oct. 10 – 14, 2012 and would like to extend an open invitation to the Nova Scotia Council membership. If interested, contact Paul Nickerson - [scouter@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:scouter@nb.sympatico.ca).

Nova Scotia Council will be running a Woodbadge II course May 31-June 2 & June 21-23, 2013. Contact me at [nswoodbadge2@gmail.com](mailto:nswoodbadge2@gmail.com)

### CODE OF CONDUCT:

For many years, signing the annual registration form included the line about agreeing to follow Scouts Canada's Code of Conduct ... but after a few years you may forget what this is. To make things cleaner, each year all volunteers will be asked to "read & sign" the Code of Conduct. To make things easier, if you simply log into [www.myscouts.ca](http://www.myscouts.ca), you will be presented with the brief Code of Conduct and can click to accept it – no paperwork required.

If you prefer to sign a paper copy, the office has printed versions that can be signed and submitted with the registration form.

### Council Youth Commissioner: Marissa West

**Welcome to the newest members of Nova Scotia's Youth Network – Shanni Cyrus and Ronald Fisher!**

Shanni will be the new Area Youth Commissioner for Halifax Area. This September she will be entering grade twelve at Citadel High School where she is also enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Three years ago she joined 36<sup>th</sup> Halifax Troop, where she now currently is a Scouter-in-Training. Shanni has already accomplished a lot in the Scouting Movement and it is truly exciting to see what she will do next within her area!

Ronald is the new Area Youth Commissioner for Dartmouth Area. He currently is about to start his grade twelve year at Auburn High School. He first joined Scouts Canada in 2009 with 2<sup>nd</sup> Cole Harbour as a Cub and has been actively involved ever since. He is currently a Venturer himself and he helps out with Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Dartmouth is thrilled to have Ronald as part of the Area Key 3 and cannot wait to see all the great attributes he will bring to the table!

### *Focus Training:*

**YOU are invited to The Second Annual "That Fantastic FOCUS Thing" Leadership Training Camp!**

When? October 26 – 28, 2012

Where? Camp Nedooae

Who? You! (As long as you are Scout or Venturer age)

What? FOCUS stands for Future of Canada United in Scouting and is a 'for youth by youth' leadership training course put out by the National Youth Network.

How? Please contact Marissa West, the Council Youth Commissioner, at [nscyc@scouts.ca](mailto:nscyc@scouts.ca) for more information.

Be prepared for a jam-packed weekend, learning **valuable leadership skills**, **networking** and **making friends** with youth from all around the province and having lots of **fun!**

THIS ALSO IS A REQUIRED COURSE IF YOU ARE A VENTURER PLANNING TO VOLUNTEER AT THE UPCOMING CANADIAN JAMBOREE IN 2013.

If you are unable to attend at this date yet are still interested in receiving this training, please still contact the e-mail above.

### **PROPERTIES:**

- 1) Our summer students have finished up with our camp compliance visits for this year. We thank them for freeing up your camp volunteers from the daunting task of camp compliance and allowing them deal with other camp maintenance issues like lawn care, building and property maintenance instead.
- 2) We are looking for a number of volunteers to help with a " Camp Nedooae Strategic Plan" . Someone that works well with others, a team player, motivator, who can knock down barriers and visualize outside the box. If this describes you, please contact Peter Biddle at the Council Office or e-mail him at [pbiddle@scouts.ca](mailto:pbiddle@scouts.ca) If you' re a person who likes to get out and be active with camp projects and don' t mind rolling up your sleeves, swinging a hammer or just help with general maintenance. Once again, we would like to talk with you, contact Peter Biddle.

### **DCC PROGRAM – Tommy Oickle:**

#### ***Lodges and Lairs – Update***

Lodges and Lairs was a very big success this year and we would like to thank Beth Emery and her team of volunteers for all their efforts and hard work.

#### ***ScotiaJamb – 2015***

We want to offer a high quality ScotiaJamb for our local youth. In order to " do it right" and to work well with the timing of CJs in 2013 and 2017, we will hold the ScotiaJamb in the summer of 2015. We are looking for volunteers to help with the organizing. Please contact [oicketm@gmail.com](mailto:oicketm@gmail.com) if you are excited by this challenge.

#### **Canadian Scout Jamboree 2013 Update and Registration Fees Announcement**

Planning is well underway for the Canadian Scout Jamboree 2013 (CJ' 13). On site, sub-camp clearing has begun and picnic tables are being assembled. The participant and Offers of Service (OOS) registration fees have been set as follows:

#### **Participant Registration Fee:**

**Before Jan. 1, 2013:** \$650\* per participant (unit youth and Leaders)

*\*Registration must be received and fees paid in full by Jan. 1, 2013, to qualify for this rate.*

**After Jan. 1, 2013:** \$750 per participant (unit youth and Leaders)

**Offer of Service (OOS) Registration Fee:** \$300

On-line registration for CJ' 13 opens this coming fall. In the meantime, Scout units can fill out an [expression of interest form](#) at the CJ' 13 web site [scouts.ca/cj13](http://scouts.ca/cj13) which is being constantly updated. Hope to see you in Sylvan Lake, Alberta!

### **DCC RECOGNITION: Don Sanford**

*How do we say " Thank You" ?*

Too often we neglect to say " Thank You" to our leaders for a terrific job, well done. This can be as simple as saying Thank You in person to that Scouter, or it may take the form of a more formal recognition. I would briefly like to talk about some of these more formal ways to show recognition.

#### *Certificate of Appreciation*

This is a certificate that anyone can originate and print off and present. The link is

[www2.scouts.ca/dnn/Recognition/VolunteerAppreciationCertificates/tabid/2519/Default.aspx](http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/Recognition/VolunteerAppreciationCertificates/tabid/2519/Default.aspx)

Click on the link and when the certificate comes up; simply fill in the Council name and the recipient' s name. Then print the certificate, put it in a document holder and present it at an appropriate time.

#### *New Outstanding Service Awards Process*

Go to the web site: [www.scouts.ca/thanks/](http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/) when the site comes up, click on the " Thanks" button and when the form comes up fill in all the details of yourself and the person you wish to recognize for an outstanding task. You will be ask to write 3 or 4 lines saying why this is an outstanding job that was done. When you are finished filling in on form click on the " Done" button and your nomination is on its way. Take time to read up on the new OSA process while you are in the web site. Any one may nominate a leader, Leader- in- Training, or Activity Leader for an award. This would also include the youth in a section sending in nominations.

#### *Old Recognition Process*

This is still a valid process for the next year. Go to [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca) and click on " Scouters" Then click on Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures and go to Section 9000 for the Honours and Awards Policy. Go to " Recognition" and click on " Honours and Awards Forms" . Select the appropriate form and fill it in, then send it electronically to [ndouglas@scouts.ca](mailto:ndouglas@scouts.ca) at the Provincial Council Scout Office.

#### **PROVINCIAL EVENTS\* 2012-2013:**

- \* Alert- Sept.28 – 29, 2012
- \* Popcorn Campaign - Sept.29 – Oct.28, 2012
  - Woodbadge II - Oct.10 – Oct.14, 2012 (Hosted by N.B. Council, in New Brunswick)
  - JOTA - Oct.20 – 22, 2012
  - Apple Day - Areas arrange with local Super Store (Usually during last two weeks in Oct.)
- \* Nova Scotia Conference - November 2 – 4, 2012
  - Halifax Rainmen Game - Jan.27, 2013 @ 2:00pm (more info will be out in Oct.)
  - BP Week - Feb.18 – 24, 2013
- \* Mooseheads Hockey Game - Feb.24, 2013
- \* Scoutrees - May 4, 2013
- \* Woodbadge II - May 31 - Jun.2 (part I) & June 21 – June 23 (part II) by Nova Scotia Council
- \* Lodges & Lairs - June 7 - 9, 2013

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you would like to share something in the newsletter, please send submissions to the council office care of Peter Biddle ([pbi ddl@scouts.ca](mailto:pbi ddl@scouts.ca)).