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**Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council
Newsletter – December 2012**

RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to join us at your Scouts Canada Nova Scotia Council Service Centre for a reception to celebrate the holiday season. We hope you can drop by and join us for light fare – fish chowder, cheese and crackers, sweets, punch, tea and coffee.

When: December 12, 2012
Time: Between 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: 84 Thorne Ave., Dartmouth
Dress: Casual (uniform NOT required)

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Nova Scotia Council Service Centre will be closed from December 24, 2012 – January 1, 2013 (inclusive).

COUNCIL COMMISSIONER - Richard Dyke:

Hi everyone! Congratulations to all for delivering on the promise of great Scouting adventures for our youth. As we go around the province attending Scouters Clubs and events, we are really impressed by the quality programming and dedication we see for helping our youth.

Area Commissioners:

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a trio of leaders as Co-Commissioners to help guide the Colchester Area: Vesta Brown of Bible Hill backed up by Lodges & Lairs maestro Beth Emery and outgoing AC Krista Stott-Jones. We will be interviewing for the AC position in the South Shore Area in the coming week and hope to announce the new Area Commissioner shortly. We have had an expression of interest for the AC position in the North East Area, which we hope to finalize soon. And we have already had expressions of interest for recently opened AC position in the Tri-County Area and invite anyone interested in applying to contact us at nsapplications@scouts.ca by December 21st.

It is nice to see so much interest in stepping forward to assist other leaders. We are also looking for service team members in Dartmouth and Kings. If you are willing to help out, please give me a call (902-478-8643).

DCC Recognition:

I regret that Don Sanford, our Deputy Council Commissioner for Recognition, finds he needs to step back a bit and become the Assistant DCC Recognition instead. We have asked Ralph Barnes, a member of Don's team, to step forward and become our new DCC Recognition. Thanks Ralph!

Training:

I heard on the news that 90+ percent of hockey parents had completed the mandatory three-hour on-line Respect course. For those who haven't by this weekend, their kids can't play. That's a shame for the kids but it is necessary. As Scouters, we have a lot more responsibility (and fun) than hockey parents sitting in the stands. For us, training is all the more important and, yes, we too will be forced to keep volunteers off the floor. It's a shame for the kids but it is necessary.

Please make sure that you have completed your section-specific Wood Badge I training. The deadline is rapidly approaching. [See "TRAINING" section below]

WINNERS OF THE "EARLY REGISTRATION DRAW"

Tri- County Area - Won 3 promotional pull-up banners for the highest number of members who registered during the Early Registration Period

1st Clayton Park – Won an all-section camping weekend at Pierce Park*

1^{er} Baie Saint-Marie – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Carter*

1st Gays River – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Roderick*

1st Maitland – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Lone Cloud*

1st Uniacke – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Hiawatha – Lower Lake 60*

4th Yarmouth – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Malagash*

5th Canso – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Nedooae*

1st Five Island Lake – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Harris*

2nd Sackville – Won an all-section camping weekend at Camp Mush-a-Mush*

*This covers the rental costs only.

Thank you to each of the camps that donated their facilities for the Early Registration Promotion.

HALIFAX MOOSEHEAD HOCKEY GAME

Once again, Nova Scotia Council is proud to present Scouting with the Halifax Mooseheads. The game is February 24, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Come share the thrill chills and excitement along with hundreds of other members of Scouting. What a way to celebrate BP's Birthday! Tickets are on sale now at the Council Office. The price is \$9.50. Come cheer on the Moose as they battle Acadie-Bathurst.

HALIFAX RAINMEN BASKETBALL GAME

Scouting with the Halifax Rainmen Basketball
Sunday January 27, 2013, game time is 2:00 PM

For single discounted tickets see the Council website soon for a discount coupon.

If you wish to order 10 tickets or more contact
Paul M Fruitman
Director of Sales
Halifax Rainmen Basketball

D: 902-444-7246 x26

C: 902-402-5921

paul@rainmenbasketball.ca

NINE TOE WINTER RUN

The 2nd Nashwaaksis Venturers (in the Riverton Area of NB) are hosting our second annual **Nine Toe Winter Run** this coming February! Last year we had an amazing race and had participants from as far as Bathurst and Halifax.

The Nine **Toe** Winter Run is a 5 hour adventure race that will test navigation and Scouting skills like no other event! The event will include snowshoeing, navigation and other challenge events (think fire starting, lashing, target practice, etc). The location for the event this year is in Fredericton (on the north side towards Mactaquac).

The event is open to anyone Scout age and up. There is a beginner course that is suitable for Scout aged youth or those new to navigation. There is an open category that will challenge even the most experienced Rovers or leaders!

We will be doing an orienteering training session prior to the race for people unfamiliar with map and compass navigation.

Book February 16th off in your calendars and please RSVP to andrew.jefferies@gmail.com.

Further details of the event are available here and further details will be sent out to participants as the event approaches: <http://scouts.afloat.ca/p/nine-toe-winter-run.html>

NB ROVENTURE 2013

Calling all Venturers and Rovers!

Are you interested in meeting Venturers and Rovers from around the Maritimes? The 1st St. Andrews Venturer Company and the NB Youth Network are organizing the first-ever New Brunswick Venturer and Rover social linking camp!

From January 11 - 13, 2013, all Scouts Canada members between the ages of 14 - 26 are invited to join them for a weekend of social activities, wide games, and youth forums in Moncton, NB.

For more information, please check out the links below. Registration is due by December 30, 2012!

[Click here for event details](#)

[Click here for registration form](#)

TRAINING - George Mawko: (scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca)

WBII Training

Congratulations to the following Scouters who have recently completed their WBII training in New Brunswick:

Venturers - Darren Struble ,Kingston (1st Kingston)
Venturers - Harold Ingles, Bridgewater (South Shore Area)
Scouts - Derek Baker, Kingston (1st Kingston)
Scouts - Deborah Doherty, Lower Sackville (2nd Sackville)

Well done! A special thanks to Gwen Mosher (Bridgewater) who was a facilitator on this training event.

WBI Training

Please complete your WB1 before Dec 31, 2012, if you are a returning leader or group commissioner / committee member. Members who have recently joined have until Aug 31, 2013, to complete WB1 training. If you encounter any difficulties in completing your training please contact your respective Area Commissioner or DCC Training (scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca) for assistance.

Group Commissioner Wood Badge I Training Courses

January 26, 2013, at Berwick Baptist Church, Berwick.

February 2, 2013, at Woodlawn United Church, Dartmouth.

Scouters interested in learning more about either of these courses or participating should contact the DCC-Training (scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca)

Colony/Pack/Troop/Company Wood Badge II Training Course

May 31 - June 2 & June 21 - 23, 2013 at Camp Nedooae. For more information or to register send message to Debbie Doherty, Course Manager, at nswoodbadge2@gmail.com

Training Blog

For the latest news about volunteer training in Nova Scotia Council check out:

<http://plainlytraining.blogspot.ca/>

Deputy Council Commissioner Technology – David Lincourt:

Do you need a Section or Group Web site but do not know how to do it yourself or get started?

At this year's Nova Scotia Scouter's Conference, Corey Wile provided a short tutorial on how one could build a web site without any technology skills. Google provides an easy and no cost option to sections and groups that want to put together a good looking and informative web site. The platform is called Google Sites (<http://sites.google.com>). The hard part is deciding what to publish. It's that easy.

A few Nova Scotia Scouters have done this already. Please have a look at their web site for some inspiration:

- South Shore Area - <https://sites.google.com/site/southshorearea/Home>
- Camp Mush-a-Mush - <https://sites.google.com/site/scoutcampmushamush/>
- 1st Wolfville Scouts Group - <https://sites.google.com/site/wolfvillescouts/>

Here are a few resources to get you started:

- Get Started with Google Sites - <http://learn.googleapps.com/sites>
- Lessons on the Essentials of Google Sites - <http://edutraining.googleapps.com/Training-Home/module-5-sites>
- Intro Video on Google Sites - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fD-4FRTzxxk>
- Google Sites Web Design Video Tutorials - <http://www.googleiteswebdesign.com/p/video-tutorials.html>

If you need help getting started or need advice on how to design your web site, please contact me through the Nova Scotia Council Office.

David Lincourt

Council Youth Commissioner: Marissa West:

Welcome to Kings Area's New Area Youth Commissioner – Dylan Struble!

Dylan will be the new Area Youth Commissioner for Kings Area. He is a student at West Kings District High School and this past season was team captain for the Western Valley Wings Football Team. He first joined Scouts Canada as a Beaver and has been actively involved since then. Currently, a Venturer, his passion for the Scouting movement is evident. This passion will surely shine through as he begins his work as Area Youth Commissioner for Kings Area.

PROVINCIAL EVENTS* 2012-2013:

Halifax Rainmen Game ... Jan.27, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

BP Week Feb.18 – 24, 2013

Mooseheads Hockey Game ... Feb.24, 2013 @ 2:00 PM

*Scoutrees May 4, 2013

*Woodbadge II May 31 - Jun. 2, 2013, (part I) & June 21 – June 23, 2013, (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 (pbiddle@scouts.ca).