



It starts with Scouts.

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

GREETINGS:

From the Council Commissioner, Richard Dyke

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Scouter Scott Murdoch as the new Area Commissioner for North East Area. Scott is very well respected in the community for his commitment to Scouting.

Your Council Service Team is working hard at driving forward the key issues of importance to NS Scouting. This includes driving growth in the province. To this end, we are targeting communities that do not have Scouting to start up new groups. We are bringing in the experienced Scouters and other resources to help jump start these new groups. If you would like to be part of this process, please let us know. If you feel we are missing out on something, let us know that too.

On a personal note, I took the recent Commissioner Wood Badge training course and found it fun, informative and engaging. (Well done George, Ralph & Karen!) In the words of one attendee, "I was complaining last night about all the other things I should be doing today but I am so glad I took this training, it will help me in so many ways!" I encourage every leader to take advantage of it.

Best regards,
Richard

REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES

For any participant joining February 1, 2013, or later - the registration fee has been reduced to \$80.00.

“BRING A FRIEND”

Council has obtained \$7500.00 in Scout Shop Bucks Certificates to give away!
Promotion starts NOW! Runs till Feb.28th

Here is the way you can earn your \$5.00 Scout Bucks Certificates...

Step 1: Invite a “friend” to one of your Scouting meetings and earn...**\$5.00 certificate***

Step 2: If your friend signs up as a member, you earn another...**\$5.00 certificate***

Step 3: Your friend also earns a **\$5.00 certificate*** just for registering

Easy as 1 – 2 – 3

Everyone wins; just invite a friend to try out our program and start watching your Scout Shop \$\$\$\$ add up!

- Scout Shop certificates have expiry dates on them of March 31, 2013
- Not redeemable as cash
- No refund change will be paid out on certificates
- Maximum of two coupons per Scout Shop visit
- Only while quantities last
- Group Commissioners are to e-mail Shirlene Lewis for Certificates - identify youth's name, who they invited, which section and who/if they registered.

Training Calendar and News
Calendar of Training Events

Group Commissioner Wood Badge I Training Course

Date: Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17, 2013. (This is a two-afternoon course.)

Location: Berwick Baptist Church, Berwick

Event Details & Registration: Jim Jotcham (marbicon@eastlink.ca)

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

Dates: May 31-June 2 & June 21-23, 2013, (This is a two-weekend course.)

Location: Camp Nedooae, Elderbank

Event Details & Registration: Debbie Doherty (nswoodbadge2@gmail.com)

News

Congratulations to the following Scouters who successfully completed the Basic Trainer Course on Sunday, January 13, 2013:

Garnet Aalders, 1st Aylesford / Kings Area

Candy Hirtle, 1st Middleton / Kings Area

Ian MacDonald, 1st Wolfville / Kings Area

Reg Newell, 1st Wolfville / Kings Area

Jeff Wagner, 1st Aylesford / Kings Area

Congratulations to the following Scouters who successfully completed the Group Commissioners Course on Saturday, January 26, 2013:

Suzanne Blatt, 1st Wolfville / Kings Area

Steve Matheson, 3rd Eastern Passage / Dartmouth Area

Robert Estey, 1st Kingston / Kings Area

Dave Rogers, 1st Digby Neck & Islands / South West Nova Area

Gerry Faber, 1st Caledonia / South Shore Area

Jon Davison, 3rd Truro / Colchester Area

Jim Jotcham, 2nd Berwick / Kings Area

Jeff Wagner, 1st Aylesford / Kings Area

Congratulations to the following Scouters who successfully completed the Group Commissioners Course on Saturday, February 2, 2013:

John Van Oosten, 1st Riverlake / Halifax Area

Michael McGinnis, 26th Halifax / Halifax Area

James Hickey, 4th Sackville / Halifax Area

Bryne Henderson, 1st Shad Bay / Halifax Area

Shawn Ramey, 6th Sackville / Halifax Area

Bob Phillips, 6th Sackville / Halifax Area

Donald Walsh, 1st Clayton Park / Halifax Area

Steve Terrio, 22nd Halifax / Halifax Area

Steve Fry, 1st Armdale / Halifax Area

Tricia McKinnon, 1st Timberlea / Halifax Area

Bridget Thomas, 36th Halifax / Halifax Area

April Gronvigh, 1st Hammonds Plains / Halifax Area

Rod Tilley, 3rd Rockingham / Halifax Area

Tanya Welton, 2nd Halifax / Halifax Area

Terry Graves, Halifax Area

Jessica Behan, Halifax Area
Calvin Misener, 1st Chezzetcook / Dartmouth Area
Darlene Redman, 1st Chezzetcook / Dartmouth Area
Ed Redman, 1st Chezzetcook / Dartmouth Area
Steven Uchacz, 1st Woodlawn / Dartmouth Area
Sarah Dorey, 1st Woodlawn / Dartmouth Area
Don Sanford, 1st Woodlawn / Dartmouth Area
Gregg Kerr, 5th Cole Harbour / Dartmouth Area
Elizabeth MacPherson, 10th Dartmouth / Dartmouth Area
Scott Murdock, North East Nova Area
Gwendolyn Mosher, 3rd Bridgewater / South Shore Area
Harold Ingles, 3rd Bridgewater / South Shore Area
Richard Dyke, Nova Scotia Council

CHIEF SCOUT'S / QUEEN'S VENTURER / MEDAL OF THE MAPLE AWARD CEREMONY

Just a reminder that all Chief Scout's, Queen's Venturer and Medal of the Maple Award applications must be received by the Nova Scotia Service Centre by Match 1st. The date and location of the ceremony is yet to be determined.

E-LEARNING... YouTube STYLE

In the last few months, my 13 year old son taught himself some pretty neat stuff. He made himself a wallet entirely out of Duct Tape... including spots for cards, a paracord survival bracelet, a ring out of an American silver quarter and countless magic card tricks. I figured out one day when we were both home that he learned to do all of these things by watching YouTube videos. Most of these videos were around 5 minutes long.

- Duct Tape wallet - <http://youtu.be/IAAicTg2tjo>
- Paracord survival bracelet - <http://youtu.be/2rrCb8zm6ww>
- Ring out of an American silver quarter - http://youtu.be/548qCuDHe_Q

YouTube has become a great way to acquire new skills or share what you know with others. The kicker here is that you do not need to be a professional videographer to make these short videos. Most phones today have decent quality cameras that are good enough for this purpose.

Once you have shot your video, it's a question of editing it and then uploading it to YouTube. And yes, there are YouTube tutorials for this too:

- Windows Live Movie Maker - <http://youtu.be/3ZZij3NNyVg>
- iMovies - http://youtu.be/IF_7_qYUviw

And don't forget... you need a YouTube account for that. That's easy too. Go to <http://www.youtube.com> click on the "sign in" button and then "CREATE AN ACCOUNT" button and follow the instructions.

I almost forgot... Scouts Canada also uses YouTube as an e-learning platform. Here are a couple of examples:

- Beaver Scouts opening and closing - <http://youtu.be/nWiysRQcGl8>
- Cub Scouts opening and closing - http://youtu.be/7OtTYE_MISo
- Scouts opening and closing - <http://youtu.be/6yTcNBDrHwM>

Have fun learning and sharing your skills.

David Lincourt

Deputy Council Commissioner – Technology

SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Are you interested in working on the Scouters' Conference 2013 Planning Committee? If yes, please contact Nanci Douglas at the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre – e-mail ndouglas@scouts.ca or call 902-423-9227 / 1-800-557-7268.

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE: (TIME SENSITIVE)

Council is seeking a team of volunteers to help champion the task of developing a CJ Contingent Package for our members attending CJ'13 in Alberta. The task will involve the design of a Nova Scotia Crest and recommendations about what else we should include as this package (ex: ball cap, hoody, blanket, etc.). We are looking for value added ideas from our members.

- The second part would be to pull together a Nova Scotia Pre-Jamb so that new leaders and youth that have never attended a jamboree before could experience what it's like and what they can expect once they arrive.
- If you should have any experience or interest in this field, we encourage you to send us an e-mail with expression of interest.
- Please send e-mail to: Peter Biddle at pbiddle@scouts.ca or Richard Dyke at rdyke@scouts.ca

MOOSEHEAD HOCKEY GAME- TIME IS SHORT – GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!!!

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 BPs'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.

Remember, the earlier you purchase your tickets, the better the seat selection – the better placement in the arena. (The longer you wait to buy, the higher up you go!)

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Nova Scotia Council has submitted its application to the Department of Education for their high school development credit program. If our application is approved, our youth who receive their Chief Scout's Award and Queen's Venturer Award will receive extra credits on their high school transcripts. We will keep you posted on this front.

MEDIA KITS

Copies of the media kit were distributed to groups during the popcorn campaign and at conference. On the media kit CD is contact information for various media outlets in Nova Scotia and templates for media releases and short articles. If you don't have a copy and would like one please contact Christine Madill at cmadill@eastlink.ca.

F.O.C.U.S. COURSE FOR VENTURERS VOLUNTEERING AT CJ'13

All Venturers planning on being Offer of Services at the upcoming Canadian Jamboree this summer need to have completed a F.O.C.U.S. course. This course was designed to allow for youth to be able to put on the course for other youth and does not require the youth teaching the course to have completed it themselves. It is able to be taught all at once, or broken into smaller sections and spread out over a longer period of time. Materials to help plan and run the course can be found at: <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/training-opportunities>

If you would like assistance planning your own course or need assistance finding potential youth trainers near you, please contact Marissa West, Nova Scotia Council Youth Commissioner at: westmarissa@hotmail.com

COUNSELLORS WANTED FOR SUMMER CAMP

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15th 2013

Spend your summer working with awesome people and ridiculously fun kids!

Live on an island on Miller Lake in Fall River!

Responsibilities include:

- Following a program administered by a resource staff member with youth aged 8-15
- Teaching wilderness camping and other outdoors skills
- Encouraging creativity and social development
- Working closely with other staff to ensure everything runs smoothly
- Ensuring the safety and security of all youth throughout the summer
- Setting a good example and maintaining leadership qualities throughout the summer

Basic qualifications:

- Minimum 16 years of age
- Experience in day/residential camping with youth 8-15 years of age
- Demonstrated creativity and initiative
- Demonstrated responsibility and organizational skills
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Current Standard First-Aid certification or equivalent (can be completed after hiring)
- Current, clean Police Record Check (can be completed after hiring)
- NLS, Bronze Cross, or Bronze Medallion an asset

Season runs for nine weeks from June to August.

More information about camp and application forms can be found under the staff tab at www.camplonecloud.ca

Applications must include:

- Application Form (from website)
- Cover Letter
- Personal Resume
- Three Personal References
- Any Relevant Qualifications & Paperwork Required

Only complete applications will be considered.

Mail Applications to: Camp Lone Cloud, c/o John MacLean, 4 O'Hara Drive, Halifax, NS, B3M 2E6

Please direct any questions to either:

Camp Director:

Alex Zachernuk

(613) 406-5204

campdirector@camplonecloud.ca

Staffing Board Member:

John MacLean

(902) 830-8163

john.maclean@camplonecloud.ca

PROVINCIAL EVENTS* 2012-2013:

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).