



It starts with Scouts.

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

GREETINGS:

From the Council Commissioner, Richard Dyke

Hi everyone, I appreciate all the work & training going on over the past number of months in the interests of our youth. Some of you may have received a recent notice from Scouts Canada about your leadership status. This comes up when you are not completely registered in the MyScouts system. If this is the case you're not supposed to be working with youth for carrying out other Scouting functions. Often the issue is easy to fix, such as a training record not being up-to-date. Sometimes a training course is needed and this can be dealt with in short order, either through an online training or through committing to an upcoming course. We are trying to be very flexible in helping people to achieve the requirements to be leader, but there are requirements that must be met. If you need help, please contact your local commissioner or the Scout Office (902-423-9227).

With the appointment of Terry Graves as the Halifax Area Commissioner, the Council has lost our in-house expert on fundraising grants and partnership development opportunities. This is an important area which has the potential to help many Scouting groups improve their properties, put on for adventurous programming, and otherwise do the Scouting thing. If you have a particular interest and passion in the area of grants & fundraising and would like to help groups throughout the province, would you please drop me an email (RDyke@scouts.ca).

“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 friends 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.

VOLUNTEER'S POSITION AVAILABLE WITH COUNCIL: “COUNCIL POPCORN PROMOTER”

- We are seeking a motivated individual who is self-confident, has sales experience, who has positive communication skills, works well with our membership and staff, willing to do some travel throughout the

council and who likes to build on ideas to promote our popcorn products and communicates well with others.

- If you feel this position interest you, please contact Peter Biddle at pbiddle@scouts.ca or call (902)423-9227.

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE: (TIME SENSITIVE - DEADLINE FOR INTEREST – JANUARY 25th)

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

CAMP LONE CLOUD

Attention Groups of Nova Scotia Council:

Are you a Venturer or Rover looking for a summer job and to continue Scouting throughout the summer? Interested in working with youth aged 8-16? Enjoy canoeing, camping, singing songs, and having a blast every day in the great outdoors? Well, Camp Lone Cloud may be the answer to all your questions.

Camp Lone Cloud is currently now accepting applications for Camp Director, Food Services Director, Program Director as well as a number of other director roles as well as counseling positions for the upcoming 2013 summer season. The Miller Park Management Team is seeking young individuals in Venturers and Rovers, as well as members outside the Scouts Canada organization to fill the above mentioned jobs.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to go to our website, www.camplonecloud.ca, to learn more about the job descriptions. Once you have considered the many opportunities and feel you have the skills required for the position, please complete the application and secondary requirements.

We look forward to hearing from you and providing you with the chance to continue your Scouting year round by partaking in our rewarding eight-week program. We aim to have the Camp Director hired by mid-January and other Resource Director Roles filled shortly afterwards with Counselor positions being hired in early spring. Apply today!

We would ask that all area commissioners forward this letter to their groups and that group commissioners do the same for their sections. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

John MacLean, DAC Properties, Chair, Miller Park Management Team, Halifax Area

Brian Carter, Camp Manager, Halifax Area

12TH CANADIAN BP GUILD “BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE”

The 12th Canadian BP Guild maintains a “Book of Remembrance” for Nova Scotia Scouters who have Gone Home. Everyone who has been involved in the Scouting movement must have a special place in their hearts for remembering. There have been so many good times, so many good deeds and so many good friends. They all rate a special remembrance.

Each year at the Nova Scotia Scouters’ Conference, the names of those who have Gone Home that year are read aloud during the Scouts Own Service.

As we try not to forget our fellow leaders/Scouters for what they have accomplished in the past, we are always looking for some ways to get information out to leaders. A newsletter is one of those ways that we can communicate that information.

The Guild is asking if it is possible for you to include this information in one of your newsletters. Should anyone wish to add a name, please contact Marilyn Brandal at the following e-mail: mbrandal@ns.sympatico.ca or you may contact any member of the 12th Canadian BP Guild. You can also view The Book of Remembrance on our web page at: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/tdh1/

Russell Beeswagner, Publicity Chair, 12th Canadian BP Guild

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

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

ASTRONOMY – EVEN ON A CLOUDY NIGHT

How often have you planned to go out and check out the stars to find yourself with a cloudy sky? More often than not I would bet. With the help of iPads or an Android tablets you can still provide a meaningful experience to your youth. You can also use these apps to help learn about the night sky before you go outside.

There are a number of free apps for both types of tablets that can help you easily and quickly identify and locate stars, planets and constellations by simply pointing the tablet towards the sky. My favourites are:

- For iPads – GoSkyWatch Planetarium – <http://www.gosoftworks.com/GoSkyWatch>
- For Android – Sky Map - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.stardroid>

Happy New Year!

David Lincourt, Deputy Council Commissioner Technology

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 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.

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

SCOUT & GUIDE PLANETARIUM NIGHTS

During the month February, Discovery Centre will be holding its very popular "Scout & Guide Planetarium Nights." The evenings are open to Sparks, Beavers, Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts and other troops! An evening consists of a 25-minute astronomy presentation in their **digital planetarium**, a star-finder take home activity and free time to explore all three interactive exhibit floors of the Discovery Centre.

Cost to participate is \$5.75 per child (tax included); chaperones and additional adults are free.

Dates:

February 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, February 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th
Doors are open at 6:00 PM with sessions beginning at 6:30 pm. There are three sessions per evening:
6:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

For information or to book your group today please call Michelle Snook at 902.492.4422 Ext 233 or e-mail msnook@discoverycentre.ns.ca

CHIEF SCOUT'S / QUEEN'S VENTURER AWARD CEREMONY

Just a reminder that all Chief Scout's and Queen's Venturer Award applications must be in by Match 1st. The date and location of the ceremony is yet to be determined.

ROVER-SCOUT AND VENTURER SCOUT GAMES WEEKEND

Games Weekend at Camp Harris, Dartmouth NS – Feb. 15 -17, 2013, - large scale Snakes and Ladders, campfire, badge, tables, board, Wii and card games. Bring any game you wish to play. The camp opens at 6:00 PM on Feb. 15th and closes on Feb. 17th. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Open to ALL Rovers, Venturers and their advisors.

Meals, snacks and mug up provided. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact kotcc@hfxipt.ca for information and to register. To learn more about it visit <http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2YTftkCyw8k%3d&tabid=2815&mid=5371>.

MONOPOLY IN THE CITY MOOT 2013

April 12 – 14, 2013, at Camp Harris, Halifax and Dartmouth. Contact KOTCC at don.dorey@bellaliant.net. To learn more about it visit <http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=RnVkmF1uz9w%3d&tabid=2815&mid=5371>.

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).