



It starts with Scouts.

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

**GREETINGS:**

Hi everyone! Your provincial service team has been hard at work around the province. We are making excellent inroads setting up a New Group Support Service designed to get new Scouting groups up and operating quickly with all the help that they need. We are trying our first project in Amherst and then hope to roll it out everywhere. If you have a community nearby where it looks promising to start Scouting, please let us know.

I am pleased to report that we have a new Area Commissioner for Tri-County: Craig Cameron. Craig will be well known to most Scouting leaders and youth in the Area as a long-time service team member, troop leader, and design genius behind many Alert projects. We welcome him.

“Pending” status: A reminder that if you have not completed the full registration process, including screening, PRC & training, you are not able to work with youth until this is done. There are very good reasons for this National policy involving very real youth safety issues. If you feel that special circumstances apply to you, then talk to your Area Commissioner.

I do recommend that all section leaders take an evening to deliver the new Child & Youth Safety Jump Starts. These give you a well thought out weekly program in a can. For Beavers, it is “Feelings, Personal Space, and My Body”. For Cubs, it is “Personal Safety.” For Scouts, it is “Bullying and Verbal Abuse.” These topics are timely and important. Scouting is a leader on youth education. ([www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca) > Program Resources > Jump Starts)

If you would like some assistance with your section or group, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

**Richard Dyke  
NS Council Commissioner**

**DCC-TRAINING REPORT  
Calendar of Training Events**

***Group Commissioner Wood Badge I Training Course***

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2013

Location: Truro.

Event Details & Registration: George Mawko ([scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.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](mailto:nswoodbadge2@gmail.com))

**News**

***Congratulations to the following Scouters who successfully completed the Group Commissioners Course on Sun Feb 17,***

**2013:**

Kristine Graham	2nd Berwick	Kings
Lisa Steadman	2nd Berwick	Kings
Liz Chenier	2nd Berwick	Kings
Jeff Chenier	2nd Berwick	Kings
K. John MacDonald	2nd Berwick	Kings
Richard Oickle	2nd Berwick	Kings

**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD**

St. John Ambulance is once again pleased to be offering \$500.00 to a Scout Troop that has exhibited outstanding dedication to Health & Safety through First Aid training and related activities. The award will be presented at their AGM & Annual Dinner to be held on May 24, 2013, at MSVU. The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found [here](#).

**NOVA SCOTIA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The **Nova Scotia Council Scholarship Fund** was established in 2009 to encourage and support our Scouting youth in their pursuit of higher education. Three scholarships will be awarded annually in the amount of \$750 each. Applications must be received by the NS Council Office by **April 1, 2013**. Additional information on this program can be found [here](#).

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

The Chief Scout's / Queen's Venturer / Medal of the Maple Award Ceremony will take place Saturday, May 4, 2013, 2:00 PM at Main Auditorium, Holland Building of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, 1 Challenger Drive, Dartmouth NS.

**LODGES AND LAIRS 2013**

Lodges and Lairs will take place June 7 – 9, 2013, at Camp Nedoae, Elderbank. This year's theme is "Vacation." For additional information, please contact the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre.

**TIPS FOR THE "LEADER IN CHARGE"**

When incidents happen, no matter how small, that may develop into a claim against Scouts Canada, please fill out the Scouts Canada Incident Report which can be found on the Scouts Canada web site:

<http://www2.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=9pedyf%2bNwDQ%3d&tabid=232&mid=606>

**If you are unsure and in doubt please complete the paperwork anyway.**

Report any incident which might lead to a claim against Scouts Canada by:

- 1: If the incident is of a serious nature - immediately call Scouts Canada at 1-800-339-6643 and select the menu option instructing you to report an incident which might lead to a claim.
2. For all incidents including those reported as in 1. Above - complete and submit this Incident Report Form to: Scouts Canada, 1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa, ON K2C 0A7, preferably by FAX to 613-224-3571, as soon as possible following the incident.
3. Send or give a copy of the Incident Report to your local Council Office.  
Failure to notify as outlined above may result in loss of insurance coverage.

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

Chief Scout's / Queen's Venturer / Medal of the Maple Award Ceremony – May 4, 2013

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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**

The next newsletter will go out on May 6, 2013.

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