



It starts with Scouts.

Scouts Canada - Nova Scotia Council
Newsletter – May 2013

GREETINGS:

Hello Scouters,

People who journey through Scouting are special. They are better grounded, more confident, and are working hard to make the world a better place. Please take a moment to say 'thank you' to a fellow Scouter. This can be a simple heartfelt gesture, a presentation at a closing event or camp, or even a formal recognition award offered through Scouts Canada. The first two are easy: make up a thank you card or certificate, use inexpensive little pins that reflect something that leader has done, there are many creative solutions. Formal recognition is pretty easy too: google "Scouts Thanks," hit the Thanks Button, and you can write-up an example out an "outstanding act or service". We try to use this to give feedback to people who done something above and beyond the norm. It works best when it is simple and heartfelt about some specific thing this leader has done. If there are lots of things this leader has done and you are willing to share the specific details, please do. And my thanks to you for being involved in Scouting and making a difference!

2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE NOVA SCOTIA COUNCIL

Congratulations to the 2013 Scholarship Award Recipients:

Kristofer Hardy, 1st Five Island Group, Sir John A MacDonald High School
Alexander Wilson, 2nd Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour District High School
Morgan Erskine, 1st Shubenacadie, Musquodoboit Rural High School

EARLY REGISTRATION

We would like to remind you that the early registration fee for participants is \$125.00. All participants MUST be entered in MyScouts by June 30, 2013, and payment MUST be received at the Nova Scotia Council Service Centre by July 15, 2013.

DCC-TRAINING REPORT

Congratulations to the following Scouters who successfully completed the Group Commissioners Wood Badge I Course on Sat April 06, 2013:

Patricia Ellis	1st Parrsboro Cumberland
Dorothy Chase	1st Fenwick Cumberland
Kathie Cole	1st Fenwick Cumberland
Roger Melanson	1st Fenwick Cumberland
Dan Cole	Cumberland
Mackenzie Cole	Cumberland
Tom Somers	Cumberland
Shane Keddy	2nd Bible Hill Colchester
Vesta Brown	Colchester
Mary Ann Marriott	3rd Hubbards Halifax
Robyn Parsons	3rd Spryfield Halifax
Debbie Doherty	2nd Sackville Halifax

Reminder – Mandatory Training

Scouts Canada believes in providing training to its volunteers so that you can increase your skills, competency and knowledge to deliver better programs and further enhance the experience for youth and adults. The training is not arduous and can be conducted online! — your Group Commissioner will show you how it works. It is highly recommended that you complete this course as quickly as possible when starting your new position. The insight and knowledge you gain will give you the confidence you need when dealing with the youth and the program!

Calendar of Training Events

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)

LODGES AND LAIRS 2013

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

PROVINCIAL EVENTS* 2012-2013:

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

Operation Alert.....September 27 – 29, 2013

MOBILE APPLICATIONS – SCOUTING IN NOVA SCOTIA – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Most of us have smart phones or tablets. Our youths have them and so do their parents. Here is a challenge for you! Are you up for it?

We want to build mobile applications for Scouting in Nova Scotia. Just like the apps you download and use on your devices. They get the job done and they are easy to use. They are so simple to use that everyone can be a genius and master them in a few swipes of the fingers.

Tell us about your ideas and vote for your favourite ones by visiting <http://ns-scouts.ideascale.com>. Sorry, there are no prizes except some "creds" when we build them... and the glory that goes along with helping Scouting in Nova Scotia.

Oh... I almost forgot... Do you have any skills at building mobile apps and want to help us build these apps? If so, drop me an e-mail at david.lincourt@sap.com and let's talk. We can't do it without you. Yes you... you know who you are. Thanks!

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

The Nova Scotia Council extends their congratulations to all our recent award recipients of the Chief Scout's Award, Queen's Venturer Award and Medal of the Maple Award. His Honour Brigadier – General, The Honourable J. J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) Lt. Governor of NS, was able to attend this year's award ceremony and made nearly 60 presentations.

OPERATION ALERT 2013, CREST DESIGN COMPETITION

Would you like to see your design as the crest that will be used for Alert 2013? We are seeking youth participants to submit crest designs for this year's event. The theme for 2013 is "Super Hero's." Have some fun. Be creative!

Text to include on the crest: Alert 2013 Super Heroes

Include with your submission:

Your name

Address

E-mail address

Group Name

Send submission by June 1st to the NS Council Service Centre, 84 Thorne Ave, Dartmouth NS B3B 1Y5 C/O Nanci Douglas,
ndouglas@scouts.ca

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The next newsletter will go out on June 10, 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).