



# THE SCOUTER'S DISPATCH

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## Upcoming Events

### April 2011

- 2 Outdoor Skills Day
- 2 Wood Badge Part 1
- 8-10 Dundurn Sub Area Camp
- 9 Wood Badge Part 1
- 13 Colony/Pack Scouters Club Meeting  
7 PM Scout House
- 14 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM  
Scout House
- 16 CAMP CLEAN UP
- 21 H-W Commissioners Council 7 PM
- 22 Good Friday
- 22-25 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed
- 22-25 Help Desk Closed for Easter
- 25 H-W Area Training Team 6:30 PM
- 29 H-W Area Youth Rep Forum 6:30 PM
- 30 Hamilton Scout Shop tent display/sale

### May 2011

- 1 Battlefields Youth Awards - Hosted by  
Fruitbelt Area
- 5 Troop Scouters Club 7 PM Scout House
- 7 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays  
in May
- 7 BEAVER CHOPPEREE
- 12 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM Scout House
- 14 JOTT
- 14 Hamilton Help Desk Closed  
Saturdays in May
- 19 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 20-23 VICTORIA DAY CAMPOREE
- 21 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays  
in May
- 21 Hamilton Scout Shop closed for  
Victoria Day Weekend
- 23 Victoria Day Holiday
- 28 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays  
in May
- 28 Hamilton Scout Shop closed for  
Scout Guide Parade
- 28 SCOUT-GUIDE PARADE
- 30 H-W Area Training Team

### June 2011

- 1 DISPATCH DEADLINE
- 3-5 Stoney Creek International Weekend
- 4 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed for  
International Weekend
- 4 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays  
in June
- 9 Battlefields CLT 6:30PM Scout House
- 11 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays  
in June
- 16 H-W Commissioners Council 7 PM
- 18 Hamilton Help Desk closed for the  
summer, reopening August 23
- 18 Hamilton Scout Shop closed for the  
summer, reopening August 30 but  
closed on Aug 31 for inventory

**Deadline  
for the June Dispatch is  
June 1, 2011**

## Uniforms for Kenyan Scouts



Last November, Hamilton Wentworth Area Group Commissioners sent some 'experienced' Scouts Canada uniforms to Kenyan Scouts. The smiles show that the uniforms are a big hit! Many thanks go to Andrew Bienhaus, for facilitating this endeavor.

## NEW UNIFORMS!

SEE PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS



## Camp Clean up

**Saturday, April 16th** is the day and we start at 9:00 AM and go until every building has had a spring-cleaning in every nook and cranny. A crew is also needed outside (weather permitting) to ensure the fields, trails etc. are also in tip top shape. Lunch is provided. Register at the Help Desk.



## VICTORIA DAY 2011

May 20 - 23, 2011

Mt. Nemo Scout Camp, Burlington  
Howdie Y' all,

Come join us down on the farm for some  
Victoria Day Weekend fun!

The Scout Sub Camp will offer challenging  
events, swimming, tug of war, karaoke,  
barbeque, country fair and so much more.

The cost is \$15 per youth and leader.  
Complete registration forms and information  
at [www.hwscouting.ca](http://www.hwscouting.ca)

The Scout sub camp is always looking for  
some good 'hired hands' to help with events!  
For information regarding the Scout sub camp  
contact Scouter Sheila at

[scoutersheila@hotmail.com](mailto:scoutersheila@hotmail.com) or 905-389-8212.

For the Venturer sub camp, contact Scouter  
Natalie at [natalietombooth@yahoo.ca](mailto:natalietombooth@yahoo.ca).

2011 Hamilton Wentworth Area

## Beaver Chopperee

"Community Safety"

Saturday, May 7, 2011

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Gage Park, Hamilton

Entry is \$4.00 for youth and \$2.50 for adults.  
Please pay by cheque made out to "Scouts  
Canada". Colony Leaders are asked to  
forward all registration forms with payment to  
the Help Desk at Scout House by April 30.

Groups must register by the deadline;  
however, a limited number of additional  
participants from each Group may be  
registered on Chopperee Day at the  
"Registration Tent". Registration forms and  
further information is available at

[www.hwscouting.ca](http://www.hwscouting.ca).

Please direct any questions to Jeff Lewis via  
E-mail at

[jeff.lewis@sympatico.ca](mailto:jeff.lewis@sympatico.ca)



### Commissioner's Corner

It is said "Time flies when you're having fun!" Well, I must be having a lot of fun. It's April already and although Scouting doesn't slow down over the winter, I think we all tend to think we are hibernating. Well, winter's over and it's time to wake up and get ready for a fun and active spring! Over the next few weeks, please look for opportunities to get your youth outside. Evening hikes and environmental cleanup projects are always welcome by the youth and they help to raise the profile of Scouting in the community.

I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to everyone who received recognition for their efforts in Scouting at our annual Awards Banquet last month. We were able to recognize both youth and adults for their accomplishments and commitment to the Scouting program. If you haven't done so in the past year, I encourage all leaders to complete and submit the Scouting Career Checklist to help the Honors and Awards committee in their efforts to recognize the outstanding effort by our volunteers. Thanks to Lori Carey, Bruce Riddiough, Harvey Bailey, Geoff Macquire and Sandra Taylor for their efforts to make the banquet a tremendous event.

Although Apple Day is a long way away, the Apple Day Committee has started the planning process for this year's event. While canvassing local businesses for prize donations, Gary Fliss realized that there were a number of companies that have considerable amounts of money to donate for major projects. We have put together a "wish list" of projects and supplies that could be something these companies may consider donating to. The wish list includes such things as a Portable Year Round Archery Range, New Snowshoes and 12 GPS units. In order to sell these ideas to our potential donors, we need volunteers to put together an information presentation for each project, complete with a sales pitch on why this project would improve the Scouting program and provide an educational opportunity for our youth. If you are interested in taking one of these projects, please let me know. We can discuss what will be needed to "sell" the project idea.

We are also looking for volunteers to take over some lead roles for next year. We are currently looking for someone to work with Jeff Lewis, this year's Chopperee coordinator, with the intention of taking over next year's event. We are also looking for someone to work with Lori Carey on

planning and executing next year's Awards Banquet, with the intention of taking over the lead role for the 2013 banquet. If you are interested in taking on either of these roles, or if you would like to recommend someone, please let me know.

Camp Cleanup will be held on April 16. I encourage everyone to participate in this important Area event. We have a great opportunity to get our youth out to some fun activities over the next couple of months. I hope you can make it to the Beaver Chopperee, Victoria Day Camp, Scout Guide Parade and the new Cuboree. Have a great spring!

Tom Morrow  
Commissioner  
Hamilton Wentworth Area



It starts with Scouts.



### The Mission of Scouting

The Mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.



At our Annual Honours and Awards Banquet held March 7, 2011, members of our Scouting family received commendation for years of dedicated service.

#### Long Service Awards 2011

##### 5 Years

- Kevin Bouchard
- Wayne Childs
- Jeff Chuchman
- Gary Fliss
- Gregory Fraser
- Brock Gadsdon
- Laura Galway
- Tim Hershey
- Diana Kozlovic-Mros
- David Mayhew
- Marie Mayhew
- Scott Overbaugh
- Steve Rivet
- Kelly Sabourin
- Tammy Jo Savickis
- Clive Shepherd

##### 10 Years

- Denise Anderson
- Andrew Bienhaus
- Ian Boyter
- Mike Comeau
- Raymond Donahue
- Russ Evans
- Cathy Flowers
- Steven Grisch
- Philip Koppang
- Roger Matte
- Rob McLean
- William Murphy
- Michael Nurnberg
- Grant Warman
- Leesa Williams

##### 15 Years

- Andrew Bienhaus
- Douglas Buchan
- Judy Goodman
- Avril Hill
- Marion Lacroix
- Eriks Taube
- Robert Thiessen

##### 20 Years

- Andrew Bienhaus
- Ken Engelbrecht
- John Hannam
- Rick Kawai
- James White

##### 25 Years

- Rob Galloway
- Barb Masefield
- Keith Rice
- Linda Sargeant
- G. Kevin Thur

##### 30 Years

- Allen Eden
- Mary Elop
- Tom Evanoff
- Yvonne Oliver
- Erin Paterson

##### 35 Years

- Colin Barty
- David Everett
- Haroldene Everett
- Susannah Lewis
- Gayle Potter
- Sheila Stacey
- Patricia Troughton
- Jim Upson

##### 40 Years

- Joan Barty
- Dawn Scaum

##### 45 Years

- Donald MacAngus

##### 50 Years

- Robert Lewis

##### 55 Years

- James Carey



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## Victoria Day Competitive Camp

May 20-23, 2011  
Venturer Sub Camp  
Theme: Day on the Farm



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One day in camp, one day out of camp  
Competitive events over the weekend  
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- Marked Dessert
- Improv Skits
- Egg Drop

### New this year - a prize auction with earned Barn Bucks

Companies should come with their own sub theme, additional points will be awarded for costume and site decoration.

Additional information [www.hwscouting.ca](http://www.hwscouting.ca) or

Contact Natalie Booth for more information [natalietombooth@yahoo.ca](mailto:natalietombooth@yahoo.ca) or 905-648-6936

**NOTICE:**  
The deadline for the June 15 Dispatch is **June 1, 2011.**  
Send submissions to

[bobmiller163@shaw.ca](mailto:bobmiller163@shaw.ca) or [frenchjackie@shaw.ca](mailto:frenchjackie@shaw.ca)

## PENNY PINCHERS CLUB



Remember, when your bank is full or nearly full, drop it off at the Help Desk with your name and address and don't forget to pick up another empty one. If you don't have one, why not give it a try and see how it works. We will count it, roll it and send you an income tax receipt, it isn't any easier than that. Remember all the money raised goes to Mount Nemo Scout Camp so coins other than pennies are always welcome.



Hamilton Wentworth  
1st Annual

## Cuboree Camp

Camp Nemo, Burlington  
June 10-12, 2011

### Join our adventure at Hogwarts.

Take part in a fun-filled weekend in one of the 4 houses.

We invite you to bring an event and the leadership to run it.

Registration cost is \$15 per person.

There will be a camp wide Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning included in the cost of registration.

Please be sure to have your Registration and deposit submitted by **May 14th 2011.**

When you submit your registration, please send along your event idea (so we don't have similar events).

If you have any questions please contact Rick Ellison [packtroop63rd@aol.com](mailto:packtroop63rd@aol.com)

## Camp Jobs!

We need volunteers to help at Camp Nemo. Here is a list of jobs that need to be done. Can you help?

1. Four fire-rings to be installed
2. Tetonka needs to be emptied and torn down
3. Ongoing pruning of trees
4. Groundcover planting
5. Wide variety of painting projects
6. Woodchips to be spread on pathways.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact me at [bluhmgerry@gmail.com](mailto:bluhmgerry@gmail.com) or call me at 905 335 3792 or 289 440 4284

Thanks,  
Gerry Bluhm, Camp Warden

## Wanted... Lifeguards Summer 2011



**Waterfront Director** - Min 18 Yrs Old  
Current NLS Registered  
Cert. Or Equal  
**Waterfront Staff** - Min 16 Yrs Old  
Current RLSS Bronze Med - Or Equal

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Apply to: 26th Hamilton Scout Group

Camp Wheeler - Haliburton / Minden  
email: [26thamcw@hotmail.ca](mailto:26thamcw@hotmail.ca)



## STONE CREEK INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CAMP

June 3-5, 2011  
Celebrating 60 years of Scouting Friendship

Theme: **Native Games**

Register now!

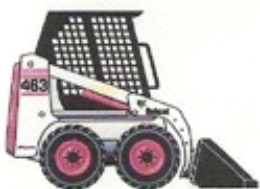
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# DINNER DANCE

Optimist Club of Hamilton Presents Its **1st Spring Dinner Dance**

Held at St. Naum Church  
1150 Stone Church Rd. East

Saturday, April 16th, 2011  
Doors open at 5:00pm  
Dinner at 6:00pm

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

### Menu

#### Antipasto

Prosciutto, Melon, Bocconcini, Olives, etc.

#### Pasta

Penne with Red Meat Sauce

#### Main Course

Chicken Parmigiana  
with Vegetables and Potatoes  
Fish Platter & Salad

#### Dessert

Apple Blossom, Coffee & Tea

#### Late Night Buffet

Assorted Pastries & Fruit  
Coffee & Tea

For more information and tickets please contact: Josh: 905-521-9744



# Colony/Pack Scouters Club



The final Colony/Pack Scouters club meeting for this Scouting year will be held at Scout House on Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 pm. Last meeting the question was asked on where to take our kids in our local area that is close and cheap. Scouter Fred Barrett of the 26<sup>th</sup> Hamilton had told me that a gentleman put on a presentation about the "Waterfalls of Hamilton". I have invited Joe Hollick who puts on this presentation to put it on for our Scouters Club meeting. He has produced 3 posters which he will be selling that show all the local falls in our area. I have prepared a questionnaire for this meeting asking what Scouters would like to see come out of these meetings e.g. how many meetings a year, what guest speakers they would like to see, how did this year's go etc. Please bring your coffee cup as "Coffee Charlie" will be there. And finally please bring a craft idea or song you could share!  
Cam Napholc  
DAC Colony/Pack

Your Colony/Pack Service Team for 2010/2011 is as follows:

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## APPLE DAY NEWS

Apple Day 2011 is Friday, **October 14** and Saturday, **October 15**.

The 2011 Apple Day Committee Co-Chairs are Gary Fliss, Cam Napholc and Debbie Napholc. Our email is [appleday2011@gmail.com](mailto:appleday2011@gmail.com).

We are in search of a Depot Co-ordinator for the Ancaster – Hermitage Springs Depot. We are also in need of a Prize Co-ordinator and volunteers to make follow up phone calls and prize pickups, Venturers and Rovers welcome or anyone looking to earn volunteer hours. Don't worry – we have a great team to support you and help you along the way if you have questions. We are also developing an Apple Day web page to further support our team. We welcome new members!! Please send us an email if you are interested in helping out this year.

Cam, Deb & Gary



## HELP DESK

905-528-5711

375 James St S,  
Hamilton, ON, L8P 3B9

- Tuesday 10 AM to 4 PM
- Wednesday 10 AM to 4 PM
- Thursday 1-7 PM
- Friday 1 PM to 4 PM
- Saturday 10 AM -1 PM

**NOTE:** starting May 7, the Help Desk will be closed on Saturdays.

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## HELP WANTED

Hamilton Wentworth Area is calling for volunteers to lead the SCOUTSabout program at Eva Rothwell community centre. The program will run in the winter or the spring depending on when volunteers are available.

SCOUTSabout is everything Scouting knows about programming for boys and girls ages 5-10, but packaged differently. Offered in 3-month modules, SCOUTSabout is run after-school in schools or community centres, or sometimes during school breaks and summer vacation. Participants enjoy the same kinds of activities as Beavers and Cubs, but with a focus on structured play and learning by doing less the traditional aspects of uniform, ceremony or badge programs. SCOUTSabout participants sometimes sign up for a second module, and in some cases decide to enroll in a core program ... because they've had so much fun!

Last year 2,700 kids participated in SCOUTSabout programs in BC, Alberta, and Ontario.

Please contact Catriona Forrest for a job description.

**Catriona Forrest**  
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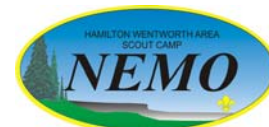
## Camp Nemo Report

Camp Cleanup is on April 16, 2011. We need as many as possible to come to camp to help give the camp its Spring Cleaning. Lunch will be provided for all who are at Camp to help. Please sign up at the Help desk so we have an idea on how many people we need to get food for. Please bring your own Dishes, Cups, Knives and Forks.

Here is an update on the Picnic Shelter. We should have all the permits that we require by the time of the printing of this Dispatch. Thanks to Scouter John Staley on getting the permits from the City Of Burlington. Scouter Brian Winchester is going to be the Project Manager to build the Shelter. We will be looking for help to build the Shelter. If interested, contact me at [aeden@cogeco.ca](mailto:aeden@cogeco.ca) so I can let you know when the project will start. We will be having a ground Breaking Ceremony at camp on April 16 at 12:00 P.M. just before lunch.

Here are a few facts on expenses the camp has incurred since September. We had to replace most of the parts for the Water System which cost about \$5,000.00. We have had an increase on the insurance premium for Camp this year. This is because the buildings values have been increased to truly reflect the cost to replace the buildings if we should have to have it replaced. Also you may not know, Camp Nemo is the landlord for the Warden's House. We have had to replace the bathroom in the Warden's House because of mold. These things are items that were not considered in the budget for camp. We have been keeping a running total of how much Hamilton Groups would have to pay to use camp. To the end of February, that amount would have been \$31,760.00. Finally, the money collected for Firewood will be put into the Comfort Station Project.

Al Eden  
Camp Manager



## ENHANCED ONLINE MEMBER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Scouts Canada has selected [Avecra's netFORUM Enterprise](#) association management software to manage the member data and online experience for almost 100,000 scouts and volunteers. Avecra will work closely with us to implement an all-new online membership registration and information management system for Scouts Canada. Designed to replace Scouts Canada's current Membership Management System (and much more), Avecra will ensure quick and easy registration for new leaders. The increased capabilities of the NetForum and Memberfuse products will make information more accessible to members than ever before. Scouts Canada will conduct in-depth testing and training, and provide responsive support to ensure a successful launch and uptake of the application.

Here is just a sample of what this tool will provide:

- intuitive, user-friendly organizational and member setup
- online registration and renewal
- online payment
- event management
- group locator
- training and awards information
- refreshed web designs
- online collaboration tools.

Check the Scouts Canada website for more information.

## Gilwell Club Meeting

All members of Scouting who have taken Part II Wood Badge Training are invited to attend the Hamilton Wentworth Gilwell Club Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting on Monday, April 11th, at 6p.m. at Scout House. For further information, call Joan Barty at 905-545-8220.



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# YUK!

Recently, youth who had been bussed to camp to enjoy the HICOP program were overheard making comments about the large number of cigarette butts in the parking lot just outside of Confederation Lodge.

As one Scouter explained, "It's one thing not to smoke in front of the youth, but if you throw your butts on the ground it is pretty obvious that it is litter from adults not youth. Not a good example for the leaders to be setting for the youth!. It may have been helpers that were doing the littering, either way it is the leadership's responsibility to make sure all adults set a good example."

Please don't litter.

## BOOKING SCOUT HOUSE?

All groups and committees who want to book a room for a meeting at Scout House should make the arrangements with a Help Desk volunteer. Even if a meeting is listed in the Dispatch Upcoming Events, a meeting room must still be booked by the committee Chair. Arrangements will be made for pick up of a Scout House key and alarm instructions.

### Dispatch Deadlines

- June 1 for the June 15 Dispatch
- Aug. 10 for the Sept 1 Dispatch
- Sept. 10 for the Oct. 1 Dispatch
- Nov. 10 for the Dec. 1 Dispatch
- Jan. 10 for the Feb. 1 Dispatch
- March 10 for the April 1 Dispatch



It starts with Scouts.

At our Annual Honours and Awards Banquet held March 7, 2011, many members of our Scouting family received commendation for years of dedicated service. Several received special recognition in the form of medals presented for their distinguished contribution to our community. Our friends in Scouting honoured for their service are listed below.

### CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

- Beverly Brown
- Mary Jane MacDonald

### MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE

- Kevin Bouchard
- Ray Donahue
- Russ Evans
- Bruce Farrand
- Gary Fliss
- Rob McLean
- Michael McPherson
- John Staley
- William (Bill) Stewart

### MEDAL OF MERIT

- Geoff MacQuire
- Rodney (Rod) North
- John Ross
- Dawn Scaum
- Nicholas Spino
- Sandra Taylor
- Patti Troughton
- William (Bill) Urie
- Donna White

### SILVER ACORN

- Todd Martin



## Support for our 20th Anniversary MS WALK - April 17th, 2011

The MS Society of Canada –Hamilton Chapter is seeking help from the Girl Guides of Canada & Scouts Canada to identify young men and/or women at the Ventures/Pathfinders level who would be

willing to volunteer their time to help us with our 20th Anniversary WALK. We are anticipating close to 2,000 people participating in this event and will need responsible Route Marshalls, Rest Stop Attendants, and Set-up and Take Down Crews to support us in Hamilton starting at Careport Center and Stoney Creek starting at Saltfleet High School. At this point, I am receptive to receiving as many volunteers as possible.

The other opportunity that presents itself is to raise money by obtaining pledges and walking as a TEAM in the event. MS may be part of your Scouting/Girl Guiding family and by raising funds to support this community's wellbeing is a noble cause and much appreciated. Please raise this request with your respective leaders and advise at your earliest convenience.

Regards,  
Keith Rutherford, Senior Fundraising Coordinator  
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## “Easy to be Green”

### 73rd Annual Scout & Guide Parade Saturday, May 28th, 2011

In the next few weeks you will receive the 2011 Parade information package. Included is a letter to all leaders, plus this year's "Parade News" – an information handout for all youth and parents. Please encourage as many parents and family members as possible to come out and cheer on our youth. That feeling of pride is never forgotten.

We are asking everyone to consider what they can do in the Parade that would demonstrate various environmentally friendly Scouting activities or projects. Do you have a group favourite: community clean-ups, natural habitat conservation, reforestation, one of the 3R's? How can you promote it? Use your imagination and be creative! It's your time in the community spotlight.

#### Are YOU up to the Challenge?

Don't forget the Parade Food Drive Challenge to collect the most food and/or

money in support of our local food banks through Hamilton Food Share. The group collecting the most will be given the honour of leading off the Parade. A win-win situation if I've ever heard one. Please remember: "Poverty is Complex. Helping is not."

Parade Marching Order & Assembly Times at Victoria Park (includes the Girl Guide schedule)

- Comm. 12 (Central Hamilton) Guides ..8:15
- Dundurn Scouts .....8:15
- Comm. 12 (East Hamilton) Guides .....8:15
- King's Head Scouts .....8:15
- Community 13 Guides .....8:15
- Community 11 Guides .....8:15
- Hermitage Springs Scouts .....8:30
- Comm. 12 (Cntrl Mountain) Guides ....8:30
- Mohawk Trails Scouts .....8:30
- Comm. 12 (East Mountain) Guides ....8:45
- Albion Mills Scouts .....8:45
- "Out of Town" Scouts .....8:45

Parade Officials and volunteers to march at the end of the Parade. The Parade finishes behind City Hall. Please listen to and obey any of the Parade Marshals along the route.

#### The Renovated City Hall

Now that the renovations of City Hall are complete, the reviewing stand and the VIP tent will be back to their normal positions in the plaza in front of City Hall. The post Parade reception will once again be held on the Mezzanine Level of City Hall. Please join other Scouters and Friends of Scouting for a bit of post parade socialization and refreshments.



## Bring your Troop to the ROM

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Regular Prices (General Admission + water) range from \$19.50 to \$31 per person

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Call 416 586-5801 or email [groupsales@rom.on.ca](mailto:groupsales@rom.on.ca)



HAMILTON SCOUT SHOP

### TENT SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011



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#### ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:

**25% OFF** – Bush Hats

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The Scout Shop will be **closed** for the Easter weekend – Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Shop re-opens Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

For tent specifications visit: [www.eurekatentscanada.ca](http://www.eurekatentscanada.ca)



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## The Sacred Elements

Aboriginal people have told us for years that the earth is our Mother, and that's not metaphoric or poetic, they mean it literally. The earth is our Mother because we are created out of the four sacred elements: earth, air, fire and water.

When every one of us left our mothers body the very first thing we needed was a breath of air. And from that point on we need air till the last breath we take before we die. We don't even think about it. Every time you inhale you take in 2 to 3 litres of air deep into the most intimate, warm, moist parts of our body, the lungs. Immediately carbon dioxide rushes out, oxygen and what ever else is in the air rushes in to our body, hemoglobin molecules and red blood cells grab on to the oxygen and each beat of our heart pumps that oxygen to every part of our body. And when we breathe out we don't breath all of the air out of our lungs, if we did our lungs would collapse, about half of the air stays in your lungs even when we exhale.

Now the point I am trying to make is that you cannot draw a line and say air ends hear and I begin there. There is no line, it's in us, it's stuck to us, and it's circulating through our bodies. You and I are air, there is no distinction, and if you are air and I am air then I am you! And we are embedded with each other, not only all human beings, but all the trees and the birds and worms and snakes that are all using the same thin layer of air. We are air.

Every one of us is at least 60% water by weight, we are all basically a big blob of water with enough thickener added we don't dribble away on the floor. We are losing water all the time; it comes out of our skin, our eyes, and our mouth and if we don't replenish it we will die in about 4 days. When you have a drink of water, do you think it is Hamilton water? The hydrologic cycle says water cartwheels around the planet. Any drink you take will have water molecules that have come from all of the oceans of the world and have evaporated off of the canopies of every forest on the planet. We share the water on this planet

with all living things. We are water.

We are earth because every bit of our food that we eat to make up our bodies was once alive, and the bulk of it was plants grown in the soil. We are the earth through the plants that feed our bodies. We are earth.

We are fire because all the energy in our bodies that we need to move and grow and reproduce all of that is sunlight. Sunlight captured by plants through photosynthesis and converted into chemical energy. We then eat the plants or eat the animals that eat the plants and capture that energy which we store in our bodies, and when we need that energy to move we burn those molecules and release the sunlight back into our bodies. We are fire.

As animals we have an absolute requirement for clean air, clean water, clean soil and clean energy if we are to survive and remain healthy. And we forget that those are our most fundamental needs, and that we should value and protect them above everything else.

*Adapted from the Legacy lectures given by David Suzuki.*

Submitted by Marty Albert

## Experience the new Scouts Canada Brand Centre

**Kids in Scouts have fun adventures discovering new things and experiences they wouldn't encounter elsewhere. Along the way, they develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world.**

**Scouts is the start of something great. It starts with Scouts.**

In a nutshell, this is the promise that Scouts Canada makes to all of our audiences, and expressing that promise with impact and consistency starts with the Scouts Canada Brand Centre – now live and available to you from the homepage at [scouts.ca](http://scouts.ca).

To help you showcase Scouts as Canada's leading youth organization, we've built a user-friendly Brand Centre that provides a wide variety of professional materials that you can customize to meet a broad range of council and group communications and marketing needs.

The Brand Centre's architecture features two main categories: "**Brand Awareness**," which sets the stage for building brand awareness and expressing our promise of value, and "**Tools and Resources**," the physical location of all communications and marketing materials that have been produced to date.

This section will grow over time as we continue to monitor the success of the various materials and gather your input on new communications tools that will help Scouts Canada grow and prosper.

Posters, ads, flyers, displays and much more are all ready for use! Take a tour here at [www.scouts.ca/dnn/brand-e](http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/brand-e).

For more information, or to provide feedback, email [marcom@scouts.ca](mailto:marcom@scouts.ca) and our Marketing and Communications team will quickly follow up with you.

**It starts with Scouts...**and the Scouts Canada Brand Centre.



## PROGRAM IDEA!

Museums of Burlington  
Badge & Youth Programs  
[www.museumsofburlington.com](http://www.museumsofburlington.com)

Ireland House at Oakridge Farm  
2168 Guelph Line  
Burlington ON L7P 5A8  
905-332-9888, 1-800-374-2099

Joseph Brant Museum  
1240 North Shore Blvd. E.  
Burlington ON L7S 1C5  
905-634-3556, 1-888-748-5386

### CUB SCOUTS

- **ABORIGINAL AWARENESS BADGE**  
Explore traditional Iroquois life through a hands-on exercise with artifacts. Discover traditions of the Iroquois people. Cubs make a Voyageur pouch to take home.

- **CANADIAN HERITAGE BADGE**  
Cubs tour the museum, learn a Canadian folk lore tale, complete a map of Canada and learn about a famous Canadian.

- **ARTIST BADGE**  
Cubs visit the historic Ireland House and view portraits. Activities include making a potato print greeting card, paint/draw a landscape, portrait and still life.

- **HANDICRAFT BADGE**  
Cubs tour Ireland House and discuss toys and handicrafts of

the 19th century. Cubs work on a toy from recycled materials, a diorama, 3 natural sourced crafts and a jumping jack puppet.

### BEAVERS SCOUTS

*Mice in the House & A Day in the Life.* A special tour of Ireland House just for the wee folks! Children enjoy baking on the open hearth while discovering life in the 1800s. Children create heritage crafts and participate in parlour games. Be immersed in Pioneer 'chores' and heritage fun!

### SCOUTS COOKING BADGE

While Scouts visit Ireland House at Oakridge Farm they are immersed in the surroundings of the 1800s. They participate in baking a historic recipe over the open hearth.





At our Annual Honours and Awards Banquet held March 7, 2011, several youth were recognized.



### Chief Scout's Award Recipients

Mark Bissesar - 74th Hamilton  
 Matthew Burr - 74th Hamilton  
 William Carmichael - 26th Hamilton  
 Hayden Kowal - 3rd Aldershot  
 Jennifer Lee - Ancaster Scouts  
 Jordan Morris - 3rd Aldershot  
 Yichao Pan - 3rd Aldershot  
 Jennifer Potter - 75th Hamilton  
 Jacob Sabourin - 3rd Aldershot  
 Cody White - 26th Hamilton



### Queen's Venturer Award Recipient

William Barretto - 3rd Aldershot

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

Venture Camp provides children with interactive projects that allow them to explore their potential and expand their knowledge in new areas. Venture consists of two streams that offer unique experiences: Engineering and Science, and Computers and Technology. Both streams provide campers with hands-on activities that introduce them to the many fields within engineering and science. Venture campers also have opportunities to learn from Graduate Students, the Engineering Faculty and Industry through mentor presentations and lab tours.

#### Session Dates

Venture summer camp runs for 8 weeks (July 3 to August 26). Please note that Week 5 is a holiday week (marked with a\*), which consist of four days of camp. There will be a reduced rate for the Holiday Week. Each camp day is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

visit our web site <http://venture.mcmaster.ca>

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## Take it Outside!

### What is it?

Exciting Day of Environmental Activities for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers  
 A day full of environmental activities, including:

Tree planting; building picnic tables; tour of the fish hatchery; and other surprise environmental activities.



### Where is it?

Glen Haffy Conservation Area, 19245 Airport Rd, Caledon  
 Home to a trout pond stocked with rainbow trout, Glen Haffy also offers recreational fishers a great way to enjoy a summer afternoon, close to the city. This park is also home to a fish hatchery. Each year, thousands of rainbow trout are raised for stocking the ponds here and at Heart Lake Conservation Area. The proceeds generated by angling fees help fund the fish rearing program.

### When is it?

Saturday, April 30, 2011; 9 am - 4 pm  
 Separate TRCA nursery tour and program May 7, 2011; 10 am - 2 pm

### How much does it cost?

\$10 Youth; \$5 Leaders, includes lunch and a crest

### How can I find out more?

Contact Don Ford at (905)792-2390, or email at [donald\\_ford@rogers.com](mailto:donald_ford@rogers.com)



## JOTT 2011

JOTT @ Blue Springs Scout Reserve  
 (Chickadee Pavilion @ Blue Heron Camp)

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM**

Cost is \$10.00 and includes snack & two badges

Structured hikes\* lead around Blue Springs to participate in JOTT\*\*

This is a JOTT day event but we encourage you to take advantage of Blue Springs and stay for the weekend. If you do stay for the weekend please register at Blue Springs - as well as registering with us. Please register online at

<http://www.blue-springs-scout-reserve.ca/index.php>

For more information contact: Lynda Koudys at (905) 560-9160 or e-mail

[LKOUDYS@mountaincable.net](mailto:LKOUDYS@mountaincable.net)

\* Activities offered for ALL sections, with some that can be applied to the new Environmental Award for Pack and Troop. An Environmental Award Weekend will be offered Sept 23-25 at Blue Springs. \*Venturers will be hiking along the old radial railway trail, stopping for lunch, doing plant ID and rail history and possibly be hooking up with the Venturer coordinator's Venturer Company along the way.

## ALL SECTIONS CAMP

Hosted by South Waterloo Area  
 All Scouting Groups are invited to attend.

**Camp Impeesa June 10 -12th**

Join us for an incredible weekend of Scouting fun while challenging your skills.

Since this is an ALL sections camp, we will be offering amazing activities for ALL sections. Canoeing, archery, orienteering, pioneering, rafting, woodworking and water jousting, are just some of the events we will have available to you. The water activities are off site, but we will be providing transportation to and from all activities! Leaders can just sit back and enjoy the ride. Camp will open on Friday June 10th, at 12 noon. On site activities will be open at 2pm, along with the Grandma's Cafe and Oasis. Camp opening is scheduled for 7pm. Check out the web site information: <http://survivethechallenge2011.webs.com/>

Shelley Dyet,  
 12th Cambridge

## RECYCLING!

Frank Warran of the 447 cadets Mount Hope is looking for a Scouting Group that needs or are collecting pop cans for fund raising. They have many to get rid of at the \*Wing\* which is the old Lee's Restaurant.

His number is 905-388-2621

### A little extra space

When we put the Dispatch together for April we ended up with a little extra space, so we've included this joke:

#### Cow's Advice

A man's car stalled on a country road. When he got out to fix it, a cow came along and stopped beside him.

"Your trouble is probably in the carburetor," said the cow.

Startled, the man jumped back and ran down the road until he met a farmer. He told the farmer his story.

"Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer.

"Yes, yes," the man replied.

"Oh! I wouldn't listen to Bessie," said the farmer. "She doesn't know a thing about cars."





## KLONDIKE CAMP 2011 THANKS

We want to say thank you to everyone for coming to Klondike 2011. I know I can speak for the rest of the Klondike staff when I say we had a good time. Please tell your troops that we were glad to see them, and we are glad they had fun. We could not have made any of this happen if it were not for a great staff, and an eager group of youth in attendance. As leaders, you deserve our thanks as well, if it were not for you giving up your weekends, we would not have camps to attend.

I would like to personally thank you each for bringing your troops to Klondike. I was so happy to see so many faces I knew from last year, and so many new faces too! I did not get the chance to speak to all of you over the course of the weekend and I apologize for that, but for some strange reason, I found myself busy most of the time! I thoroughly enjoyed helping to put on this weekend for all of you.

Just to give you all a final tally, we had 178 people attend Klondike 2011, and it was because of all of you that camp was a success. Thank you for coming out to play! We had 14 troops come out, from as far away as Niagara Falls NY, Willowdale, Tillsonburg, Paris, Brantford, Cambridge, and all points in between. It is nice to know that our friends will travel to come see us time and again. I hope to see you all again soon, as another spring season rolls around and things heat up even more, between more camps and better weather.

I would ask your indulgence once more as I thank everyone that came out to help run this weekend. Without a fantastic staff we could never have accomplished this. Thank you to all of you. From working in the kitchen to planning the weekend, to running an event, you have been a fantastic team to work with again. Thank you all.

Keep yourselves up to date with events coming up at Camp Nemo via the [www.hwscouting.ca](http://www.hwscouting.ca) website. You can find many helpful and fun links to be explored. The next big camping event at Nemo, is Victoria Days Camporee. Watch the web and read your HW Scouters Dispatch for more details.

I remain,  
Yours in Scouting,  
and in Friendship,  
Elaine Priest  
88th Hamilton Scouts

## Camp Discovery 2011 - Black Oak Savannah

### What is it?

Exciting weekend of Environmental Activities for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers

- Tree identification and inventory;
- Native plant identification;
- Educational opportunity with Niagara Parks Commission;
- Other surprise environmental activities.

### Where is it?

**Site: Paradise Grove, Niagara-on-the-Lake with Camping at Wetaskiwin Scout Camp**

The Paradise Grove Oak Savannah Restoration area is at the north end of the Niagara Parkway near Niagara-on-the-Lake. Native plant material was introduced during November of 2003 (1,000 oak saplings) and Spring of 2004 (wildflowers) and is growing well. This naturalized area is showing signs of previous native plant material recovering. Niagara Parks and its partners are very encouraged by this increase in biodiversity. This project will contribute to the long-term protection and enhancement of Paradise Grove for the benefit of citizens and wildlife. They also aim to sustain important ecosystems along the Niagara River Corridor.

### When is it?

May 27-29, 2011

### How much does it cost?

\$20 for the weekend (includes camping and busing to Paradise Grove); \$10 for Saturday

### How can I find out more?

Contact Don Ford at (905)792-2390, or email at [donald.ford@rogers.com](mailto:donald.ford@rogers.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/create.php?eid=182817915072358#!/event.php?eid=122310721170379>



Mohawk Trails will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Linden Park United Church at 8 PM. This meeting will begin discussions on our area camp in January.

Jess Moreau  
55th Hamilton Scout Group  
905-574-5429 or cell 905-536-7724



## GERANIUM & IMPATIENS SALE

We at St Matthew's Scouting are taking pre-orders for geranium and impatiens. Orders are to be received by May 1, 2011 and picked up early Saturday May 7th for best selection. Pick up in St. Matthew's Parish Hall between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Orders may be mixed and payment is due when orders are picked up. For further information please call Chris or Bill at 905-637-8432. You may use the order form below & drop it off at the Help Desk. Ask that the order form be given to Chris McCready.

GERANIUMS \$28.00 Price per Dozen		HANGING BASKETS \$24.00 Price per Basket		IMPATIENS 48 plants = 1 flat \$17.00 Price per Flat	
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WHITE		SALMON		PINK	
PINK		PINK		VIOLET	
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## DISTINGUISHED DONORS

The following FRIENDS OF SCOUTING have generously given a donation to the Hamilton-Wentworth Area DISTINGUISHED DONOR Program Between January 1 and December 31, 2010. We may have inadvertently missed someone, know that we do appreciate your gift to Scouting and please accept our apology.

The Distinguished Donor Program and our Special Apple Delivery Team is an important part of our Area financial health. In 2010 we received \$12,000 which helps fund the operation of our camps. If you wish to be a part of our program and have a youth deliver you a Special Apple, contact the Distinguished Donor Committee through the help desk.

### INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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Gourley Park Community Association presents its



## FIRST EVER EASTER EGG HUNT

at Gourley Park.

This event is targeted for the 12 and under age range making it ideal for the Beaver, Cub and the younger Scout age group.

**WHEN: Good Friday, April 22 Noon – 1pm-ish for Easter Events**

*(Rain Date : Saturday April 23, 2011)*

**WHERE: Gourley Park, West Mountain off Brigadoon [www.gourleypark.com](http://www.gourleypark.com)**

**WHO'S INVITED: Scouting, Guiding and the General Public**

**COST: FREE (food & drinks excepted)**

Look for Easter related games and prizes for various age groups followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Weather permitting, ball diamonds will be available to those who want to play a pick-up game of 3-pitch or slo-pitch. For the smaller children, T-ball and baseball related activities will be available. youth would only need to bring would be glove to participate. About 1pm, a hot dog and a bottle of water for \$1 will be available to anyone in the Park.

You're in Scouting  
Randy Chapple  
74<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Cubs  
ALNC Computers, Owner  
Gourley Park Community Association,  
President

## HAVE YOU VISITED SCOUTS CANADA'S NEWEST ONLINE PROGRAM RESOURCE FOR VOLUNTEERS YET?



This is where great ideas come together. It is Scouts Canada's newest resource. Using the technology of Wikipedia, you will get instant access to the collective ideas and information from other leaders right across the country. This site includes a cross-listed badge reference and you'll find a place to share tried and true program resources which in turn will help you as a leader to develop and deliver better programs for your youth.

Live at [www.wiki.scouts.ca](http://www.wiki.scouts.ca) is a living document; a constantly changing work in progress as leaders edit and contribute their thoughts and visions for Scouting. Learn how others are presenting program to the sections, share resources and tips from others, check out badge based program delivery in the cross-listed list reference.

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT TOOLKIT



### SUPER SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Scouting in Canada is growing! To fulfill our promise of "It Starts with Scouts" for a whole new generation of youth, we need more volunteers than ever before. Our volunteers are talented, and they need to feel supported and know that they can add value from day one. Our role as employees and support volunteers is to ensure that our Section Scouters have the knowledge, support, sense of commitment, and enthusiasm they need to thrive. Without making this happen for our volunteers, we risk not having the broad impact on the Canada of tomorrow that we know is possible.

Imagine a Scouts Canada where all volunteers clearly know and can internalize what a quality program looks like, where all volunteers are truly committed to the Mission of Scouting. This is a time and a place where volunteers are not alone and are supported by experienced Scouters. These same volunteers receive the feedback necessary to help them grow, and they strive to be the best mentors for our youth that they can possibly be.

Fundamentally, effective execution of Scouts Canada's Volunteer Recruitment and Development Strategy should lead precisely there. Volunteer performance must be supported by five key pillars: orientation, program tools, formal training, in person support, and feedback & recognition. The activity undertaken to deliver on these five pillars must be the primary focus of all Support Scouters and employees. Moving forward, specific attention must be paid to successful initiation and support of new volunteers such that their first experiences as members are positive and fulfilling. Competent and confident leadership is the cornerstone of a high quality and successful youth program that will enable Scouts Canada to attract and retain more members, volunteer and youth alike.

It is with this in mind that we have assembled the Volunteer Support Toolkit. Within it you will find a series of tools and tips that can help you in your role supporting our volunteers. Whether you are developing an Area plan, planning to conduct a year end volunteer appreciation night, or heading off to a program planning meeting with the local Cub pack leadership team, there is something here to help you help those around you.

As a Support Scouter or Scouts Canada staff member, your primary role is to facilitate the delivery of high quality programs. This will require you to ensure that the right people are in the right place, that our volunteers receive clear and

meaningful orientations, and that there are experienced Scouters in place who are ready and willing to provide regular coaching accompanied by meaningful recognition. We're calling on you to lead by example and roll up your sleeves!

With a constant and steady commitment to our volunteers, the number of youth reached by Scouting will increase. The quality of their experiences will improve. Our ability to shape the leaders of tomorrow will grow.

Happy Scouting.

#### Andrew Price

Deputy National Commissioner, Volunteer Services

Check out the excellent information for volunteers on the Scouts Canada website - Volunteer Toolkit <http://www.scouts.ca/vstk/>

### Hamilton Earth Day and Tree Planting Festival

Groups that would like to attend and plant trees should contact Catriona Forrest asap 905 818-4227. Catriona be there with a information booth, and all groups are welcome to fundraise for their groups using the Scout Trees fundraiser (if planting trees at the festival-trees etc all supplied by Earth Day Canada). Details on the event are as follows:

**Annual Earth Day Tree Planting Festival:** Planting 1,000 trees, restoring the natural environment. It is also a festival with live music, food vendors, horse drawn wagon rides; face-painting, drum circle, fun activities, eco exhibits, wildlife show and more.

**When:** April 23rd rain or shine

**Where:** Oak Knoll Park (aka Churchill Park) @ the Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll, Westdale, Hamilton

**Who attends:** Community

**Time Commitment:** 11 am to 3 pm

### Annual Tim Horton's Earth Day 5K Walk & Fun Run

Awareness raising walk to raise funds to support Earth Day Hamilton's educational programming. The Walk destination is the Tree Planting Festival.

**When:** April 23rd rain or shine

**Where:** Bayfront Park to Churchill Park (Tree Planting Festival) in Westdale, Hamilton

**Who attends:** community, businesses, students

**Time Commitment:**

Registration at 8:45 am,  
Walk begins at 10 am

### NEW UNIFORMS

Take a look at the new uniforms in the photo gallery at [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca)

New uniforms:

- Made from cotton and hi-tech polyester fabrics that are comfortable and quick-drying
- Colours have been updated to reflect a more modern feel
- No more Sash. Scouting youth will now wear their achievements directly on their sleeve. The Scouts' revamped Badges (which were also redesigned by Joe Fresh) show off new artwork for various levels of Scouting, with a more contemporary design.
- Shirts and pants have a relaxed look and are made of 100% cotton – but not just any cotton – it's Poplin, a strong cotton fabric that almost looks like canvas. Poplin is most often associated with dress shirts and it's incredibly comfortable and results in a high quality product.
- the new Scouts Canada clothing line will be available for purchase starting

September 2011, in line with the start of the new Scouting year.

- Scouts can wear their current uniforms until they grow out of them

