



THE SCOUTER'S DISPATCH

THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH SCOUTING NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

April 2010

- 1 Election ballots counted
- 1 Dundurn Sub Area meeting
- 2 Good Friday
- 2-5 Help Desk closed
- 2-5 Hamilton Scout Shop closed
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 5 Easter Monday
- 8 Election results presented to CMC
- 8 Battlefields CMC
- 9 Election results announced
- 9-11 Dundurn Sub Area Camp
- 10 Wood Badge Part 1
- 11 Albion Mills Sub Area meeting 2 PM
- 12 King's Head Sub Area meeting
- 15 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 17 Camp Clean Up
- 17 Wood Badge Part 1
- 20 Hermitage Springs Sub Area meeting
- 21 Colony/Pack Service Team
- 22 Mohawk Trails Sub Area meeting
- 23-25 Albion Mills Sub Area Camp
- 24 Hamilton Scout Shop Tent Display/Sale
- 30-May 2 Wood Badge Part 2

May 2010

- 1 Hamilton Help Desk closed Saturdays in May
- 2 Albion Mills Sub Area Meeting
- 2 Battlefields Council Youth Awards Ceremony
- 6 Dundurn Sub Area meeting
- 8 JOTT
- 10 King's Head Sub Area Meeting
- 13 Battlefields CMC
- 14-16 Wood Badge Part 2
- 18 HW Training Team
- 20 H-W Commissioners Council with Group Commissioners 7 PM
- 21-24 Victoria Day Camporee
- 22 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed for Victoria Day Weekend
- 24 Victoria Day
- 27 Mohawk Trails Sub Area meeting
- 29 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed Parade
- 29 SCOUT GUIDE PARADE
- 31 Jambo 9 Registration Deadline

June 2010

- 1 DISPATCH DEADLINE
- 3 Dundurn Sub Area meeting
- 4-6 Stoney Creek International Scout Camp
- 5 Hamilton Help Desk closed
- 5 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed for International Weekend
- 10 Battlefields Council CMC
- 11-13 Mohawk Trails Sub Area Camp
- 17 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 18 Hamilton Scout Shop last shopping day



International Recognition for Camp Nemo

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See page 7 for more information



Victoria Day Weekend Camp "Who Done It?" May 21 to 24 Mt. Nemo Scout Camp

**The time and place is set...
all we need is your help to
solve the mystery!**

For more details, see page 3. Visit www.hwscouting.ca for registration packages and more information.



**Deadline for the June 15 Dispatch is
June 1, 2010**

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

In support of Scouts Canada programs in our community.



Saturday, August 21

\$90 per person

Glancaster Golf Club

Fee includes: Greens Fee, Cart, Lunch,

BBQ steak dinner & Gift

Registration at 11:00

Lunch at 11:30 AM

Scramble Format (Best Ball)

Tee off at 1 PM

(minimum of 124 golfers needed for Shotgun Start)

Dinner approximately 6:30 PM

at Moose Lodge (1860 Barton St E)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 1.

Tickets available from

Lorne Ellis: 905-977-7438 or

lellis@scouts.ca

Mulligan Package Available

All golfers are eligible to win a chance to golf with Sandy Hawley, 2 time Canadian Athlete of the Year.



2010
Hamilton-Wentworth Area
Beaver Chopperee

"Beavers on the High Seas"

Saturday, May 1

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Gage Park, Hamilton

\$4.00 per youth & \$2.50

per adult, cheque made out

to Scouts Canada

Please forward all registration forms with payment to the Help Desk at Scout House by April 24th.

Groups must register by the deadline; however, a limited number of additional participants from each Group can be registered on Chopperee Day at the Registration Tent.

Registration forms and further information is available at www.hwscouting.ca.

Please direct any questions to Jeff Lewis via email at jeff.lewis@sympatico.ca.



New Battlefields Website

Visit the new Battlefields Council website at

www.scouts.ca/dnn/bat



Creating a Better World



Commissioner's Corner

The past two years as your Deputy Area Commissioner have been a tremendous experience and I look forward to serving Scouting in Hamilton Wentworth for the next two years.

I would like to thank Gino Sferazza for all he has done for Scouting in our area. He has been an inspiration to youth and adults alike in his many roles. I'm sure that we will continue to benefit from his enthusiasm for the Scouting program for many years to come.

Congratulations to Sandra Taylor on her appointment to the role of Deputy Area Commissioner for Hamilton Wentworth. Sandra has had an opportunity to work with Scouters in both Albion Mills and Dundurn Sub-Areas. Her experiences in Scouting, combined with her non Scouting experience make her an ideal candidate for the job. I look forward to working with Sandra over the next two years.

Scouting in Canada is taking great strides to make what we do more relevant in today's society. Steve Kent, our Chief Commissioner has set very specific goals and has formed a task force to lay the ground work to achieve these goals. The most significant goal is to increase membership dramatically over the next few years. In order to achieve this goal, we

must look at what we are doing and be sure that it is relevant to today's membership and that it makes Scouting better.

Many thanks to Elaine Priest, Camp Chief for this year's Klondike Winter Scout Camp at Nemo. Even though snow was rather scarce, the "Iditarod" was run and 78 youth had a tremendous weekend at camp.

In an effort to remain consistent with the goals of Scouting Now (scoutingnow.ca) we will be taking a different approach to filling roles for our special events and volunteer positions. All of our members should expect to see frequent "Job Postings" for these roles. We are not looking for the most experienced Scouters, or someone who has "done it before". We are looking for people who are passionate about the Scouting program, who have ideas about how things should be done to make Scouting better. We are looking for people who are organized and who can work with other adults to plan and put on an event that youth will remember for years to come. We are looking for you! When you see a posting for a role that you might be interested in, or that you think someone else would do a great job at, please submit your Scouting Resume or encourage that person who you know would do great job to submit theirs. Please look at the "Job Postings" in this issue of the dispatch and consider how you can contribute to make Scouting better.

Our annual Hamilton Wentworth Awards Banquet was held on March 1st to recognize the accomplishments of a number of youth members over the past 12 months and to acknowledge the dedication of adult members who achieved milestones in years of service and adults who have received specific awards during the year. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and thanks to all of the dedicated Scouting members of Hamilton Wentworth for your commitment to providing a quality Scouting program for our youth.



Yours in Scouting,

Tom Morrow
Hamilton Wentworth Area Commissioner

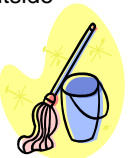


The Mission of Scouting

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.

Camp Clean up

Saturday, April 17th 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.



Didn't Get a Dispatch?

If you know of a registered leader who didn't get an email notice about the Dispatch or a mailed copy, ask them to check the accuracy of their mailing / emailing addresses on the Scouts Canada Membership Management System.

Visit the HICOP website for updates on program ideas.
www.hicop.ca



TRAINING

Our Hamilton Wentworth Area planning calendar contains additional training opportunities. See your Commissioner for details.



WOOD BADGE PART 1 COLONY, PACK & TROOP SCOUTERS

Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17. Held at St. Matthew's Church, 126 Plains Road in Burlington. Cost: \$25.

This training course will be run on two consecutive Saturdays. Learn skills needed to deliver a quality program and have fun. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources etc. Contact Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com or 905-528-3326

WOOD BADGE PART 2 COLONY, PACK, TROOP and COMPANY

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2 and Friday, May 14 to Sunday May 16. Held at Camp Nemo. Residential. Cost \$150.

This is a continuation of the Wood Badge Part 1 training. You will learn more skills and will explore other subjects in greater depth. Come and learn, network with other Scouters and have some fun along the way. Registration Deadline: April 16. For more information contact the Help Desk 905-528-5711. Course Coordinator: Patti Troughton 289-396-0886 ptroughton@cogeco.ca



Hamilton Wentworth Area publishes the Scouter's Dispatch six times a year. Co-Editors: Jackie French, Bob Miller. The Scouter's Dispatch serves as a program resource for Scouters and other adults who work with young people. Editorial contributions are made on a voluntary basis. Unsolicited submissions are welcome. You may E-mail submissions to bob_miller@mountaincable.net or frenchjackie@mountaincable.net. Scout House is located at 375 James St. S., Hamilton, Ontario L8P 3B9 1-888-SCOUTS-NOW FAX (905) 528-7919 Scout Shop (905) 528-4662 Help Desk call (905) 528-5711 Advertising Policy: Advertisement of a product or service does not indicate endorsement by the publishers. Publishers do not assume any responsibility by warranty or otherwise with respect to products or services advertised.



Creating a Better World



Victoria Day Weekend Camp

Who Done It?

May 21 to 24

Mt. Nemo Scout Camp

Victoria Day Camporee began in 1955 and is a competition camp designed for Scouts and Venturers with a trophy awarded to the best all round troop and company. Each and every year has provided exciting programs for everyone including the leaders. Whether it is raining or sunshine, hailing or snow, this camp is one that everyone enjoys.

The time and place is set...

all we need is your help to solve the mystery!

Preparations for 2010 Victoria Day Camp are under way and we want you to join us. For the Scout Sub Camp there will be challenging events, swimming, tug of war, air band contest, a drive-in movie and so much more. The cost is \$15 per youth and leader. For the complete package please visit the Hamilton Wentworth Area website.

Any questions: contact Scouter Sheila at scoutersheila@hotmail.com or 905-389-8212.



Visit www.hwscouting.ca to find the following support documents and information:

Victoria Day 2010 "Who Done It" Documents

These interactive forms can be filled out and submitted online as well as printed.

- Interactive Troop Registration Form
 - Interactive Troop Air Band Contest Registration Form
 - Interactive Company Registration Form
 - Scout Staff Meal Plan Interactive Registration Form
- "Camp Information Files" to be downloaded and printed as required:
- Victoria Day "Who Done It" Flyer
 - Troop Information Package
 - Troop Drive in Theatre Information Package
 - Company Information Package
 - Category Three Permission Form (is required for this three day camp)
 - Camp Rules, Camp Map, Directions To Camp Nemo

Contacts:

Scouts - Sheila Sferrazza - 905-389-8212 - scoutersheila@hotmail.com

Venturers - Natalie Booth - 905-648-6936 - natalietombooth@yahoo.ca



At our Annual Honours and Awards Banquet held March 1, 2010, 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

Jeff Lewis
Gerry Mros
Deb Napholc
Kelly Noble

MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE

John Augstman
Shaun Boland
Natalie Booth
Terry Bryce
Adam Chainey
Randy Chapple
Birgit Johnson
Jess Moreau
Alex Mouriopoulos
Debby Pearson
Gary Smith
Jean Ausher
Judy Goodman
Steven Grisch
Stephanie Hurley
Finn Melvaer
Christa Pissey
Michelle Rees
Tammy-Jo Savickis
David Snelling
Meredith Turner-Dore
Grant Warman
Leesa Williams

MEDAL OF MERIT

Thomas Booth
Gord Cormick
Doug Dagleish
David Howard
Carmen Harvey
Lynn Shedden
Mark Winchester
Rod Ausher
Linda McKaig
Mark Sferrazza

SILVER ACORN

Rick Kawai
Tom Morrow



TWO Saturdays this Spring!



WOOD BADGE PART I: April 10 and 17, 2010

Did you just **SPRING** into Colony, Pack, or Troop as a volunteer this year? Or are you planning to work with youth next year?

Do you want to **GROW** your investment of time & energy into great events for your youth?

Plan to attend a two-Saturday training experience at St. Matthews Church 126 Plains Road East in Burlington ... and earn your Part I Wood Badge!

Get **ROOTED** in Scouting and **SPRING** into SCOUTING

by gaining the skills, planning ideas and resources you'll need to help deliver a quality program. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources, etc.

For further information, contact
the Hamilton Help Desk at (905) 528-5711 Ext. 10
or Susan Little (littleivo2@yahoo.com) Course Co-ordinator

Honouring Our Traditions 72nd Annual Scout & Guide Parade Saturday, May 29th, 2010

Within the next couple of weeks you will be receiving the 2010 Parade information package. Included is a letter to all leaders with the group instructions attached, 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.

I want to again challenge everyone to pick a favourite Scouting tradition and come up with a way to highlight what that means to you. How can you show off your favourite activity or best memory? Maybe you can decorate a float (big or small), make flags or banners, wear theme costumes, special hats or camp blankets. Be creative and have fun! The only thing stopping you is your imagination.

For 20 years the Scouts and Guides in Hamilton-Wentworth have supported the less fortunate in our community through the Parade Food Drive. Please plan to make this an important part of your program year. Together we can make a significant impact!



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

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

NOTICE re: City Hall Construction

At this time it is uncertain whether the renovations of City Hall's front plaza will be completed in time for the Parade; therefore, the reviewing stand and the VIP tent will be across the street, on the North side of Main Street, in Commonwealth Square (in front of the Art Gallery). The post Parade reception will once again be held in the auditorium of Central Public School, located directly behind City Hall. Please join other Scouters and Friends of Scouting for a bit of post parade socialization and refreshments.

Kevin Thur
Parade Chair

Congratulations to the 5th Hamilton Beaver Colony who won honourable mention in the Dinner with the Chief pizza party contest.

Scouts Canada, Hamilton Wentworth Area
Klondike Camp 2010, "The Iditarod"
February 27, 2010



To: Participants and Staff

Please accept our sincere thank you for your participation and help at "The Iditarod" this past Feb. 12th – 14th 2010.

Because of your presence at camp, whether it was to run the Iditarod Trail, staff events along the way or keep us all fed. All of you made this camp a complete success.

Please plan on attending again next year and bookmark the following sites for information on Klondike Camp 2011: September 2010 for Central Zone Calendar and camp date (Feb. 2011).

<http://www.hwscouting.ca/calendar.htm>

November 2010 for Camp registration information.

http://www.hwscouting.ca/klondike_camp.htm

Yours in Scouting

Elaine Priest

Klondike 2010 Event Coordinator aseirsgirl@live.com

Patrick Hall

Klondike 2010 Registrar patrickhall@mountaincable.net

HELP—WANTED

I am always trying to add to my display of area events. If you have any of the following Crests that you can spare, please contact me. If you need something along this line yourself, contact me I might have it to spare. Tom Evanoff 905-523-4619; swappertom@gmail.com

Victoria Day weekend: 1965, 1967

Stoney Creek weekend: 1971, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1978

Klondike: 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1987 to 1991, 1993, 2006

Cub Fun Day: 1981, 2004

Chopperee: 1990, 2008, 2009

MANY THANKS

To all of you that shared in our family's recent grief, please know that your presence, kind words, thoughts and prayers, flowers, donations, sandwiches & desserts, and hugs, etc were greatly appreciated by all of us.

Thank you so very much.

Olga Miller, Cpl and Mrs. Christopher Miller
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Medal of the Maple Recipients

Michael Napholc
Ethan Sykes

Chief Scout's Award Recipients



Adam Capes – 5th Hamilton
Brody Atto – 74th Hamilton
Eric Geddes – 97th Hamilton
Eric Shepherd – 5th Hamilton
Matthew Lazaris–Brunner – 3rd Aldershot
Michael D'Agostino – 97th Hamilton
Zoe Shepherd – 5th Hamilton

Queen's Venturer Award Recipients



Cassandra Fraboni – 88th Hamilton
Chris Stewart – 88th Hamilton
Christopher Green – 63rd Hamilton
Jayson Chaykowski – 88th Hamilton
David Smykaluk – 88th Hamilton
Peter McIntosh – 88th Hamilton



SWEDEN 2011

The 3rd Aldershot Scout Group has 1 leader and 4 youth planning to attend the World Jamboree in Sweden. They have joined up with a Burlington Unit and have already started their first fundraiser, the sale of Maple Syrup through the Burlington Lions Club. Their next fundraiser will be the annual 3rd Aldershot plant sale. If you would like to help the Group send five people to represent Hamilton Wentworth Area, please support the plant sale in May.

Watch upcoming issues of the Dispatch for updates on how they are doing. The leader and youth are all very excited about this 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience.

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5 Year Service Pin

Paul Anderson
Kristy Barrett
Paul Boyd
Terry Bryce
Andrew Charles
John Creary
Keith Dore
Robert Ellison
Andrew Guest
Robert Hancock
Rev. Karen Inkster
Jeffery Lewis
Elaine Logan
Kim McPherson
Jess Moreau
Gerry Mros
Cam Napholc
Debbie Napholc
Kelly Noble
Brian Pedherney
Elaine Priest
John Staley
Tina Taplay
Meredith Turner-Dore
Cliff Vanderveen
Robert Westbrook
Leesa Williams

10 Year Service Medal

Michael Andress
Jean Ausher
Robyn Bennett
Adam Chainey
Michael D'Agostino
Stephanie Hurley
John Kuzmichuk
Christa Pissey
Lorraine Slade
Martin Weddum
Rev. Laurie White
Brent Wilson
Brian Wylie

15 Year Service Pin

Brenda Ellison
Dave Hewitt
John Mitchell
Marguerite Savoy
Gary Smith
Darla Stevens
Mark Winchester

20 Year Service Pin

Denise Green
Birgit Johnson
Lynda Pearson
Pat Potter
Jim Roache
John Ross
Mark Sferrazza

25 Year Service Pin

Janice Booth
Bruce Gilroy
Carmen Harvey
Sharon Miller
Norman Stacey
Fred Stickle

30 Year Service Pin

Lori Carey
Bill McCready
Charles Oliver
Bruce Riddiough
Diane Schofield
Lynn Shedden
Shirley Whitwell

35 Year Service Pin

Fred Barrett
Valerie Miller
Lois Paterson
Robert Pissey

45 Year Service Pin

Doug French
Jackie French

60 Year Service Pin

Bohdan Mykolyn



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CAMP NOTICE



Effective February 1, 2010 all groups who borrow a key for a building at Camp Nemo will be required to leave a \$20 key deposit cheque on file at the Help Desk. If keys for camp are not returned to the Help Desk within two weeks of using camp, the cheque will be cashed. Remember, Camp Factors no longer return a group's key to the Help Desk.

GERANIUM & IMPATIENS SALE

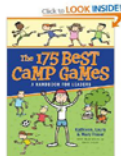


The 3rd Aldershot Scouting Group is selling geraniums and impatiens. Order by May 1st & pick up early Sat., May 8th. Prices range from \$16 to \$26. Order forms available at the Help Desk. Call Chris or Bill McCready 905-637-8432

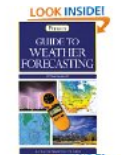
In Memoriam for Bev Carey

Words can never express the gratitude that we extend to the Scouting community. Special thanks for all the cards, prayers, visits, food and donations that were to given to support and honour Bev. Thank you for sharing your memories and stories with all of us, they will be treasured along with our mom. We will be hosting a Memorial Campfire to celebrate her life on Saturday, June 26th at Confederation Lodge, Mount Nemo. Barbeque is at 6:00 with the campfire starting at 8:15p.m. Please let us know if you can join us. Call Jackie at 905-389-4313 or email frenchjackie@mountaincable.net
Thanks
The Carey Family

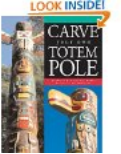
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175 Best Camp Games –The very best camp-tested games for boys and girls aged 4 to 16, with easy-to-follow instructions and illustrations. 160 pages, 60 illustrations, 8 ½ x 11
RETAIL: \$19.95



Guide to Weather Forecasting - Explains what causes weather, weather systems, recognizing clouds and sky appearances and much more. 176 pages, 5 x 7 ¼
RETAIL: \$19.95



Carve Your Own Totem – How to plan, carve and paint your personal totem pole. This book provides the history of totems, the techniques and patterns used.
RETAIL: \$24.99

OTHER BOOKS INCLUDE:

- Outdoor Medical Emergency Handbook \$19.95
- Origami paper Airplanes \$9.95
- Paddler's Guide to Algonquin Park \$19.95
- Paddler's Guide to Ontario \$19.95
- Trailside Cookbook \$19.95

HAMILTON WENTWORTH GILWELLIANS

ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER

Gilwellians are leaders who have been presented with their Gilwell Scarf and Beads after completing their Part II Wood Badge course. We meet 4 times a year leading up to the Annual Gilwell Reunion held at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve the weekend after Labour Day each September. If you have received your Scarf and Beads, you are invited to our next meeting (a Pot Luck Dinner) at Scout House on Monday, April 12, 2010. For further information, call Joan Barty at 905-545-8220, cbarty@cogeco.ca.



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The WOSM guidelines state that:

“A Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) Centre is a very special place. It is a centre that has made a long term commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental understanding.

A SCENES Centre is committed to protecting its natural environment, minimizing its environmental impact and enabling all who are connected with the centre to engage with nature and become empowered to make their own personal commitment to the environment.

A SCENES Centre leads by example and acts as a positive role model to other Scout and non-Scout centres, to its guests and to its local community. It can provide real hands-on educational activities for Scouts and training opportunities for leaders, equipping them with an enthusiasm for nature and a desire to do something positive for the environment in their home-life.”

How will this affect the camp? There is a good chance that we will get visitors from around the world. Our programs are already attracting many groups from outside Hamilton-Wentworth. We will now have more credibility when we approach potential donors, especially for environmental projects. But, the biggest change will be in how we feel about our camp. Most of us have been very proud of Camp Nemo for a long time and now Scouts Canada, and the rest of the world, are telling us that we have a right to be. The world is watching so let's do the camp proud.

More information regarding SCENES centres can be found at the WOSM website: (http://scout.org/en/about_scouting/the_youth_programme/environment/scenes_centres/scenes_guidelines)



Wildlife in Camp Nemo

Wild Turkey

(Meleagris gallopavo)

Historically abundant in Southern Ontario the wild turkey became extirpated (totally disappeared) around 1909. This was due to unregulated hunting and habitat loss when native forests were cut for agriculture. Efforts to restore the wild turkey to Ontario began in 1984 when a unique partnership between four U.S. states and the province of Ontario was designed. Ontario sent 50 moose to Michigan, 120 Hungarian partridge to New York State and 18 river otters divided between Missouri and Nebraska in exchange for 274 wild turkeys which were released at 4 sites in southern Ontario. In the winter of 1986-1987 the trap

and transfer of established wild turkeys began and over 4,300 wild turkeys were released at 275 sites across the province. In 2007 we had our first sightings of Wild Turkey in Camp Nemo and it is estimated that the population in southern Ontario is now well over 70,000 birds.

One of the largest in Ontario, this bird can stand as tall as 90 cm and weigh up to 11 kg. With a wing span of 144 cm and a length of over 115 cm it cannot be missed when in flight. The plumage is a dark iridescent bronze with lighter brown or rusty tips. The head of the male has fleshy growths hanging from the chin and above the bill. These can turn from bright blue to red during the mating displays. The females have a fleshy bluish head.

Mating takes place in April and nesting in May. The nest is typically a small depression lined with dead leaves. Nests are well hidden in areas with a well developed understory or in cut over areas with slash. The hen will lay 15-18 buffy white eggs that are evenly marked with tiny reddish spots which will hatch in about 28 days. When the young hatch they will follow their mother and begin to feed themselves within days. The poults (young) will feed almost exclusively on insects until they

become adults.

Camp Nemo is ideal habitat with the mix of mast trees beech, oak and ash as well as cranberry, dogwood and hawthorn berries all primary food sources for the wild turkey. Last season the dozen or so turkeys that live in Camp Nemo left during the coyote rut in February and spent their time feeding on seeds and the apples on neighboring farms west of Walkers Line. They returned again in late March and once again raised a large brood of poults.

In July and August you can see these majestic birds as they feed in Harvester and Anniversary fields in the early evenings.





ANNOUNCEMENT!

To show our tremendous thanks for their ongoing support to the Scouting Movement, Hamilton-Wentworth Area is hosting an Appreciation Breakfast for its Partner/ Sponsors and Supporters.

Each Scouting group and its sponsor/ partner has been invited to send two representatives to attend.

This event is being held on **April 24th**. Group Commissioners have been given full details and invitations.

RSVP deadline is April 16th, 2010

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Job Postings

We currently have positions open for the following roles.

Apple Day Chairperson

This role involves the coordination of the efforts of Apple Day coordinators from each of the Sub Areas / Major Retail Locations.

Time Commitment – 2 to 3 hours per month in the months leading up to Apple Day; 2 to 3 hours per week in October

The successful candidate will possess excellent communication and organizational skills and the ability to coordinate the efforts of other people.

Area Popcorn Coordinator

This role involves the coordination of the efforts of Group Popcorn Coordinators, promoting the popcorn fund raising event, disseminating information relative to popcorn, receiving orders, consolidating orders and placing orders in conjunction with the Council Popcorn Coordinators and distributing orders.

Time Commitment - 2 to 3 hours per month in the months leading up to October; 2 to 3 hours per week during October and November

The successful candidate will possess excellent organizational skills and strong presentation and communication skills.

Cub Fun Day Camp Chief

The role involves building and managing a team to organize Cub Fun Day activities, preparing a budget for the event and ensuring that all events are carried out in a safe and fun environment for the youth.

Time Commitment - 2 to 3 hours per month in the months leading up to October; 2 to 3 hours per week leading up to Cub Fun Day

The successful candidate will possess the ability to lead a team of adults and coordinate their activities.

Klondike Camp Chief

The role involves building and managing a team to organize Klondike Camp activities, preparing a budget for the event and ensuring that all events are carried out in a safe and fun environment for the youth.

Time Commitment - 2 to 3 hours per month in the months leading up to January; 2 to 3 hours per week leading up to Klondike Weekend

The successful candidate will possess the ability to lead a team of adults and coordinate their activities.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please send a "Scouting Resume" to Tom Morrow at

tomorrow@mountaincable.net. If there is someone who you know would do a great job in one of these roles, please encourage them to submit their resume.



The following FRIENDS OF SCOUTING have generously given a donation to the Hamilton-Wentworth Area DISTINGUISHED DONOR Program Between January 1 and December 31 2009. We may have inadvertently missed someone, know that we do appreciate your gift to Scouting and

please accept our apology.

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- 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
- June 1 for the June 15 Dispatch
- Aug. 10 for the Sept 1 Dispatch

Contact:

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SCOUTING AUXILIARY



The Scouting Auxiliary meet on the second Tuesday of the month, at 1 pm at Scout House. If you can help at special events catering, please let us know by calling Aline at 905-648-5520 alinchan@cogeco.ca. New members are welcome.





WELL DONE!

The following people took their First Aid Standard with CPR - St. John Ambulance:

- Gerry Mrsos
- Kelly Sabourin
- Don MacAngus
- Marianne Lacroix
- Linda North
- Andrew North

Welcome to the 9th Great Lakes Jamboree

July 10-17, 2010

Jambo 9 will be held at Camp BEL, located in Dorchester near London Ontario. On behalf of the staff, I would like to invite all Scouts, Guides and Guiders within the World Brotherhood of Scouting and Guiding, to be part of this wonderful Jamboree experience. We will have seven main area villages for day programming plus the expanded overnight Brownsea Challenge with a full 5 nights of sub camp program and two nights of camp-wide program. There are two levels of canoe action, two levels of hikes, rappel towers, climbing wall, archery, blacksmith forge, rifle ranges, and much more! Special Opening and Closing ceremonies will add to your Jamboree Adventure.



Cost for the Jamboree is \$225/youth, and \$100/leader, plus your troop registration fee. This includes everything except your food and transportation.

Download your very own copy of the Jambo Program Package from www.greatlakesjamboree.net to share with your youth. Start making plans now for a GREAT summer experience!

Steve Locke (519)383-7947

Deadline for registration is **May 31, 2010** or 600 participants. **See you there!**

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Nemo – A Camp To be Proud of

I started coming to camp as a cub in 1959. I am a Scouter today because of all the fond camping memories from my youth. My parents weren't campers or hikers so my love of the outdoors was developed almost exclusively at Camp Nemo. The camp back then was maintained, as it is now, by volunteers. Volunteers raised the funds and volunteers built the camp.

Camp Nemo has gone through some tough times over the last while. Funds are not as easy to come by and good volunteers are getting harder to find. The Apple Day committee and the camp committee have done a remarkable job of keeping the camp in good repair and a place where leaders can bring youth to develop joyful lifelong memories.

The camp is the best resource that we, as leaders, have but we are not taking advantage of it. Camp Nemo has many heated buildings which are nice and cozy on a cold winters night but are we coming to get lazy and rely too heavily on them? There was a time when only Beavers stayed in buildings with flush toilets, and Scouts never were inside. Tents and, better yet, tarps are the things that I remember from my youth. The forgotten ridge poles and the puddle in the corner that had to be avoided.

Raccoons and spiders and boots that squished when I walked because I left them out at night and it rained.

The nature of the camp has changed a bit since the early days. Buildings have come and gone as have many of the colourful characters. One thing that has not changed though is my love of my camp. I am no longer with a Group, however, working on the Camp Committee and in the nature centre has taught me that there are still lots of memories to be had at Nemo. Every weekend that I am out there I come home feeling exhilarated. I am usually exhausted, but I have laughed a lot and made new friends, feathered, furry and human.

It is hard not to feel proud after spending a day in camp watching the pure joy on the faces of the youth. If you are thinking of getting more involved in Camp Nemo then I would highly recommend that you do. Whether it is for a couple of hours a month, several days or every Saturday. Doing repairs or running program. A willingness to learn, laugh and play are the only skills required. Having a deep seated love of the camp is an asset too.

I am having way more fun in camp now than ever. Come play with us!

Scouter John Christie
Camp Committee member and HICOP staff.



HELP DESK

905-528-5711

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

The Help Desk will be closed on Saturdays starting May 1, 2010 and

closed for the summer starting Saturday, June 19. Volunteers will check mail, phone

messages & email regularly during the summer. The Help Desk will re-open Tuesday, August 23. Regular hours will be:

- Tues. & Wed., 10 AM to 4 PM
- Thurs., 1 PM to 7 PM
- Friday, 1 PM to 4 PM
- Sat., 10 AM to 1 PM (starting September 11)

Deadline for the June 15 Dispatch is June 1, 2010

Booking a Camp Date?

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