



THE SCOUTER'S DISPATCH

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Upcoming Events

December 2010

- 3 Popcorn Payment Deadline
- 3 H-W Youth Rep Forum 6:30 PM
- 3-5 Wood Badge Part 1 - Camp Impeesa
- 9 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM Scout House
- 10 H-W Area Service Team Reception
- 11 Venturer Basketball Tournament
- 16 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 18 Hamilton Help Desk closed for Christmas Holidays
- 18 Hamilton Scout Shop Closed for Christmas Holidays
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

January 2011

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 Hamilton Help Desk re-opens
- 4 Hamilton Scout Shop re-opens
- 6 H-W Camp Factors' Meeting 6:30 PM Scout House
- 7-9 VENTURER WINTER SURVIVAL CAMP
- 10 DISPATCH DEADLINE
- 12 Colony/Pack Scouters Club Meeting 7 PM Scout House
- 14 Close nominations for candidates for election as Voting Member
- 16 H-W CURLING BONSPIEL
- 17 Begin selection of Council Voting Reps from Groups, Areas & Council Candidates names and biographies posted
- 20 Battlefields Annual Reporting Meeting
- 21-23 Mohawk Trails Sub Area Camp
- 27 H-W Commissioners Council 7 PM
- 28 H-W Youth Rep Forum 6:30 PM
- 28-30 King's Head Sub Area Camp
- 31 H-W Area Training Team 6:30 PM

February 2011

- 1 Tickets go on sale for H-W Area Awards Banquet
- 3 Troop Scouters Club Meeting 7 PM Scout House
- 4-6 KLONDIKE WINTER CAMP
- 10 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM Scout House
- 11 Outdoor Skills Course-Camp Impeesa
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 National Flag of Canada Day
- 16 Colony/Pack Service Team
- 17 H-W Commissioners Council
- 18-20 SNOW MOOT
- 19 Last day to submit names of Council Voting Reps

Deadline for the February Dispatch is January 10, 2011



Annual Venturer Basketball Tournament

Saturday, December 11th, 2010

10 AM until 2 PM

at Delta United Church

47 Ottawa St. South and Maple

\$2.00 per person

- All Venturers, Advisors, Senior Scouts, & Rovers welcome to play.
- Tuck shop, lots of sweaty fun and trophies to the winners
- Hosted by the 31st Venturers
- Contact Todd Martin at 905-385-3837 or tcmartin@mountaincable.net



13th ANNUAL

SCOUT CURLING TOURNAMENT

- WHEN: Sunday January 16, 2011
 WHERE: Dundas Granite Curling Club,
 WHO: Both experienced and novice curlers over age 16.
 Enter a team of 4 or register as an individual.
 COST: \$45 (cheques to HAMILTON GILWELL CLUB)
 INCLUDES: 2 games of Curling, Lunch, Dinner, Prizes
 REGISTRATION FORMS – Either print the online form or obtain one from the Help Desk at Scout House.

For more information, contact:
Frank Goodman 905 388-5681 or
Doug French 905 389-4313

Venturer Winter Survival Camp

January 7th to 9th, 2011

Camp Nemo

\$15 per person

Hosted by the 31st Company
The Venturer Motto is CHALLENGE!
This is the weekend to live up to that.
Live for 2 nights & 2 days like Survivor Man.
Limited equipment allowed,
Pre-camp survival kit construction required.
For more information, contact Todd Martin
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Klondike 2011

Join the Yukon Quest at Camp Nemo.

Who? All scouts in Battlefields Council and beyond.

What? Klondike Camp- The Yukon Quest

Why? To encourage winter camping skills

When? **February 4 to 6, 2011**

This year's camp is modeled after the Yukon Quest Dogsled race that runs 1000 miles from Fairbanks Alaska to Whitehorse Yukon.

This weekend camp which will provide both fun and challenges for our youth. At the request of our youth, we will revisit 1 or 2 of the favourite events from last year, and bring in some new ideas too. All meals are provided by camp staff. Saturday lunch will be outside on the trail.

We have close to 165 acres at Camp Nemo, and we plan to use quite a bit of that to create a fantastic camp this year. Our staff is up to the challenge, are you?

Visit http://www.hwscouting.ca/klondike_camp.htm to find information and registration packages. The cost for Klondike this year is a flat \$30.00 per person, Youth and Leader alike.

Please view our photo slide show and see the photos from last year's Klondike 2010, "The Iditarod", available on website mentioned above.

We hope to see you at Klondike 2011 "The Yukon Quest"

Yours in Scouting,
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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.

Commissioner's Corner

Whew! The fall rush is over. Registrations are in and our programs are under way. We held a very successful Apple Day campaign this year thanks to the commitment and participation of our youth and leaders. Mickey McPherson and his team put on a great Cub Fun Day that was enjoyed by many youth. Over 600 members of Scouting and their friends attended the Hamilton Tiger Cats Scout Day. Popcorn orders have been delivered to our customers. We have partnered with Hamilton Civic Museums Children's Museum in an effort to gain exposure to more youth and their parents in the community. Training courses have taken place and many of our leaders have the skills they need to run a successful program and now the rush is just about over. But is it time to relax and coast through the rest of the year?

Not at all! Now is the perfect time to look at how we can increase our membership. As leaders, we are getting to know the parents of the new youth. Are there some who are hanging around to watch the program? Perhaps all they're waiting for is for someone to ask them to join your leadership team. By adding one adult, your group will be able to keep the door open for 5 or 6 more youth.

Have you planned and scheduled a "Bring A Friend" night? This time of year is a great

time to bring a friend, as we have many fun themes that would likely leave a great impression on youth visiting your group. A number of groups in our area participated in the Santa Claus parade. Is there some community event going on where your group can gain some exposure for Scouting? We all need to look for every opportunity to bring more youth into the Scouting program. Although we need to focus on proving the best program possible for our members, it's always more fun with more youth. Please don't pass up an opportunity to have your group grow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Apple Day Team, our "Popcorn Police" and all of our volunteers who have put forth that extra effort to support Scouting in Hamilton Wentworth. Your work "behind the scenes" is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to offer congratulations to Gino Sferrazza on his appointment to the position of Battlefields Council Commissioner. Gino's commitment to Scouting is outstanding and I look forward to working with him in his new role.

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Tom Morrow
Commissioner
Hamilton Wentworth Area



It starts with Scouts.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO EVERYONE...

During the Fall transition period when new members are added and returning members' information is updated to the National data base, we need to use last year's data plus the current list of members in an attempt to reach all our H-W Area volunteers. We didn't want to miss anyone. If you received a Dispatch by accident, please accept our apologies. If you know of someone who did NOT receive a mailed Dispatch or an emailed notification about the Dispatch on the website, please have your group registrar check registration information on the Membership Management System.



ANNOUNCEMENT!

In order to manage costs and reduce waste, effective immediately all photocopies made at the Hamilton Scout House Help Desk will be at the cost of \$0.05 per copy/side.



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.



TRAINING

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

OUTDOOR SKILLS COURSE WINTER FOCUS (All sections)

Friday, February 11 to Sunday, February 13. Residential. Camp Impeesa. Cost: TBA.

A complete outdoors skills course for adults in all sections with extra emphasis on cold weather. Topics include: Proper clothing and gear, food selection and storage, hypothermia, frost bite, etc.
Contact Steve Clegg: paddler78@excite.com 519 449-5718; cell 519 761-3800.

SPRING RESOURCES DAY

Saturday, March 26. St. John's Church Parish Hall, Ancaster. 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost: \$10.

Choose one of these: Geo-Caching, Outdoor Cooking for Scouters, Program Ideas for Jungle, How to lay, light and maintain campfires and Putting the OUT into Scouting. Bring a travel mug.
Contact Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com 905 528-3326.

OUTDOOR SKILLS DAY

Saturday, April 2. Vineland Scout Hut. 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost \$10.

Simple skills to get a Scouter started outdoors. Fire laying, lighting, cooking, etc. Trainer is Mike Stevenson.
Contact Mike Burke: mburke_57@hotmail.com.

WOOD BADGE PART 1 COLONY, PACK, TROOP

Saturday, April 2 and Saturday, April 9. Two Saturdays. St. Matthews on-the-Plains Church, 126 Plains Rd. E., Burlington. Non-residential. Cost: \$40.

This course will help you will gain the skills needed to deliver a quality program while having fun. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources, etc. The completion of Module 1(e-learning) is mandatory prior to the course. Contact Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com 905 528-3326.



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.

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A terrific year for Apple Day!



The 2010 Apple Day Committee would like to thank everyone for the great effort put forth this year to make Apple Day the success that it was. The weather co-operated for us and the community pulled together to make this a fantastic year. Although we did not reach our ambitious goal of \$70,000, we did have an **18%** overall increase in donations from 2009. It was the first year as Chairs for Cam, Gary and me and we learned how much work goes into this event by everyone concerned.

The Depot Coordinators put in a massive amount of time in preparation and should be highly commended. The Counters and Auditors had a very busy day at Scout House and Groups, Leaders, Youth and Parents all supported us tremendously. We thank everyone involved for their efforts, participation and commitment.

The members of the 2010 Apple Day Committee are:

- Chairs: Gary Fliss, Cam & Debbie Naphol
- Counting: Jim Bryce
- Media PR: Brian Johnston
- Prizes: Michelle Naphol, Joan Harkness

Coordinators:

- Centre Mall: Marion Lacroix/Don MacAngus
- Eastgate Mall: Nancy Wands
- Lime Ridge Mall/Albion Mills: Linda Sargeant
- Power Centre: Gary Fliss
- Dundurn: Yvonne Oliver
- Aldershot: Christine Guest/Gerry Mrs
- Hermitage Springs/Ancaster: Kathryn Catlin
- Dundas/Flamborough: Wayne Childs
- King's Head: Marion Lacroix/Don MacAngus
- Mohawk Trails: Sheila Sferrazza

MANY THANKS TO A GREAT TEAM!

As a group, we see what we can achieve and as a group we will strive to surpass that amount in future years. Our camps are counting on our support.

Debbie Naphol

We also thank our community for their generosity; the local media for helping us publicize this event, and the many businesses that allowed us to stand in front of their doors and the many that contributed prizes for youth and for adults. We also thank the Scouting Auxiliary for putting on a wonderful meal at Scout House once again this year. We appreciate your time and all your hard work.

Totals for this year are:

Sub Area/Mall	2009	2010
Albion Mills	\$10,849.57	\$14,324.17
Dundurn	7,031.14	8,365.28
Hermitage Springs	8,294.35	9,984.51
King's Head	5,617.50	9,076.83
Mohawk Trails	6,579.23	9,304.80
Centre Mall	2,563.12	See King's Head
Eastgate Mall	4,118.35	5,473.25
Lime Ridge Mall	2,717.97	See Albion Mills
Power Centre	8,163.61	9,444.01
Additional Sales		464.75
TOTAL	\$55,923.84	\$66,437.60

We would like to extend our thanks to Great Wolf Lodge for donating the Grand Prize this year and many thanks to Home Hardware – Westcliffe Mall for donating the Bike and many other youth prizes. The Grand Prize winner of the Great Wolf Lodge package was Stephanie Childs, Dundas and the winner of the Bike Package was Abby Lewis, Dundas - Congratulations to both and to all the winners.

We would like to thank the following business for donating prizes this year:

- Bol-o-drome Bowling Lanes
- Booster Juice, Stoney Creek - Heritage Green
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- Carmen's Banquet Centre
- Central Cycle
- Chapters, Ancaster
- CIBC, Ancaster Meadowlands
- CIBC, 630 Mohawk Rd W, Hamilton
- Davidson's Sports & Cycle
- Dell Pharmacy, Fennell & U. Ottawa

- East Side Mario's, Upper James
- East Side Mario's, Queenston Rd
- Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls, Canada
- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Hamilton Indoor Go-Karts
- Hamilton Emergency Services
- Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc.

- Westcliffe Home Hardware, Westcliffe Mall
- Home Depot, Oakville Burloak
- Home Depot, Bristol Circle, Oakville
- Home Depot, Centennial Pkwy, Ham.
- Home Depot, Cross Ave, Oakville
- Jack Astor's Bar & Grill, Ancaster
- John Bear, Hamilton
- Jungle Jam Indoor Playground Inc
- Kraft Foods
- Lazermania
- Lick's Homeburgers & Ice Cream
- Lone Star Texas Grill, Meadowlands
- Mandarin, Hamilton
- McDonald's, Main St W & Dundurn
- Montana's Cookhouse, Upper James
- Montana's Cookhouse, Meadowlands
- Mountain Lanes
- Pierik's Cycle
- Pizza Hut, Main St W, Hamilton
- Scholar's Choice, Hamilton
- Shoppers Drug Mart, Garth, Hamilton
- Silver City, Ancaster
- Silver City, Mountain East
- Skyway Lanes
- Splitsville Entertainment
- Staples, Ancaster
- Suds Express, Hamilton
- Swiss Chalet, Upper James
- Swiss Chalet, Ancaster
- TD Canada Trust, 1550 Upper James
- TD Canada Trust, 830 Upper James
- TD Canada Trust, 977 Golf Links
- The Movie Palace
- Tim Horton's, 1005 Mohawk W, Hamilton
- Wal-Mart, Ancaster
- Wal-Mart, Upper James
- Zoom Zoom's Indoor Playground



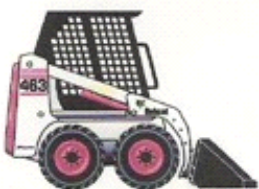
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Calling all Colony and Pack Leaders

As you may already be aware, our first Colony/Pack Scouters Club meeting was held on October 20. Our meeting notes will be posted on www.hwscouting.ca under the Area Commissioners heading, thanks to Pat Hall.

What is a Scouters Club?
The purpose of the Scouters Club is to share program ideas, badge work, songs and games, etc.

We will endeavour to have guests at these meetings to speak on Scouting related topics.

The following are dates scheduled for the next Scouters Club meetings for Colony/ Pack at Scout House:

Thursday, January 12, 2011 – 7pm

Thursday, April 13, 2011 – 7pm

All Colony and Pack Leaders are encouraged to attend. These meetings are meant to be an open forum. If you would like to discuss a certain topic please feel free to bring it forward at the meeting or let us know in advance so we can do our best to provide an answer for you. If you have a guest speaker that you would like to suggest, please feel free to forward the information. Topics or suggestions can be sent to Cam Napholc at cam.napholc@sympatico.ca

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

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Thank You for Special Apple Delivery



A great big 'left hand' shake thank you goes out to all the Scouting Groups who hand delivered Special Apples to our very Special 'Distinguished Donors'. The Annual Distinguished Donor Appeal has been very successful. As of November 16, over \$10,000 has been received with more still to come. We hope to raise between \$12,000 and \$14,000 by year end to help keep our two camps operating free for Hamilton Groups. Again a big thank you to those who helped deliver our Donor's Special Apples.

If you would like to join us and become a Distinguished Donor and receive your own Special Apple next year, please contact: Tom Evanoff at 905-523-4619 tevanoff@cogeco.ca

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.



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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. Below is the job description.

SCOUTSABOUT LEADER/ASSISTANT LEADER VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Volunteers in a SCOUTabout program are registered adult members called leaders and assistant leaders; they work as part of a leadership team. SCOUTSabout has a leader (at least 21 years of age) responsible for the program, and one or more assistants who must be at least 18 years of age.

Accountable to: Group/Area/Council Commissioner, depending on which level of Scouting is managing the program.

Time Required: Meetings are generally held for 1½ hours per week for a three- month term.

Scope of Position: This position requires working as a part of a leadership team, conducting SCOUTSabout programs in accordance with guidelines in program outlines and By-Law, Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities:

- Provide an exciting 1 1/2 hour weekly program for a three-month term.
- Ensure that the health and safety of all members is maintained continually. This is a primary concern.
- Help each child to have an adventurous personal growth experience using

SCOUTSabout program packages.

- Maintain good relationships with parents/guardians, and encourage parental co-operation and involvement in programs.
- Work closely with other members of the leadership team and share the responsibility of operating the program.
- Plan and conduct all SCOUTSabout activities.
- Support and participate in special meetings, trips, and outdoor experiences.
- Encourage recruitment of members and help recruit other leaders.
- Know and use the resource material available, including SCOUTSabout outlines.
- Meet specific requirements of the sponsoring body, where applicable.

Attitudes:

"Selective recruitment" and "appropriate training" are two key ways to get and keep volunteers who will provide quality program opportunities to the children and youth in Scouting's Sections.

New Scouting leaders will have been recruited principally because of their attitudes. Those involved in the recruiting process must be satisfied that the individual is:



Prepared to:

- Accept, and demonstrate personal values compatible with, Scouting's Mission and Principles.
- Subscribe to SCOUTSabout practices and methods.
- Be comfortable with, enjoy, and care about children in developmentally appropriate ways.
- Be accountable for his/her own actions.
- Follow Scouting's policies and procedures.

Willing to:

- Acquire the knowledge and skills appropriate to his/her volunteer role in Scouts Canada prior to undertaking the role.
- Work co-operatively with other adults.
- Be open and honest.
- Be objective in evaluations.
- Provide a role model of appropriate adult behavior.
- Participate in, support and remain compliant with Scouting's volunteer screening process.

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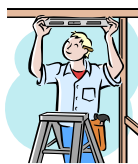
Regular Help Desk hours until December 17 will be:

- 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

The Help Desk will be closed for Christmas Holidays from December 18 until January 3. The Help Desk will re-open with regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.



HELP WANTED... HELP NEEDED



The camp committee has created a sub committee to organize volunteers who have different skills and abilities and who are interested in helping out with the many ongoing and new projects at camp. As everyone is well aware, these projects and jobs involve a wide range of skills, but also just as important, are the able body people who are willing to do the grunt work. Can you do carpentry? Can you paint? Or do you just like to be out in the fresh air doing something good? What about heading up a work party for a specific job or project? People, THIS IS YOUR CAMP! and we need your input and help. If you are interested in volunteering, email Gerry at bluhmgerry@gmail.com.

Home: 905 335-3792
Cell: 289 440-4284

Gerry Bluhm
Camp Warden



SNOW MOOT

Fri., Feb. 18 to Sun., Feb. 20.

Camp Nemo.

\$15 pre-registration.

\$20 regular registration.

Theme: Redneck Highland Games.

Many fun and new, exciting events are planned, including the every popular Polar Dip.

Contact Andrew Gauthier:

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A note from the DAC Honours & Awards

Once again this year, we will be recognizing Scouters' long service starting at the five year service mark and then at five year intervals. Anyone who feels they are eligible for a long service award should contact Sandra Taylor tsuris2@hotmail.com listing the years and the groups where they have served. It is particularly important that anyone with split service, (that is, took a year or two off) notify us to ensure that they are properly recognized. Thanks so much.

Bruce Riddiough
DAC Honours & Awards



2010 POPCORN POLICE

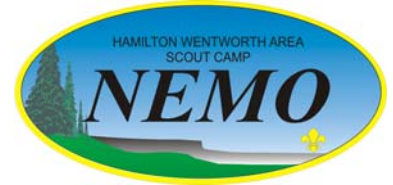
Many thanks to those who volunteered to unload, guard, help sort and distribute over \$500,000 worth of popcorn for

Battlefields Council at a very cold and leaky shed 24 hours a day for 4 days. We hope they have warmed up. Thanks go to Jim Bryce, Doug Hobden, Gino Sferrazza, Vicky Egerland, Catriona Forrest, Mark Winchester, Harold Hubber, Mark Sferrazza, Ron Dagg, Roger Shedden, Lynn Shedden, Todd Martin, Nick Spino, Pat Hall, Valerie Miller, Joan Barty, Colin Barty, Frank Goodman, Al Eden, Cam Napholc, Debbie Napholc, Sandra Taylor, John Trebych, Tom Evanoff, Jim Macintyre, Harvey Bailey, Avril Hill, Rick Ellison, Bob Lewis, Meredith Turner-Dore and Bob Miller.

Special thanks to those who loaded Hamilton Wentworth Area popcorn into trucks, cars and vans: Ron Dagg, Doug French, Jackie French, Al Eden, Rick Ellison, Joan Barty, Colin Barty, Pat Hall, Doug Waller, Donna Ellis, Gino Sferrazza, Vickie Egerland, Lynn Shedden, Roger Shedden, Frank Goodman, Tom Evanoff, Linda McKaig, Doug Brazier, Harold Hubber and Bob Miller.

Camp Report

Thank you Hamilton Wentworth Groups for the great results from Apple Day. This will help to maintain camp and get some improvements. Here is a list to let you know of some things that have happened over the summer.



The hawthorns along the camp road have been thinned out. This gives the trees in behind them a chance to grow. It also opened up the roadway.

A new walkway from the Parking lot to Apple Day has been installed. The old walkway was a safety issue.

We received donations of Fridges and Stoves from Guiding. This is because they have had a number of their camps closed.

In regards to ongoing projects, the good news is we have received our go ahead from the NEC. We have the zoning from the city of Burlington. We are in the process of securing the Building Permit from the City of Burlington. When we receive the building permit we then can build the Picnic shelter. It looks like building will start in the spring of 2011.

Just to let you know we recently had to replace the water pump on the Water System and also the Pressure Tank. These two items cost the camp about \$5,000.00

Starting Jan. 1st 2011, we will be charging groups for firewood. The cost will be \$2.00 for a milk crate and \$ 5.00 for a wheelbarrow of wood.

Please remember that Camp Clean up is Saturday April 16th, 2011. This day is a day that we give camp a good cleaning. Last year we were able to get a lot of things done, but as usual stuff gets piled up and needs to be sorted through.

I would like to thank the following people that have helped out at camp over the last year. Cam Napholc, Harold Hubber, Rick Provo, Eriks Taube, Bruce Gilroy, Elaine Priest, Linda McKaig, John Christie, Marty Albert, Gerry Bluhm, Keith Dore and his family. These people have been out numerous weekends repairing, fixing things at camp. If you have some time to Volunteer to do some work at Camp please contact Gerry Bluhm or me so we get a project ready to you to work on. Let us know what skills you have so we can match the project to your skill set.

Allen Eden
Camp Nemo Camp Manager

Dispatch Deadlines

- 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
- Sept. 10 for the Oct. 1 Dispatch
- Nov. 10 for the Dec. 1 Dispatch



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HAMILTON SCOUT SHOP Christmas specials

A large variety of sleeping bags & closed-cell foam pads have arrived at the Scout Shop. Sleeping bag prices range: \$99.99 to \$149.99

All camping gear will be discounted at 15%

New at the Shop: Wolf Head T-Shirts **Special: Buy a T-shirt and get a ball cap for \$2.99 (regular \$8.99)**
Other Cub Products



Outdoor Activity Wear:



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MORE ITEMS TO LOOK FOR:



Ball Cap w/lights

Girls Beaver T's



- Bruce Trail Guide 175 Best Camp Games
- Survivorman Stainless Water Bottles
 - Book – Survive – Les Stroud
 - New Thermal Stainless Mugs
 - Quik-Dry activity pants
 - Scouts Canada Stainless Water Bottles
 - Outdoor Cookbooks

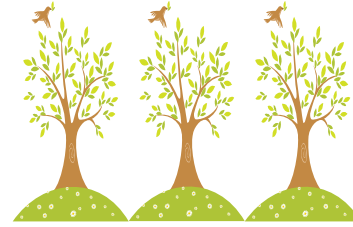


Please note that the Hamilton Scout Shop will be closed for Christmas break -- December 18th to January 3th, 2011.

The Shop will open on Tuesday, January 4th at 10:00 AM.

We wish to extend out sincerest wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season! Thank you for your continued support.

TWO Saturdays this Spring!



WOOD BADGE PART I: April 2 and 9, 2011

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, Course Co-ordinator 905 528-3326 (littleivo2@yahoo.com)

PENNY PINCHERS CLUB / CHARITABLE RECEIPTS

All Charitable Donations for Scouting in Hamilton Area must be in to the Help Desk (mail slot in door) in the form of a cheque made payable to Scouts Canada by Dec. 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2010.

As the Help Desk will close on Dec. 17, any Penny Pinchers wishing a tax receipt for 2010 must have their coin bank in by Dec. 17. When your bank is full or almost full, drop it off at the Help Desk with your name and address and pick up an empty one. If you don't have one, give it a try and see how it works, pick up a jar and fill it with pennies (other coins are also welcome). We will count it, roll it and send you an income tax receipt, it can't be any easier than that can it. Remember all the money raised goes to Mount Nemo Scout Camp.

73rd Scout & Guide Parade

Saturday, May 28th, 2011

It may be almost six months away, but it is not too early to start preparing for the premiere event in the Hamilton-Wentworth Scouting program. In fact, your committee has been at it for 3 months already. We have put in our reservation for another, "typical" warm and sunny day (no guarantees, but we will do our best).

This year's theme of "Easy to be Green" was chosen to spotlight Scouting & Guiding's commitment to the environment and outdoors, and honour 2011 as the U.N.'s "International Year of Forests".

Watch the February Dispatch for theme related activities.

Now for a very special announcement: The Parade Committee will be organizing a carnival-like Post Parade Party. It will be immediately after the Parade, held within walking distance, and will include a number of interesting and fun activities for all ages. Planning is already underway and most should be confirmed in time for the February Dispatch. Stay tuned, but plan now to stay for about 1-2 hours after the Parade.

For those who do plan ahead, the 2011 parade line up will be as follows: Dundurn, King's Head, Hermitage Springs, Mohawk Trails, Albion Mills and "Out of Town" groups.

Parade Food Drive Challenge

The 88th Venturers have issued an official challenge to all groups to collect the most for our 22nd annual Parade Food Drive. To make it more interesting, the Parade Committee will award the winning group with a special parade banner and the honour of being at the front of the Parade. Plan now – full details early in January. Please remember: "Poverty is complex. Helping is not."



The Good Turn People

For many years Jim Russell treated us to Good Turn stories. They usually appeared on the front page of the Scouter's Dispatch. Jim's stories were sometimes fictional but always helped us remember the importance of the Good Turn.

Below is a reprint from the December 2005 issue of the Dispatch.



"SCOUTS AND ANGELS"

What have Scouts and angels in common? Let's look at angels first, starting with angels at Christmastime.

Two thousand years ago angelic hosts filled the heavens with their song and guided shepherds to a lonely manger. Today, we honour that event by placing angels on our Christmas trees. Some people think that's all there is to the angel story. That's sad because there is so much more to angels than that.

I have always liked the opening lines to one of the songs in the play "Hansel and Gretel".
*"When at night I go to sleep
 Fourteen angels watch do keep."*

That's what angels do, they watch over us. Not just while we're sleeping, but always. Each of us has a guardian angel who constantly watches over us with a heavenly sense of love and concern.

Now, let's look at Scouting. Baden Powell asked each of us to do at least one good turn every day. And although we all do extra good turns at Christmastime, B.P. never wanted us to be seen as "Christmas only" Good Turners. Like the angel story, our Good Turn story is much more than that. Doing daily Good Turns is habit forming. A habit which develops in each of us an ever-increasing sense of love and concern for others. For most of us, it becomes a wonderful lifelong venture.

So maybe we, the Good Turn people, have a lot more in common with angels than most of us thought. Think about that while you're decorating your tree this Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
 Jim Russell"



Scout Popcorn 2010 another great success!

The popcorn sale for 2010 was another great success for groups in Hamilton Wentworth. At the area kickoffs in August this year we encouraged groups to increase the participation rate of sellers within their group (number of sellers/number of registered members) and to increase the average sale per registered member. We offered a \$100 incentive prize to groups of at least 10 members who achieved a 75% participation rate and an average sale per registered member of \$150 or more. By these criteria, last year 3 groups would have qualified. We must have caught your attention (or was it the Marshmallow Crossbows?), as 9 groups have qualified for this incentive. Congratulations to the 81st Hamilton, 75th Hamilton, 47th Hamilton, 3rd Aldershot, 58th Hamilton, Ancaster Scouting, 55th Hamilton, 14th Hamilton, and 63rd Hamilton groups for putting forth tremendous effort. Collectively, these groups increased their sale by 9% and accounted for nearly half of Hamilton Wentworth's total sale of \$198,598. The participation rate across all groups in Hamilton Wentworth increased from 61% in 2009 to 67% in 2010 and the average sale per registered member increased from \$137.17 to \$153.12.

Speaking of marshmallow crossbows, 69 youth and 15 adults will be receiving their reward for sales exceeding \$600. It is hard to say who was more motivated by the crossbows - adult volunteers or youth. Last year 9 people had sales over \$1,000 - this year we have 14.

Top Individual Sellers in Hamilton Wentworth:

Alex P	3rd Aldershot	\$2,571
Jim B	81st Hamilton	\$2,432
Hung N	81st Hamilton	\$1,854
Peter K	1st Binbrook	\$1,831
Yanette C	14th Hamilton	\$1,818
Eric G	31st Hamilton	\$1,807
Lori C	58th Hamilton	\$1,662
Dylan M	55th Hamilton	\$1,519
Logan M	Ancaster Scouting	\$1,356
Don M	68th Hamilton	\$1,217
Graeme F	47th Hamilton	\$1,158
Tyler K	1st Binbrook	\$1,119
Cynthia S	55th Hamilton	\$1,049
Hayden M	3rd Aldershot	\$1,012

Groups with sales over \$10K:

31st Hamilton	\$17,212
1st Binbrook	\$16,716
81st Hamilton	\$15,868
58th Hamilton	\$14,801
47th Hamilton Group	\$14,472
Ancaster Scouting	\$12,060
3rd Aldershot Group	\$11,445

Our top five groups are the top 5 selling groups in Battlefields Council. Clearly, most of our groups have caught on to the realization that Scout Popcorn is a great fund raising opportunity. The profits returned enable groups to update equipment, reduce registration costs for their members, and offer improved and exciting programme activities for youth without adding additional financial burden on the parents. Is that not what it is all about - exciting, affordable programme for youth? If you haven't done so already, decide how to spend the money, usefully, within your group. Remember to TELL YOUR PARENTS how you are using popcorn profits to reduce costs or to improve the quality or quantity of your programme events.

Thank you to the coordinators for promoting the sale within their group and collecting, entering, and managing the group's popcorn order. Thanks to everyone who supported their group through selling, purchasing, or assisting the group coordinators in any way.

To Roger and Lynn Shedden, the Battlefields Council Popcorn Team extends our sincerest appreciation for a job exceedingly well done as the Area Coordinators for Hamilton Wentworth. Their attention to detail and communication with the groups made for a smooth popcorn campaign for our area group coordinators.

We are fortunate to have the ongoing support of the Hamilton Port Authority in providing warehouse space for our delivery and distribution of popcorn to all of Battlefields Council. Thank you also, to the volunteers who helped unload, sort, count, protect, and distribute the popcorn at the warehouse.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the council popcorn team who gave unselfishly of their talents, not to mention many, many hours of their time to various aspects of the popcorn campaign from the initial planning in the early summer, area kickoffs in August, online sales in October and delivery and distribution of popcorn in November. Thank you to Douglas Hobden, Bob Miller, Gino Sferrazza, and Nancy Wands - you did a fantastic job!

Jim Bryce
 Battlefields Council Popcorn Team