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Upcoming Events

September 2010

- 1 Help Desk open
- 1 Apple Day Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 4 Help Desk closed for closed for Labour Day weekend
- 4 Scout Shop closed for the long weekend
- 6 Labour Day
- 7 Help Desk open & begins usual Tues to Sat hours
- 7 Scout Shop regular business hours resume
- 9 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM Scout House
- 10 DISPATCH DEADLINE
- 10-12 Gilwell Reunion - Blue Springs
- 11 Help Desk open
- 11 Euchre Fundraiser
- 17-19 Scout Brigade of Fort George
- 23 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 24-26 Venturer Rock Climb Camp
- 25 Scouting Resources Day
- 27 H-W Area Training Team 6:30 PM
- 28 H-W Area Colony & Pack Service Team Meeting

October 2010

- 1-3 Albion Mills Sub Area Camp
- 2 Working Effectively with Youth and with Youth with Disabilities
- 6 Apple Day Committee 7 PM Scout House
- 9 Help Desk closed for Thanksgiving
- 9 Scout Shop closed for Thanksgiving
- 11 THANKSGIVING
- 14 Battlefields CLT 6:30 PM Scout House
- 15-16 APPLE DAY
- 16 Euchre Fundraiser
- 20 Colony/Pack Scouters Club Meeting 7 PM Scout House
- 21 H-W Commissioners Council 7PM
- 23 WOLF CUB FUN DAY
- 25 H-W Area Training Team 6:30 PM
- 29 H-W Youth Rep Forum 6:30 PM
- 30 Last date for Popcorn Orders to Council
- 31 Halloween

November 2010

- 4 Troop Scouters Club 7 PM Scout House
- 5-7 Sixer/Second Camp - Camp Nemo
- 5-7 Wood Badge Part 1 - Camp Nemo
- 6 Ticats Scout Day
- 6 Swap Meet & Auction - Scout House
- 10 DISPATCH DEADLINE
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 Scout Shop Closed
- 11 Battlefields CLT - Scout House
- 11-13 Council Popcorn Warehouse
- 13 Hamilton Santa Claus Parade
- 13 Autism Spectrum Disorder Course
- 13 Wood Badge Part 1

TICATS SCOUT DAY



Saturday, November 6. 2 PM. Ivor Wynne Stadium.

Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger Cats has donated 500 tickets for Scouting Youth Members. Additional tickets are available for \$15 per person. After the game, youth will meet the Ticats and will be treated to pop and popcorn while they watch a movie on the Jumbotron screen. Ticket details TBA. Contact the Help Desk.



POPCORN ORDER DEADLINES

In the Area Planning Calendar you will find references to the

deadlines for the annual popcorn fundraising campaign. Details will be distributed by email to group popcorn coordinators.

Please note:

Saturday, October 30 NOT LATER THAN 11:59 PM., submission of -

- a. all group popcorn orders. Online direct from group to the Trails-End site.
- b. all group prize orders. Online, direct from group to Trails-End.
- c. all \$1500 Sellers' Club prize applications.
- d. all \$2500 Scholarship applications.

November 11, 12, 13: Council popcorn warehouse for all Areas & Hamilton-Wentworth groups.

Payment: All groups are requested to submit a post-dated cheque for their main popcorn order when it is picked up at the Council warehouse. Payment deadline date is **Friday, December 3.**

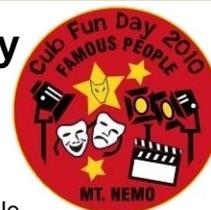
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Booking a Camp Date?

Camp Bookings can be made on-line at the Scouts Canada Southwestern Ontario website:

www.swoscouts.on.ca/campbookings1

Cub Fun Day



Sat., Oct. 23
Camp Nemo

Theme: Famous People
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Registration Deadline: October 16.

Bring the whole Pack to join in a fun filled day of activities. All Cubs are welcome. Contact Mickey McPherson: scouter.mickey@gmail.com 905-515-5678. If you have not yet received your information package, call Mickey and it will be mailed out ASAP.



Venturer Rock Climb Camp at Mt. Nemo

September 24 - 26

Rock Climb Camp is an instructional camp weekend with Rock Climbing at Rattlesnake Point. The cost is \$20pp and camping at Camp Nemo. Check in Friday evening, September 24. Climbing date is Saturday September 25. Register early: space is limited. Registration and contact information: Contact Tom or Natalie Booth: natalietombooth@yahoo.ca (905) 648-6936.



APPLE DAY NEWS



Apple Day 2010 is Friday, **October 15** and Saturday, **October 16.**

The 2010 Apple Day Committee Co-Chairs are Gary Fliss, Cam Napholc and Debbie Napholc and

our email is appleday2010@gmail.com.

Committee Meeting Dates have been set as Sept 1 and Oct 6 - 7pm at Scout House. We always welcome new members, please send us an email if you are interested in helping out this year.

Deadline for the October Dispatch is September 10, 2010



Creating a Better World



Commissioner's Corner

It's that time again! Another fun filled Scouting year is about to begin! And what a year it is going to be.

First, let me welcome our new Scouts Canada Field Executive, Catriona Forrest, to the Hamilton Wentworth Area. Catriona has experience in both the Guiding and Scouting programs as well as a background in corporate sales and marketing. She will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to Scouting in our Area. When you have an opportunity, please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to Catriona.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the appointment of the following Group Commissioners to their new roles. Tina Taplay – 41st Hamilton, Russ Brown – 26th Hamilton, Jeff Lewis – 1st Dundas. I wish you all success in your new roles. We still have openings for Group Commissioners at 1st Mount Albion and 47th Hamilton. If you are interested in applying for one of these roles or if you know of someone who would make a good candidate, please forward your information to my attention at tomorrow@mountaincable.net.

I would like to thank Olga Miller (41st Hamilton), Sarah Wayland (47th Hamilton), George Allatt (1st Mount Albion) and Doug Dalgleish (1st Dundas) for their service to Scouting as Group Commissioners.

I would also like to thank Lois Patterson (Albion Mills), Mary Elop (Hermitage Springs) and Don Gadal (Mohawk Trails) for their service to Scouting as Sub Area

Commissioners. These roles remain open at present and I encourage anyone interested in taking on a new challenge to forward their information to me.

As we head into our registration nights, I encourage everyone to focus on doing everything possible to increase our membership. Steve Kent, our Chief Commissioner, has challenged us to dramatically increase membership by 2015. In order to do that, we must make every effort to attract new youth as well as retain last year's members. As soon as your registration night is over, please review your membership lists. If you notice that a youth has not returned, take a few minutes to contact the youth or his/her parents to see if they were aware that registrations are under way. If they are not returning, ask why. Try to determine if there is any way to retain that youth. If there is a conflict on the meeting night, suggest another group in the area that might be of interest.

If you find that your program is so popular that you may have a "waiting list", think of how to accommodate those interested youth. Recruit more leaders, add another section or provide the youth and parents with alternative groups in the area. Please don't give the impression that we are not interested in placing that potential member.

As the Scouting season unfolds, you will notice that there are a number of initiatives that are appearing in the planning calendar that will promote the image of Scouting in Hamilton Wentworth. Many of these are as a result of the work of our Public Relations Committee, chaired by Brian Johnston. So far this fall, we

have promotional opportunities at the Steam and Technology Museum in September, Scouts Day at the Hamilton Tiger Cats game November 6th and the Hamilton Children's Museum on two dates in November and one in December. The committee is also working on having Scouting representatives invited to "Meet the Teacher" nights at local schools to promote our program to parents who might have missed our school flyers. The committee can make arrangements and set up opportunities, but they can't do it all. We need your help! If you are interested in helping to promote Scouting in our community, please

contact Brian at brianjohnston@mountaincable.net.

I wish you all a very successful and rewarding Scouting season and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Tom Morrow
Commissioner
Hamilton Wentworth Area



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.

SCOUTING RESOURCE DAY

Saturday, September 25. Regina Mundi Church, Hamilton. 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost: \$8. Bring a bag lunch and a travel mug. Space is limited, so book early.

Choose 4 - 1 hour workshops. You can learn skills such as Crafts, Knots for Beginners and for the Advanced, Ideas for Outings, Sign Language, Singing, Songs, Games Galore, Outdoor Cooking for Scouters, Diversity in Scouting, Using forms in your Scouting program, Improving Communication & Promotional Strategies for Groups. Contact Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com or 905-528-3326. Registrar: Bob Miller bob_miller@mountaincable.net 905-388-0162

WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUTH AND WITH YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

Saturday, October 2. Hamilton Scout House. 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost: \$10. Bring a bag lunch.

This interactive workshop is led by Michael Burdo, an experienced Scouter who is also a qualified Youth and Family Counselor. Learn vital techniques and practical tips to effectively work with ADD/ADHD, Attention Seekers, Temper Tantrums, Anxious Youth, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, Tourette Syndrome, and Developmentally Delayed Youth, etc. Contact Geoff Macquire: gmacquire@cogeco.ca 905-634-0651

SIXER / SECOND CAMP

Friday, November 5 to Sunday, November 7. Nemo. Registration limited. Cost: \$30.

Come and have fun! Sign up your second and third year Cubs and plan to join them. Learn how to develop leadership among your youth, how to use the Sixers' Council effectively and increase the momentum of your Pack. Contact James White: akelaww@mountaincable.net 905 385 7724.

WOOD BADGE PART 1 COLONY, PACK, TROOP, COMPANY

Friday, November 5 to Sunday, November 7. Residential. Camp Nemo. Cost: \$50.

At this Battlefields training event you will learn 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.



WOOD BADGE PART 1 COLONY, PACK, TROOP

Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, November 20. Consecutive 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 is mandatory prior to the first Saturday of this course. Contact Geoff Macquire: gmacquire@cogeco.ca 905 634-0651. Or Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com 905 528-3326.



Creating a Better World





HELLO

Hello everyone, my name is Catriona Forrest and I am the new Field Executive for

Hamilton Wentworth Area. I have met many of you already at phase one meetings and various committee meetings. Thank you for the warm welcome and all your information. There are a lot of people I have met that have been with the organization a long time and I am grateful for your experience and dedication. For those I have not met yet, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 905.818.4227 or cforrest@scouts.ca. Currently I am working on the school flyers, registration, and setting my yearly objectives. I am here to support you, and I look forward to working with all of you and wish you a successful Scouting year.

YiS Cat

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Dispatch Deadlines

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

Working Effectively With Youth: IMPORTANT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS

As a fellow leader, trainer and member of your HW Service Team, I would like to personally extend an invitation to both new and experienced leaders, to attend the Working Effectively With Youth and With Youth With Disabilities course being offered on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 at Scout House in Hamilton. The course is being run by Scouter Michael Burdo, B.A.; B.S.W.; R.S.W., a Youth and Family Counselor from Ottawa and is normally only offered at the national headquarters in Ottawa.

Scouter Michael is making the long trip down from Ottawa to offer his interactive course that will provide you with vital techniques and practical tips on how to effectively communicate and effectively work with Scouting youth. Take this opportunity to build upon and greatly enhance your relationships with the various youth in your group. This meaningful course will focus as well on ways of positively working with disabled youth in order to gain the best abilities from their participation within the group setting. A great deal of what you learn in this session can be most useful in your family setting at home as well.

Scouter Michael speaks to: Language of Praise & Encouragement, Youth Misbehavior, Respect, Depressed Youth

and Adolescents, Homesickness, Coping with Peer Pressure, Attention Seekers, Temper Tantrums, ADD/ADHD, Anxious Youth, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, Awkward Youth, Blind/Partially-Sighted Youth, Developmentally Delayed Youth, Selective Mutism, Tourette Syndrome, Communicating Effectively with Youth, Effectively Relating with Teenage/Adolescent Youth, Making Friends and much more! And, Scouter Michael will have copies of his published book "Working Effectively with Youth and With Youth with Disabilities" for sale at \$19.90, tax included. Portions of the proceeds from the sale of this book goes to the Scouts Canada "No One Left Behind Fund" and the Scouts Canada Camp Opemikon "Friends of Camp Opemikon Fund." This book sells as well in Scout Shops across Canada but why not pick up a copy from the author.

I would suggest that you have at least one leader from each group (and preferably at least one leader from each section) attend this course; it really is an opportunity not to be missed.

As I mentioned, the course runs on Saturday, October 2, 2010, 9:30 to 3:00. Cost is a very reasonable: \$10 per person. Bring a bag lunch. Scout House is located at 375 James St. South, Hamilton. Please phone the Help Desk @ 905-528-5711 or Geoff Macquire @ 905-876-6191 or email me at gmacquire@cogeco.ca to reserve a seat – call early, seating is limited. See you there,

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Geoff Macquire

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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

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Attention All Euchre Players



3rd Aldershot Scouts are holding Progressive Euchre Nights fundraisers to assist with sending four of our youth and 1 leader to Sweden for the 2011 World Jamboree. These events will be held at St. Matthew on-the-Plains Church, 126 Plains Rd E, Burlington, on Saturday, September 11 and Saturday October 16, 7 pm to 10 pm. Cost is \$20 per person in advance, \$25 per person at the door (tickets are limited). Tickets include hot roast beef on a bun, a soft drink and a bag of munchies. There will be prizes and draws and bragging rights for highest individual score. It will be a fun night for everyone - from beginner to experienced players alike. Email or phone Geoff Macquire - 905-634-0651 gmacquire@cogeco.ca for more details and to reserve a seat.

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 do electrical work? 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

Group Crests Wanted!



Pat Hall is collecting .jpg or .gif files of all Hamilton Wentworth Scouting groups' crests for use on the Hamilton Wentworth website. Please send a copy of your group's crests to: patrickhall@mountaincable.net You can contact Pat at 905-383-2289 or email him for more information.

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.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Hamilton-Wentworth Area proudly presents an event just for you as you begin the Scouting year. We are hosting a day where some of the best Scouters in the Region are offering hour-long workshops to help you find the resources you need for the finest programming possible. Check out the list below and come prepared for a day to gather good resources and fresh programming ideas so you can give your youth the best Scouting year yet!

The day costs \$8 and we ask that you bring a brown bag lunch. Registration information is available at the Help Desk.

Visit the Help Desk to pick up a registration form or email the registrar, Bob Miller to sign up for FOUR workshops and one ALTERNATIVE workshop (in case a choice is full). Contact Bob Miller to register by email: bob_miller@mountaincable.net

Workshop 1: KNOTS FOR BEGINNERS

Colin Barty wants to help you tie yourself up into knots! Let loose and learn the basics in knots so you can help your youth with the basics. Gain the experience you think you need from this experienced Scouter and workshop leader.



Workshop 2: ADVANCED KNOTS

John Staley is a seasoned Scouter who also belongs to the International Guild of Knot Tyers. Currently with the 81st Beaver Colony, he offers an ADVANCED level of knots for all sections of Scouters. Check out his work at <http://knotcanada.webs.com> and come prepared to un-wind and be knotty!

Workshop 3: PROMOTING Your GROUP & GETTING the MESSAGE OUT!

Does your group need a stronger profile? Ever want to use more ways to communicate your fine programming to more parents and youth? Gary Fliss, a Graphic Designer and Photographer by trade and also a Scouter with the 97th Hamilton, can help you use desktop technology (and more) to reach the wider community.



Workshop 4: DIVERSITY IN SCOUTING

How does your group deal with diversity in the ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds of your youth? What programming ideas can help broaden our understandings of diversity as it affects our sections? Our DCC of Diversity, David Everett will give practical ways to put this Scouting principle into practice.

Workshop 5: CRAFTS

Donna White, an experienced Colony Scouter of 5th Ancaster is also a craft aficionado who will inspire and satisfy even the most 'challenged' of Scouters with meaningful and fun crafts, especially for Beaver & Cub leaders.



Workshop 6: SINGING

Bruce Riddiough, an experienced Scouter with the 58th Hamilton wants to teach some songs for you to take back to the Colony, Pack or Troop. Discover ways to use music as a regular part of your program even if you don't think you are musically inclined.



Workshop 7: GAMES GALORE!

Tired of soccer or dodgeball or hockey week after week? Short on equipment for new games? Then find out games that require little or no equipment or from the widely renowned workshop leader and Battlefields trainer, Joan Barty. Never be bored again!



Workshop 8: OUTDOOR MENU IDEAS

Rob Pisse, gourmet outdoor chef extraordinaire and Troop Scouter with the 74th Hamilton, offers methods and recipes along with easy to follow ways of making hum-drum camping into unforgettable dining experiences for Colony through to Venturers! Come and discover his secrets!



Workshop 9: SIGN LANGUAGE

Learn how to 'sign' using Signed English (a cross-over with American Sign Language) to communicate the basic words needed for your group. This hands-on workshop led by an experienced educator and widely renowned workshop leader, Joan Barty, will give you the confidence you need to welcome all youth and parents into Scouting.



Workshop 10: OUTINGS!

Have you begin to run out of ideas of where to take your youth? Perhaps you are tired of going to the 'same old' places? Or maybe you are new in your role and don't know what's 'out there'? Then John Ross, an experienced leader of the 74th Hamilton and a well respected H-W Trainer has a ton of ideas of outings for full days or week nights that can make your Colony, Pack or Troop program unforgettable!



Workshop 11: FORMS

Do forms or the filling out of them daunt you or prevent you from going on all the outings you want to? This workshop, run by the former AC of Hamilton Wentworth and current DCC Program & Special Events for Battlefields, Gino Sferrazza, will introduce and encourage Scouters from all sections to boldly go into the coming year of Scouting!



The Scouting Resources Day will be at Regina Mundi School 625 Mohawk Road West at Upper Paradise. The day begins sharp at 9:30 and will conclude at 3 pm. There will be four one-hour long workshops and you have fifteen minutes to get to the next workshop. There will be no plenary sessions, either. We simply want to make the most of your time on this SCOUTING RESOURCES DAY to gather ideas and gain experience... and to have fun doing it. During our breaks and hour-long lunch, plan on visiting a number of local merchants and suppliers who will be displaying and selling their merchandise so you can put your ideas into action more easily.

Advertising Opportunities Available

The Scouter's Dispatch reaches hundreds of volunteers each issue. Hamilton Wentworth Area publishes the Scouter's Dispatch six times a year. If you would like to advertise in the The Scouter's Dispatch serves as a program resource for Scouters and other adults who work with young people

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PLANNING CALENDAR
2010 - 2011



Hamilton Wentworth
Area



The Hamilton Wentworth Area Planning Calendar is now available. You can get a copy from your Commissioner or download a copy in full colour at www.hwscouting.ca

SWAP MEET AND AUCTION

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Scout House

Swapping from 10 AM - 2:30 PM.

Live Auction from 2:30 - 4 PM.

Any Scouting youth or adult who wants to learn about collecting and trading Scout badges or memorabilia, please come and join us. No admission charge and lots of free advice to beginners.

For further information, contact Tom Evanoff (905) 523-4619, tevanoff@cogeco.ca

HELP DESK HOURS

- 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. (starting Sept 11)

To contact the Help Desk
 phone: 905-528-5711
 email: scouts@interlynx.net
 fax: 905-528-7919
 mail: 375 James St S,
 Hamilton, ON, L8P 3B9

Experienced Scouters are available to

- answer questions
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- answer/redirect questions from the public regarding group locations



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.

Calling all Rover-age men and women!



Hamilton Wentworth Area has started a Rover Crew
 Are you going off to school but want to stay in scouting? It's possible!
 Rovers can join in 2 ways:
 Register through your home group or directly with Hamilton Rovers.
 For more information, contact Gino Sferrazza at gino.sferrazza@ipexna.com
 Home: 905-538-2884
 Cell: 905-512-4558

PHOTOS & NOTES NEEDED

Pat Hall is working on updating event information on the H-W website. If you have photos from 2009-2010 events (Chopperee, Cub Fun Day, etc.) or have letters or thank you notes to close out events, please send them to Pat. Also, if event coordinators would like to promote next year's events, or would like to give contact information for 2010-2011 events, please send the information to Pat Hall, patrickhall@mountaincable.net



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