



THE SCOUTER'S DISPATCH

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Upcoming Events

September 2011

- 1 H-W Area Commissioners Council, Popcorn Kickoff & BBQ at Camp Nemo
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October 2011

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November 2011

- 4-6 Wood Badge Part 1 - Camp Nemo
- 5 H-W Area Swap Meet & Auction



Grand Opening

The All New HICOP at
Gordon Williams Lodge
Saturday, October 22

A lot has changed at Gordon Williams Lodge thanks to grants from The Keg Steakhouse and Bar, Bell Canada, Union Gas and TD Canada Trust. *James of All Trades* (also a Scouter) constructed the decks and installed the insulation and drywall and a handful of Scouting volunteers pitched in where they could. We would like to take the opportunity to thank these sponsors and all our supporters at a grand opening party. We are excited about the new HICOP in Gordon Williams Lodge and hope that you will be too. Come visit us and let us know what you think.



AUCTION

(funds to CAMO NEMO)

This one-of-a-kind, professionally framed painting has been donated to Hamilton Scouting and will be auctioned at Scout House **Saturday November 5, 2011.**

The auction will start about 2:30 PM with the badge and memorabilia items first. This painting by well known Oakville artist, Rob MacDougall will be the last item. Rob has a huge

calling for sports paintings, capturing the spirit of an athlete doing what he or she loves to do well. Several of his paintings are like this one where he paints on a real maple leaf. Check out his web site. <http://www.robmacdougall.com/> If you're interested but can't attend the auction, e-mail and phone bids are acceptable at Tom Evanoff (905)523-4619 or swappertom@gmail.com



Fri., Oct. 14 & Sat., Oct. 15.

Since the 1930's, Apple Day has become a fall tradition across Canada. The Apple is given as a thank you for a donation to Scouting. Proceeds from our Apple Day Campaign are used to maintain and upgrade facilities at Mt. Nemo Scout Camp and Ragged Falls Canoe Base. We ask all members and parents to join us in helping raise much needed dollars to maintain our camps.

For Hamilton Wentworth groups participating in Apple day there will be no charge for the use of Camp Nemo during that scouting year. The 2011 Apple Day Committee Co-Chairs are Cam Napholc, Debbie Napholc and Gary Fliss.

If you are interested in joining the Apple Day Team please contact Debbie Napholc for more information: appleday2011@gmail.com or (905) 388-7993



POPCORN ORDER DEADLINES

Saturday, October 29

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.

Council Popcorn Warehouse will be November 10, 11, 12. All Areas & Hamilton- Wentworth Groups pick up popcorn orders.

**Deadline
for the October Dispatch is
September 10, 2011**



It starts with Scouts.



Commissioner's Corner

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer; a time for relaxation and rejuvenation. Many groups have been active over the summer months with week long camps and canoe trips. I would like to acknowledge those scouts who represented Hamilton-Wentworth at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. Happy that all the youth and leaders returned safe and sound! We would all like to hear about your experiences, maybe at our Youth Forum. Thank you to those leaders that helped support the youth with their summer experiences

Catriona, Tom, Stephanie and I have been meeting throughout the summer in preparation for another great scouting year. We would like to take the opportunity to announce the appointment of Elaine Priest to DAC Troop. Her enthusiasm in scouting will be an asset in her new role. During the end of last scouting year, Ron Young was appointed as Group Commissioner to 5th Hamilton; welcome to your new role. As well, we would like to thank Bill Stewart for his service to scouting as Group Commissioner for 5th Hamilton.

Currently, the Sub Area Commissioner positions for Albion Mills, Dundurn,

Hermitage Springs and Mohawk Trails remain open. Anyone interested in taking on a new challenge, please forward their information to Tom Morrow.

Leaders registered prior to August 31st, 2011 will not be charged a fee. For those leaders registered after September 1st, 2011 there will be a \$30 fee. Please forward leader's registration envelopes to Catriona.

As our registration nights fast approach, I encourage all leaders to focus on membership. Steve Kent, our Chief Commissioner has challenged us to significantly increase membership by 2015. In order to meet this challenge, we must attract new youth and leaders as well as retain existing members. Retaining members can be done by contacting those who did not return and ask them why. Offer suggestions, like other groups if it is a meeting night conflict. They may just not be aware that the registration process has already begun.

Groups are planning an Open House for the end of September. There are useful resources and tips on the national web site; <http://www.scouts.ca/js2g/open-house.html>. This initiative will help put your scouting group in the public eye; targeting new youth and adult members. Hamilton Wentworth

Area's Open House is Friday September 23rd at the Scout House starting at 7 pm. It will be a great opportunity for new members and those interested in joining to come out and meet representatives from HICOP, Camp Nemo, Group Commissioners, Training, Service team and DACs. New leaders will be sent an invitation but may want to attend with a familiar face of a Group Commissioner or section leader. This event will be advertised in local news papers.

Lastly, the key 4; Catriona, Tom, Stephanie and I are looking forward to another successful and exciting Scouting year.

Sandra Taylor
Deputy 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



WOOD BADGE
PART 2
COLONY, PACK, TROOP,
COMPANY, CREW

Friday, September 16 to Sunday, September 18.

and Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2. Camp Nemo. Residential. Cost: \$150.

Attention: Experienced Leaders - Over two weekends increase programming excellence by taking this course. Wood Badge Part 2 is an Advanced Leadership course, a continuation of your 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. Full attendance at both weekends is compulsory to earn your Gilwell scarf and beads.
Contact: Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com or (905) 528-3326.



WOOD BADGE
PART 1
COLONY, PACK,
TROOP & COMPANY

Friday, November 4 to Sunday, November 6. Camp Nemo. Residential. Cost: \$55.

NEW & EXPERIENCED LEADERS

The Compulsory Training Event for Wood badge Part 1 is happening November 4 - 6 at Camp Nemo for Colony, Pack, Troop and Company Scouters. At this residential course, 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 is mandatory prior to the course. Contact: Susan Little: littleivo2@yahoo.com or 905-528-3326



WOOD BADGE
PART 1
COLONY, PACK, TROOP

Friday, November 11 to Sunday, November 13. Residential. Camp Impesa (Brant). Cost: \$55.

NEW AND EXPERIENCED LEADERS – STOP! LOOK! HAVE FUN!

Learn skills needed to deliver a quality program while having fun. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources, etc.

Contact: Steve Clegg : paddler78@excite.com or 519-449-5718 cell- 519-761-3800



WOOD BADGE
PART 1
COLONY, PACK, TROOP

Fri., Nov. 25 to Sun., Nov. 27. Non-residential. Camp Wetaskiwin (St. Catharines). Cost: \$55.

NEW AND EXPERIENCED LEADERS – STOP! LOOK! HAVE FUN!

Learn skills needed to deliver a quality program while having fun. Topics include program planning, camping and outdoor activities, risk management, resources, etc. Contact: Anne Piper Thorne thornes@cogeco.ca, phone 905-356-9388

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 bobmiller163@shaw.ca or frenchjackie@shaw.ca.

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APPLE DAY NEWS

Apple Day 2011 is **October 14 & October 15.**

The 2011 Apple Day Committee Co-Chairs are Gary Fliss, Cam Napholc and Debbie Napholc. Our email is appleday2011@gmail.com. Visit www.hwscouting.ca and look under Apple Day for current postings and information.

The Apple Day Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at Scout House, 7 PM. We always welcome new members, please send us an email if you are interested in helping out this year.

Look for the special deals Montana's Cookhouse has generously offered to support our Apple Day Campaign. See page 5 for details.

Cam, Deb & Gary

Scout Popcorn for our Troops



Scouts Canada and Trail's End have introduced a new option this year for people who would like to support scouting but do not want popcorn for themselves. Called **Popcorn for our Troops**, customers may make a \$30 (silver) or \$50 (gold) purchase of a gift of popcorn for the men and women serving our country and support local Scouting at the same time. As with the other popcorn products, 60% of the sale goes to support local Scouting. Trail's End will send popcorn products to Canadian Military - those stationed abroad and at bases in Canada. Please note: there is no income tax receipt available for this donation.



Welcome to the 2011-2012 Scouting year!

If you are new to the Hamilton Area I would like to meet you; I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to the Hamilton Wentworth Area **Open House** on Friday, September 23, from 7 PM to 8 PM.

If you are renewing your membership with us this year, thank you for all your hard work, and welcome back. You do so much for the organization, the youth, and our community. I especially want to thank the Group Commissioners; you are the key contact with the groups that allow us to connect with our grass roots. Your support and dedication is appreciated. I am proud to serve you as your Council Field Executive for the Hamilton Area. My job is to support the groups in the Hamilton Area, if you have a question or concern please contact me at the below email or phone number. Good luck, and have a great year.

Launching the 2011-2012 year with Jumpstart 2 Growth!

Part of council's plan for a perfect 2011-2012 launch is to have every group hold a Jumpstart 2 Growth

- 1) Registration Event 2) Open House and 3) Bring a Friend Event.

Council has set the following dates for these council wide group driven initiatives:

- JS2G Registration Night no later than Thursday September 15th 2011
- JS2G Council Open House week September 19th to Sept 23rd 2011
- JS2G Council Bring a Friend Week November 14th to the 18th 2011

The expectation is that each group will hold each of these events during the designated week or timeframe using the Jumpstart 2 Growth kit. If you need assistance with your Jumpstart event please contact your CFE Catriona Forrest at cforrest@scouts.ca or 905.818.4227



We won! Thank you!

The good news: The Keg Steakhouse and Bar presented a cheque for **\$25,000** to HICOP at Gordon Williams Lodge, Camp Nemo's new

Program Centre.

Thank you for voting for our project. Thank you for voting for our project daily. Thank you for asking for support from your fellow leaders, the parents in your group, your friends, your family, your extended family, and your co-workers. On May 15 when the voting began, our project was #1. Thanks to your daily voting, our scouting base of voters grew, and we continued to be #1. Thank you for being a member of the Scouting community.

Thanks to *The Keg Thanks A Million* grant of \$25,000, the environmental and educational programs at Camp Nemo will continue to grow, and to engage our youth and volunteers.

More good news: the renovations to the building are amazing. Check out the progress at www.hicop.ca Please plan to attend the grand opening of HICOP at Gordon Williams Lodge, on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Thanks,
Yours in Scouting,
Sharon Miller



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COLONY/PACK SCOUTERS CLUB

Scouters from each Scouting Area meet in Scouters' Clubs to share and exchange program ideas; plan

Area level activities; receive and discuss information from Area, Council, and National levels; and discuss topical subjects relevant to their respective Section. Interesting speakers and panelists can provide external assistance (example: speaker on working with youth with ADD/ADHD). These opportunities can also provide elements of training leading to WBI, first aid, camping, crafts, etc.

All Colony / Pack Scouters Club meetings are held at Scout House and begin with a social time at 7 PM. The meeting opens at 7:30 PM.

Meeting dates for this year are:

- Thursday, October 6, 2011,
- Thursday, January 19, 2012,
- Thursday, March 1, 2012
- Thursday, May 17, 2012

Contact Cam Napholc for more information.



Your Colony/Pack Service Team for 2011/2012 is as follows:



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SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Montana's Cookhouse is proud to announce that Hamilton Wentworth Area Scouts have joined Montana's Sponsorship program at Upper James, Ancaster & Red Hill locations.

What is the Sponsorship Program?

This program is designed to help local sports teams, businesses or organized groups earn cash back as they dine at Montana's. 10% of the before tax spending is given back to each team. 5% is given back monthly and the other 5% is used for an end of year party.

How is this 10% calculated?

After you've finished your meal and paid you take your receipt and drop it in the Sponsorship box located at the main entrance. You will find a plaque with "Scouts Canada" on it. This is the drop box you place your receipt in. At the end of each month a manager from Montana's will add up all the submitted receipts and calculate the 10% (before tax) payout.

Who can submit a receipt?

Anyone and Everyone! Any Scouts Canada member, or their family, friends or acquaintances can add their receipt to the Sponsorship Drop Box. There is no limit to the number of submitted receipts. Anytime, all year round, any day of the week, enjoy lunch, dinner, or a late night snack and at the same time add to the total amount of the monthly payout.

The more you visit the 3 Montana's locations the more money Camp Nemo earns.

Congratulations to the 75th Hamilton!

The group will receive pizza & refreshments to celebrate, at the date and time of their choice in the new Scouting year!

The 75th Hamilton had 4 brand new members join the group from Bring a Friend events!

Across Battlefields Council 22 Groups participated in the event.

Congratulations and look for more Bring a Friend events in the near future.

Thanks to the Groups that participated across Battlefields Council and grew the Scouting Movement by 16 new members!!



Mohawk Trails will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Linden Park United Church at 8 PM. This meeting will begin discussions on our area camp in January. Contact Jess Moreau 55th Hamilton Scout Group 905-574-5429 or cell 905-536-7724

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

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Cub Fun Day 2011 "Wild West"



Saturday, October 22, 2011
Camp Nemo

Cost: \$6.00 per youth; \$4 per adult.
Registration Deadline Oct 8, 2011

If you have not yet received your information package, contact Mickey McPherson at (905) 515-5678 or scouter.mickey@gmail.com and it will be emailed out ASAP.
(information revised Aug 29)



OPEN HOUSE

St. Matthews Church
126 Plains Road East
Burlington

The 3rd Aldershot Scouting Group is having an open house Tuesday, October 4, 7-9 PM. Hotdogs and drinks will be available. Come and see how our youth made out in Sweden at the World Jamboree. We will have a short presentation about WSJ Sweden, and are planning a more detailed presentation in the new year.

NEW FLOOR AT THE HELP DESK

Next time you visit the Help Desk, check out the new laminate floor. The new look is fresh and clean. Wipe your feet when you enter to avoid bringing in damaging grit or moisture. Many thanks go to Paul Philips for his expert advice, Frank Goodman for research and planning and Roger Shedden & Bob Miller for installation.

Camp Nemo Report

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and the new Scouting and Camping season is almost here. Over the summer there has been improvements and changes made to Camp. I am challenging your group to look around camp when you are out and find the changes. I will be giving the group that can tell me what the changes a prize for the group. You need to send your answer to campnemo@gmail.com. You have till November 15/2011 to get the answers to me. The camp committee will then look at all of the submissions and pick the winner. The prize will be something the group can use up to a value of \$100.00.

On Cub Fun Day we will be having a Reopening of the Gordon Williams HICOP, as well as the dedication of the new picnic shelter. Everyone is invited to these events. There will be Hot Dogs and a drink as well as a Cake. Hope to see you all there. Groups, when you are at camp check the notice board in the main Parking Lot for a list of Good Turn Jobs you can do on the weekend you are at Camp. Then let the Factor know that you have completed the job.

Al Eden
Camp Manager



HELP DESK

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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 17)

Experienced Scouters are available to

- answer questions
- assist with Camp bookings online
- provide keys for camp
- answer/redirect questions from the public regarding group locations

What to do when there is no one at the Help Desk?

- It may happen that there is no one at the help desk when you want or need someone to be there. What else might you do?
- You may put mail through the slot in the Help Desk exterior door.
 - You may send an email to scouts@interlynx.net
 - You may leave voicemail: (905) 528-5711.
 - You may contact your Commissioner directly.
 - You may phone Scouts Canada in London, ON 1 866 568-7472

APPLE COBBLER DESSERT



TO SWEETEN OUR APPLE DAY CAMPAIGN

From Saturday, October 8 to Saturday October 15 2011, Montana's will donate \$1 from the sale of each Apple Cobbler dessert purchased to the Hamilton Wentworth Area Apple Day Campaign.

Not only will Montana's again be supplying "Kid's Eat Free" coupons, but also, "Free Appetizer" coupons for the bigger kids!. We expect these to be available as hand outs for a shift well done and perhaps also as a downloadable coupon.

And, on Saturday October 15, between 11:00am to 4:00pm, Montana's will donate a portion of sales to our Apple Day Campaign.

Logos and text are available to add to any group's website to promote and take advantage of this generosity. Contact Gary Fliss: appleday2011@gmail.com

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SWAP MEET AND AUCTION

Saturday, November 5.
Scout House, 375 James St. S., Hamilton.
Swapping from 10 AM - 2:30 PM. Live Auction from 2:30 PM - 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 more information, contact Tom Evanoff: tevanoff@cogeco.ca 905-523-4619.



Special thanks to the volunteer Scouters from the Campers and Staff from Today's Family

On behalf of the campers and Staff of the Adventure Camp Program at Today's Family, we'd like to extend our appreciation to the volunteer Scouters including Jim Carey, Lionel Downes, Charlie and Yvonne Oliver, Averill Tune, Elaine Priest, Blair Tune, Bruce Gilroy, Mike Hall and Pat Hall for their support at our "overnight adventure" at Mount Nemo. Almost one hundred campers, who attend day camp through Today's Family in various locations throughout Hamilton and Halton, had the opportunity to experience an overnight camp at Mount Nemo in August 2011. While enjoying the great outdoors the campers learned how to use a compass, how to climb the traverse wall, how to tie knots, how to make fire starters, the identification of poison ivy as well as the basic knowledge of "hug-a-tree" and how to cook a hot dog on an open fire. We also enjoyed a great campfire and learned how talented our campers and staff are when performing songs and skits. The parents of the campers are very happy that their children have had this opportunity! We look forward to our next adventure at Mount Nemo!

Special thanks to Scouter Al Eden for his community spirit and flexibility!

Maureen F. Hall
Today's Family Early Learning and Child Care
Director of Family and Children's Programs

The press-release below explains how Union Gas has supported our camp.



"Gordon Williams Lodge, A New Program Centre receives special Centennial community grant from Union Gas

Gordon Williams Lodge, A New Program Centre, has been awarded a \$1,000 Centennial Community Grant from Union Gas to support its educational and environment programs. The funds will help furnish the newly renovated building.

Union Gas is celebrating 100 years of delivering safe, reliable and affordable service to customers and communities across Ontario in 2011. This award is one of 100 Centennial grants of \$1,000 each that Union Gas is giving out to support charitable projects focused on the environment, community safety and education across the province.

A passionate commitment to stewardship, safety and win-win relationships are all central to our business culture and operations," said the District Manager of Union Gas. "Our success as one of North America's premier natural gas storage, transmission and distribution companies is shared with the communities we serve and we can't think of a better way to mark this occasion than by giving back to a community program that so closely aligns with these business values."

Thank you, Union Gas!



ROCK CLIMB CAMP

Friday, September 23 to Sunday, September 25.
Camp Nemo.

Cost \$15 per person.

Rock Climb Camp is an instructional camp weekend with Rock Climbing at Rattlesnake Point . The cost is \$15pp and camping at Camp Nemo. Check in Friday evening, September 23. Climbing date is Saturday September 24. **Register early, space is limited.**

For registration and information, contact Tom or Natalie Booth: natalietombooth@yahoo.ca (905) 648-6936.



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Battlefields Council
Advanced Training in Leadership

WOOD BADGE PART 2

in two residential weekends

Sept.16-18 and Sept.30-Oct.2, 2011
Mt. Nemo Scout Camp

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 increase your understandings while you network with other Scouters and have some fun along the way. Cost: \$150

For more information contact
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE Sept. 10, 2011



What is going on at Gordon Williams Lodge?

If you liked the HICOP when we were in Hencher Den then you are going to love us now. Thanks to your overwhelming and humbling support we received a \$25,000 grant from the Keg which has been used to completely renovate Gordon Williams Lodge into the new and improved HICOP at Gordon Williams Lodge. Our program was also supplemented by Grants from Bell Canada, Union Gas and the TD Canada Trust which will be used for educational equipment and furnishings.

We will now have a huge covered deck that can be used as an outdoor classroom, an indoor display area for all the cool stuff that we had in Hencher Den, a second room where we can



show movies and have separate space for the microscopes, computer and office, a basement room where we can do crafts when the weather is inclement, a kitchen that could serve as a tuck shop and a back porch which will be a great place to relax with a coffee. One of the biggest advantages of the new location is that all of this will be fully accessible.

A thank you needs to go out to Allen Eden and the Camp Committee for believing in us, Sharon Miller for dealing with the grant applications and Marty and James Albert of "James of All Trades" for the construction work.

Thanks also to Rick, Elaine, Amanda, Bruce, Harold, Donna, Debbie and many others, that I have missed, for your hours of volunteer labour during an extremely hot summer. Also to the Hamilton Rovers for their cleanup job of the adjacent Tetonka giving way for a new fire pit location.



This project was put together by the HICOP volunteer staff with the help and support of the Camp Committee. We have accepted responsibility for Gordon Williams Lodge and its upkeep. We have heard that 74th Hamilton is going to adopt Apple Day Lodge. Their plan is for the Scouts to take ownership of the building and they will get out at least a couple of times a year to clean the building and tidy up the surrounding area.

The camp vision is to have the back 40 a wilderness area and the buildings and their surroundings more established and well maintained. We are moving ever closer to that vision but there is still lots to do. Have you hugged your camp lately?

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OPEN HOUSE

HAMILTON WENTWORTH AREA OPEN HOUSE
Friday, September 23. 7:00 PM
Scout House, 375 James St. S

This event is for those interested in becoming a leader and all Scouters new and experienced. All are welcome! Socialize and network with the service team; Group Commissioners, Trainers and Deputy Area Commissioners.
Contact Sandra Taylor: tsuris2@hotmail.com 905-689-4983



HAMILTON SCOUT BASICS CAMP

Friday, October 28 to Sunday, October 30, 2011
Camp Nemo Scout Camp

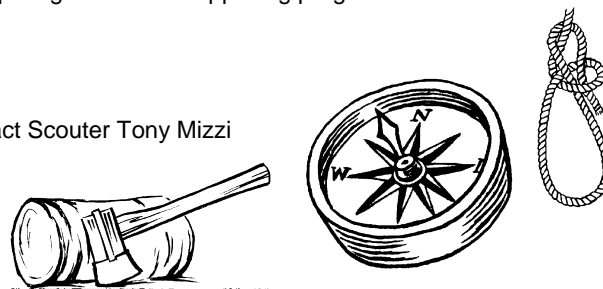
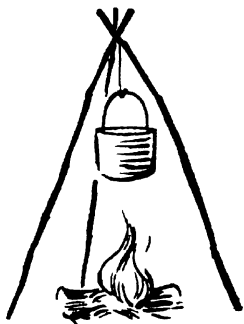


Yes, it's back!! This Scout Basics camp is open to all Scouting groups in the Hamilton Area and will offer an exciting, fun, and challenging outdoors program for all Scouting ages 11-14. All troops will be required to be self-contained and camp outdoors. This Scout Basics program will be split into 4 different age groups offering 4 individual program areas which include a basics program for all 1st year scouts to spelunking, Geo Caching, Pioneering to rock rappelling for all 4th year scouts.

Scout leaders attending will be asked to volunteer their skills and offer their resources to assist with the program leaders in charge of training. As this is a self-contained camp, the camp cost is \$5.00 which covers the basic cost of a crest. An additional cost of \$5.00 will be required for each 4th year scout participating in the rock rappelling program for use of the Rattlesnake Conservation Area.

Deadline for Registration: October 14, 2011

If you are interested or require more information, contact Scouter Tony Mizzi tonymizzi@renaissancecollect.ca or almizzi@cogeco.ca or 905-544-9333



INTERNATIONAL FUN!

The 88th Hamilton Scouts took a great trip to NY state this past June. The purpose of this trip was to earn the Niagara Frontier Council Trail Medal. We visited 7 different historical and educational sites from Buffalo to Youngstown NY. We attended the Buffalo Naval and Military museum, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, Buffalo and Erie county Historical Society, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Niagara Power Vista, Niagara Falls State Park, and Old Fort Niagara. At each site we had a questionnaire to fill out, with regards to what we had learned. Every location we went to welcomed us, and provided us with guided tours.

Not only did we have an educational weekend, but we had some fun too. We stayed at Stonehaven Boy Scout Camp where we were welcomed by the camp warden. We had the fortune to have much of our weekend guided by a fellow Scouter from Niagara Falls NY, Scouter Kevin Macnamera. He took us on a couple of side trips that we thoroughly enjoyed. We went



to a local dairy and got a tour of it, drank quarts of fresh chocolate milk and even took a 3.5 mile hike down into the Niagara Gorge and along the river up to just past the Whirlpool Rapids. Saturday night we celebrated one of the youth's birthday with cake and ice cream. What a shame, there was no freezer so the kids had to eat all of the ice cream. I know they were terribly upset when we told them of that particular problem.

Everyone that attended, all 20 youth and 5 adults earned the trail medal and will have memories to last a lifetime. I know I do.

We would recommend this weekend to any Troop or Company that is looking for something a little different to do one weekend. It is a lot to see and do but well worth the effort. If anyone is interested in more information about this particular trip, please feel free to contact me, at aseirsgil@live.com or phone me at (905) 538-0483.

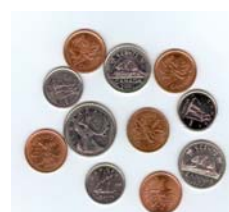
Yours in Scouting and Friendship,
Elaine Priest,
88th Hamilton Scouts



Booking a Camp Date?

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

www.swscouts.on.ca/campbookings1



PENNY PINCHERS CLUB

Remember, when your bank is full or nearly full, drop it off at the Help

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

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.

DEADLINE
for the October Dispatch is
SEPTEMBER 10

