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Happy
Holidays

December Thoughts

by Garth Johnson

Peace, brotherhood, and understanding are natural themes for Scouting activities during the month of December. They are also themes we try to keep alive in our programs throughout the year.

Last month, we shared a variety of ideas, plans, and activities for December, among them games, crafts, and theme ideas for Christmas and other winter celebrations. This month, we have a few more seasonal offerings and ideas you can work into Guide/Scout Week celebrations (*Let There Be Light*, p.14), along with our usual assortment of ideas, reports, photos, and resources from Scouters across the country.

The spirit of helping and giving fills our opening pages, which detail Calgary Region's first Hike for Hunger and continue with the story of Agincourt Area's Hike for Hunger in a Toronto neighbourhood (*Children Helping Children*, p.6).

Cubs in Regina, Sask., help their community and its environment with a special *Adopt-a-Street* project (p.8), and Beavers in all parts of the country can help visually impaired Canadians with a simple project in support of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (*Sharing*, p.24).

Paksak (p.25) has suggestions for *Providing Homes for Animals*, and *Beaver Whale Watchers* (p.12) shares cross-country reports offering great ideas to help youngsters learn about and want to protect their natural surroundings.

Our list of Brotherhood Fund donations (p.38) shows, in a big way, that members of Canadian Scouting care about our global community and are eager to support community development projects in areas where the environment and circumstances make living conditions very harsh. Check to see if your group, district, or region is listed as a contributor.

Try to think of ways to add your name to the list or to outdo your previous efforts. And remember, taking part in Trees for Canada not only enables us to improve our own communities and environment, but also makes a significant contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. Get involved.

Our cover for December is the work of Ottawa artist and illustrator Richard Petsche. We are most pleased to announce that Richard has joined Scouts Canada's staff as a designer and production artist and will be preparing the *Leader* magazine in future. Watch for it.

SCOUTING AMBASSADORS

"This building is a house of friendship. Its true foundation is a friendship that will endure beyond mortar and steel." (*Prime Minister Brian Mulroney*)



Unveiled in May 1989, Canada's beautiful new embassy in Washington, D.C., is a proud monument to our country's cooperative relationship with our southern neighbours.

Last May, a Canadian Scout and Venturer were among those present for Boy Scouts of America's annual black-tie reception held at the new embassy with Canadian Ambassador Derek Burney as host. The event is an annual fundraiser held in different locations in the capitol.

Chief Scout Award recipient Brad Halabisky, 16th Fort William Scouts, Thunder Bay, Ont., and Queen's Venturer Kathleen Jarvis, 115th Toronto Venturers, served as greeters for special guests to the evening. Scout Executive Andrew Coghill, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., acted as chaperone.

Brad, Kathleen, and Andrew squeezed in a bit of time to visit some sights and tour Washington as well. The visit was particularly exciting for Brad, who came prepared to present a former graduate of his high school a souvenir yearbook.

"Before the dinner, Ambassador Burney invited me up to his office," he explained. "Mr. Burney attended the same high school I now attend, so the school gave me a yearbook and letter which I presented to him. I also gave him some badges as well as some Thunder Bay and Canada pins. He presented me with a medal commemorating the opening of the Canadian Embassy."

Our photo shows Kathleen, Andrew, and Brad enjoying a tour of the Canadian Embassy.

TIME TO RENEW?

It's the time of year for many of our readers to renew their *Leader* magazine subscriptions. Because of the overwhelming mailing costs, we do not send renewal notices to direct subscribers.

Instead, we urge them to complete and return the subscription form on p.35.

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December is a month for celebration, family, and friends. All of us at the *Leader* wish all of you a happy festive season and the very best in the new year. ^

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Calgary Hike for Hunger

An Unqualified Success

by Gail Sidorsky

At the Interfaith Food Bank late last February, depleted shelves were restocked and 3,900 food hampers filled for Calgary's hungry. The hampers were made possible through the combined efforts of 20,000 Scouts and Girl Guides in a Hike for Hunger project. This most massive and visible service project ever attempted by Calgary's Scouts and Guides collected enough foodstuff to feed 500 families for two months.

"Scouting has a social obligation to be an organization in service to the community and to develop positive social values for its members," says Rob Nerrie, chairperson for the project. Awareness of poverty and starvation is only the beginning; commitment to the issue is the first real step.

The public demonstration of Scouting's and Guiding's caring attitude and compassion was designed to draw attention to an important need in the community. Destitution and hunger are a growing phenomenon. One out of every six people, or 16% of Canada's population, lives in poverty.

"The need is constant; donations are not," says Terry Wilson, executive director for Calgary's Interfaith Food Bank. Since 1983, the registered non-profit charity has provided emergency food



hampers, counselling, and referral services to those in need. Because the food bank does not receive government or United Way help, it relies solely on donations of food, cash, and volunteers' time.

"The food bank requires 2,000 hampers each month to meet its current demands," says Wilson. The 1991 requirements were \$700,000 in cash and \$3,000,000 in food donations. By February each year, supplies have dwindled to their lowest point. Undertaking a food drive in February is especially timely because of the urgency, Wilson says.

The project offered other benefits, as well. "The Hike for Hunger was a momentous opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Scouting and the Girl Guides," says Bev Wahl, co-chairperson for the hike. "It provided our youth with a sense of appreciation and pride for the Scouting and Guiding organizations."

The hike also filled leaders' needs for meaningful service projects. It accommodated all groups who wanted to take part and was a virtually cost-free event.

THE PROJECT

The Hike for Hunger project was divided into three distinct components.

1. A community food drive in cooperation with the city fire department. People were encouraged to drop off food at any one of 29 fire stations between Feb. 16-24. Although not as successful as anticipated because of inadequate communication and promotion, it brought in 415 bags of food.
2. Calgary Flames Hockey promotion. On Feb. 19, Scouts and Guides distributed

20,000 grocery bags on the seats of the Saddledome. They appealed to fans to bring the bags full of non-perishable groceries to the game on Feb. 21. This promotion included a televised on-ice ceremony with colour party before the game. It pulled in 750 bags of food.

3. The hike. At noon on a frosty Feb. 23, 3,000 Scouts and Guides carrying non-perishable food items on their backs formed a 1.6 km long procession and marched down the main streets of Calgary. Leaders, families and friends joined the young people, 40 hike marshalls directed the hikers, and officers from Calgary City Police controlled the traffic.

The afternoon activities featured an opening ceremony with city dignitaries who officially proclaimed the third week of February as Scout and Guide Week. The hike, which ended with entertainment at Prince's Island Park, brought in 300 bags of food.

Various other individual Scouting and Guiding projects, among them soliciting section members and some door-to-door canvassing, collected another 330 bags of food.

EVALUATION

Although organizers were delighted with the results of Calgary's inaugural Hike for Hunger, the evaluation produced several recommendations on how to improve the 1992 hike, scheduled for Feb. 22, B.-P.'s birthday.

1. Start planning early (September).

Even Small Groups Can Help

from Stan Rogers

The Lord Alexander Scouting Group, Montreal, Que., assisted by the owner of their local IGA, launched two kinds of food drives last spring. The first asked for pet food, which permitted us to help the local SPCA with close to three vans full of food.

Our second drive was in aid of the Notre Dame de Grâce food bank. We managed to collect over 40 large cases of food.

Even though we are a small group, we felt these service projects put our Scouts in the public view. We look forward to future drives, where we hope to do even better.



Braving a frosty February day for the most exciting and rewarding event in Calgary Scouting and Guiding history.

2. "Keep the hike as simple as possible. You'll enjoy it more and it will run better," says Nerry. You don't need too many committee volunteers. The core planning committee has only a dozen people.

3. Schedule committee meetings on weekends, when you can make them longer. Because they are more productive than weekday evening meetings, you don't have to hold so many of them.

4. Communication is essential to such a large project. Give leaders information packages at fall registration. At Christmas, distribute a fact sheet to prepare groups and impress upon them the value of the hike and what it represents. Include on it the past achievements of each group, with special recognition to those who collect large amounts of food. Provide a form they can fill in to tell organizers who was involved, what they did, and how much food they collected.

5. If you intend to approach corporate sponsors, remember they need at least three months' lead time.

6. Do all necessary recruiting for hike day well beforehand. Ensure that volunteers clearly understand what is expected of them. Because both Scouting and Guiding are involved, arrange logistics carefully.

7. Secure dates with celebrities and dignitaries well in advance. In Calgary,

Thoughts on Christmas Eve

A long time ago, an unknown writer set pen to paper and captured the spirit of Christmas with this message. Think of the rewards, for the world and everyone in it, if all of us filled our lives with the same spirit of caring and giving every day of the year.

Whosoever on ye nighte of ye nativity of ye yonge Lord Jesus, in ye greate snows shall fare forth bearing a succulent bone for ye lost and lamenting hounde, a whisp of hay for ye shivering horse, a cloak of warm raiment for ye stranded wayfarer, a garland of bright berries for one who has worn chains, a dish of crumbs for all huddled birds who thought that song was dead, and divers lush sweetmeats for such babes' faces as peer from lonely windows:

To him shall be proffered and returned gifts of such an astonishment as will rival the hues of the peacock and the harmonies of heaven, so that though he live to ye greate age when man goes stooping and querulous because of the nothing that is left in him, yet shall he walk upright and remembering, as one whose hearte shines like a greate star in his breaste.



The final tally: enough food to feed 500 families for two months.

celebrities are important to draw participants and media. For example, hockey star Theoren Fleury produced several television commercials and public service announcements asking the public's help. Until the community becomes highly aware of the event, the involvement of high profile people is necessary.

8. Organize the registration procedure ahead of time. Last hike day, there were some problems recording names and numbers of participants. Keep the hike to a march rather than a parade; it symbolizes and delivers a more serious message. Try not to make the march route too long, and choose start and finish points that can accommodate large numbers of people. Because the hike is in February, develop a contingency plan for extremely cold weather. Design an end-of-hike activity that will appeal to all ages and to both Scouts and Guides.

9. For most effective publicity, treat the event as a three-party arrangement — a collaboration between the food bank, Scouts, and Guides. The food bank has a high political profile and receives considerable media attention. To gain more coverage on your hike, consider inviting members of the media to march along with the hikers.

10. Place grocery bags on people's door-knobs rather than on seats at a sports event. Many fans who picked up bags at the stadium on Feb. 19 did not attend the game on Feb. 21 or did not bring back food donations. Another idea is to hand out bags at a game but arrange pick-ups in various neighbourhoods. Firehalls are not the only places you might use as community drop-off points. Convenience stores, gas stations, or schools may provide better access. The point is to make it as easy as possible for people to donate.

Any sized Scouting centre can hold a Hike for Hunger. "Hunger is not just a big city problem," says Wilson. "There are 34 food banks in Alberta, 270 in Canada." He points out that groups can hold such a hike in cooperation with church groups or local sporting organizations or teams.

For a first-time project, the 1991 Hike for Hunger achieved a great deal for the Scouting and Guiding organizations, their members, and their communities. Over time, as people become more familiar with the event, it will grow and flourish. A

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Agincourt Hike for Hunger Children Helping Children

by Lynn Johnson

"This only goes to show what little people can do," says a song from *Les Misérables*. Our youngsters in Scouting have shown us over and over again how much they can do for others.

Three years ago, Scouters in Agincourt read with interest about plans for the Greater Toronto Region Hike for Hunger. Youth and leaders would hike through High Park to the Daily Bread Food Bank with food they had collected. We discussed the idea with enthusiasm at a sharing session; what a wonderful chance to involve our Beavers in helping others.

All of us were familiar with the horrifying statistics, the most heart-breaking among them the number of children dependent on food banks for basic food. Young as our boys were, they, too, knew that other children in our city were hungry.

But, because Beavers are very young, all of us had concerns about the length of the hike, the February weather, and the distance from our area in the extreme north-east of the region. We all wanted to go, but only if it were nearer, shorter, and warmer.

"All right," said Mike Griffin, "we'll have our own."

When someone has an idea, it helps if the person is prepared to do the work.

Mike definitely was. In fact, all of us eagerly committed ourselves. Then we began to take a good look at what we were getting ourselves into.

GETTING ORGANIZED

First, we had to get permission from the region, the originators of the Hike for Hunger idea. Mike admitted that he had come prepared to talk us into it anyway and had already contacted the Scout Service Centre. They were not only supportive, but also prepared to provide crests and arrange public relations.

Next, we chose a route. We needed a distance long enough to give a feeling of accomplishment and short enough to travel without real discomfort. We needed starting and ending points with available washrooms and parking and a place to make hot chocolate. We also needed high visibility, not just to publicize Scouting, but to remind our community of the need for food.

We chose a route between two schools that would take us past a busy shopping mall. One Scouter volunteered to obtain the school permits, another to contact police for a parade permit, another to arrange to serve several hundred cups of hot chocolate, and yet another to speak

with the food bank about transporting the collection. Everyone agreed to sell their groups on the idea.

Without doubt, the success of the Hike for Hunger would hang on our selling job. We made flyers and sent them out. But, think about your own reaction to advertising flyers. They may give information, but they do not provide enthusiasm and a will to do the work. Mike made follow-up phone calls to all Beaver and Cub section leaders. Those already involved went back to their groups and showed that enthusiasm and generosity can be contagious.

We asked each group to bring its flags and a banner proclaiming, "We are hiking for the hungry." We suggested they could collect food either through neighbourhood drives or simply by asking young members to bring a few cans from home. One group asked each of their Beavers to bring in one can a week for two months.

THE FIRST HIKE

Our chosen day in mid-April arrived. That first hike brought out sunshine, warmth, and over 300 participants, including a youth member in a wheelchair and another hopping along on crutches. I thought we were pretty impressive.

Certainly, we were not impressive in terms of a formal parade. No one marched in neat formation; our uniforms were not ... well, uniform; instead of floats, we had little wagons loaded with canned food. But, our flags were bright, and so were all the faces. Our young members took it very seriously. Some of them had spent hours collecting and sorting the food they were carrying in their backpacks. More food followed in a van.

Two hours ago, I returned from our third annual Agincourt Hike for Hunger. Some things change. The weather was dreadful this year; more Scouts and Venturers participated; the Girl Guides joined us; the need for food is even greater. Others remain constant: wonderful police assistance; the enthusiasm of our young members; and lots and lots of food.

It just goes to show what little people can do. A

Scouter Lynn Johnson is area commissioner, Agincourt, Greater Toronto Region, Ont.



Okay, let's get this mob organized: the 1991 Agincourt Hike for Hunger prepares to march. Photo: Troop Scouter Bill Fraser, 400th Toronto.

Greater Victoria Region 1991 Sea Scout Regatta *Challenge, Achievement, and Fun*

by Dave Tyre

A busy place during the week, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt provides support for our navy's west coast fleet and houses one of the navy's major training establishments. At any given time, up to 1,000 sailors can be in training at CF Fleet School Esquimalt.

By 4 p.m. on most Fridays, the base is winding down in preparation for a quiet weekend. By 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, however, CFB Esquimalt and CFFS Esquimalt were gearing up for Greater Victoria Region's 11th annual Sea Scout Regatta.

By 6 p.m. Friday, Sea Scouts from five Victoria troops, two Islands Region troops, and a Vancouver Coast Region troop began arriving for two and a half days of challenge, achievement, and fun. For the first time ever, they added a linking element and brought along senior Wolf Cubs ready to enjoy the non-competitive part of the program.

The base gave overwhelming support before, during and after the event. They provided their gymnasium and pool complex, complete with physical education and recreation staff, for a period of informal sports both Friday and Saturday nights.

Fleet School Seamanship Division provided their drill hall as an indoor tenting facility and their boatshed, boats, floats, and ancillary equipment for the heart of the regatta.

Fleet School Communications Department provided an operations office and computer system for the scorekeepers and administrators, while the base military police ensured easy access and provided extra security to meet the expanded needs over the weekend.

The Saanich Lions Club, who used the event to try out their new mobile kitchen, looked after "victualling", that old naval term for feeding people.

And, of course, the base raccoons, wildcats, and otters provided diversionary amusement at odd times during the event.

FUN & CHALLENGE

The regatta's hosts, Sea Scouters of Greater Victoria Region, organized the schedule of events and competition. They appointed a coordinator who brought

together a team for roles such as chief administrator and chief scorekeeper as well as Sea Scouters in charge of various events and stations.

On the foreshore of the regatta complex, they set up challenge stations that used training aids and tests for Anchor Badge requirements. The competitive land events challenged Sea Scouts with knot jackstay, buoyage system, rules of the road, chart markings, navigation lights, heaving line throwing, tide and current tables, distress signals, and boats and rigging identification.

On the water, Sea Scouts competed in dinghy paddling and sailing races, war canoe races, obstacle canoe races, and "around the marks" dinghy races.

The "Not-Quite-Sea Scouts" had fun with non-competitive linking activities such as whaler sailing, dinghy sailing, canoeing, and training in ocean kayaks (a favourite). They also rotated through the foreshore stations where Cubs who thought they might want to become Sea Scouts could pick up some initial training and lots of information.

A service corps made up of the Knights of Sapientia Sea Rover Crew, the 8th Fort Victoria Sea Venturers, and the 3rd Richmond Bogside Sea Venturers supervised waterfront and foreshore, with help from some navy personnel. The fleet school boatshed staff were particularly impressed with the Venturers' skill in dealing with immediate running repairs of boat riggings.

The chief scorekeeper organized each group into three-person crews, and a complex scoring arrangement gave every Sea Scout an equal opportunity to participate in all events and score points both for personal and troop awards. Because troop spirit is an important part of the regatta, a committee of Scouters kept eyes open for the Sea Troop who showed the best overall spirit over the weekend.

Another first this year was a Ship's Committee made up primarily of patrol leaders. They formed the Race Protest Committee (a necessary group in any sail racing organization), and handled the delicate matter of three race protests with remarkable fairness and skill. They also provided valuable program ideas and observations for future regattas.



CF Fleet School Esquimalt's Abacor racing dinghies tested the sailing and seamanship skills of Sea Scouts and Sea Scouters.

Every Sea Troop came away with strong showings in various events, but the 1st Garry Oak Sea Scouts "captured the bell" as the best overall in 1991, and the 3rd Richmond Bogside Sea Scouts took the Troop Spirit Award for outstanding enthusiasm and good work.

Sea Scouters involved in planning the event felt it was one of the best regattas yet. In fact, they're always a lot of fun and, in a coastal area where Sea Scouting is a strong, well-supported program, regattas like this are important to cap off the program year.

The navy's support ensured the ultimate success of the regatta, and the Sea Scouts' behaviour, performance, and cheerful attitudes earned them an invitation to return to the base in 1992. Ultimately, though, success is measured in the smiling face of a very tired Sea Scout, and there were lots of them when we wound up on Sunday afternoon. A

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Program Links

Anchor Achievement Badge
Sailing Challenge Badge
Sportsman Challenge Badge

Adopt-a-Street

by Jim Rudack

At a group committee meeting in early Oct. '90, the three packs of the 83rd University Park Cubs, Regina, Sask., made their commitment to 1991's World Scout Environment Year by taking on a program to "Adopt-a-Street".

We decided that, on a regular basis year-round, we would patrol in groups a major thoroughfare in our neighbourhood, pick up litter, and dispose of it or, wherever possible, recycle it. Because all Cubs and leaders in our three packs live in the southeast part of Regina, we

decided we'd like to adopt University Park Drive.

GETTING PERMISSION

In January 1991, we approached the city works department to talk about our interest in cleaning up this major thoroughfare. In early February, 80 Cubs and their leaders filled city council chambers to hear three Cubs make presentations on behalf of their groups to city council.



With some Beaver helpers and their leader, a small group of 83rd University Park Cubs pick up along their adopted street.

The Let's Celebrate 75 Years Rap

from the 1st Pickering Cubs

Scouter Larry Kilpatrick tells us the 1st Pickering Cubs, Ont., created this rap song for the campfire at the district Cuboree, which used Cubbing's anniversary as a theme. The rap also went over well at a sixer/second exchange camp with another pack, he says.

About 75 years ago
B.-P.'s movement started to flow!
Young boys wanted to join the fun, so
Worldwide Wolf Cubs were begun.
Akela, Bagheera, Raksha, too,
Rikki-tikki-tavi and big old Baloo,
They are some of the leadership team;
Listen up people, let's go green!
Hiking, camping and kub kars, too,
These are a few of the things we do,
Litter picking,
Planting trees,
Cleaning up parks,
Wolf Cubs always do their part;
This — year, we celebrate 75 years,
So, let's have three big cheers!

Program Link: Troubadour Badge

Cub Kristjan Ratha told councillors that the three presenters represented about 80 Cubs aged 8-10 and asked them to give these Cubs permission to adopt University Park Drive to clean up the litter on a regular basis.

Cub Jonathan O'Connor explained that the Cubs wanted to adopt the street to commemorate 1991, World Scout Environment Year, with a long-term project that would enable them to take action to improve our environment. He assured councillors that the project would be part of the group's program for the next several years.

Cub Jeremy Rudack told the councillors that Cubs planned to patrol regularly in groups with their leaders to pick up and dispose of litter properly, recycle where possible, and report any problems they saw to the appropriate city department.

After hearing the presentations, council took little time to pass our request to adopt University Park Drive.

THE PROJECT BEGINS

The three Cub groups made their first sweep of University Park Drive in mid-April. We found the amount of litter we picked up from sidewalks, medians, and parks almost overwhelming. To give you an idea, the thoroughfare is about 3 km long. During our first sweep, we filled a half ton truck and a portable disposal bin with garbage. Our findings included everything from paper and bottles to coats and carpets.

We made another sweep in late May with similar results. During both sweeps, drivers stopped their cars to ask us what we were doing. When we explained that we had adopted the street and planned to keep it clean, they thanked us for our commitment to the environment and our community.

Our Adopt-a-Street program turned out to be more than just a long-term commitment to the community and the environment. It gave the Cubs an appreciation of how government works, showed them what steps you must take to submit ideas to city council, and gave them a rare opportunity to stand in front of the mayor and city council with an idea that can make a difference to everyone.

Our program is working, and the Cubs are taking a significant step to reduce unsightly waste on our adopted street. ^

Scouter Jim Rudack works with the 83rd University Park Cubs, Regina, Sask.

Program Links

World Conservation Badge
Blue Star 9 and 14
Red Star 13
Tawny Star 12
Guide Badge

Fellers' Cake Bake

by David Wray

Scout Week in February gives groups an excellent opportunity to adopt a high profile in their community and foster strong relationships between all sections and their sponsor.

Our group holds a parent banquet where we display photographs of recent activities, kub kar models and tracks, Klondike Derby sleds, and campcraft demonstrations — all good ways to show what we've accomplished during the year.

Our Cub leaders decided we wanted to adopt a less static approach to this predictable annual event and looked around for ideas where parents and Cubs could participate together. Scanning one of our resource files, we discovered a contest called the *Fellers' Cake Bake*.

The contest rules are simple.

1. Cakes must be baked by a Cub and an older male (father, uncle, grandfather, older brother, neighbour, leader). No female assistance is allowed.
2. Cake mixes and icing mixes may be used.
3. "Cakes" include brownies, rice crispies squares, and so forth, as long as some form of baking takes place.
4. The entire creation, including the decorations, must be edible.
5. All cakes must have a title or name as part of the cake decoration or on a card attached to the cake.

Cakes are numbered for judging purposes and prizes awarded in numerous categories: Judges' Choice (grand prize); Most Original Creation (1st, 2nd, 3rd); Most Suitably Named (1st, 2nd, 3rd); Biggest Cake, Tallest Cake, Flattest Cake, Best Cub Theme, Yummiest Looking, etc.

The cake bake contest has exceeded all our expectations. It never fails to challenge the Cubs' imaginations, and they love creating their cakes with their own hands. It's a chance for them to discover the kitchen and consider working towards the House Orderly Badge.

To ensure that adult females in the family feel part of our program, too, we promote our Trees for Canada Dig Day as a "Mother and Cub" activity. Like the cake bake, it is also a great success. λ

Scouter David Wray is Akela with the 32nd St. Matthias Pack, Ottawa, Ont.



Dump in the mix.



Break two eggs to stir it.



Pour the batter.



Put it in the oven.



Decorate! From *Pete's Dragon* to kub kars, camp scenes, castles, and endangered species, Cubs make the most of those great imaginations.

Program Links
House Orderly Badge

8th Burnaby Northview Venturers Omaha '90

Six 8th Burnaby Northview Venturers with stand-in advisor Pat Connell rode the rails 210 km to the Bridge River/McGillivray Pass area in B.C.'s western interior to explore on foot and horseback the historic native hunting ground that attracted white men with gold. Their log of their adventure during the hot, dry summer of 1990 earned them second place honours in the 1990 Amory Adventure Award competition.

Looking for a trek that would be relatively inexpensive, adventurous, and different, Venturers Alex Beyer, Randy Klein, Art Sanderson, Jamie Weger, Peter Wilander, and Greg Schmitz decided to follow "the route of the telegraph trail from McGillivray to Bralorne in the gold rush days". Although they learned the trail had not been used in years, the forest ranger in the area told them he thought it was still passable.

Each member of the company took responsibility for a part of the preparations. Because the venture would include hiking, resting at lake property belonging to a friend of advisor Connell, and horseback riding, they planned different kinds of food and equipment for different stages and sent some things ahead for storage at their lake base camp.



What's left of the once thriving Pioneer mines.



A satisfying adventure: Alex Beyer, Randy Klein, Art Sanderson, Jamie Weger, Peter Wilander, and Greg Schmitz.



Tail in the saddle.

The Venturers conditioned themselves with several lightweight hikes where they tested food possibilities. Pouring over maps of the area, they chose potential campsites along their hike route and a rendezvous spot for meeting the owner of the base camp property. They worked together to sort and distribute food for carrying and to check and repair equipment.

THE TRIP

A five hour train ride passed quickly as they talked with a Venture Scout unit from England intent on exploring the Garibaldi area. The train dropped them at "the town of McGillivray, pop. 6, sometimes 8 on weekends and holidays". Over lunch, they learned they could expect the trail to be "seriously overgrown" but their log reports, at 12:45 "we hoisted our packs and headed straight up the side of McGillivray Falls... The trail was steep and, in places, almost untraceable."

The first day's climb was plagued by heat, insects, blisters, and bear! To the latter, "we reacted just as any expert woodsmen would do," the Venturers write. "We blew our whistles to frighten the bear away. The bear fled..."

That night, "Alex and Randy put the food up away from the animals so that they would not be tempted to eat (it), but only our colleagues," the log continues. "As they lifted the food into the large Douglas Fir, (they) noticed the glass insulators — an obvious remnant of the old telegraph trail."

The second day of the hike proved rough going. "The bugs were so bad that we put on raingear to keep (them) away ... repellent seemed almost an attraction," the Venturers write. "The trail led us through bogs (that) came up to our thighs and dense bush that covered our heads."

Eventually they ascended to alpine meadow, where the heat seemed even more intense and they were attacked by "an interesting combination of mosquitoes, black flies, and horse flies". Still, "the rising pass gave a beautiful view of the great valley and mountains of the area (and) the high elevation made our hearts pump".

They spent the night in an old telegraph cabin "air conditioned by holes in the windows and cracks in the walls ... and air freshened by the smell of mildew". They made the best of it, pointing out it was "the only possible site as the surroundings were far too swampy".

Day three was easier, although temperatures remained in the 30s and the bugs continued to swarm. They had time to explore the ruins of the Pioneer mine and townsite before meeting their ride to the lake. After setting up their base camp, they spent the day relaxing before starting their adventure on horseback early the next morning. In all, they'd hiked "35 B.C. kilometres, or roughly 400 Saskatchewan (i.e. flatlander) kilometres", the log reports.



A reminder from gold-mining days.

Horseback riding was a brand new experience for the Venturers and brought some scary moments crossing slide areas and riding trails along the edges of steep cliffs. Riding had its advantages over hiking, though. "In seven hours we travelled 24 km and rose 830 m. The day was a success ... and the company was only a slight bit stiff."

Heat and insects made both riders and horses edgy on the next two days, and the Venturers often dismounted and walked the horses to rest them. When they completed the circle, they "had ridden 59 km in total, and only (our) rumps could tell the true story of how rough it was".

After a day of rest when some of the Venturers mined foolsgold from an abandoned mine near base camp, "we boarded the train and headed for home... We observed a number of forest fires burning in the nearby mountains and found out the fire situation in B.C. was getting worse each day. We were thankful we had made it out of the Bridge River area without experiencing a fire."

Advisor Connell praised the Venturers for their preparation, determination, and high spirits despite some uncomfortable conditions. "Yes, I had a good time," he told them. "You could have easily made that trip without me... (It) was an adventure, and that's what Venturing is all about. Thanks for having me."^



Finland-bound: the Sher-Lenn-Dixie Venturers at Dorval.

Tervas'90: Finland Adventure

The Sher-Lenn-Dixie Venturers, Sherbrooke District, Que., took an entirely different approach to the 1990 Amory challenge. A new company born when a district grouping put together for CJ89 decided to stay together, their aim for their first year was to work towards attending Tervas'90, an international Scout/Guide jamboree in Finland.

Why Finland? Again, the answer lies in P.E.I. "It all started back at CJ89 when we met the Finnish group," says the company log. "They told us about Tervas'90 and gave us the invitation."

In July-August 1990, Venturers Dan Bailey, Kevin Hensell, Annie Signe, Chris Kyle, Kristine Lettner, Tayna Bardati, Kevin Wintle, and Paul Paxton, with parent leader Ellie Bailey and advisor Laurette Signe, spent three weeks in Finland, joining over 13,000 young people at the jamboree in Kannonkoski and enjoying home hospitality in Tampere, the country's second largest city.

It was an expensive undertaking that filled the company's year with hard fundraising work. They sold Honeybears and Scout calendars; held bottle drives winter and spring; catered Scout/Guide Week banquets and group parties; "spent a day wood-cutting and brush clearing at a farm"; distributed flyers for town councils and local businesses; ran children's fun fair games on Friendship Day in June; directed traffic at three local fairs and, with the help of Jacqueline, a friendly Holstein, ran "Cow Dung Bingo" at one of them; sold subscriptions for the local newspaper; and, leading up to departure date, ran a weeklong carwash.

"The amazing part about all of this ... is that we all managed to hold down part-time jobs," the log reports. "We would do it again if we had to. We learned so much." They were also helped by their sponsor, Army, Navy, Airforce Unit 318, which raffled off a handcrafted cedar chest in their support.

And the rewards were great. At the jamboree, they met the challenges of testing Scouting skills, learning new skills, and experiencing new things, such as the "famous Finnish saunas" where, after baking your body, you plunge it into icy cold lake water.

They discovered "the language, the culture, and food (and were shocked at the prices; e.g. \$40 for a large pizza)", and explored the country, finding the landscape and wildlife very similar to that at home. During their week with Finnish families, they were guests on a cruise of a Scout Search and Rescue boat and attended a regular Scout meeting.

"We will all remember the great memorable times spent and the lifelong friendships we established with the warm and kind Finns," writes Venturer Tayna Bardati, company historian. "We were glad to realize that, by our trip, we had brought this immense world closer together, and we warm our hearts with the idea that we contributed to our Scouting goal — that is to bring peace and harmony among the brothers and sisters of this world."



Learning about Nature



Beaver Whale Watchers

from Bruce Bauman

The leadership team of the 1st Bench Beaver Colony, Duncan, B.C., decided they wanted to try a special outdoor trip in the 1990-91 Scouting season. What could be more special than going whale watching?

During March and April, more than 17,000 Grey Whales make their annual migration up the Pacific coast to their summer feeding grounds in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean. Ucluelet, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, is one of the best locations in the world for observing these impressive mammals.

It would be a challenge, we knew. We needed to get support from parents, district, and our group committee, then find a reputable whale watching company with adequate liability insurance for the adventure. And we would have to raise funds to cover our estimated \$1,000 trip expenses.

We left early Saturday morning and visited two large water-bombers at our lunch site at Sproat Lake. In mid-afternoon, we gave the Beavers a two hour break for "fun and frolic" on Long Beach and ended the day with a potluck dinner and campfire at Tofino, where we'd arranged accommodation.

The Beavers and their families spent Sunday morning from 9 until noon on two whale watching boats. The activity was a resounding success in absolutely terrific spring weather — sunshine, calm winds, and a temperature of 16°C. They saw 22 whales and many birds, including bald eagles. They also visited a Stellar and California Sea Lion rookery. The boat crews took great care to ensure it would be a trip the Beavers would not forget.

Back on shore, families proceeded on their own ways home, some of them taking another break at Long Beach. We hope the Beavers will remember the trip as much as we will. We do know that, when we asked them what part of the weekend they liked best, their eyes lit up above big smiles as they all shouted, "Whale watching!"

Scouter Bruce Bauman works with the 1st Bench Beavers, Duncan, B.C.



Let's find those whales!

In early fall, MacMillan Bloedel donated us logs, which parents and leaders cut, split, and delivered as firewood for \$60 a cord. We also cleaned up a roofing project and took away a number of used cedar shakes, which we cut and bundled into kindling at a Beaver family outing one afternoon. It sold well, too. A family dinner and dance with admission of \$5 and a potluck dish brought in more (the colony provided music and fruit punch). And we received donations from our group committee and local government. By early February 1991, we had the money we needed. The trip was a go for March 23-24.

Before we left, we asked the Beavers to draw a picture of what they thought their trip would be like. At our first meeting after returning, we asked them to draw a picture of their trip to compare. We also spent considerable time going over water and boat safety rules, using the video *LongFellows Whale Tales*, produced by the Canadian Red Cross Society. It proved a great resource, and we witnessed its effectiveness in the Beavers' exceptional behaviour during our adventure.



The 10th Thornhill Beavers, Ont., invited in a special guest to help them explore the natural world. Ralph Kayser, a volunteer with the Metro Toronto Zoological Society, brought along skulls, bones, antlers, and skins of wild animals that live in Canada. The program, called "Outreach", is geared to Beaver-age children, says Scouter Fred Berkin. And what interested the Beavers most? Why, of course, the beaver tail.

DISCOVERING FRESHWATER RESOURCES

by Terry W. Carroll

Last February, the 1st St. Matthews A Beavers enjoyed a tour of the newest attraction in St. John's — the Newfoundland Freshwater Resource Centre. The purpose of the centre is to develop an appreciation and understanding of the importance of the province's freshwater resources and foster a desire to protect and preserve them.



Do these look like Beavers who'd enjoy messing around in a loon's stomach?

Our tour began before a spectacular ceiling-high silk painting of life around a river or pond — birds, fish, trees, animals and their environments. Then we headed down to the second level and a hands-on display area. In a catch and release fish pond, the Beavers had fun catching and talking about frogs, bats, sticks chewed by beavers, moose antlers, ducks, and a life-sized stuffed loon.

They revelled in an opportunity to dig into the loon's stomach to see what he had been eating. Surprise. The loon had eaten a trout. The Beavers gleefully dipped into the trout's stomach to find that the fish had eaten a dragonfly. But they weren't finished yet. They opened up the dragonfly's stomach and discovered that he'd eaten flies!

There were stuffed specimens of different kinds of ducks to talk about. Did you know that male ducks always look more colourful and handsome than female ducks? On the other hand, female fish always look better than male fish. A slide show of some of the wildlife and environments of Newfoundland and Labrador completed our tour of the second level.

Level three gave us a first-hand look into a living river. Unique in North America, the Freshwater Resource Centre has positioned a public viewing window on an artificial portion of a natural brook. A deep pool, fast flowing riffle, and shallow slow-moving stream make up the fluvium. Together, they let people see what actually happens under the surface of the water; how different creatures of the stream live and interact with each other and their environments.

Aquariums show the natural lives of frogs, bugs, small fish, and freshwater eels, and we were able to see how these fish, animals, and bugs hide and hunt in their natural habitats.

The centre has something for every age group and tailors tours accordingly. Every season, the slide shows and video presentations are changed to reflect the changes in the natural stream habitat viewed through the fluvium.

We had a very enjoyable tour, even though the centre is not completely finished. As it develops over the next few years, we will be able to examine closely even more animals of the freshwater world and take in new programs, exhibits, and activities.

I urge everyone who lives in the area and all who visit St. John's to take time to experience the centre and this unique look at an important part of our world — our freshwater resources. A

Scouter Terry Carroll works with the 1st St. Matthews Beavers, St. John's, Nfld.

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Crafts from All Over

Let There Be Light

In the northern hemisphere, winter holidays brighten up the darkest time of year with the sparkle of lights — candles for Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza, and glowing lanterns for Chinese New Year.

The first two crafts in this collection might become part of a December celebration, a winter camp, or Guide/Scout Week activities. Some of the others will make nice gifts.

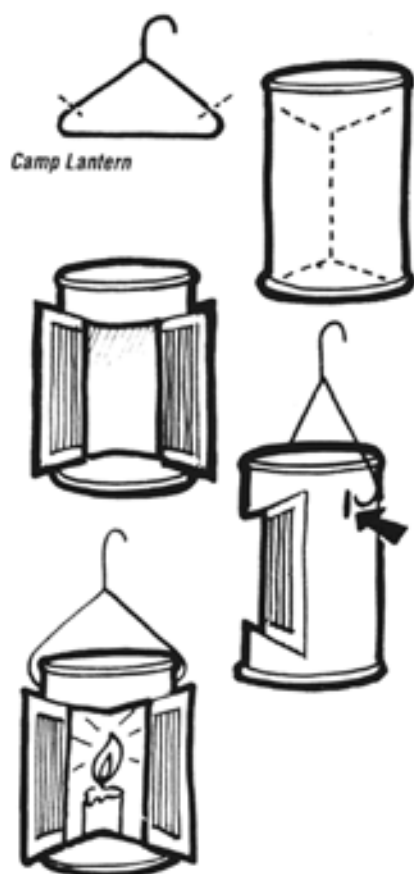
TIN CAN CAMP LANTERN

from Heather Maciorowski

The 167th Parkland Thursday Cubs, Calgary, Alta., made survival lanterns at their winter camp last year. Leaders came across the idea during a pre-camp visit to Camp Gardiner, where they spotted another pack making them.

Materials

coat hanger	pop can
silver duct tape	carafe candle
wire cutters	utility knife
hot glue gun	



First year Cub Nathan Flach lights his way with the survival lantern he made at winter camp.

Method

1. Cut off the bottom of the hanger as shown.
2. Bend hanger to form a carrying handle.
3. With utility knife, cut slits in pop can as shown.
4. Fold back the can to form "doors" on either side of the lantern window. Cover the cut edges with duct tape to prevent injury.
5. Cut small slits on either side of the can near the top. Poke in the carrying handle.
6. Hot glue a carafe candle to the bottom of the can.

Scouter Heather Maciorowski works with the 167th Parkland Thursday Cubs in Calgary, Alta.

POLE LANTERN

If Scouts want a safe lantern to carry for atmosphere while Christmas carolling, joining a Guide/Scout Week procession, or winding their way to the campfire circle, this design from *Scouting* magazine, U.K., fits the bill.

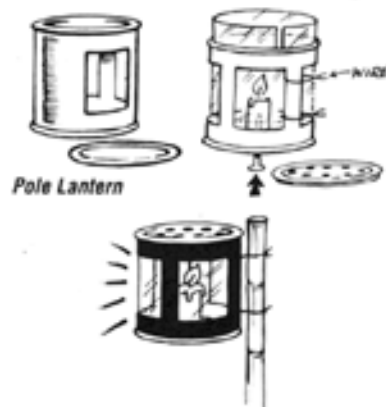
Materials

coffee tin with lid	square of acetate
carafe candle	nail
wire	pole
black paint	tin snips

Method

With tin snips, cut out four panels from the sides of a coffee tin. Fit a cylinder of acetate inside the tin to make windows. Twist wire around a "window

frame" as shown for attaching lantern to pole. Punch holes in lid to let heat escape, then push the nail through the bottom of the tin and push a candle onto the point. Paint tin black. Attach to pole.



BEAVER BASKET

from Ruth Ball and Joanne Harris

This great craft is easy for little hands to make. Beavers can use it to collect treasures, as a change from the traditional Easter basket, or as a gift for someone special. By varying the colour of head and fur and the shape of the tail, they can create many different forest friends.

Materials

Plastic berry basket (ask the grocer for discards)
5 cm diameter dark brown pompom
Dark brown fun fur
Dark brown felt
White felt
Eyes
Craft glue and hot glue gun

Before the Meeting: Cut the fun fur into strips just wide enough to fit through the holes in the berry basket. Make strips long enough to go around the basket once with a small overlap.

Cut beaver tails from brown felt using pattern shown. To save time at the meeting, you may also wish to cut out brown felt ears and white felt teeth.



Beaver Tail Pattern



A special basket to carry a Beaver's treasures.

At the Meeting: Beavers weave fun fur strips in and out of the berry basket until the sides are covered. Leave the bottom free. To make a head from the brown pompom, cut two 13 mm circles from brown felt and glue on side of head as ears; glue on eyes; cut two teeth from white felt and glue under eyes.

Using a hot glue gun, glue head to one end of the fur-covered basket. Push the side extensions of the tail up through the base of the basket on the other end, cross them over, and glue in place.

WOLF FRIG MAGNET

Scouters Ruth and Joanne also sent us this quick and easy craft for Tenderpads or the whole pack. Made as a stocking-stuffer for mom, it will help everyone in the family find those Cubbing notices and newsletters quickly.

Materials

Clothespin with magnet strip glued to top of one side
 Wolf head shape cut from fun fur
 Yellow felt
 Craft glue

Method: Cubs write name on the magnet side of the clothespin, then cut out and glue the wolf head to yellow felt, making sure the ears are extended. Next, they trim the yellow piece to a neat oval, rectangle, or any other shape they fancy.

From the yellow felt trimmings, they cut two small narrow triangles for eyes and glue them on. Finally, they glue the whole thing to the magnet-free side of the clothespin. Let glue dry completely before using.

Scouters Ruth Ball and Joanne Harris work with the 31st Guelph Beavers and Cubs, Ont.



Handy frig magnet helps Cubs remember important messages.

Santa Woggle



SANTA WOGGLE

This quick and easy novelty woggle can be a fun gift for a Scouting friend or just something to wear yourself during the holiday season. For each woggle, you need a pill bottle or film canister with lid. Thoroughly wash and dry the container. Fill with small candies. Make a Santa hat from red felt with cotton wool trim, glue to lid, and snap lid on container. Glue on googly eyes, cotton wool eyebrows, a small red bead nose, and a cotton wool beard. To make the slide, glue a pop-tin ring to the back. A

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Rover Personal Development Course

by Arnold Smith

In mid-March, 1991, Nova Scotia held its first Rover Personal Development training course, the fulfilment of a quest of a band of graduates from a Rover Wood Badge course. Early in December 1990, we gathered for our initial staff meeting. There, we reviewed previous Rover Mate training courses and tried to assess what Rovers in Nova Scotia needed to become better Rovers and help Roving grow in the province.

Our assessment led to the decision that life skills training would help them become more effective. We came up with a curriculum that included communications skills, problem analysis, leading effective meetings, conflict resolution, budgeting, group dynamics, spirituality, and a mock Rover Round Table meeting. Each trainer selected a session to prepare.

We decided on a weekend course — all day Saturday and Sunday until noon, with the Nova Scotia Round Table meeting to follow in the afternoon — and chose mid-March dates. Since some Rovers would have to travel quite a distance to get to the course, we looked for a location where they could stay over Friday and Saturday evening if they wished. We decided to investigate St. Margarets Bay District Scout Hall, not far from Halifax.

In late January, the training team gathered at the hall to see the facilities and put together a schedule of times for the sessions. We didn't know what our number of participants might be.

In late February, we met one last time to settle the course schedule, review sessions, and discuss meals with our cooking staff — two fellow Gilwellians. We had planned for 24 participants. All we had to do now was run the course and hope for good weather.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Twenty Rovers registered — about a third of the provincial Rover population — and 16 completed the course. What follows is our schedule, which proceeded on time and with great success.

Saturday

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30	Registration/Breakfast
9:00	Communications



A mock Rover Round Table gives course participants an opportunity to put into practice the skills they picked up in training sessions.

11:15	Problem Solving
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00	Leading Effective Meetings
3:00	Break
3:15	Conflict Resolution
4:30	Budgeting Theory
5:00	Supper
6:00	Small Group Exercises
9:00	Social

The small group exercises included:

1. Develop a recruitment plan to increase Rovers by 10%
2. Plan a Rover Moot
3. Prepare a budget for the Rover Round Table
4. Plan a service project outside of Scouting

Sunday: After breakfast at 8:00, we held a Scouts' Own and, at 10:30, sat down for the mock Round Table and debriefing. We wrapped up with lunch at noon, and the Nova Scotia Round Table met at 2:00 pm.

We feel the course was very successful and hope that the benefits of the training will help Roving grow in Nova Scotia. ^

Arnold Smith is ARC (Training), Halifax Region, N.S.

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Scouter Dick Edwards leads a session on how to run effective meetings.

Wear Your Uniform on February 22



by John Rietveld

When I was a Cub, wearing my uniform to school on B.-P.'s birthday was a big thing. I was proud of my uniform, even though short pants on a cold winter day in February made no sense at all.

My schoolmates who were not Cubs must have thought it strange, but plenty of attention was paid to me and other Cubs in my class. The teacher asked us to explain why we dressed in our uniform on that particular day. Some boys who weren't Cubs even expressed an interest in joining. A few girls wore their Brownie uniforms to class, too. They also had a chance to show off their badges and talk about Brownies.

Now, all of this was some years ago, but I suspect little has changed when it comes to wearing uniforms to school on the founder's birthday. My daughter Renee joined Brownies this fall, and already she is asking when she can wear her uniform to school.

I hope leaders encourage their members to continue the tradition. Send home a reminder: it will help parents recall when they wore uniforms to school and prod them to have their child do the same.

Wearing a Scouting uniform in public is likely the easiest and most visible public relations tool we have during Guide/Scout Week. If a third of Scouting and Guiding members do it, the public will see 170,000 youth and adults in uniform on February 22.

I promise to wear mine. Will you do the same? We adults can set the example by wearing our uniform to work. Whether you drive a bus, work on an assembly line, or sit behind a desk in an office, tell your supervisor you want to show your pride in belonging to Scouting.

In 1992, we have the added bonus of our new uniform. It will give us a chance to tell people about Scouting's new look. It is very important, though, to wear the full and correct uniform as shown in the Supply Services catalogue. It is inappropriate to wear a stetson, which hasn't been a part of Scouts Canada uniform since 1968, and to mix old and new uniform parts.

At your mall displays or Guide/Scout Week religious observances, you will likely have some members in old uniform and others in new. It's another good opportunity to talk about our new look.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Since the 1940s, Scouts and Guides have celebrated the common birthdate of B.-P. and his wife, Olave. Scouts celebrate their founder's birthday, while Guides celebrate *Thinking Day*. We have called the period around it *Scout Week*, *Scout/Guide Week*, *B.-P. Week*, and *Guide/Scout Week*. Because the variety of titles is often confusing to non-members, last spring, the PR Committees of both organizations met to discuss a common label for the week.

In 1992, it will be called **Guide/Scout Week**, February 16-23. The approved logo appears at the top of this page. In 1993, when the name becomes *Scout/Guide Week*, the position of the Scout and Guide logos will be switched. In 1994, it will be back to *Guide/Scout Week*, and so on.

When planning group or district Guide/Scout Week activities, remember to include the local Guide unit. In some parts of the country, you may also be able to invite the francophone Scouts from L'Association des Scouts du Canada. The three organizations combined represent about 550,000 Canadians. A concerted effort by all three will help increase both media and public recognition.

SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES

After last February's celebrations, the national office received reports and newspaper clippings about many unique activities. Calgary Region held a successful food drive (see p.4). In cooperation with the Calgary Flames, Scouts left grocery bags on seats at the arena on Tuesday night. A special pre-game ceremony at centre ice encouraged fans to fill the bags with food and return them for the Thursday night game. The results were great, and the effort will be repeated during Guide/Scout Week 1992.

A few years ago, Greater Toronto Region found an unique way to arouse media attention. At 8 a.m. on February 22, Scouts visited every radio station in the city and gave the morning DJ a Scouts Canada T-shirt. Most of the DJs invited Scouts to talk about Scouting on-air. In many centres, the morning drive-

to-work shows are the most widely listened-to radio programs produced.

In Vernon, B.C., with the support of the local hospital, all babies born during Guide/Scout Week received a T-shirt and invitation to become Beavers in five years. The presentations to mothers and babes in hospital were covered by the local newspaper. A follow-up is planned to ensure that, when these children turn 5, a Beaver colony does indeed contact them (and recruit mom or dad as leaders).

All of these ideas are easy to do. They are inexpensive. They don't require long lead times or large numbers of volunteers. And they are very successful.

RESOURCES

To support your local Guide/Scout Week activities, National Communications Service will distribute a 30 second radio PSA to 160 stations in early January. Special banners to hang in shopping malls and posters are available now from your council office. The poster, *Scouting: Join the Fun*, is designed with a large white space at the bottom where you can write your own message or a phone number for interested adults and young people to call.

When your group or district has wrapped up Guide/Scout Week 1992, send us a report and pictures so we can share the ideas with others.

WANTED: CALENDAR PHOTOS

The 1992 Scouts Canada calendar is a hit with its new design and use of pictures showing old and new uniform. One of the things that makes the calendar exciting is that it includes so many great pictures of Scouting in real situations.

We've started planning for the 1993 version and need your help to collect pictures. We're looking for colour photos in a horizontal format with content that reflects Scouting in action. Photos showing members in the new uniform are of particular interest.

Send your submissions to Communications Service at the national office: *Scouts Canada, PO Box 5151, Stn F, Ottawa K2C 3G7*. Selections are made in the spring. All pictures will be returned. X

Get Them to the Church on Time

by Bob McCuen

Do you have a problem getting your Cubs to attend your church service during Guide/Scout Week? Here's an idea that has worked well for us.

The 2nd Guelph Cubs hold a sleepover at the church the night before the service. We have found that most of the Cubs do not want to miss the fun and parents are quite willing to have a rest from their children until lunch time Sunday.

We start with a walk to a nearby park for a wide game. Back at the church, we hold a campfire, play a few more games and, when everyone is ready for bed, have mug up and watch a movie. Generally, the Cubs then proceed to talk and carry on until well past midnight, when leaders decide it is time for sleep, since likely they will be up by 7 a.m. Sure enough, some are.

After a pancake breakfast and cleaning up the campsite, we spend some time on a craft — this year, making woggles from turkey neck bones already prepared and painted grey. Many of the Cubs wore their creations to the church service.

Scouters, with suggestions on Bible readings from the minister, completely planned last year's service. Cub leaders opened it; with piano and guitar accompaniment, we sang songs we often use in Scouts' Owns at camp so that our young members knew them; and the minister presented Religion in Life awards to a dozen youngsters. A Cub and a Scout read from scriptures; another Cub and Scout told what Scouting meant to them. It was a highly successful approach, and many of the congregation told us it had been the best Scout Service they'd ever attended.

The sleepover is a great way to get the Cubs out, and planning your own service makes it more enjoyable for them. It also enables you to create a service sensitive to the religious differences within your pack.

Ask your church sponsor for this opportunity. If you are not sponsored by a church, see if you can be a part of another pack's service and sleepover or if a nearby church will let you hold a service as part of their regular worship services.

Scouter Bob McCuen is Baloo with the 2nd Guelph Cub Pack, Ont.



Beavers love a birthday party, and the Stormont-Glangary District, Ont., throws a dandy for district Beavers every February to celebrate B.-P.'s birthday. "The Pond" offers lots of theme ideas for decorations and crafts, as this Beaver's frog-eyes party hat and froggy medallion show. And, the last time the 15th Cornwall Beavers invited the district to their party, the cake looked almost (but not quite) too good to eat. Thanks to Mary MacLaurin for sharing.

SHAPING & WEARING YOUR BERET

by Michael Nellis

Our nice new uniform includes a beret. The good news is that the new berets are made of wool, which means they can be shaped. The old polyester version always looked like a frisbee.

A well shaped wool beret will keep its shape with minimal effort. Avoid jamming it into your back pocket for hours/days/weeks or all summer long. If you remove it while in uniform, fold it in half and slide it under an epaulet. It will sit on your shoulder and stay out of the way. When you put it away for the week, fold it in half from left to right and lay it flat.

To shape a wool beret, soak it thoroughly in cold water, then place it on your head with the section badge over your left eye. There's no need to jam it down around your ears; a beret rides lightly on the head.

Make sure the beret is level and pull on the right side so that the extra material forms a flap that just hangs there while the left side is pulled tight. Remove the beret carefully and place it on a towel on a flat surface to dry completely. When it is dry, it will hold the shape. If, later on, it gets badly crumpled and limp, you can simply re-shape it.

Now that you have your beret in decent shape, how do you wear it? That's the easy part. The section badge goes over the left eye. The band should be two finger widths

above the eyebrows and level right around the head. The material you've pulled to the side simply hangs above the right ear.

With a little patience and work, you and your members will have berets that don't look like something the dog plays with.

Michael Nellis is Akela with the General Wolfe Cubs, Sillery, Que., and a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

RAPPING CUBS

from Dave Waddington

As part of its winter program last year, the 118th St. Andrew's Cub Pack, Calgary, Alta., focussed on Tawny Star. The Cubs spent part of two meetings making musical instruments and, in sixes, creating a rap song. They also worked on these things at home and, during a third meeting, put on a performance. In sixes, they played their instruments and sang their songs. We soon discovered it would have been better to treat the song and instrument playing as separate items!

Drums were very popular instruments because they are easy to make, typically from ice cream pails with material stretched over the end. Some enterprising Cubs made several drums of different sizes and lined them up to produce a crude melody. We also had a double bass made from broom and string, lots of maracas, and guitars. We gave credits for

stars and badges only where it was obvious some effort had gone into making an instrument.

The rap songs were a big hit, and the sixes put on a great show. It didn't seem very difficult for them to generate a beat. Here's a sample that might get your Cubs going in a similar contest.

The Tawny Six Rap

This is a song about a six,
You won't hear this song at no flicks;
We're from Tawny, big and brawny.
Now there's the Blue,
You'll see them in the zoo;
Ask them a question
They don't have a clue.
There's the Black,
Put 'em all in a sack,
And you can carry them on your back!
And there's the White,
Sitting in the light;
Stick them in the night and they take
fright.
Now the Green, lean and mean;
Put them in a bathtub to get them clean.

Program Links

Tawny Star 2,6,8,13
Musician 3
Handicraft 1,3
Troubadour 1,2,4,10

Last is the Red;
You'll find them in bed,
Cuddling with their ted.
This is the end, there ain't no more;
Before you get mad at us,
We'll run out the door!



HASSOCK POLO from Scouter Ron

When I was a teenager (I am now approaching 75), one of my sister's best friends was the daughter of a wealthy manufacturer. His house had a recreation room the size of many village halls, with a polished floor perfect for dancing and party games. One of the favourites was

our own patent game, which we called *hassock polo*. It is fun for teenagers, but I think it would be fun right down to Beavers.

Hassocks were hard square cushions, usually about 10 cm high, used as kneelers in churches and as footstools in some houses. They had two "ears" to lift them by.

When we played, we picked sides and armed ourselves with rolled newspaper bats. You could use any soft ball, even one made of scrunched newspaper, although we did not have Scotch or masking tape in those days to keep such a ball together. We marked a half-way line and two goals.

Players sat astride the hassock, grasped one "ear" between their legs, and propelled the hassock by moving the legs. The object was, of course, to use the bat to put the ball in the other team's goal. The only rule I remember is that, if you fell off the hassock, you could not strike the ball.

Hassocks are hard to come by these days, so perhaps a burlap sack folded in four would do the trick. I am sure Scouting ingenuity can provide substitutes. It was fun when I was young, and I am sure it still is. A

Scouter Ron lives in Ganges, B.C.



It's not a waste below the waist

Leaders are leaders from top to bottom, inside and out. You are a role model for the young people in your group and they learn through the examples you set. What you say and do is important. And the image you present is important too.

Our traditions and our new uniforms are as distinctive as our organization. So, don't waste a great opportunity to exemplify the importance of appearance and presentation - wear your complete uniform. Show our Scouting pride, from the top of your head to the tips of your toes.



Wear the Complete Uniform

Fun at the Pond

by Lena Wong

Ho, Ho, Ho! It's December, and we're ready with gift suggestions and some fun ideas to try out at a colony Christmas party. Provide some wrapping paper (or ask each Beaver to bring the coloured comics from the weekend paper) and old cards from which the Beavers can cut gift cards. That way, they can wrap their presents as soon as they've made them.

We took most of the gift ideas from two sources we found in the public library: *How to Make Presents from Odds and Ends*, by Felicity Lewis (Van Nostrand Reinhold); and *Making Presents*, by Nancy Scott (Piccolo Pan Books).



Bookmarker



Bookmarkers: For each bookmarker, the Beavers need a metal hair clip, glue, and construction paper. Provide poster paint, glue and sparkles, and crayons or markers for decorating.

Encourage the Beavers to think of the person they are making the bookmarker for and choose a design the person will like. They draw the shape (butterfly, flower, batman, airplane, etc.) on construction paper, cut out, and decorate, then glue it to the hair clip. Another idea is to cut out pictures from scraps of wall paper and glue to construction paper before attaching to the pin.

Envelope Pockets: Here's a great gift for a parent or older sibling to hang up by a desk. Each Beaver needs a large piece of cardboard (35 cm x 50 cm), cheerful wrapping paper or wall paper 25 mm to 50 mm larger all around than the cardboard, tape, used envelopes of different sizes, and glue.

Cover the cardboard with wrapping paper, folding over the extra and taping

firmly to the back. Cut off the envelope flaps and glue the front of the envelopes to the board. Label the envelopes for pens, pencils, paper clips, rubber bands, etc., either by printing on the words or drawing the objects. Punch two holes at the top of the completed board and tie on a piece of string for hanging.

Drink Coasters: For each coaster, you need a 10 cm x 10 cm square of stiff cardboard, a picture from a magazine or wallpaper, and clear varnish. Beavers glue the picture to the cardboard and trim edges carefully (younger Beavers may need help with trimming). When the glue is dry, coat the coaster with varnish. Each Beaver may like to make a set of four or six coasters as a family gift.



Knitting Needle Holder

Knitting Needle Holder: For each holder, you need a tall plastic bottle (about 30 cm high) with straight sides; poster paint or coloured stickers; and 25 cm of ribbon or cord.

Cut off the top of the bottle and clean it thoroughly. About 2 cm down from the top, punch holes on opposite sides. Paint the bottle or decorate with stickers. Draw the ribbon or cord through the holes for a handle and tie a knot at each end to hold it in place.

Wide cardboard tubes are a good alternative to bottles. Use two or three layers of masking tape to make a strong bottom.

New Year's Horn: This idea from *Hooray Days*, by Judith Ghinger (Golden Press), makes a great noisemaker for your Christmas party. You need a paper towel tube, wax paper, poster paint, a rubber band, and materials for decorating.

Paint the paper tube and let dry. Cut a circular piece of wax paper large enough to fold over one end of the tube and fasten in place with the rubber band. Wrap a piece of masking tape around the edge

Our Apologies

Our November suggestion to colour the Star of David yellow to make a Hanukkah card was completely inappropriate in view of the negative feelings attached to such a symbol for historical reasons. The traditional colours of white and blue would be better choices. We are very sorry for our error and any discomfort it may have caused.

of the open end. Punch five holes about 2 cm apart down one side of the tube. Decorate.

To play the horn, Beavers press the open end against the mouth and hum or blow, varying the sound by covering up holes with the fingers.

COLONY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Invite parents to a special party with a musical theme and ask them to bring household items to use as instruments: for example, flat metal lids as cymbals and pots and pans as drums (use wooden spoons as drum sticks). Three or four forks suspended from a stick with string and struck by a spoon make an interesting sound; a plastic box of buttons or dried beans makes a great rattle. All you need is imagination.

During the party, sing lots of fun songs accompanied by the "orchestra". End with a noisy parade. In between, try this little action poem from *Scouting Magazine* (UK) to entertain parents. It needs very little rehearsal and no costumes, and gives the Beavers a chance to ham it up in mime.

A leader reads the poem, pausing where appropriate. Four or five Beavers line up behind a table to be "the machine", making machine-like movements and noises. Choose a Beaver to be the man who works the machine, and equip him with a feather duster and an empty oil can. Another Beaver plays Santa and a few others the workers. The rest are the heroes!

Santa's Machine

Here is the machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to the girls and boys;
It whizzes and whirrs and bangs and clatters,
And packs the toys as it cheeps and chatters.
And I don't know why it makes so much noise,
This special machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to the girls and boys.

And here is the man who works the machine,
And dusts it well to keep it clean,
And oils it, too, to stop the noise,
Of this special machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to the girls and boys.

Now here are the workers so busy and bright,
Who work so hard by day and by night,
To make the toys and to make them right,

To give to the man who works the machine,
And dusts it well to keep it clean,
And oils it, too, to stop the noise,
Of this special machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to girls and boys.
The workers are working at making the toys,
But wait — O dear! Can you hear a noise?
The workers listen, the man does, too,
But they can't hear a sound. Nor can I.
Can you?

The machine has stopped; there is no noise,
From the special machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to the girls and boys.

The workers look puzzled, the man looks glum,
He can't hear a sound, not a whizz, not a hum.
He tries some more oil, he gives it a kick,
But it just isn't working, and Santa says, "Quick!
We've got to have help, we've got to get going;
The reindeer are waiting, outside it is snowing,
And somehow I've got to deliver the toys,
That I always take to the girls and boys."

And here come some Beavers, those youngest of Scouts,
They've heard of the problem, they've heard Santa's shouts,
And they like being helpful, they like being kind,
So they soon pack the toys the machine left behind.
They wrap them, and stick them, and pack them so neatly,
And give them to Santa, who thanks them quite sweetly;
Then he jumps on his sleigh and he is off in a thrice,
Off over the roof tops through snow and through ice.

The workers can rest now, and so can the Beavers,
And so can the man who pulls all the levers,
As he tries very hard to work the machine,
The one that he dusts well and keeps very clean,
And oils well, too, to stop all the noise,
Of this special machine that packs the toys,
That Santa takes to the girls and boys.

Merry Christmas to you, your family,
and your Beavers.



Commissioner Addresses Award Ceremony

by Karl Mezger

On Sunday, June 9, more than 700 people crowded into Nepean's Centrepointe Theatre for the 1991 National Capital Region's Chief Scout's and Queen's Venturer award ceremony. It was an evening of pageantry and entertainment, complete with RCMP band renditions of music ranging from Mozart to modern pop.

Pipers of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa piped in the flags and platform party and played during the invocation. Rover Colin Skinner piped recipients into the theatre.

The National Capital Region places great emphasis on this important annual ceremony. As a result, the event has outgrown school auditoriums and, in the past, has been held in the Railway Committee Room on Parliament Hill.

The 1991 event put 244 people on stage and took 518 volunteer hours to plan and execute. That doesn't include the time donated by the By-Town Chapter of the B.-P. Guild, whose members served

250 cups of coffee, dozens of cookies, gallons of juice, 240 tins of pop, and 600 donut holes.

RCMP Commissioner Norman Inkster presented 84 Scouts and five Venturers their award certificates. In his address, most of it printed here, Commissioner Inkster spoke about the Police Venturing program initiated with the RCMP in January 1990.

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This evening's ceremony is of particular interest to me as, in January 1990, the RCMP introduced Police Venturing as a national initiative and made a commitment as an active sponsor of the Venturing program. Being here this evening to acknowledge the accomplishments attained by the young members in ... Scouting ... serves to reinforce the RCMP commitment as a partner in this program. We view our primary purpose as one of providing young Canadians with

exposure to the RCMP as a police service agency. We are pleased that this program also provides an opportunity for our members and young adults to interact in a positive relationship.

It is my belief that the strength of ... Scouting ... comes from people from all walks of life who believe in taking responsibility for the development of our most precious resource, our youth. Equally important is the initiative our young people have shown by virtue of their participation and dedication to Scouting, Venturing, or other similar organizations. The lifeline of the quality of such organizations is sustained through the active participation of volunteers, young and old alike.

Organizations such as Scouts and Venturers are two of many important developmental experiences available to young Canadians. To be a leader in these organizations or a supporter is to believe that getting a good start in life is important and that parental guidance as well as



Award recipients with special guests, NCR Commissioner Peter Wilson, Ontario Provincial Commissioner Hugh Robertson, RCMP Commissioner Norman Inkster, NCR Deputy Commissioner Rusty Brown, and NCR President David Hamilton.

community interest and commitment is fundamental to the overall development of our young people.

I also share in this belief, as do many RCMP members across Canada who have accepted the challenge and taken on the responsibility of active participation in Scouting. The RCMP has a history of many of its members being active Scouters. I am proud to say that members have also become leaders or advisors in the formation of RCMP Venturer companies or sit on local community committees in support of the (Scouting) program. It is only through the concerted efforts of all that we enjoy the benefit of this evening's ceremony; the recognition of young Canadians who have excelled in the performance of their responsibilities.

In my capacity as the Commissioner of the RCMP and on behalf of all members of the force, I extend to all assembled Scout and Venturer award recipients our warmest congratulations for a job well done. You have proven yourselves worthy of your chosen path as you have achieved your personal goals.

You are young adults who have met the challenges of responsibility; you have learned that teamwork, cooperation, and sharing are the foundations of your respective organizations, yet you are encouraged to seek and test your individual talents. Through this process, each of you learns about yourselves and your interaction with your peers and leaders.

I have reviewed the requirements for attaining both the Chief Scout's Award and the Queen's Venturer Award, and I am impressed by the comprehensiveness of the tasks required ... and the significant participation of your peers in evaluating the merits of your accomplishments. The peer acceptance and support you have achieved, along with the leadership qualities you have demonstrated, will serve your communities well when you take your place as conscientious adults. I look forward to future awards assemblies when I will, hopefully, have the honour of presenting these awards to members of the newly formed RCMP Venturer program.

RCMP VENTURING

Before closing, I would like to share with you the progress of our members in furthering the cause of Venturing in Canada. As of May 30, 1991, 17 months after our commitment to the Police Venturer program, I am pleased to inform you that the RCMP has 16 operational companies formed across Canada, involving approximately 228 young people. We have an additional 16 companies under formation that should be operational before the end of this year. ...I look for increased involvement as the year progresses.



CommonPlace: Communicate for a Change

Our world is in crisis. As never before, our small planet struggles under burdens we have created. And, as never before, it is young people who are paying the price.

Young people make up most of the earth's population. For many of us, the realities of environmental destruction, violence, poverty or injustice are a part of daily life. For others, a tired and ailing earth will be the inheritance.

Young people don't need to be told that changes are overdue. They need a chance to make changes happen. They need solid information about the issues that affect them. They need ways to share their experience and their perspectives, at home and around the world. They need to get better at getting their message across. They need to communicate for change.

CommonPlace is a youth-run organization dedicated to improving communication among young people of the Commonwealth. Through a variety of communications projects and an international, multi-media exhibition just before the 1994 Commonwealth Games, CommonPlace will provide young people a forum to state their views in their own words and to find cooperative solutions to the problems we all face.

CommonPlace challenges young people to:

- Write an article, a poem, or a play about the issues that concern them.
- Form a group to produce a video or a piece of music about their reality.
- Reach out to others in their community and around the Commonwealth to find solutions to the problems we all share.
- Become a sender, not just a receiver, of the images and messages that shape our world.
- Take responsibility for a multi-media exchange among young people from across the Commonwealth.
- Make CommonPlace'94 a celebration of young people's creativity and commitment.

For more information on CommonPlace'94, write: *CommonPlace*, 616-620 View Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J6.

It is my opinion that the fundamental principles of a police service receive strength from the grass roots of the community, the people who believe in taking responsibility for the shaping of their community.

It has always been my philosophy that a better policing service is achieved by participation and partnership with the communities we serve. I have tried to underscore the importance of the manner in which we present ourselves as a police agency; for example, being a police service rather than a police force.

The RCMP Venturer program is one of many support services we provide,

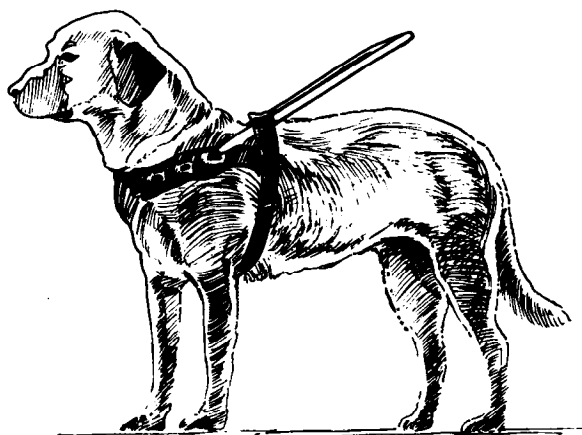
and I suggest ... it ranks as one of our most important. We must always be conscious of the need to strive towards improving the quality of all police services, because that service will reflect the quality of life within our communities. The police must be perceived as part of the community and not apart from it. I see Police Venturing as one more step in that direction. ^

Karl Mezger is secretary to the National Capital Region Council, Ont., and was chairman of the committee that has staged these events over the past five years.

A Beaver Community Service

Born To Lead

by Ben Kruser



In 1984, Jane and Bill Thornton came to Canada from England at the request of a group of blind Canadians who required guide dogs and professional training in Canada. This was the beginning of the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB).

Canada today has over 57,000 people who are legally blind. Of these, about 2,500 need and want the services of a trained guide dog. Because of a shortage of training centres, however, less than one quarter of this need is being met.

The Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind was incorporated as a charitable organization in 1984 to address the need on a national basis. Currently, it operates a national training centre in Ontario and provides some on-site training in other provinces.

The sole source of funds to sustain this training comes from the public. CGDB provides free training for both guide dog and user to ensure that all blind Canadians have access to the needed service.

The process of successfully placing a guide dog with a blind person involves several stages.

Breeding: Because guide dogs must have specific physical and temperamental attributes, the centre must have its own breeding program. The training centre's kennels house about 30 dogs.

Puppy-walking: Seven weeks after birth, the puppies are placed in a foster home for their preliminary training. The training centre relies on a group of dedicated volunteers and families, who provide a home for the pups and the early training and discipline required to develop a successful guide dog.

Formal Guide Dog Training: At 14 months, the puppies return to the centre, where they undergo five to nine months of intensive training.

User Screening and Training: All applicants for a guide dog are screened to ensure they can meet the physical demands of using and caring for a guide dog. Once accepted into the program, they are transported to the centre (except in unusual circumstances) for a 28-day intensive course during which they bond with their chosen guide dog.

Aftercare: Using a guide dog can mean radical lifestyle changes for the user. The increased physical demands and daily requirements of caring for a guide dog impose a regimen and discipline that may create initial difficulties. Professionals from the centre visit all guide dog users to help in the adjustment process and verify the well-being of both user and guide dog.

Retraining: Because the life span of a guide dog is from eight to nine years, a guide dog user will most likely require several guide dogs during his or her lifetime. When they lose their dog, users must go through a modified retraining program with a new dog.

The program requires money, which is raised through various fundraising projects. Beavers can help the guide dog program with a very simple and interesting fundraiser they can do at home.

The CGDB is collecting used stamps for resale. All Beavers need do to help is to cut or tear stamps from envelopes (but not too close) and drop them off at the CGDB Training Centre or put them in an envelope and mail them to:

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind
4120 Rideau Valley Drive North
Box 280
Manotick, Ontario
K0A 2N0
(613) 692-7777

CGDB collects all types of used stamps: special issues, regular stamps, Canadian, and foreign stamps. Beaver leaders who'd like to get their colonies involved will be interested in additional information about the project.

- When you tear off the stamp, leave at least 6.5 mm paper around it to protect the perforations. If they are damaged, the stamp is worthless. There is no need to include the postmark.

- CGDB sorts the stamps into three main groups: Canadian, U.S., and International (i.e. other countries); and into two sub-groups

1. Off-paper stamps. These are usually from an album and can be easily damaged.
2. Stamps from smaller countries (e.g. Malta, Iceland, Greenland, Fiji).

- There is greater potential value in stamps of high values (e.g. \$5 and £5 UK) and for stamps in groups.

- Metered postage and the printed stamp on air letters are of no value.

- A stamp has no value if it has: damaged perforations; tears or creases; a very black cancellation mark; a ball point or pencil mark cancelling the stamp; scotch tape or any other paper on the stamp.

- Some foreign air letters may be covered with stamps. Simply send in the envelope "as is".

"We have had a great response to the stamp drive," CGDB says. "Our thanks to all our contributors for their continuing support."

I hope you'll get your colony involved in this very worthwhile community service project as one way to show Beavers how they can help take care of a (dog's) world! λ

Homes for Wildlife

by Ben Kruser

One of the basic understandings Cubs need to learn about the outdoors is that wildlife requires four things to survive: food, water, shelter, and space. This article, with excerpts from the Canadian Wildlife Federations's Habitat 2000 program, focuses on simple Cub projects aimed at improving shelter, or home sites, for wildlife.



Build a Brush Pile

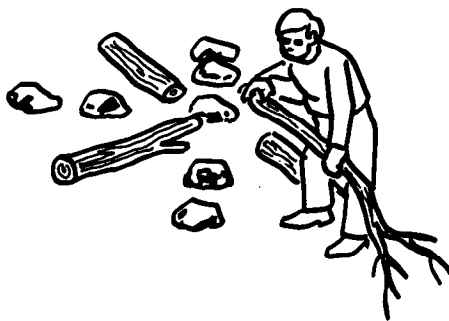
Make a foundation of rocks or logs or both.



A brush pile will be popular if you build it close to cover and food-bearing plants. Hedge rows, fence rows, unused croplands, rock piles, sides of gullies, and field corners make good cover that allows wildlife to come and go to the brush pile without being conspicuous.

You can build brush piles in remote areas of a schoolyard, in a large backyard, or even scattered in woodlots, meadows and farm groves.

Building brush piles can become a pack camping tradition. In areas heavily used by people and those that have lost wildlife habitat, have the Cubs spend some time collecting deadfall and building brush piles. It will show them that it is possible to be both a visitor and a helper in the outdoors.



BRUSH & ROCK PILE HIDEOUTS

Building a brush pile hideout is an easy way to provide cover for wildlife. Small birds or mammals scurrying to find shelter from the weather or escape from predators are sure to use these handy hiding places. Some species, such as ground nesting birds or small reptiles, may even make nests or dens in them.

First, make a foundation of rocks, logs, or both. This helps prevent the brush pile from decomposing too fast and provides inner runways. Build the sides so that the hideout is thick in the middle and loose on the outside. Use woody debris like clippings from pruned trees, branches blown down in storms, or even old Christmas trees cleaned of tinsel and decorations. Place a heavy log or two on top to stop the wind from blowing the hideout away.

OWL PLATFORMS

Great Horned Owls are common and beneficial birds of prey that often use old crows' nests or other existing large nests as nesting sites. To encourage Great Horned Owls (and the more secretive Great Grey Owl in northern areas), we can build owl-nesting platforms.

Construct a cone of chicken wire and line it with tar paper. Cut a drain hole in the bottom. Build a stick nest inside the cone, weaving small branches into the chicken wire. Place the finished cone into a tree crotch 3 m to 6.5 m above ground.

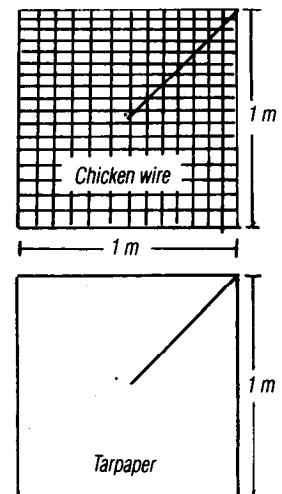
You need to place nesting cones by late fall because owls choose nest sites during the winter. In April, check for signs of action, but *never climb to the owl's nest*. Adult owls will attack to protect their young. Contact wildlife officials to report success. In some areas,

officials may wish to band the young owls for future studies.

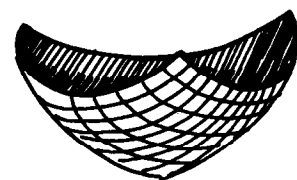
After the family has left its nest, take it down to make the necessary repairs. Young owls have a habit of pulling out all the sticks of their nest.

Providing shelter for animals is a great way to help wildlife in compensation for habitat human populations have destroyed. If your pack would like more information on these and other beneficial conservation projects, consider getting involved in the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Habitat 2000 program. Write to *The Canadian Wildlife Federation, 1673 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2A 3Z1.*

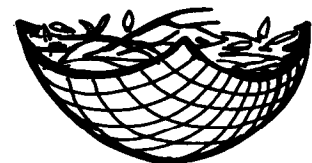
Owl Nest



Cut along lines and overlap edges to make a cone.



Line wire with tarpaper.



Build stick nest inside cone.

Program Links

Brush Pile: Black Star 8, World Conservation 1b,2
Nest Platform: Carpenter 1,2

What's in the Computer Program Library?



by Gerry Kroll

Last month, Pete Torunski announced that he was handing over the Scouts Canada Computer Program Library to me. I'm not sure I will be able to handle the task as well as Pete did, but I'm certainly going to try my best. Thanks, Pete, for a job well done!

Since most of the recent requests for programs from the library have been for IBM versions, this article looks at the IBM offerings. The library will continue to provide programs for Apple II, Commodore, CoCo, etc., as well. And it is also able to provide IBM programs written in Basic in many of the CPM formats that use 5.25" disks.

The library is now prepared to supply IBM programs on any of the current types of IBM diskettes. To make it easier, we've changed the ordering procedures for IBM programs. Although we will fill orders according to the "old" method where you ordered by disk number, we would prefer you to use the "new" method.

When you order IBM programs, please specify in a letter which programs you want. Use the space requirements given below as a guide in estimating how many disks you need, and send me that many disks of the correct type along with your letter. You don't need to preformat your disks. Send your program requests to: *Gerry Kroll, Box 326, Stittsville, Ont., K2S 1A4.*

We can supply IBM programs on the following diskette types:

- 5.25", double sided double density (360 Kb)
- 5.25", double sided high density (1.2 Mb)
- 3.5", double sided double density (720 Kb)
- 3.5", double sided high density (1.4 Mb)

If you have other requirements, please let me know; I will try to accommodate your needs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The following programs are currently available from the IBM section of the program library.

ASTROVIEW (08-03-85) 67341 bytes: This program, available in executable form only, shows the sky from any longitude and latitude for any date or time. It requires a colour graphics adapter, but not a colour monitor.

CUBCHART (01-15-90) 211901 bytes: A Cub achievement database system, the program keeps track of badge and star credits, automatically cross-referencing badge and star work. It is available in executable form only and requires an IBM-compatible printer. A comprehensive instruction manual is included on the disk.

GRAPHICS (06-18-90) 682000 bytes: The files in this collection of scanned graphics on Scouting themes are in TIFF format and can be imported into graphics-capable word processing programs such as WordPerfect.

INDEX (31-07-91) 335360 bytes (needs 1 360 Kb disk): This title and subject index to **the Leader** covers issues from January 1970 through June/July 1991. The text file is usable with the DOS FIND command.

KUBKAR (08-28-89) 49854 bytes: This Basic program registers cars, prints registrations, and schedules heats. You can use the **PINEWOOD** program below for timing each heat.

LDRMAG (12-03-89) 320331 bytes: Another index to **the Leader**, this is a text file that can be searched with the DOS FIND command. You can also load it into a dBASE III file (supplied) if you have the dBASE software. No updates have been made to this index in the past year.

PINEWOOD (01-04-88) 90931 bytes: A program for timing kubkar races, available in executable form only, it includes clear information on connecting your computer's parallel printer port to the track.

RDBINGO (01-05-88) 5007 bytes: This easily-modifiable Basic program produces BINGO-type cards for use on trips

and demonstrates a few interesting programming techniques.

RECORD (12-11-89) 425408 bytes: This flexible membership and achievement database does not come with the source code. A comprehensive instruction manual is included on the disk.

ROSTER (01-25-90) 352907 bytes (needs 2 360 Kb disks): This database system keeps track of names, addresses, sections, and birthdays for youth and adult members. The source code is not available. An on-disk instruction manual is included.

SCOUTQUIZ (10-18-87) 10368 bytes: A text file you can copy directly to a printer, the program consists of a seven-page general knowledge quiz about Canadian and American Scouting.

SKIJAMB (12-12-87) 364509 bytes (needs 2 360 Kb disks): A comprehensive system, written in dBASE III, for managing all aspects of a district ski jamboree. You need the dBASE software to use this system.

SOLARPIX (08-05-88) 58798 bytes: The program shows graphics and information about planets in the solar system. You need a colour graphics adapter, but not a colour monitor, to use it.

STARCHART (08-05-88) 47312 bytes: This executable-only program shows stars and constellation orbits. It requires a colour graphics adapter, but not a colour monitor.

TRIATHLON (03-01-88) 349244 bytes (needs 2 360 Kb disks): Produced by the same author as the **SKIJAMB** program, this is a comprehensive system, written in dBASE III, for managing all aspects of a district triathlon. You need the dBASE software to use it.

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Axe Care Tips

by Ben Kruser



An article on axe skills may seem out of place given today's environmental sensitivity and no-trace camping, but the increased use of wood-burning stoves and involvement in forestry conservation projects mean that Scouts still need to know how to use wood-cutting tools safely and efficiently. Keep in mind Scouting's ethics and practise axe handling skills only on dead or downed trees.

Our accident and injury survey (J/J'91) identified knife and axe injuries in Scouting as a potential concern. Let's look at some points to remember when teaching Scouts the proper way to handle an axe.

CHOOSING THE TOOL

First, what is the right axe for the job at camp? Experienced campers favour a small pack axe for cutting firewood and light chopping. For chopping logs and limbing trees, they choose the larger pole or three-quarter axe, which takes both hands to use safely. The still larger logger's double-bitted axe is overkill for most Scouting situations.

When choosing a pole axe, select a handle about as long as your arm from armpit to finger tips. Check the axe for balance; you don't want a heavy head on a light handle. The quality of steel used for the head affects the ability of the bit to hold an edge. Imitation "army surplus" axes that can't hold an edge will give you less cutting power and a whole lot of frustration. Buy quality steel heads.

Check the oval-shaped end of the axe handle to see which way the wood grain runs. Look for grain that runs parallel to the length of the oval. That handle will absorb the hitting shock better than one with crooked grain running across the oval.

Next, lay the handle along a straight line and eyeball it for warpage. For best performance, you want a nice straight handle with no knots. Avoid handles finished with varnish or glossy paint. They can raise friction blisters and become dangerously slippery when wet.

An axe must be sharp to do its work. To sharpen your axe, place the head in a vise or peg it against a small log. Carefully run an angle file in one continuous stroke along the bit from heel to toe. Make six or seven strokes, turn the head,

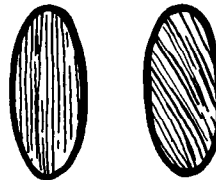
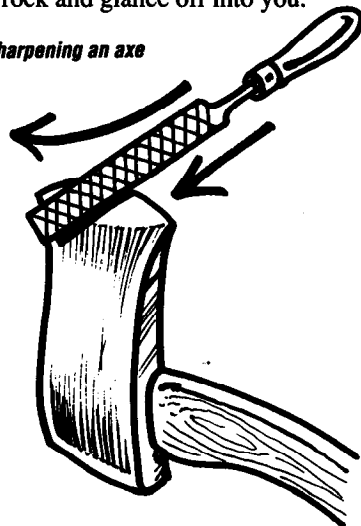
and do the other side. Concentrate on the entire cutting edge, not just the nicks.

USING THE TOOL

Before you start cutting, prepare the area. Grasp the axe head and swing the handle around, over and below to see if it contacts any brush or overhanging branches. Make sure spectators stand a minimum of two axe handle-lengths away so that they can't be hit by the axe or flying chips.

Always use a chopping block. It can be an old stump or thick deadfall. Never chop into the dirt. It will dull the blade, and you run the risk that the axe may hit a rock and glance off into you.

Sharpening an axe



Handle end

Look for grain parallel to long way of oval

Crooked grain means weaker handle

Let the axe head do the work. The keenness of the blade and weight of the head perform the cutting. There's no need to wind up like Babe Ruth. Lift the axe head with a smooth wrist and forearm motion, aim the bit by looking at the point you want to hit, and let the axe head fall in a guided driven drop.

Contact chopping is a safe method to learn for cutting sticks and small firewood pieces. You keep the axe bit in contact with the wood you want to chop

throughout the cutting, bringing both down against the chopping block at the same time. First, tap the bit into the wood where you want to cut. Hold the axe handle with one hand; with the other, grasp the wood a safe distance from the axe head. Raise axe and wood, and bring down both in a guided drop to the block. Continue until the head splits the wood.

Limbing is the process of removing branches from a downed tree. Always work towards the top of the tree while chopping branches. If you chop into a branch crotch, the axe head is likely to stick. For safety, stand on the side of the trunk opposite the branches you are cutting. This keeps the tree between you and the axe head.

Logging or "bucking" is the term for cutting a tree into suitable lengths for transport or burning. In logging, you start with "V" shaped cuts, each as wide as the tree is thick. Continue cutting until the axe goes through.

For splitting logs into pieces for the fireplace, wood stove or campfire, stand up the log on the chopping block. Pick out a splitting line, line up your blade, and swing down. When you swing your axe, it's a good idea to flex your knees and follow through so that the angle between wood and axe at contact is 90 degrees. This way, if the axe glances off the wood, it will not hit you.

Never lean the wood against a log on the ground and chop from the opposite side so that the log will stop the axe when it comes through. If you hit a little high, the wood will flip up and whack you on the head.

And never lay the wood on the ground, straddle it, and swing the axe into the end. One of two things can happen. Either the wood will go shooting off like a croquet ball, or your leg will go shooting off like a croquet mallet handle. **Use the chopping block for all wood splitting.**

When you are finished cutting for the day, carry the axe by holding it just under the head. Point the blade down or away from you to minimize the chance you will fall on top of the blade if you trip. Keep the axe head in a sheath or securely sunk into a stump or log. Never sink an axe into a live tree or leave it lying about camp.

An axe is like any tool. Cared for properly and used wisely, it can make the job of cutting and splitting wood easy, safe and enjoyable. ^

Resources

Fieldbook, Boy Scouts of America
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CROSS-COUNTRY PHOTOS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CUBS: The 1st Northfield Scouting Group, Nanaimo, B.C., celebrated Cubbing's 75th by entering a jungle theme float in the Empire Days parade. Designed by Scouter Bill Woods and built with materials donated by local merchants, the second prize winner featured Baloo gently tossing a Cub in his arms, a life-size Kaa, Akela on the Council Rock, a musical rotating birthday cake, and a motorized waterfall, reports Tic Tac Jo-Anne Bush. What a great way to "help let our community know that Scouting is an important facet in the lives of many boys and adults in Nanaimo".

OH YEAH, WE'RE OCTOPI! The 1st Highland Creek Cubs, Scarborough, Ont., "move like an octopus" to rock music as special guest David Tomas puts them through a program of aerobics for children. Given prompts such as "Egyptian walk" or "be a camel", the Cubs exercised their imaginations as well as their bodies, says Akela Lynn Johnson.



SAD THOUGHTS: Like the dull weather, the faces of the 2nd Abbotsford Beavers reflect the solemnity of the Remembrance Day ceremony they attended last fall. They cheered up over hot chocolate and donuts later, though, says Rainbow Deborah Erickson.



SNOW GOGGLES ANYONE? Bright sun and brisk cold greeted the 1st Meadow Lake Cubs, Sask., on their winter survival day last year. They learned how to build a quinzhee and light a fire without paper, reports Akela Jim Skopyk. And they had a lot of fun.



NORTHERN EXPLORERS: The 3rd Ft. McMurray Scouts, Alta., wave triumphantly from the Mackenzie marker at Fort Chipewyan in March after driving four and a half hours on winter road over muskeg, rivers, and the Athabaska Delta, the substitute for the river route that provides the only access in summer. Although in good shape, the road "was a real roller-coaster ride" that made some Scouts queasy, says Scouter Stan Hamilton. Before the return trip the next day, the troop explored the town and its history and, on a three-hour cross-country ski, took in the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding area.

ONE OF EACH: Each Guide/Scout Week, Scouting and Guiding in Brockville District, Ont., give the baby born closest to Feb.22 a Sparks doll or a toy beaver. On the last birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, Mrs. Roger Simpson gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Guider Gwen Battams and DC Russ Bedford visited the family in Brockville General Hospital to present the gifts. Photo: Brockville Recorder & Times, reprinted with permission. ▼



WHEWW! The 34th Dunbar/Point Grey Scouts, Vancouver, B.C., stop for rest and relaxation while exploring the Black Tusk region of Garibaldi Provincial Park last October. "It was a one night backpacking outing that covered about 25 kms of adventurous uphill terrain, including scree and lava beds," says Troop Scouter Neil Piller, who called the trek "a true challenge for our first year Scouts". They obviously took it in stride.



RELIGION IN LIFE: 1st Rivercrest Cubs Garrett Finck and Ian and Owen Johnson were among 24 members of Scouting who received their Religion in Life awards during a special service at St. Theresa's Church, West St. Paul, Man., in April. We thank Akela Darryl Dacombe for sharing.



HAPPY CAMPERS: The 1st New Minas B Beavers, N.S., had great fun at their summer camp with parents, leaders, and Cub and Scout helpers, says Scouter Chris Seymour. Everyone kept busy and happy with crafts, hiking, games, a scavenger hunt, swimming, stories, campfires, and songs.

SERVING SPORTPOOL: 8th Fort Victoria Sea Venturers Sasha Grant, Leonard Cook, and Bruce Farquhar pack donated helmets to send to schools in the Caribbean. It's part of their service to SportPool, a two year old charity that collects sports equipment to send to developing Commonwealth countries, where a lack of basic equipment means "they can't even play sports, let alone host a Commonwealth Games". Donating two hours a week for six weeks, the B.C. company cleaned, sorted, catalogued, and boxed equipment collected during SportPool's spring drive. When the orders from recipient countries came in, they gathered the needed equipment, packaged it, and strapped and labelled the boxes for shipping. "This year, two tonnes of sporting equipment were sent to Barbados and Montserrat," says Advisor Paul Warda.



Volunteer Recruitment & Development Strategy

What's It All About?

by Rob Stewart

At a recent meeting of the National Adult Volunteer/Sponsor Relations Committee, the discussions focused (as they usually do) on the implementation of National Council's number one priority, the Volunteer Recruitment and Development Strategy.

Two comments led to the writing of this article. The first expressed concern that some people still view the strategy as a training issue. We hope that most Scouters now know there is much more involved here than training. Perhaps the initial title (Essential Training) has become a roadblock to understanding the total concept.

It's true that we've asked our training teams to review and revamp our training. We know that we need to deliver training courses at times and in a format as convenient as possible for participants. And we know that a Scouter with proper

training can deliver the program as it was designed and that our youth members benefit from this. But we also know that a lot has to happen before and after a Scouter receives training if the program is to be delivered properly.

This leads to the second comment that inspired this article: "Is there a way to illustrate what the V.R. & D. strategy is all about?" In fact, the World Bureau has produced a model, presented here with slight modifications to meet our needs. It accurately outlines the key elements of our strategy for the recruitment and development of all adults in Scouting.

All phases of the strategy are very important, but proper *selection and recruitment* are crucial to our programs' success. One of the first steps is to identify the skills and knowledge needed for the job and recruit the right person to fit the needs.

Upon *appointment*, Scouts Canada expects new Scouters to take training designed to help them understand and perform their Scouting roles. Throughout this stage of the process, the training and service teams are getting ready to provide their expertise and assistance to identify the training and support needs of these new Scouters.

when most councils and groups begin to determine their needs for the coming fall. The process means more than just asking people if they are coming back. It's an opportune time to discuss the previous year's experience to get suggestions for the next year or identify areas for *further training and servicing* to pass along to the person who coordinates training and servicing.

It's also the time to review a Scouter's record of service and contribution to determine if recognition is in order. This is one area of the entire process where we all can do a better job.

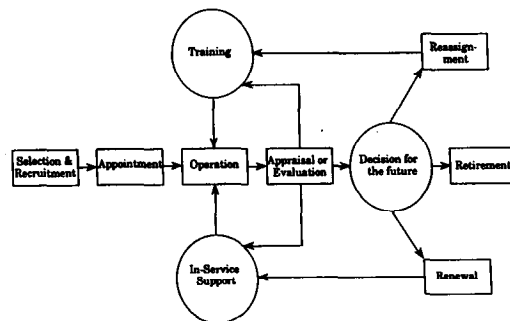
At this point, the model illustrates a number of potential decisions. The Scouter may decide to continue in the same role (*renewal*). Now trained, he or she will continue to receive regular service team support. Or, the person may choose to take on another role (*reassignment*), which likely will mean a need for training in that specific area. Make sure the training team knows of the need. Finally, a Scouter may wish to *retire* from Scouting. Be sure to say thanks, arrange appropriate recognition, and make a point to check in the future to see if he or she might like to return.

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Ideally, new Scouters at the section level will attend Wood Badge I before the initial meetings of the group. Because this is often difficult to arrange, our diagram illustrates three key elements that begin at about the same time. A new Scouter begins his or her role (*operation*) and attends a *training* course while receiving *on-the-job support* from the service team or someone else with experience to share.

Appraisal or evaluation can take place on an ongoing basis, but late spring is

I hope the diagram and my few words help explain the Volunteer Recruitment and Development Strategy developed by National Council. Simply stated, it is a process of recruiting the right person for the job, identifying and providing necessary training, and following up with regular on-the-job servicing and support and recognition through our honours and awards program. The system of training and support continues when we change roles. X

'Tis the Season

by Jim Mackie

With the holiday season almost here, everyone is asking, "What can I get for...?" If you are looking for something special for a Scouter or youth member, look no further than your local Scout Shop for a variety of welcome and useful gift ideas. Here are a few suggestions.

The *Scouts Canada Pen & Pencil* (#61-428, \$52.95), packaged in an attractive gift box, is an attractive set in matte black with gold clips and the Scout Arrowhead in black and gold.

The *Wood Badge Knife* (#50-152, \$89.00) by Camillus, makers of quality knives since 1876, is a collector's item. The blade is engraved with "Wood Badge" and two beads, and the handle features an imbedded axe & log. It's an ideal gift for the Wood Badge holder who has everything.

The *Scout Country Pen* (#61-429, \$24.75), made by Garland, features a Scout Country logo covered by clear plastic on the top and the words "Scouts Canada" engraved on the side. The pen comes in a quality gift package with mailing envelope, the words "Thank You" in gold on the cover, and room inside to write a note. Guaranteed against mechanical failure, the pen has full warranty of unlimited duration when returned to the factory.

The all-new *Dress Belt* (#33-259, \$19.95) adds to the smartness of the Standard Business Dress, shown on page 24 of the Supply Services catalogue. The navy blue leather belt comes with a removable gold and silver plated buckle that features the stylized Canadian Flag Maple Leaf and Arrowhead.

And if you are interested in jewellery or watches, we can certainly help by suggesting you turn to pages 9 and 12 of the catalogue to check out our fine selection of watches, pins, and rings.

STOCKING STUFFERS: The handy, accurate *Zip-O-Gage Thermometer* (#54-133, \$4.50) attaches easily to a zipper or keychain. Complete with windchill chart, it is a very popular outdoor aid.

The *Backpacker's Thermometer* (#54-136, \$6.00) comes with a nylon lanyard for hanging around the neck or attaching to a belt. This camping thermometer includes the windchill chart and is sealed in a clear protective case with a reflective stainless steel mirror on the back for signalling.

The *Watch Strap Compass* (#54-118, \$5.95) fits most straps. Simple to use but not to lose, it is liquid filled and easy to read.

MODEL AIRPLANE KIT: The Model Airplane Kit (#71-108, \$9.95) will make an ideal project for parents and youngsters over the holiday season. The kit contains material to build one propeller-driven aircraft and two gliders. It comes complete with three sets of plans, balsa wood, decals, propeller, and elastic band. You can fly these aircraft indoors or out, so you won't have to wait until spring to race them.

EPAULETTES: Please pass along these few words of caution to your members and their parents. When washing the new uniform shirt, be sure to remove the epaulettes: the high heat of the dryer can melt the adhesive. The epaulettes and shirt are sold as separate items; washing instructions in the shirt do not apply to the epaulettes. X

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Religious Partners

by Warren McMeekin

Over 20 religious organizations use the Scouting program to provide youth activity at the local level. Scouts Canada has always emphasized a commitment to religious principles by reaffirming that we all must, to the best of our ability, love and serve God.

What follows are statements from Scouts Canada's *By-Law, Policies & Procedures*. All clergy, regardless of their level of authority, expect us to know these statements, live up to them, and exemplify them in our daily lives. This philosophy must also run through the specific Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer and Rover programs as they relate to the religious organization chartered to use Scouting.

1. Acceptance of the aim and principles of (Scouts Canada) is the basis for membership.



On behalf of Scouts Canada, Greater Toronto Region, Robert Engel presents Dr. Harry Krakowsky, president of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, a plaque of appreciation for many years of cooperation and hospitality to Scouts from all nations. The presentation was made at a board meeting June 17.

2. In each group/section, it is the responsibility of the Scouters, in consultation with the chaplain or other religious authority concerned, to seek to fulfill in and through the Scout group/section the principles of (Scouts Canada) and the spiritual goals of the sponsor.

3. Church sponsors may make religious exercises and/or instruction a condition of membership. This condition must be stated to all applicants.

In church sponsored groups/sections open to youth of any faith, youth not belonging to that religious group may be excused from such exercises and/or instruction on parent's or guardian's request.

4. A gathering of members called a Scouts' Own is held for the worship of God and to promote a fuller understanding of the Promise and Law. A Scouts' Own is supplementary to and not in substitution for a regular religious service.

5. In planning combined or district religious services or church parades, Scouters shall consult with the clergy of the faiths concerned.

6. In camp, daily prayer should be of the simplest character. Grace should be said at meals.

In camp, the Scouters shall make every effort to provide the opportunity and means for campers to attend religious observances of their own faith.

7. (Scouts Canada) shall provide inter-denominational guidelines and resource material to assist in the enrichment of spiritual life through Scouting.

8. In planning programs, all groups/sections, whatever their sponsorship, shall respect the religious obligations of the (youth members). Youth may be excused upon the request of parents or guardians if any program is thought to contravene the rules of their own faith.

Before approaching a potential new religious partner, become familiar with and be comfortable using the titles and terms related to that institution. Know the aims and objectives of the denomination before you try to offer service.

Your first call on clergy is to get acquainted. They may not adopt Scouting on your first visit. Avoid high pressure sales methods if you wish to remain in good standing.

UPDATES

The new requirements for the *Anglican Adult Religion in Life Award* will be in Scout offices by next month.

We are working on requirements for the Religion in Life Award for the United Pentecostal Church and the Orthodox Church, representing the Antiochian Patriarchate, the Church of Russia, the Western Orthodox Church in America, the National Church of Serbia, and the Church of Canada.

Congratulations to the following partners who increased the number of groups they sponsored last year: Canadian Forces, Ethnic, Native groups, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Lions Clubs, Lutheran Church, Mennonite Church, Moose, Optimist Clubs, Orthodox Church, Pentecostal Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Royal Canadian Legion, and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. ^

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The Way I See It

Where Angels (& some Scouters) Fear to Tread

by Pete Collins

Spiritual development, as part of our aim, appears to be an area of programming where some Scouters fear to tread. The tendency may be to leave it to the minister or some other "expert". In reality, the things of the spirit are as much a part of life and growing as learning to tie a reef knot or put up a tent.

There are two ways by which we try to describe what makes us tick as human beings. There are parts of us that we can touch, dissect, examine. We describe these as physical characteristics. The Greeks had a word for it — "anima".

There is also a category in our experience that does not submit to physical definition: meanings and purpose in life, relationships, character, personality, self-awareness, ethics, and moral values. All these we think of as matters of the spirit (spiritual).

The word "spirit" derives from a Greek word, "pneuma" or breath. For ancient people without the benefit of modern knowledge, when someone died, it was apparent that the "breath" had gone out of that person — his or her spirit had fled. Although the physical part of the person was still evident, the life of the person — something which existed apart from the body — was no longer there.

Everyone, without exception, has beliefs about the meaning and purpose of our lives. Each of us has beliefs about

what is good, of value, what our relationships with others should be like. We have attitudes as to how we should live our lives. All these come under the heading of the spiritual side of life.

It goes without saying that such things involve us in thinking about what we believe or don't believe about God. The spiritual side of our living permeates all our comings and goings; it is like yeast that infuses every aspect of our days.

The difficulty, where many fear to tread, is in finding ways to express our spirituality. It is hard to talk about something deeply personal; others might think we are odd. Our tendency can be to shove things spiritual off into a corner of our lives, thinking such things belong only to church or prayer or the ending of a campfire.

Two thoughts may help take out some of the "fear".

First, humankind has developed, in a variety of ways, orderly systems to express spiritual understandings: in other words, "religion". It is a fallacy to think that spiritual things and religion are separate. We cannot speak of one without the other. Spirituality without religion or religion without spirituality are empty words.

In some sense, Scouting is a form of religion. Essentially, Scouting is a system of beliefs about meanings and values in life that is expressed in our promises and basic principles. The way

we treat each other, the way we play games together, the way we help each other, our concern for the environment — all these and more are the spiritual thread running through everything we do. Although we give formal expression of our spirituality in a religious way at Scouts' Owns, investiture ceremonies, Scouter's Fives, these are simply outgrowths of our spirituality, a way of expressing what we believe to be true about life and how we should live it.

Second, there is no such thing as "hermit" spirituality or its religious expression. True, there will be moments of a personal and private sense of being at one with the universe. But, if we are to know whether or not we have latched onto the truth about life and its meanings, our understandings must be compared and shared. In every society throughout history, the expression of people's spirituality — their religion — has been in community with others.

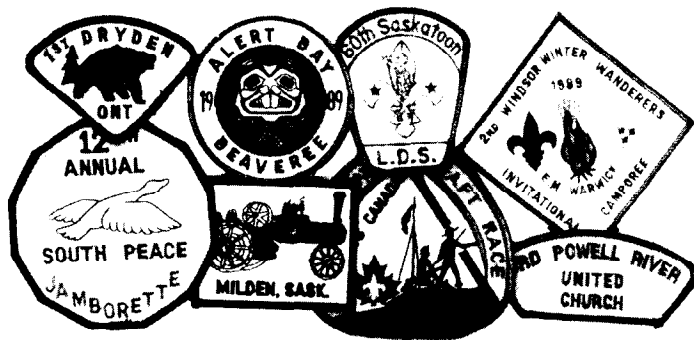
This is especially true for those who are called Christians. It is in community that we test our understandings, get and give support, are challenged and inspired. One may espouse some Christian values, but to be Christian carries with it the necessity of belonging to the church, the assembled people of God, the community of faith.

Helping others grow spiritually really boils down to what we are and do and say. Spirituality and its partner, religion, are a joyous adventure to be shared and celebrated with others. ^

Pete Collins is a member of the Partner/Sponsor Relationships Committee, B.C./Yukon Provincial Council. This article first appeared in the Fall 1990 issue of Update, a United Church of Canada Youth Ministries newsletter.

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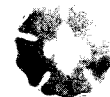
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ARTICLE MISLEADING

Your article *Food & Our Environment* (A/S'91) fails to provide an accurate account of this issue. For example, in paragraph 2 ("North Americans represent ... to malnutrition"), you imply that North American gluttony is responsible for starvation and death in developing countries. This suggestion is not true.

World hunger, malnutrition, and the associated mortality are serious problems

in developing countries. The reasons for human suffering cannot be explained in a few short paragraphs. Contributing to world hunger are population pressures, political barriers, food economics, and lack of appropriate technology at the producer level. It is simplistic to suggest that "eating lower on the food chain" will help.

This is a topical issue that should be addressed in a balanced manner. For additional information on this topic and a description of Canadian efforts to address world hunger, I suggest you contact the Agriculture, Foods and Nutritional Sciences program of the International Development Research of Canada: (613) 236-6163.

— Dennis W. Fitzpatrick, PhD, 135th Pembina Cubs, Winnipeg, Man.

SMOKING LEADERS

There are two possible solutions to the problem outlined by Ontario Scouter who wrote about leaders smoking at a district camp (Oct'91). Solution One is that all Scouters who are smokers give up smoking completely and immediately. Is this a realistic possibility? I think not. I believe, however, that should Scouts Canada ever offer a good "break-free" smoking clinic at no charge to its leaders, the number of smoking Scouters would be greatly reduced.

Solution Two would be to release all leaders who smoke, keeping in mind that they are volunteers who feel they cannot go without a cigarette for a whole day, much less a weekend. Try to imagine Scouting in Canada under this scenario. I suspect many packs would have to fold.

I am a smoker, albeit a reluctant one. Because of the hazards to my health and the costs of smoking, I'd enjoy not being one. I'd also enjoy the several hours a week free time I would have if I could only find someone to take my place as a leader.

The world has changed its attitude towards tobacco use. Years ago, the leaders would have smoked their cigarettes or pipes right inside the dining hall. It will take time for society to rid itself of tobacco use. For the time being, I suggest Ontario Scouter try a little tolerance and understanding.

— Stephen Hulse, 1st Keswick Ridge Cubs, N.B.

THE MAGIC OF TRAINING

Most of us have heard about essential training. What is it? For myself, it was the quest for more knowledge. First came *Introduction to Scouting*, which gave me an idea of what it was all about. Then came colony Wood Badge I. This course gave me further insight on what is expected of me and how to put the different areas into our program.

But I still needed more so, after a year, I signed up for colony Wood Badge II at Blue Springs. I was told it would be fun but intense. Nobody could prepare me for the magic that happened — knowledge: understanding people; understanding Scouting's aims and principles; applying this to our program; sharing, caring, and cooperating.

I came out with all of this and inner peace. We, as a group, have an unbelievable enthusiasm for Scouting. I am an essential part of the brotherhood. We all are.

I highly recommend that you go to any course available. They help you and your young members by enabling you to provide a program to the best of your ability.

— Linda Hirschmann, 88th Hamilton, Ont.

THANKS FOR THE TASTE

I am a trainer from the UK and, through your magazine, I would like to say a big "thank you" to the Canadian Scouters who made it possible for me to attend the Saturday morning of the Gilwell Reunion at Blue Springs.

I was overwhelmed by the friendliness of everyone. Scouter Fred Whiskin even gave up his busy schedule to give me a mini tour plus an interesting commentary on Blue Springs.

That brief stay is truly memorable and, helped by a video recording, I will be able to relive the atmosphere and excitement that was all around me.

My first taste, and I hope not my last, of Canadian Scouting, was a highlight of my three week stay in your beautiful country. Many thanks.

— Jean Barrow, Leader Trainer, Kent and London; Editor "Programmes on a Plate", Cub Scout Section, *Scouting* magazine. λ

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A Child in lowly manger,
A King among the hay.

— by Major David Pitcher, *The Crest*, reprinted with permission.

December Special Days

Dec. 2-9: Hanukkah (*Judaism*)

Dec. 10: UN Human Rights Day

Dec. 11: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (*Sikhism*)

Dec. 17: Maunajiyaras (*Jainism*)

Dec. 25: Christmas

Dec. 26: Death of Prophet Zarathustra (*Zoroastrianism*)

Kwanza (*Black Heritage Day*)

Consider the Flowers

Consider the flowers of a garden; though differing in kind, colour, form, and shape yet, inasmuch as they are refreshed by the waters of one spring, revived by the breath of one wind, invigorated by the rays of one sun, this diversity increaseth their charm and addeth unto their beauty. (*Abdul-Baha; Baha'i*)

Everlasting peace is theirs who choose goodness for its own sake, without expectation of any reward. (*Avesta-Yasna; Zoroastrianism*)

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Party Treats

3 packages toffee
1/2 cup butter or margarine
350 g box crispy rice cereal
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 package large marshmallows

Melt butter, toffee, and milk in double boiler. Cool. Roll marshmallows first in toffee mixture, then in rice cereal. You can do the first step at home and bring the warm mixture to the hall in a thermos container. Beavers or Cubs will enjoy completing the treat.

Crunchy Squares

Melt together 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup corn syrup, 3/4 cups peanut butter. Stir in 1/2 cup coconut and 2 1/2 to 3 cups crispy cereal. Press into greased pan. Melt a half package chocolate chips. Pour over mixture in pan. Refrigerate. These freeze well.

Gold Bars

1/2 cup butter	1 cup honey
2 eggs	1 tsp vanilla
1 cup flour	1 c instant oatmeal
1 tsp baking soda	1 c chopped walnuts
2 c butterscotch chips	

Melt butter and pour into large bowl. Stir in honey, eggs, and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Spread in greased 13x9 pan. Bake at 350°F for 25 min.

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Honey Popcorn

1/2 c honey 1/4 c margarine
6 c popped corn 1 c peanuts

Heat oven to 350°F. Melt butter and honey in pan over low heat; stir until blended. Cool slightly. Mix popcorn and peanuts in a large baking pan. Pour on honey mixture and mix until popcorn and nuts are coated. Bake 10-12 minutes, stirring twice. Cool.

Latkes

4 med. potatoes 1 onion
2 beaten eggs 1 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp salt pepper to taste
oil for frying

Peel and grate potatoes and onion. Add eggs and dry ingredients; mix well. Heat oil in fry pan. Drop in a large spoonful of mixture for each pancake. Brown well both sides, drain on paper towel, serve dipped in sugar or with sour cream and applesauce. Makes a dozen Hanukkah treats. (*Canadian Guider* magazine).

Fruit Fun

If you prefer more nutritional treats, Beavers will have fun creating and eating these. To make a fruit candle, lay a pineapple ring on a lettuce leaf, fit half a banana in the pineapple hole, and attach a maraschino cherry on top with a toothpick. Or make the banana the trunk of a holiday tree. Spear fresh grapes, chunks of orange, apple, pear or peach, and cheese cubes on toothpicks; poke these "branches" into the banana trunk.



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Light is among all; and that Light is God's own self which pervades and enlightens everyone.
(Guru Grant Sahib; Sikhism)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. (*Jesus*)

Hanukkah Prayer

Grant, O God, that the heroic example of the Maccabees may inspire us always to be loyal to our heritage and valiant for truth. May Your holy spirit help us to overcome the darkness of prejudice and hatred, and spread the light of liberty and love.

— *Prayers for Jewish Scouts*, The Jewish Scout Advisory Council, UK

Beavers' Christmas Prayer

Thank you God, for the joy of Christmas;
For the fun of opening Christmas stockings;
For Christmas trees with twinkling lights;
For Christmas cakes and goodies;
Thank you, God.

Thank you for all the happiness at Christmas time;
Thank you for all the presents we receive;
Thank you most of all that Jesus was born on the first Christmas day.

Thank you God.

— *Scouting (UK) magazine*, from a book of Beaver prayers produced by Edinburgh Scout Council. It's a good model for other prayers at this time of year. Ask the Beavers to put in the things they are thankful for at Christmas.

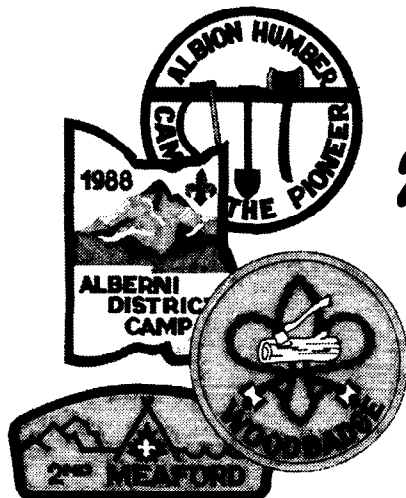
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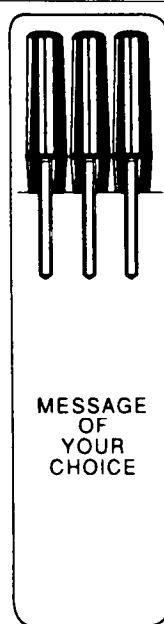
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