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Ideas for

- Cultural Awareness
- Linking White Tails
- Troop Traditions
- Magic Campfires
- Promoting Scouting
- Fundraising

Thoughts from the Chief Executive

Lynn Johnson's article, *The Secret of Eternal Youth* (1/1992), belongs in every recruiter's kit bag. Thank you, Lynn, for sharing your thoughts and reminding us that, although we may be "in it for the kids", Scouting needs to be fun for adults of all ages. One thing Lynn said really stood out: "Where else is it fashionable to care passionately?"

Recently, a great deal has been said and written about our constantly changing membership and apparent inability to keep young people in our programs, despite our ability to recruit and the excellence of these programs when delivered properly. Yet studies have shown there are two elements that help retain young people: caring, and letting youngsters help plan their own programs.

The second element may be easier with older members, but we can seek and consider the ideas of even our youngest Beavers.

It is the first element — caring — that can really make a difference. Young people need to be loved and cared for in this rapidly changing world. Do you really care for your members, not just in a global sense, but on an individual basis?

There are many ways leaders can show they care.

- Take time to know each member as an unique individual.
- Show a real personal interest in your members' interests and accomplishments.



Chief Executive John Pettifer: Get to know each member as an unique individual. Photo: Frank Kohler

- Know members' birth dates; send birthday cards.
- Send a Christmas card or other appropriate greeting when they celebrate their religious festivals.
- Send a card when they are sick.
- Call them or mail a "missed you" card if they miss a meeting.
- Visit their homes and get to know their home environments. Most parents or adult family members will show a marked increase in interest in your section and what you are doing if they see your interest in their child.

- Whatever your religious faith and however you pray, pray for your members individually; bring them before your God for a blessing.

These ideas are not exclusive or unique. They do go beyond simply arranging a generic program and encouraging young members to earn awards.

Referring to our actions as adults in Scouting, at a recent conference one participant wrote, "It will be important to remain warm, human, caring, flexible and spiritual in the actions we plan and undertake..."

How true. Yes, adults must care for and support, encourage, help and guide each other. If this is so, how much more must we care for our young members!

Perhaps you have found successful ways to show you care. Why not take a moment to drop me a line with your stories, and we'll share some of them on these pages.

The Beaver motto is *Sharing, Sharing, Sharing*. Maybe ours as adults should be *Caring, Caring, Caring*.

What do you think? ^

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GATHERING OF THE NATIONS

by Gordon Fenwick

In June 1991, when South Frontenac District asked the 1st Odessa Group to be hosts of the annual winter Cuboree scheduled for late January, I sat down with my leaders and group committee to come up with a theme and program. We settled on a winter fun day with native theme activities. As part of the plan, we'd draw up a list of North American Indian Nations and assign one to each pack, asking them to design a banner featuring the headdress of the nation they represented and bring it to the Cuboree.

Wanting to get away from the TV western image and bring our event as close as possible to native folklore and customs, we visited Tyendinaga Reserve to meet and ask help from Andrew Maracle. Mr. Maracle is a Mohawk elder, keeper of the laws, legends, and principles of the nation. A much sought-after speaker, he has travelled most of North America and given lectures on native customs, law, and culture at Harvard, Yale, and other universities. He is also a Doctor of Divinity and minister of the Assemblies of God Church.

Walking into Mr. Maracle's home was like walking into a museum of native culture. He had artifacts from many North American Indian Nations, all with a story or legend behind them. We explained what we wanted to do for the Cuboree and asked for his ideas. When we left two hours later, he had volunteered to present

a native legend and folklore campfire for the Cubs and had enlisted 10 other people to help us.

Chris Liles, a Sioux artist, designed our Cuboree crest under the theme of the Gathering of Nations. David Maracle, a Mohawk sculptor, designed a statue for

women to supply authentic corn soup and corn bread (bannock) for Cuboree participants. We were all set.

January 25 dawned with a light dusting of snow and temperatures of -25°C. At 10 a.m., the 1st Odessa group arrived to set up our six outdoor events.

1. Tug of War

2. *Travois Race*: A six-Cub event; one rider, five Cubs pulling. The travois were constructed from 2x2 and rope (five ropes across).

3. *Dog Sled Race*: Again for six-Cub teams, five to pull and one to ride. We used toboggans with special five-person harnesses.

4. *Broomball*: pack vs pack

5. *Obstacle Course*: Since I live on a farm, I used things I found around the place — 450 kg round bales of hay, logs, old 20 L pails, and a couple of sheets of plywood placed on an ice surface. Someone donated 60 cm diameter tubes to make tunnels. In a race against time, the Cubs had to dodge the enemy, crawl through a cave, cross a creek on stepping stones (tires), jump a wall (hay bales), walk over a ravine (planks between two upright hay bales), crawl through brush (under a 4x8 sheet of plywood propped up by four pails), and walk along a 3.6 m log. Because they were hav-



the winner of the banner contest. We've since learned that each of these artists has been commissioned to do a work for the Museum of Civilization in Canada's National Capital Region, so we are doubly humbled and proud that they helped us. Francis Eva Maracle, a very active 95 year old, volunteered with a group of native

Andrew Maracle, Mohawk elder, tells 1st Bath Cubs Kyle Evans and Michael Hull about a native talking stick.



(Photos courtesy Kingston This Week)

Up and over!

Cubs "climb the wall" as they race through the gauntlet at their Gathering of Nations Winter Cuboree.



ing so much fun, we let the Cubs go through this gauntlet a number of times.

6. **Big Foot Race:** We made big foot replicas, with toes, from 3/8 plywood. The Cubs wore them like snowshoes for the race.

Meanwhile, our friends from Tyendinaga invaded our sponsor's kitchen at Emmanuel United Church with huge cauldrons, sacks of flour and cornmeal, and many more goodies.

At our opening, Mr. Maracle called each pack into the circle by their Indian Nation name — in English and Mohawk. After a brief opening, and introductions of the banner judges, the games began.

Because it was so cold, we planned to keep the Cubs moving at a fast pace between 12:45 and 2:30. We allotted each pack 15 minutes per event and made allowances for a 15 minute hot chocolate break between some of them. The Odessa volunteer fire department lit two huge bonfires so that the Cubs could warm up when necessary, but these attracted more adults than kids.

By 2:45, we had them all back at the church to dig into lots of hot corn soup, corn bread, and hot chocolate. There were more than 280 well-fed people in the hall when Mr. Maracle arrived in full regalia, bringing with him a Snow Snake, the Talking Stick, rattles, masks, and lots of stories and legends. Mr. Maracle has the rare gift of being able to spell-bind an audience, and 230 youngsters along with their adult leaders sat mesmerized for 45 minutes.

It was difficult to cut off all the questions to move along with the program. Chris Liles presented the sculpture to the Bayridge pack for top banner and Mr. Maracle presented the Cuboree trophy to the Sydenham Cubs. The 1st Odessa then presented all our friends from

Tyendinaga Reserve a parchment of appreciation, as well as special plaques for our special guests. And we had a surprise for Mr. Maracle — a birthday cake with the Cuboree crest on top to help him celebrate his 78th a few days later.

In turn, the Mohawks made a surprise presentation to our group — a flag of the Mohawk Nation. "It is an Indian custom," they said. "When you go into a friend's home, you always leave something so that you can always return." The Mohawks will always be welcome to come back to Odessa!

Our Winter Cuboree brought three great benefits. First, we have developed a greater understanding between members of our group and the people of Tyendinaga and a great friendship from working with them. We invited Mr. Maracle to our annual banquet. In spring, we invited the Mohawks to one of our park clean-ups for games and food, and they have invited us to share in their fall fair and other events.

Second, we received tremendous support from our community. Members of the fire department built and maintained two large bonfires through the afternoon. The Odessa Fair Board let us use the fairgrounds for the activities and the building for registration. The Ernestown Roads Department plowed the grounds and set up pylons and barriers for the games. The Odessa Lions Club ran some of the events and served the hot chocolate — about 13 kg of it in all!

Third — the Cuboree was a great success, drawing well over 200 Cubs and leaders from 16 packs and lots of press coverage as well as a half hour television show. Everyone came away with stronger intergroup ties and a little better understanding between two cultures. ^

Gordon Fenwick is group committee chairman, 1st Odessa Group, Ontario.

Program Links

Relate to World Cubbing requirements

INDIAN NATIONS

Each of the 16 packs at the South Frontenac District Winter Cuboree received the name and location of a North American Indian Nation to learn something about. Each pack designed a banner featuring the headdress of their particular nation and paraded it proudly during the day's opening ceremonies.

MicmacNova Scotia,
New Brunswick, P.E.I.
SiouxManitoba
CreeQuebec, B.C.
AlgonquinQuebec
HuronQuebec
Blackfoot.....Alberta
MohawkQuebec, Ontario
Oneida.....New York, Ontario

SenecaWestern N.Y., Ontario
CayugaOntario
OjibwaNorthern Ontario
ChipewaMinnesota, Ontario
NavajoArizona, New Mexico
ApacheWestern U.S.
CherokeeOklahoma, N. Carolina
CrowPlains, western U.S.A.

White Tail Slap

by Dave Bowes-Lyon

On a cold sunny day last March, 225 White Tail Beavers from Owasco District, Ont. (the towns of Ajax and Pickering, just east of Toronto), gathered at Oshawa's Camp Samac for the 10th annual White Tail Slap.

Although the district has made minor adjustments to the program over the years, the basic idea remains unchanged: whet the appetite of White Tails with a taste of Cubbing so that they want to swim up.

We organize the day into ten 30-minute events, five indoors and five out, and group together the 40 colonies to make 10 groups of 20 to 24 Beavers. Five groups spend the morning indoors and afternoon out, while the others start outdoors and finish inside. Two guidelines help us group the colonies: keep all the groups the same size; keep neighbouring colonies together to enable leaders to build relationships,

exchange ideas and, perhaps, arrange visits to each other's colonies.

We started planning for the 1992 event in the fall by contacting each group to advise leaders an information package was coming soon, explain the White Tail Slap, and ask the number of White Tails in their colonies. Based on previous years' experience, organizers know that about 72% of the White Tails in the district attend the event. With this information, they could begin planning and order crests.

Next, organizers reviewed the previous year's programs and committee recommendations. From there, they decided the format of this year's program and events. When they'd agreed on activities, they asked district Cub packs each to volunteer leaders to be responsible for one of the events. Leaving details of individual events to Pack Scouters freed up the organizing

committee to concentrate on the administrative side of things.

On site, each group received a map of the location of events and a schedule to follow. Each Beaver received a large tag identifying his or her group. It proves helpful when Beavers and leaders become separated from their group.

OUTDOOR EVENTS

1. *Campfire*: A great place for leaders and Beavers to learn new songs from each other.

2. *Nature Trail*: The highlight of the day was the appearance of an owl trying to enjoy a meal on the side of the nature trail. Although the bird was interrupted as each group passed, it stayed in a nearby tree keeping watch over its fresh kill. It's most unusual to see an owl out in broad daylight.



Bannock-baking is an outdoors favourite!



White Tails learn all about Cub stars and badges

A White Nose ceremony introduces Beavers to the jungle stories.



3. *Treasure Hunt:* This activity taught White Tails about observation as they tried to find various items in the camp and note their location without removing or damaging them. Among the treasures they sought were something old, something round, and a sign of spring.

4. *Obstacle Course:* It's an ideal way to let the White Tails burn off some excess energy. We used the permanent obstacle course at the camp.

5. *Bannock Baking:* This very popular outdoors event gives the White Tails a chance to cook their own bannock, slather on "bear grease" (and wonder what it really is) to make the sugar and cinnamon stick, and enjoy a warming mug of hot chocolate.

INDOOR EVENTS

1. *Kub Kars:* Cubs shared the secrets of Kub Kar design and let the Beavers race some Kars.

2. *Tents & Fires:* With a little help from their leaders, White Tails set up a tent and built log-cabin fire lays. Of course, they couldn't light the fires indoors, but it was a great place to enjoy a snack while a Cub explained how to make and use a buddy burner.

3. *Craft:* The White Tails made a Wolf Pencil Holder by covering a soup can with grey paper and gluing on eyes, ears, a nose, and mouth. Campbell Soup company donated clean cans for the exercise. When the job was done, each White Tail received a certificate to present Akela after swim up. The certificate attested that the Beaver had completed Tawny Star 2.

4. *Badges, Stars, Knots:* This event was organized into two 15-minute sessions. During one, Cubs who had earned many stars and badges talked about the program and showed the White Tails samples of items they'd made to satisfy badge and star requirements — toys, bird feeders, other craft items, and the like. During the second session, a very patient Cub leader taught each White Tail how to tie a reef knot and a sheep shank.

5. *Jungle Story:* This introduced the White Tails to Cubbing's jungle theme. And, as a Cub leader explained the significance of the new chum's white scarf, the Beavers had their noses painted white. ▲

Scouter Dave Bowes-Lyon is Akela with the 7th Pickering Wolf Cubs, Ont. Thanks also to Scouter Peter Ede, Hawkeye with the 7th Pickering Beavers.

THIS POND'S A PUZZLE

by Betty Howey

Ready, steady, chew!" signalled a ribbon-cutting ceremony of a different sort as the 41st Hamilton Melrose Beavers unveiled their new "pond" by chewing their way through a licorice rope. The pond is indeed something special — a focus for our meeting place at Melrose United Church and all of our ceremonies. In fact, it's a giant puzzle the Beavers helped to create.

Scouter Tim Leslie designed the pond from two 4x8 sheets of plywood. The other members of the leadership team applied a base coat of white primer and, using acrylic paint, painted on the blue river and brown riverbanks. Then, with acrylics and sponges, the Beavers went to work stenciling on leaves, fish, turtles, insects, frogs, and spiders. It was a hairy but fun meeting!

For the next step, Scouter Tim used a friend's scroll saw to cut the boards into puzzle pieces, making about 30 riverbank segments and six river segments. We distributed pieces among lodges and stenciled on our four lodge symbols to make things easier to store, assemble, and organize at opening and closing.

Finally, Scouter Paul Phillips spent nearly every spare moment for a week down in his basement applying five coats of urethane to each piece.

During our openings, the Beavers assemble the puzzle and, using short sticks collected on a hike, "dam the river". Proudly, they demonstrated the ceremony to their parents at the special unveiling. Representing our sponsor, Reverend Bruce Gregerson was also on hand for the grand opening. A former Scout and avid canoeist, he told the Beavers about his encounters with their animal counterparts, pointing out that canoeists depend on beaver dams to keep up river water levels.

Reverend Bruce closed the event with a pink lemonade toast "that our pond be a safe and happy meeting place for us all". We are very proud of our project and know that many future generations of Beavers will enjoy our colony centrepiece as much as we do today.

Scouter Betty Howey works with the 41st Hamilton Melrose Beavers, Ont.

Program Links

Camping, Cubs, Fun at the Pond

**READY,
STEADY,
CHEW!**

*A ribbon-cutting
of a different kind.*



*Beavers, leaders,
and parents
admire the
completed pond.*

Troop Traditions, Routines, & Habits

by Colin Wallace

Every group needs traditions. They give members a sense of belonging to an entity greater than self and a feeling of history.

Every Scout needs routines. Scouts are conservative by nature. They enjoy surprises, but they don't like to be caught off guard or embarrassed in front of their peers. Routines offer some stability.

Everyone needs habits to make it easy to keep doing the right thing with a minimum of effort.

Let me share some of the traditions, routines, and habits our troop developed over the years. I haven't defined which is a tradition, routine, or habit, because they can overlap. You'll figure it out for yourself if you adopt any of them in your own section. Just be sure you don't develop a tradition from a bad habit!

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Our troop had no duty patrol at our weekly meetings. We tried a duty roster of assignments, but found the side-effect of designating a duty patrol was an "it's not my job" attitude among those whose names didn't appear on the roster.

Instead, as they arrived, we encouraged Scouts to do the jobs needed to prepare for our meeting. The volunteers who completed specific chores earned beads (points) for their patrol. Among other things, this provided Scouts an easy opportunity to learn how to break a flag properly.

We had a troop sash decorated with souvenir badges, pins, and other memorabilia collected during our travels and adventures. There were a lot of stories attached to it. Any Scout who arrived at

the meeting place early enough could lay claim to this ceremonial sash, thereby accepting responsibility for conducting our opening ceremony.

The patrol leader of the week's honor patrol wore the sash to conduct our closing ceremony. And our oldest patrol leader wore the sash on special occasions like parents' nights and inter-troop visits.

Our troop dog — we never thought of him as a mascot because he always seemed to be more like one of the boys — wore a small vest made from our group neckerchief and decorated with the group, district, and region badges. He belonged to one of the Scouts, but he attended our weekly meetings and several weekend camps.

When a Scout or patrol had earned some praise from their peers, there was no applause. Instead, one Scout called, "How!" and the others responded loudly, "How! How!" Much more effective!

If things were getting dull, even momentarily, a Scout could call out, "Koodoo!" as the signal for everyone (including Scouters and guests) to dance vigorously in place for exactly 10 seconds. The time limit was strictly observed and a silent signal marked when time was up.

Scouts could call out "Koodoo!" at absolutely any time — and let me hasten to point out that it's not easy to dance vigorously in place for 10 seconds in a canoe — but they never abused the privilege.

MEETING ROUTINES

Promptly at 7:00 p.m., any Scout who noticed the time gave the silent signal for the troop to assemble in horseshoe formation for the opening ceremony. A Scouter never gave the signal, no matter how much later than 7:00 it was.

Our opening ceremony started with a recital of the Iroquois prayer.

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.

I come to you as one of your many children. I am small and weak. I need your strength and your wisdom.

May I walk in beauty. Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things that you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy, myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit comes to you without shame.

Each of six Scouts, enlisted by the Scout who was coordinating the ceremony, read one part. In time, all our Scouts could recite the entire prayer without prompt sheets.

We followed the prayer with news bulletins. We avoided using the word "announcement". If anyone used the A-word, the troop immediately interrupted by singing:



Koodoo!



Announcements! Announcements!
Announcements!
What a terrible way to die!
What a terrible way to die!
What a terrible death,
Talked to death!
What a terrible way to die!
Announcements! Announcements!
Announcements!

Depending on their mood, the Scouts would sing all the other 268 verses as well!

The sound of the William Tell Overture by Rossini signalled the prelude to patrol inspection. We played only the "Lone Ranger" segment and about 30 seconds of the slow preamble to it. During the preamble, the Scouts remained motionless in the horseshoe but, at the first trumpet blast of the "Lone Ranger", they rushed to their patrol corners to be ready for inspection before the tape ended some 96 seconds later.

During the set-up activities before our meeting, a Scout chose the theme of the weekly patrol inspection by selecting and posting a page from among 15 sheets that listed inspection topics. Patrol leaders inspected a patrol other than their own, according to the posted theme.

For example, an inspection on uniform would require every Scout to be wearing the official issue of:

1. dark blue pants
2. belt
3. shirt
4. T-shirt
5. sash
6. neckerchief
7. beret

We didn't require our Scouts to wear the official woggle unless they were patrol leaders or assistant patrol leaders. Instead, we encouraged them to design and make their own woggles.

Uniform was rarely a problem, because we insisted that they wear complete uniform for absolutely every Scouting event, including canoeing, spelunking, hiking, Apple Day, whatever. Every time a Scout asked, "Should I wear my uniform?", the answer, in unison, was a resounding, "Yes!"

For each correct item at inspection as well as other activities and accomplishments, our Scouts earned beads (points) that we trusted them to take from a small open container. By trusting them to take and keep the earned beads themselves, we removed the administration of the troop's Honour Patrol scheme from the Troop Scouter to the Scouts, who were scrupulously accurate about bead counts, especially someone else's. More than any

scoreboard or tally sheet, beads gave the Scouts tangible evidence and up-to-the-minute accountability for their achievements.

As we continued with our program, the Scouts moved from activity to activity by quickly responding to silent signals. Time wasted by not observing the signals meant less time for program items.

We rewarded breaches of discipline with laps. Laps had a couple of advantages. They removed the troublemaker from the focus of the troop's attention and helped the Scout work off some of his surplus energy.

At the first trumpet blast of the "Lone Ranger", they rushed to their patrol corners to be ready for inspection



On the first instance of unsportsmanlike behaviour or the like, the culprit had to "do a lap" — run once around the perimeter of the school yard where we met. A second instance of unacceptable behaviour earned a second lap. A third instance meant we sent the Scout home. In 17 years, I only ever had to send one kid home. I felt worse than he did.

During our meeting, we might ask Scouts to produce the emergency kits we

expected them to carry at all times. The kit included:

1. knife
2. bandaid
3. coins for pay phone
4. elastic band
5. safety pin
6. pencil or pen
7. notebook or paper
8. 3 m string or cord
9. bandana or handkerchief

We also expected every Scout to have available his own nylon knotting cord, which we'd presented him at the time of his investiture.

At about 8:50, a silent signal gathered us again into a horseshoe for our closing ceremony. The first item on the agenda was to recognize the patrol who'd earned the highest number of beads by naming them the week's Honour Patrol. This won patrol members a 10 second "junk dunk", when they could dive into a small suitcase filled with old badges, pins, buttons, and other prizes and choose one item each. Then we presented their patrol leader with the troop sash, which he wore as he conducted the remainder of the ceremony.

To finish the ceremony, everyone recited the epilogue of the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights.

*I am a Canadian, a free Canadian;
 Free to speak without fear;
 Free to worship God in my own way;
 Free to stand for what I think right;
 Free to oppose what I believe wrong;
 Free to choose those who shall govern
 my country.
 This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold,
 For myself and all mankind.*

Finally, we recited the Scout Promise and Scout Law. We made prompt sheets available for new Scouts, but they soon became unnecessary as the Scouts memorized the words.

Of course, we had even more traditions, routines, and habits at camp. For example, we had an off-site lunch at every camp (*Let's Do Lunch*, Apr'92), using buddy-burner stoves to prepare a soup and sandwich meal. And we held at least one brief night walk with absolutely no flashlights. We also had special ceremonial traditions, like standing new Scouts on a slice of log during their investiture.

So, was ours a perfect troop? No. But our traditions, routines, and habits helped make sure that we were always a happy troop. X

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Add Magic to Your Campfires

from Stewart Bowman and Bill Glover

Imagine the scene. Participants have gathered in the campfire circle. Despite your inspirational opening, the gathering is puzzled. Why isn't the fire lit yet? So, you tell a short story to fit the occasion, then ask everyone's help in calling on the appropriate spirits to light the ceremonial fire. There's a short pause ... Flash! ... the campfire leaps into flame. Yet no one was anywhere near the fire to light it.

Magic campfire starts can help you add a touch of mystique to a memorable occasion. Scouter Bill Glover, DRC (Training), Southern Alberta Region, recommends the Council (pyramid) Fire for magic starts, because they usually mean adding something to the fire or hiding some apparatus in the lighting chamber. You can build a pyramid fire with a concealed "chimney" into the lighting chamber, he says, and the lay is so packed with wood, anything in there is well hidden from view.

You need to prepare the starting mechanisms ahead of time, and a few words of caution are appropriate. First, these are ideas for adults to prepare. Second, practise the opening before you try it. Scouter Bill suggests practising a magic start several times before showing it off.

"Time your reactions so you know how much to say while you're waiting," he says. "Become familiar with the noises (the method) makes before it goes off. And most of all, know when it's time to give up and retreat to the match."

Third, always have a back-up method. As Scouter Bill says, "The best laid plans of mice and Scouters oft go awry."

Matches & Sandpaper

Prepare a 10 cm length of 2x4 by drilling a 10 mm hole through the middle so that you can spike the wood block into the ground. Then, using a drill guide to help, drill as many 3 mm holes in the wood as you can to a depth that will hold a blue-tip wooden match with only the match head slightly above the block's surface. Put a match into each hole.

Glue sandpaper to one side of another block of wood and screw in a small eye screw at one end. Attach a wire to the



Here comes the next skit.

Photo by Doug Alpen, Prince Rupert, B.C.

eye screw (long enough to lead from the fire lay to the magic starter).

Stake the first block of wood in the centre of the fire lay. Gently put the second block, sandpaper down, on top and hold together the two with rubber bands. Surround with lots of dry kindling. At the appropriate moment during the opening, pull on the wire. The sandpaper will ignite the match heads and set the kindling on fire.

Electrical Starts

You've likely heard of using steel wool and "D" cell batteries to start a fire in an emergency. Here's an idea. Fan out some

0000 steel wool and place it in the fire lay close to quick combustibles (matches, dryer lint, and small dry kindling soaked in charcoal starter fuel).

Attach alligator clips in a way to give them maximum contact with the steel wool. Run the leads to a car battery. You can disguise the battery by hiding it in a box that doubles as a seat for the campfire leader. The box has a switch on the side that the leader can throw to complete the circuit and start your fire.

Or try a current and a bundle of friction-type matches (the larger the bundle, the more spectacular the fire start) held together with a rubber band. You also need the metal spring from a spring-loaded pen.

Stretch the spring slightly larger than the diameter of the match bundle and lay it through the matches so that it is touching the match heads. Attach leads from the ends of the spring wire to the battery in a box. Place the bundle of matches

on kindling in the fire lay. At the appropriate time, throw the switch. If it goes as planned, the flow of electricity will heat the wire enough to ignite the matches and, thus, your kindling.

A similar idea uses a book of matches. You need a block of scrap 2x4 with a saw cut down the centre. Drive in a nail at each end of the block to provide the terminals for easy connection. Insert an uncovered paper matchbook into the saw cut and thread a wire through the heads of the matches. Attach the wire ends to the nail terminals; attach the power supply leads to the nails as well.



STEEL WOOL
AND ALLIGATOR CLIPS



WOODEN BLOCK, NAILS,
MATCHES AND SPRING WIRE

The weight of wire will depend on the size of battery you intend to use and the distance between battery and device. For 6 volts, use a fine piece of wire. If your power source is a 12 volt car battery, you may find that a fine wire burns up before it heats the match heads enough to ignite them. If you use a lantern battery or a very distant power supply, a wire as fine as a single strand from a lamp cord will be enough.

A remote start alone doesn't guarantee a memorable campfire. Campfire magic is a product of many elements, including program, timing, and mood. Location can also add a little magic. Anyone can light

a fire in the middle of an open field. Why not try something different? Perhaps you can construct your fire lay 60 cm or so above ground on a lashed frame.

If you're camping by a lake, construct a solid raft for your fire lay. Light the fire out of sight of your audience then, as you stand facing them with your back to the water, have it towed in behind you by canoe (two towing the raft, a third canoe behind to provide a trailing anchor). The canoes bring the raft ashore and beach it in front of the gathering.

May you remember your next campfire like this. The whole gathering thought it was great and left the circle with good feelings. The night was beautiful and clear;

the fire burned down precisely on schedule; the skits were good and the cheers new; everyone knew the words to the songs; and even the adults sang in tune! Now, that's magic. ^

Scouter Stewart Bowman, 8th Whitby Scouts, Ont., compiled this article using material from Bill Glover, Alberta, and some of the files he received through the International Scouter Echo (A/S'92) from Scouters Randy Carnduff (Regina, Sask.), Fred Welch (Colorado), Brad George (Oklahoma), Dave Tracewell (California), Carl McCaskey (Florida), Kihe Blackeagle (Texas), and John Meed (Regina).

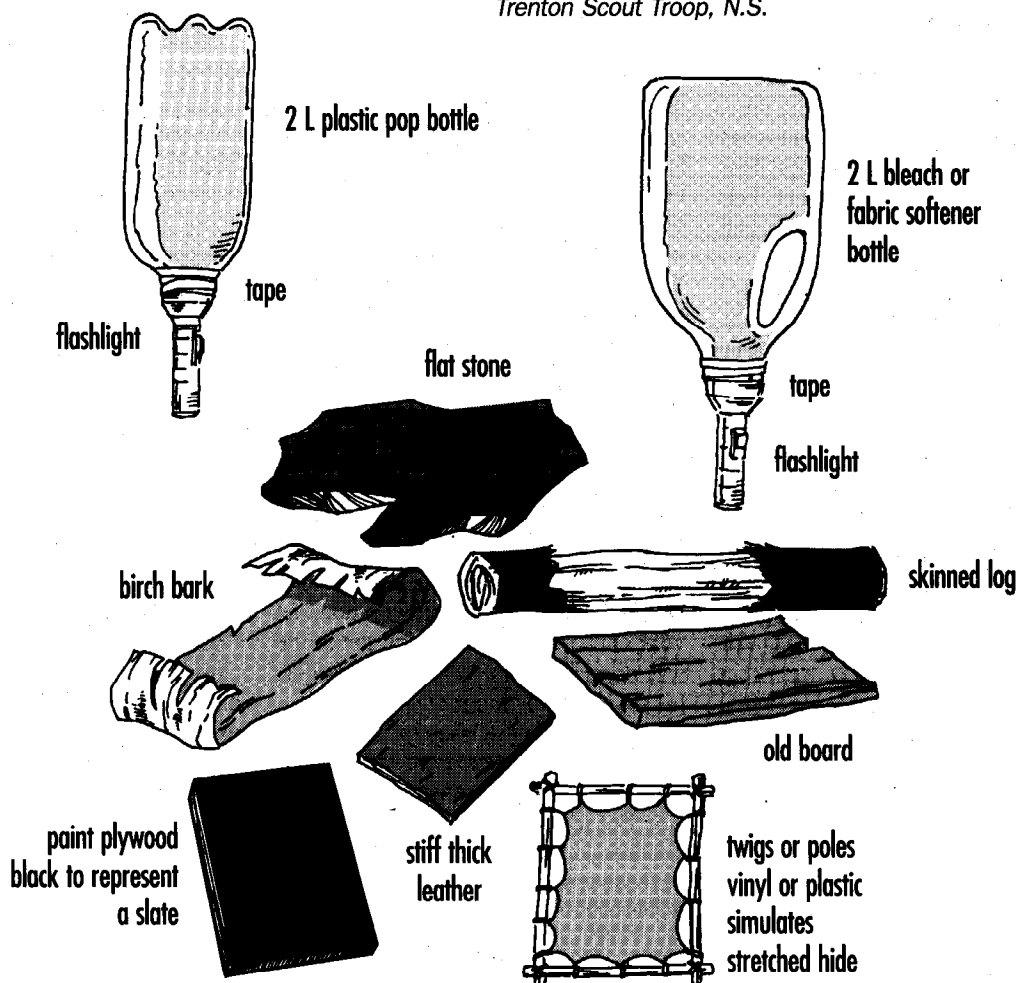
That Extra Touch

from Grey Wolf

Sometimes, extending a camp theme to the campfire immerses everyone in just the right atmosphere and adds a little extra fun to campfire time. You can start by presenting the campfire agenda to the campfire chief in an appropriate package. A glowing plastic container can give that extra-terrestrial feel, for example. A slab of leather recalls medieval days. The illustrations show a variety of suggestions to get your creative ideas flowing.

On occasions when you've inscribed the agenda on natural materials and a bit of light might help if the leader needs to refresh his or her memory, prepare this simple "light stick". Cover a miniature penlight (AAA battery size) in self-sticking vinyl with a woodgrain finish.

Grey Wolf is the Scouting name of Claude Balesdent, 1st Trenton Scout Troop, N.S.



SCOUTING

A BALANCING ACT

by G. Mulder

As a Scouter with three different sections over the last 10 years, I've seen a number of successful Scouting programs and watched the people who make them successful. The successful programs balance spiritual needs, outdoor enthusiasm, community responsibilities, and the youth members' goals and personal needs. We can compare the balancing act to a child's wagon. If the program is the wagon and the components are the wheels, then leaders must be able to balance the wheels so that the wagon doesn't become wobbly.

Another balancing act a Scouter must master includes the various components of his or her personal life. Every new Scouter quickly learns that the job takes more than an hour a week. Just as quickly, all Scouters have to start balancing their time to contain this new, exhilarating and all-consuming commitment.

It is very easy to fall into the trap of talking and doing Scouting all the time. Scouters must be prepared to create a balance between Scouting, their friends, their social life, their spiritual commitment, their work, their hobbies, their family life, and all the chores in the job jar.

We often tend to focus on one or two things in our lives, letting the rest slide. When things get too hectic, we scramble to catch up. Although this "seat of the pants" priority-setting may work for some people, ultimately it catches up with us.

If, for example, we reduce the attention we give to our family, we are playing with one of the most important components in the balance. Results can include strained relationships, shortened tempers, arguments and, if not caught in time, even family break-ups. I sincerely doubt that our founder intended Scouting to have that kind of impact on us. And I am certain it isn't the spiritual message we are to live by.

Spiritual commitment is a very important part of the balancing act. As Scouters, we've always known that spirituality is important but, for various reasons, including procrastination, ignorance, or fear of hitting some nerves, did not include it in our program.

It becomes very difficult to deliver the spiritual component to our young members if we do not practise it ourselves. When we attend religious services of our

faith, participate in the activities of our religious community, and socialize with our faith family, we become much stronger and have much more confidence and credibility when we include spirituality in our program.

When was the last time you got together with friends who are not active in Scouting? Did you spend most of your time talking about Scouting anyway? People develop different interests through their lives, and their friends often change as well. But it is vital to retain friends outside of Scouting. It ensures you will remain active in the community, keeps your mind open to other things around you, and leaves open the door for friends to depend on you. It also gives others an opportunity to see Scouting through you; they may even want to join the fun!

Nothing can start an argument more quickly around a house than the job jar. If you are always on Scout outings, who is doing your chores at home? Is your spouse cooking the meals, mowing the lawn, cleaning the house and garage, taking out the trash? If so, delegate the next outing to another leader or parent so that you can balance your home life with your Scouting interests. It will also create an excellent opportunity for someone else to experience the euphoria of an appreciative group of Scouts.

PUT SCOUTING IN CONTEXT

Since computers were installed at my workplace, I have taken the opportunity to do some of my administrative work during my lunchbreaks. I have to be careful, however, to keep Scouting in its proper context. It's important that you don't let your enthusiasm for Scouting get in the way of making sure your employer gets his money's worth out of you.

In the January '92 issue (p.17), Scouter Blue' offered some excellent ways to keep your spouse as committed to Scouting as you. But what about you? When was the last time you read a good book, completed a crossword puzzle, or constructed a model airplane? When did you last play "tea time" with your daughter, help bake some cookies, or take a walk with your spouse?

Everyone has hobbies, and you have to budget time in your busy life to treat yourself once in awhile, too. Of course, you

need to balance this treat with the world around you. If you do things with your family, finish your chores, and run an active and enthusiastic Scouting program, I am sure your district commissioner will understand when you tell him or her that you are taking the night off to work on your Lego set!

It's easy to talk about the balancing act, but much harder to practise it. In the book *Who You Are When No One's Looking* (Intervarsity Press, Illinois, 1987), writer Bill Hybels says that people who have their act together are those who practise discipline. They set priorities and delay gratification. He describes "delayed gratification" as "a process of scheduling the pain and pleasure of life in such a way as to enhance the pleasure by meeting and experiencing the pain first and getting it over with".

How do you eat your cake? Do you save all the icing until last? If so, you are practising discipline — eating the less desirable part first and leaving the best for later. You can apply the idea to practising balance. If we take care of our family and household priorities first, the time we have to offer our Scouting program can be that much more rewarding because we don't need to feel guilty about other things we should be doing.

Scouting is a balancing act. To grow as an adult, family member, leader, role model to young people, member of your faith, and friend to those around you, you have to balance your time and energy. You will not do Scouting any good if you allow the balance to tip so far in one direction that everyone around you suffers.

The point was really driven home when I completed my Wood Badge II. At our closing horseshoe, our excellent leader offered this advice. As much as we were excited about the fun, new friends, and experiences we'd had during the week, he said, the first thing to do when we got home was to ask our families how *their* week went and what *they* did.

"You will have plenty of time to tell them about your experiences later," he said. A simple suggestion to help us keep the balance in our lives. ^

Gerry Mulder is Troop Scouter with the 1st Wainfleet Scouts, Ont.

Where are They Now?

CUB TO COMMISSIONER — Norman Inkster

from Larry Burden

Commissioner Norman David Inkster, head of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was a Wolf Cub in Broadview, Saskatchewan, and maintains strong ties with Scouting through RCMP Venturers.

Three years of Cubbing helped lay the foundation for the leader he was to become. "Scouting has always had a reputation for developing leaders," Commissioner Inkster says, "and the leadership factor is one of the qualities that caused us to consider creating RCMP Venturers."

During Commissioner Inkster's 34 years with the RCMP, he served in Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. His career has been an example of life-long learning, combining education and leadership. These qualities were some of the attractions the RCMP saw in Vocational Venturing. "Scouting has always been involved in educating young people and enabling them to become productive members of society," he says.



Scouting continues to be a valued resource to the community today, he believes. Its programs give young people the opportunity to spend their time constructively and help them become winners.

Commissioner Inkster says RCMP Venturing has room to grow and develop. It's a unique opportunity for young people to gain an appreciation for what policing is about, he explains. The RCMP benefits because some of these young men and women may choose to become peace officers. Just as important, many will decide against such a career because of their involvement in Vocational Venturing.

Like many other professions, police work is not for everyone, and the fact that a program like RCMP Venturing helps young people make such a decision based on hands-on experience may be one of Venturing's greatest assets, he says.

The program also has other benefits to the RCMP, he points out. It gives police officers a chance to have meaningful and positive involvement with young people. Because many aspects of police work are inherently negative, peace officers benefit personally from the positive experiences they have with Venturers.

It's a long way from Broadview, Sask., to the nation's capital and the highest position in one of the world's finest police forces. Commissioner Inkster feels that the sense of self-worth and confidence and the leadership skills he received in Scouting have helped make him the successful person he is today. ^

Larry Burden is provincial field executive in New Brunswick.

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LET'S GET VISIBLE!

by John Rietveld

When discussions about running an Adult Recruitment Campaign (ARC) began with Seven Oaks and Central Districts in Winnipeg last fall, one of the problems identified was the community's lack of awareness of Scouting. In each of the five ARC test areas, councils expressed a need to increase Scouting's profile. But, because ARC involves primarily paid media, increased visibility is only a short-term by-product of the campaign.

Often we hear complaints that the national or provincial councils are not doing enough to promote and advertise Scouting in the community. It's true we all can do more and, along with provincial councils, the National Communications Committee has increased the amount of material distributed to the field. Advertising is expensive, however, and in a country as large and diverse as ours, it is not easy to provide materials that meet the needs of every group.

This year, we will produce and distribute three Public Service Announcements for radio. In mid-August, we gave television stations a new 30-second commercial. We have mailed a set of print ads to all daily and community newspapers. And groups can pick up posters and clip-art from their council office.

To be successful with our efforts to promote Scouting, we need to involve more people on a more regular basis. Material distributed from Ottawa or your provincial office is only one way to increase visibility.

Advertising helps increase awareness when it presents consistent images and messages in a variety of media with considerable frequency. Think about the frequency with which you see ads for Coca Cola and the variety of media where you see them — TV, newspapers, magazines, billboards. Each time you see Coca Cola advertised, you see a consistent image — the same bottle or can and the same slogan or jingle. Like Coke, Scouting can only expect a prominent and on-going presence if it can present itself in the community on a regular basis with a consistent image and message.

So, how does a group or district go about advertising Scouting in a way to increase its visibility? Probably the best approach at the local level is participating in community events. We often think that

all of the interesting activities filling our Scouting events calendar increase our visibility. They do, but only to an internal audience of members, parents, and regular contributors. What about people in the wider community?

In most communities, the municipal office (city or town hall) keeps a calendar of community events. If this isn't the case in your community, check with a radio station. They make it their business to know about events so that they can tap into advertising dollars.

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The community calendar lists special events, fundraising campaigns, visits by senior government officials or royalty, and the like. An aggressive PR committee armed with such a calendar will find a variety of opportunities to present Scouting to the public with both frequency and consistency.

A typical community events calendar will likely include a Labour Day parade or rally, a fall fair, Remembrance Day ceremonies, a Santa Claus parade, a New Years Day Levee, a Winter Carnival, an Easter Parade, a Spring Home Show, Victoria Day fireworks, and Canada Day picnics. If each of these events included a specially produced Scout display staffed by properly uniformed Scouters, you would be on the way to increased visibility.

Ask an old-timer to describe Scouting and you may hear the familiar story of Scouts helping old ladies across the

street. We all joke about that outdated image of our movement, but the Scout "Good Turn" is an excellent way to increase our credibility in the community.

On Hallowe'en night, we could position Scouts or Venturers with flashlights at major intersections to act as safety patrol guards. This would provide high visibility and a positive good turn.

After a major snowstorm, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers could turn out in numbers to clear sidewalks at senior citizen and nursing homes.

At the first hint of spring, pairs of Beavers and Cubs accompanied by a Scout could pick up litter in parks downtown or near shopping centres. Through good turns such as these, the community will begin to see Scouts in a positive light and more frequently.

You can also increase visibility using posters and signs. Is our "Join the Fun" poster — available at your council office — on display in local schools, churches, community centres, shopping malls? Be sure to include a phone number on the write-in space provided.

Signs are an inexpensive way to advertise. Is there a Scouts Canada logo affixed to the outside of your meeting hall? Is there room for a Scouts Canada logo on the Service Club sign outside of town? Are your Trees for Canada planting sites properly signed?

As always when considering a list of things to do, we are reminded of some things we do not recommend. For instance, Scouting is not connected with any political body and does not participate in meetings or activities of a political nature. When choosing events to increase your group's visibility, refer to *By-law, Policies & Procedures* or check with your council office before you accept or seek an invitation.

We all have a role to play in increasing Scouting's visibility. Our best promoters are the kids themselves. We need to take every opportunity to get them out of the meeting hall and in front of the public. Shopping malls, libraries, community centres, and schools are just some of the places we can take them. When they are out there, dressed in complete uniform and under the leadership of caring adults, the public soon begins to see the value of Scouting to their community. ^



Book Talk

by Dave Jenkinson



If turtles could be Beavers, a turtle named Franklin would be an ideal colony member; he behaves just like some Beavers I know. Franklin has been afraid of the dark; he dawdles and is easily distracted; sometimes he even stretches the truth. Since 1986, when Paulette Bourgeois introduced Franklin in *Franklin in the Dark* and Brenda Clark began illustrating the loveable character, Franklin has been a favorite of the preschool to Grade 2 crowd.

Joining *Hurry Up, Franklin* and *Franklin Fibs* is Bourgeois' newest offering, *Franklin is Lost*. Although not allowed to go into the woods by himself, Franklin is caught up in a game of hide and seek, accidentally wanders into the forest, and gets lost. But, his parents find their frightened son and take him home to supper "still warm in the oven".

The Franklin books are warm stories to share with a lodge during quiet times. Begin with the one you like best. If your Beavers respond well, try some of the other titles later. And if someone says, "Oh, I know this story," remember that young children are usually quite happy to hear a loved book again and again and again.

One small caution. At book's end, resist the temptation to ask, "And what did Franklin learn?" Let your Beavers just enjoy the story and trust that they have "learned". Some day when you least expect it, one of them will say, "That's just like Franklin!" An uncomplicated way to end a reading is simply to close the book and say something like, "And that's the story of Franklin's getting lost." (Beavers: Creative Expression)

Did you play "I Spy With My Little Eye..." as a child? It's one of those wonderful games available to you wherever you are. Now it has been put between the pages of a book: *I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles*.

Walter Wicks has produced 13 double page photographs of densely packed objects, and Jean Marzollo's rhymes invite readers to find particular objects. A theme unites the things on each two-page spread: Tiny Toys, Toy Chest, and Odds and Ends, for example. When you've found the objects the rhymes ask for, you've just begun, because there are

sometimes hundreds of things to spy on the oversized book's pages (23 cm x 31 cm). You can use it as a portable Kim's Game, too, since there's room for a number of bodies to crowd around. (Beavers: Creative Expression)

After reading and playing games, it's time for something to eat. *My First Cook Book: A Life-size Guide to Making Fun Things to Eat*, by Angela Wilkes, is a good starting point for youngsters. Mini quiches, speedy pizzas, quick bread, cheesy potato boats, and spicy cookies are just some of the dozen things readers are invited to make. Another oversized book (25 cm x 33 cm), it readily lies flat so that novice cooks can follow the illustrated instructions.

Each recipe lists ingredients and shows them life-size "to help you check you have the right amounts". Needed cooking tools are also pictured. Step-by-step photographs and clear instructions show what to do at each stage, and full-size pictures show the finished product. Safety concerns are addressed with an "oven-glove" symbol that alerts young chefs to seek help from an adult for that particular step.

My First Cook Book offers lots of program possibilities. Sixes or patrols could meet at separate kitchens to cook different parts of a meal. They might invite Beavers to decorate cookies and cakes. When a pack has mastered "Bread Bears" (Bread Baloos?), they can design other jungle animals or some beavers for a colony treat. (White Tail Beavers: Creative Expression; Cubs: Green Star 10, House Orderly 2; Scouts: Cooking 5.)

Time for some after-dinner entertainment. Perhaps your pack or troop includes aspiring magicians. If so, Jon Day's "Let's Make Magic" series might do the trick. *Easy Magic*, *Card Magic*, *Money Magic*, and *Mind Magic* offer 10 to 13 tricks a book, and each trick is organized into "Things You Need", "Get Ready", and "Trick Time". Coloured and numbered illustrations clearly show the steps. With some practice, your budding Houdini's will amaze their audiences. Now, if only I could reverse the "Flyaway Money" trick! (Cubs: Troubadour 7; Scouts: Entertainer)

Many Scout and Venturer age TV viewers will remember the gang from "Degrassi Junior High" and "Degrassi High". Though the shows are now only available as reruns, some of the characters returned to CBC last spring in a documentary series called "Degrassi Talks". Six paperback books based on these TV shows are available, each focused on a different topic of concern to adolescents: sex; sexuality; alcohol; drugs; abuse; and depression.

A Degrassi character "hosts" each book, which combines interviews with teens who have some connection to the theme, comments from street interviews with kids across Canada, and "Facts" sections. Teen readers will emotionally connect with the stories in the interviews and get the hard information about the book's subject from the interspersed "facts". The "Degrassi Talks" books make good discussion starters with troop or company and good reading for leaders. Trainers will also want to add the series to their resources for sessions on the characteristics of adolescents.

(Scouts: Bronze Citizen 5c Silver Citizen 5c)

Book Details

Franklin

Bourgeois, Paulette, illus. by Brenda Clark; Kids Can Press, \$10.95 hardcover, \$4.95 pb:

Franklin is Lost (1992); *Franklin Fibs* (1991); *Franklin in the Dark* (1986); *Hurry Up, Franklin*.

Degrassi Talks Series; Boardwalk Books, 1992: \$4.95.

Let's Make Magic Series; Day, Jon; Kids Can Press, 1992: \$5.95.

Marzollo, Jean, photos by Walter Wick; *I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles*; Scholastic, 1992: \$12.95.

Wilkes, Angela; *My First Cook Book: A Life-Size Guide to Making Fun Things to Eat*; Stoddart, 1989: \$15.95. X

Provincial Commissioner for Manitoba, Dave Jenkinson teaches courses in children's and adolescent literature in the Faculty of Education, the University of Manitoba. Watch for more of Dave's "Book Talks" in future issues.



FUNDRAISING

Try a Permanent Bottle Drive

from Timothy Dillman

When the 1st Hanna Scouts decided to attend the Swedish National Jamboree in July 1992, we warned them they were in for a serious year and a half of raising money. To send our five Scouts and four leaders, I estimated we needed \$15,500, which translated into raising \$850 a month for 18 months. And that's quite a goal when you live in a town of 3,000!

One of our fundraising ideas was (and continues to be) more successful than even I could have imagined. Alone, it added \$2,000 to our funds in only 15 months. Here's how our *Permanent Bottle Drive* works.

1. We know that people save their empty bottles but often do not return them. Instead, they give them to groups like the Scouts. We set out to get these people to save bottles specifically for us. How? We invited them to phone whenever their empties were in the way, and we would come and pick them up.
2. We solicited the public and Scout friends to save all of their refundable empties for us to help us raise money towards our trip. We advertised in the paper (only twice because of the cost). We made up business cards to distribute to all of our contributors. The cards listed two contact names and phone numbers. As people phoned in, each contact noted address, name, phone number, and best time for pick-up. We kept a running record of names.
3. As a minimum, we guaranteed a pick-up every two weeks. Usually we picked up every day or two. Since I work shifts, I often pick up whenever we get a call. This is important to a business, where empties can clutter up the place in a short time.
4. Being flexible with timing is important. People are much more receptive when you ask them when is best for them. We pick up the bottles at their convenience, not ours. Some prefer to set out their bottles for us on a pre-arranged day.
5. Being flexible with load sizes is also important. We assure people that no number is too small or too large for us to pick up.
6. We make use of the lists our contacts keep. Whenever we have a pick-up near a home we've been to in the past, we give them a call. Usually they are happy to have us drop by their place on the way.
7. Our small town atmosphere helps. My truck is always available, and people often deposit empties in it as they pass. This drop-off spot has collected quite a few bottles for us.
8. It's a good idea to keep things clean and efficient. A pick-up, sorting, and selling every week works well. At this rate, it takes an adult and two or three Scouts only a couple of hours to dispose of the bottles. If you leave the sorting/selling part too long, it can become unmanageable.
9. A weekly sorting and selling also means you need less storage space. We use my truck. As soon as it's full, I make a call to the Scouts to arrange a sort and sell.
10. Contact local service clubs. They often do bar service for weddings and dances and may let you clean up the empties. We've raised about \$45 a dance from this idea.
11. Senior Scouts can plan a duty roster, pick-up dates, and the like. As they do, they gain credit towards some leadership badges and conservation and community service hours.
12. We believe it helps to have a specific goal for the funds you raise. Tell people what you intend to use the raised money for.

By March, the troop had raised \$12,500 — only \$3,000 short of their goal, but they didn't make it all on the bottle drive project. Here are a few more of their successful ideas, generated over several brainstorming meetings.

1. Ruffled off four sets of pins
2. Ruffled off a side of beef
3. Ran the arena concession when the circus was in town and for a swim meet
4. Held a car wash
5. Sold 52 cases of chocolate almonds
6. Made and served lunch to a farmers' tour
7. Sold pre-packaged bulk foods three times
8. Served at a company picnic
9. Collected and sold two truck loads of scrap batteries
10. Ran a hot dog stand on main street twice
11. Sold a monthly window-washing service to town businesses
12. Ruffled off an afghan

With all of this, the troop still managed to fit in community good turns (they washed store-front windows and served Christmas dinner to residents and guests at a local nursing home, for example), and to enjoy canoeing, winter camping, and the Alberta Jamboree.

It just goes to show that, with enthusiasm, drive, and a lot of hard work, a small troop in a small town can make even expensive dreams come true. ^

Scouter Tim "Featherman" Dillman is Troop Scouter of the 1st Hanna Troop, Alta. We look forward to hearing about the Scouts' jamboree experiences at MOT MA'92 (Meet Me'92) in Varmland, Sweden.



Welcome to Your Subcamp

(An Open Letter to CJ'93 Participants)

Dear Scouter and Unit Members,

I'm one of 10 subcamp chiefs at CJ'93, recruited when Allen Ball, the Assistant Camp Chief (ACC) for Subcamps, asked each province to be host to a subcamp for the jamboree. Since the subcamp will be your home between July 10 and 18, I thought you might want to know how we are organized and what you can expect from us during the week.

Each subcamp is named after a historic site or a place important to the host province. So far, we have *Fraser* (B.C./Yukon), *Rocky Mountain House* (Alberta), *Fort Prince of Wales* (Manitoba), *Algonquin Park* (Ontario), *Hochelaga* (Quebec), *Abegweit* (P.E.I.), *Beausejour* (New Brunswick), *Port Royale* (Nova Scotia), and *L'anse Aux Meadows* (Newfoundland).

Between 900 and 1,200 young people and leaders will share the subcamp with you. And, by the time we meet each other on site, I will have recruited 20 to 24 Service Scouters as subcamp staff.

The job of most of these Scouters is to meet you upon your arrival at the subcamp and help you settle into your 15 m x 15 m campsite. We will orient you to the subcamp layout, point out toilet, shower, and water facilities on the site, and show you the other main subcamp components, such as the headquarters area, quartermaster tent, and the service

module housing your grocery store and canteen. A "cluster" of three or four subcamps will share this service module.

The subcamp staff will also include key people who will be your liaison with jamboree programming, administration, registration, and the quartermaster. We hope to have a representative from L'Association des Scouts du Canada, as well, and we will have a subcamp chaplain working with the Care Corps. The Care Corps will operate a drop-in centre during the week and hold a special Sunday evening program for all jamboree participants.

We encourage leaders to take advantage of programs offered by Indaba. Details will be available when you arrive at the site. Leaders will also be able to pop into one of the two headquarters marquees serving as drop-in centres where you can relax over a cup of coffee and, perhaps, a snack. Meetings called by the subcamp to pass along information will be held in these locations.

If you are looking for friends from your home area or a previous jamboree, subcamp headquarters will be set up to help you locate other subcamp residents. A bulletin board outside the headquarters will keep you up-to-date on changes in jamboree program and information about daily events. The subcamp will also distribute the jamboree newspaper to participants each day.

On either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday during the week, each subcamp

cluster will host a Carnival Night. It's a great chance to meet new friends, learn a bit more about Canada, and have a lot of fun.

Many of us are very excited about the twinning program that enables units from different parts of the country to camp and share various programs together. What a great way to learn about life in another part of Canada!

Subcamp Fraser (B.C./Yukon) is the Venturer subcamp at the jamboree, with Subcamp Rocky Mountain House designated to house more Venturers if required. Subcamp Hochelaga will be designed to accommodate adult or youth members who have physical disabilities or need special access to the camp area.

At this point, I've only touched the surface of everything you will experience when you arrive at the subcamp. It will be your home for a week, and we want you to have a great time. A special video, designed for you and your unit to watch and discuss together, will be available by early November to help you prepare for the jamboree. Contact your nearest Scout office to make the arrangements.

Although I may not be able to greet you personally when you arrive, I do want to invite each of you to introduce yourself to me and all the subcamp staff during the jamboree. We are your service team away from home and look forward very much to seeing all of you at CJ'93. ^

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Puzzling Photography

by Gerry Mulder

For something a little different, one evening we organized the 1st Wainfleet Scouts, Ont., into their two patrols and gave each a camera. Their first challenge was to unravel a number of puzzles and word games (can you figure out what TABPOASSB stands for?). When they felt they knew the answer, they had

Success! A patrol of 1st Wainfleet Scouts, Ont., find and photograph "a bug with two initials".



to go out, find the "thing", and take a photograph of it.

The rules were pretty simple. Each Scout in each patrol had to take a picture; drivers were not allowed to help with the puzzles. As one of the patrol photos shows,

it proved an excellent activity that we will definitely repeat.

Gerry Mulder is Troop Scouter of the 1st Wainfleet Scouts, Ont.



FINGER SOCCER

from Barbara Simmons

A craft that leads to a game is very popular with the 1st Anola Beavers, Manitoba. Leaders cut the finger puppet players (illus) from card and gave each Beaver one player to colour as he wished. While the Beavers were busy, we used masking tape to lay out a soccer field on the floor.

Soon it was time to play soccer. You can have four to five players to a side. A ping pong ball subs for the soccer ball. The Beavers push their index and middle fingers through the holes in their puppets to make legs.

Beavers lie on their tummies in one position outside the boundaries and may only get up to chase a ball that completely escapes the field. They may "kick" the ball only when it comes within arm's-length range.

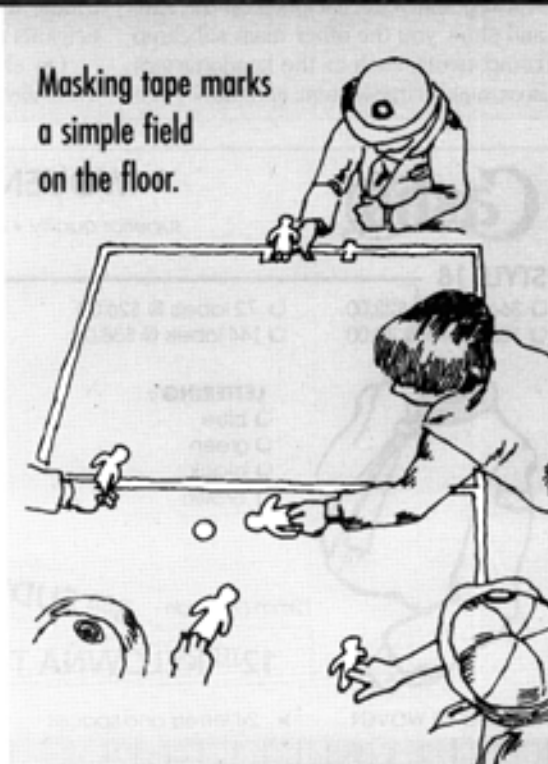
Most of our Beavers knew how to play soccer and simply needed a referee. They asked to play the game over and over and became skilled in controlling the very light ball to score.

Give it a try if you're ready for some great fun and excitement.

Scouter Barbara Simmons works with the 1st Anola Beavers, Manitoba.



Soccer Player Design



Masking tape marks a simple field on the floor.

Wolf Cub Woggle

from Debbie Rowles



Here's a craft inspired by one of the Cubs in my six, who pointed out that the cap on an acorn he'd picked up looked like the new Cub hat. We began picking up these caps, leaving the nut parts of the acorns to feed the squirrels.

Woggle Materials

- 25 mm wooden bead
- 2 small googly eyes
- 75 mm of ribbon (6 mm wide)
the colour of your group scarf
- 1 acorn top
- acrylic paint
- 75 mm of black elastic,
(38 mm wide)
- glue
- small piece of wire

Procedure

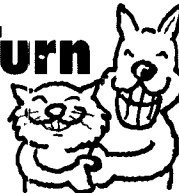
1. Paint the acorn hat navy blue. Add a dab of yellow paint as the hat badge.
2. Using a belt sander clamped upside down on a bench, flatten one holed side of the bead.

3. Glue eyes on the bead (flattened side up) and, with white paint, add a nose and a smile.
4. Fold ribbon in half. Wrap wire around it a few times near the top to make a woggle. Glue the top of the scarf inside the hole in the bead.
5. Glue hat on the head, making sure the hat badge is over the left eye.
6. Glue together the ends of the elastic strip to make a ring.
7. Glue the bead to the front of the elastic.

Scouter Debbie Rowles works with the 1st McGregor Cubs, Ont.

A Good Turn for Pets

by Peggy Rudolf White



Last fall, the 1st New Maryland A Cubs decided to visit the Fredericton chapter of the SPCA. They also decided they didn't want to go empty-handed and, at a meeting the week before the visit, they all made cat scratching posts to deliver as gifts.

We obtained carpet samples, roughly 30 cm x 18 cm, from a local flooring store, scraps of 2x4, and several metres of wire. Each Cub brought a hammer to the meeting, and the leaders all brought their drills.

To make the posts, Cubs simply wrapped the carpet around the wood and at-

tached with nails. At top and bottom of the posts, they drilled two holes and threaded in wire for securing posts to the cages. The Cubs were quite pleased with their carpentry efforts and eager to deliver.

After a brief tour of the SPCA facility the following week, we visited the animals. The cats were thrilled with their scratching posts, especially since Akela had sprinkled them with catnip. Some of the Cubs cuddled and petted the cats while others, accompanied by leaders, took dogs out for their walk. Some joined the dogs in their cages to give them a good brushing. The dogs enjoyed the doggie treats they handed out.

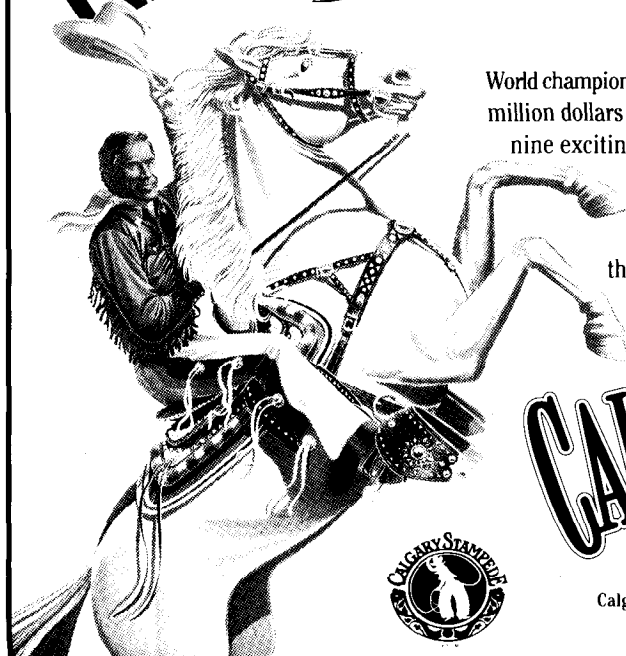
At the end of our visit, the Cubs donated their weekly dues to the SPCA. I think we all left with a sense of well-being because we'd brought a little happiness into the lives of neglected, lonely animals. The Cubs learned about pet responsibility and fulfilled their promise to love and serve God, which includes taking care of God's creatures. A

Scouter Peggy works with the 1st New Maryland A Cubs in New Maryland, N.B.

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Fun at the Pond

by Lena Wong



By now, most new Beavers have realized that going to colony meetings is a good way to have lots of fun with other kids. Hallowe'en gives you a perfect opportunity to reinforce the perception and explore some different party themes.

FUN WITH OWLS

Owls fascinate people with their two distinct reputations. Sometimes owls are spooky symbols. In many scary movies and stories, they glide silently through a "dark and stormy night" or throw eerie silhouettes across a bright moon. Shivers run up and down spines as owls hoot in the distance. Owls like this fit nicely with a Hallowe'en theme.

Owls also have a reputation for great wisdom and good judgment. Malak the owl in *Friends of the Forest* fits this picture, as does Owl in A.A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh* stories.

In Manitoba's *Beaver Tales*, we found a couple of crafts and a poem for an evening with an owl theme. Set the scene by bringing in some pictures of different types of owls to arrange around the meeting room.

Paper Plate Owls: For each owl, you need one large paper plate; two paper baking cups; one black construction paper triangle; two small (2 cm) black construction paper circles; a diamond-shaped beak cut from orange construction paper; and glue.



Paper Plate Owl

Glue the triangle to the top of the plate as shown, then add baking cup eyes with black circles glued inside and the beak. Tape a picture hanger on the back so that you can hang owl on a wall.

As an alternative, you can turn owl into a Hallowe'en mask. Cut holes for eyes instead of using the baking cups and black disks. Punch a hole on each side of the face and tie a length of yarn in each hole for fastening the mask around the head.

Peek-a-Boo Puppet: For each puppet, you need a toilet roll tube and coloured markers. About 25 mm from one end, cut a hole in the tube. Consider the hole end as the bottom of the tube and have the Beavers draw and colour the tube to look like a tree. When they are done, they reach into the bottom of the tree and place an index finger in the hole. Draw an owl face on the part of the finger showing through the hole, then let the Beavers play with their puppets.

Peek-a-boo Puppet



This little poem will help set the mood for a story.

*A wise old owl sat in an oak;
The more he heard, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard;
Why aren't we all like this wise old bird?*

Read an owl story or, if it fits in, chapter 5 of *Friends of the Forest*, which introduces Malak.

PUMPKIN RECYCLING

Pumpkins are firmly established in our Hallowe'en traditions. When you carve a Jack-o-Lantern, consider some ideas to reduce the amount of pumpkin you waste.

For example, you can use the top of the pumpkin you cut off as a stamp (*Globalchild*, Maureen Cech). Holding the stem as a handle, Beavers can dip the top into tempera paint and then stamp shapes onto heavy brown paper (cut-up grocery bags are good). How many shapes can they fit onto the paper? Can they join the shapes to form interesting patterns? Dip each top into a different colour for a rainbow of effects.

Dry the pumpkin seeds for a nutritious snack after you scoop them out. Here's an idea to try.

You need seeds from your pumpkin(s); a pan of salt water (1 L water, 50 mL salt); and a pan of sugar water (1 L water, 50 mL sugar).

Wash the seeds carefully, removing all pulp. Put half the seeds in the salt water and half in the sugar water. Soak overnight, drain both sets of seeds (keeping them separated), and pat dry with paper

towels. Finally, spread out the seeds on cookie sheets and dry in a hot oven (220 degrees C). After they cool, compare the taste of the two batches.

After you have finished with your Jack-o-Lantern, break up the shell and put it into a compost bin. Here's a good opportunity to explain composting to your Beavers; what it is, why we do it, and how compost both cuts down on waste and improves our garden soil.



MONSTER HALLOWE'EN

Monsters fit right in with Hallowe'en ghouls, goblins, and witches. Encourage your Beavers to come up with some imaginative monster costumes using home-made paper-plate masks and whatever they can find in their home and colony dress-up boxes.

For some goofy fun, ask the Beavers to wear their sweaters and shirts back to front. Then, tie their monster masks to the backs of their heads and have them wear hats back to front. Take some polaroid pictures of this strange-looking bunch.

The Beavers will enjoy making a balloon monster to take home (*The Happiest Birthdays*, by Michealine Busnahan and Joan Gaestel Macfarlane, The Stephen Greene Press).

Give each Beaver a medium-sized balloon to blow up; a pair of cardboard feet, as shown, about 25 cm long and 14 cm wide at the widest points; an assortment of sticky wiggly eyes; various sizes and colours of sticky dots (from the stationery department), stars, and other shapes.

The Beavers turn their balloons into monsters by sticking on eyes and dots as they wish. They can add hair by sticking a strip of two-way tape on the top of the balloon and pressing on short lengths of yarn. Push the knotted end of the balloon into the hole in the feet.



INTERNATIONAL HALLOWE'EN

While traditional Hallowe'en costumes reflected the ghouls, ghosts, and goblins of the Celts, more recent traditions have encouraged costumes reflecting a much wider range of ideas. You could use this trend to create a Hallowe'en party with an international theme, a great way to explore a theme on Peoples of the World.

Haida Indians wear button blankets, and Beavers can easily make a simple variation. Ask them to bring in a small old blanket or other piece of colourful cloth and an assortment of buttons. Warn parents that their blanket may no longer be useful after this exercise. Have the Beavers lay out their buttons on their blanket in a design of their choice and glue them on with fabric glue. If you want to avoid glueing, the Beavers can bring in their collections of pins and pin-on buttons to decorate the blankets instead.

Many Central American people wear ponchos. Again, the Beavers need a small colourful blanket or piece of cloth. If your colony funds are adequate, buy crêpe paper to use instead. It comes in many bright colours and lasts quite long. Cut a slit in the middle so that the poncho fits over the head. Decorate with fringes of coloured paper streamers.



Poncho

Anybody who has been to a Beaveree will agree that Beavers love having their faces painted. Buy some face paints from a toy or theatre supply store and make sure parents know they can remove the paint with cold cream. Paint the Beavers' faces in any way they ask or use these ideas from the Nuba people of the Sudan (*Peoples of the World*, Hayes Osborne).

Red Forest Monkey Face: Paint around the outside of the face white (or use talcum powder dusted on a base of cold cream). Apply red to the areas inside the eyebrows, around the nose, across the cheeks, and under the mouth.

Nuba Face Paintings

Red Forest Monkey



Masked Bird



Cow



Antelope



Masked Bird: Paint the face black, leaving two triangles that extend from the bridge of the nose around each eye to the hairline. Paint the triangles yellow.

Cow: Paint or dust the face white. Outline the eyes in black.

Antelope: Paint or dust the face white, leaving three triangles — two as for the masked bird and one extending from the nose to the chin. Paint the triangles black.

We don't need to tell you what Beavers expect to eat at a Hallowe'en party. You know they want candies and sweet things galore. Do make sure, though, that you also have some special treats for any Beavers in your colony who are on restricted diets. Check with their parents for ideas if you are not sure what to provide.

Next month, we'll look at some outdoors activities and start preparing for the Christmas rush. ^

To Camp or Not To Camp

by Brenda Robinson

Should Beavers go camping? Leadership teams sometimes ask the question as they consider the types of activities they will plan for their colonies each year. To answer it, let's first review the regulations outlined in Scouts Canada's *Bylaw, Policies & Procedures* and discuss the rationale supporting those regulations. Then we can consider the scope and value of outdoor activities for Beavers.

B.P. & P. says, "Beaver camping normally takes the form of day camping (pp 28-29)." Generally, it means that you plan a hike, picnic, or Beaveree to last for part or all of one day, and the children return home to sleep. You need "a minimum of one Beaver leader for every five Beavers" to ensure adequate supervision. And, of course, you might also recruit extra parents as helpers to make the job even easier.

According to the regulations, "If an overnight camp is held, it takes place in the form of family camping, and the leadership must consist of a minimum of two Beaver leaders, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, plus one additional adult for every three Beavers."

The term "family camping" implies that parents or other adults will accompany the Beavers to camp to help with meals and dressing and take responsibility for the children overnight. The Beaver leaders' responsibility is to plan and conduct (with parental help) the various program activities during the day. At times you might also invite siblings and other family members to attend the camp, which means you need even more adult supervision and, perhaps, some additional daytime activities.

One other Beaver camping regulation relates to facilities. At a minimum, these "must include tents for sleeping and some form of additional weather resistant shelter suitable for games, crafts, dining, and cooking". In other words, you must have a warm, dry shelter where you can spend the day if the weather is bad.

National policies and regulations permit Beaver day camping and family camping. Some local councils may have estab-

lished additional Beaver camping policies or guidelines to strengthen health and safety practices (e.g. "a ratio of one adult for every Beaver at any camp"). Make yourself familiar with the policies that apply in your district or region.

All of these regulations are designed to ensure that your outdoor activities with Beavers are appropriate for the physical, mental, and social development of 5-7 year old children. They consider the physical capabilities, reasoning abilities, and interpersonal skills of youngsters in this age group. And they recognize the limited life



Outdoors activities for Beavers can be 10 minutes outside playing a game on a meeting night, an all-day event, or an overnight family camp. Photo: Mary MacLaurin, Cornwall, Ont.

experience and self-confidence of Beaver-aged children.

For instance, it's possible Beavers have never been separated from their family for any length of time and may become quite anxious when faced with being away overnight in unfamiliar surroundings. Children of this age find security in familiar routines and function best when they know what to expect. When a parent comes along for the adventure, the child feels more comfortable in new surroundings. The camp becomes a thoroughly positive experience that builds Beaver self-esteem and anticipation for doing it again.

Camping regulations are guideposts to help us plan the most appropriate outdoor activities for Beavers. Camping for Beavers does not infringe on the Cub program when it's in the age-appropriate form

of a day camp or family camp. A gentle, fun introduction to camping is the first step in a natural progression of learning new outdoor skills and abilities.

THERE'S MORE TO OUTDOORS

You need not feel your Beavers are missing out if your colony has not planned an overnight camp. Camping is only one aspect of an outdoor program. Outdoors activities might include 10 minutes outside to play a game on a regular meeting night, a ramble around the block or through a nearby ravine, a picnic in the neighbourhood park or at the zoo, a litter hunt in the schoolyard, or an all-day event.

Let's take every opportunity to incorporate outdoor activities into our regular programs. It is a well-supported fact that Scouting's emphasis on the outdoors is one of the features that makes it attractive to young people. We can conduct much of our program in an outdoor setting as we strive to satisfy our aim, principles, and objectives. And when we do, we help our young members learn, interact, and have fun right where they want to be — outside.

Beaver leaders need to be creative to develop outdoor activities. By using our imaginations and program themes as well as the many excellent resources available to us both within and outside Scouting, we can ensure that our program includes lots of outdoor experiences suitable for Beavers.

If the activities we choose are safe and appropriate for the capabilities of the age group, they will be fun for Beavers and leaders. Through them, Beavers will start to develop an appreciation of nature and learn ways "to help take care of the world". Then, as they grow and progress through the other sections, they can continue to experience the outdoors through different kinds of activities suited to their changing interests, skills, and abilities. ▲

Scouter Brenda Robinson is National Program Committee member for Beavers.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CONTEST

Finally! A Winner!

by Dave Wands

Remember the August/September 1990 announcement of the "Let 'Em Howl" 75th Anniversary of Cubbing contest? We know that Wolf Cub packs across the country celebrated Cubbing's origins with many activities during 1991. And we heard about them from 13 Canadian packs and a Cub pack in Zimbabwe, Africa, who shared in our celebration.

We planned to tell you about contest winners some time ago but, unfortunately, our plans went off the rails when I misplaced the 14 entries at the May 1991 National Council meeting. We've spent the last year trying to track down their originators. We have been unable to locate everyone but, through some memory and detective work, found most of them.

One entry stood out. I am pleased to announce that the **1st Dalston Cub Pack, Ont.**, has been named winner of the 75th Anniversary contest. Akela Ann Truysen wrote to tell us about some of the pack's activities.

With help from one of the fathers, the Cubs constructed a large sign of the

anniversary logo. The sign travelled with the pack to a number of activities during the year and rode on the Cub camp theme float the Cubs designed for the Barrie Santa Claus parade in December 1990.

The pack took their sign to the Kempenfelt Bay District Cub Kar finals, held at the Georgian Mall in Barrie during Scout/Guide Week in 1991. It was with them at a special ceremony in April, when the Cubs planted two blue spruce trees in front of their meeting place, the W.R. Best Memorial Public School. Principal Wayne Lucas marked the gift with a commemorative plaque, and the local newspaper covered the event. The Cubs also took along the sign to the district Cuboree in May.

There's no doubt that, as the 1st Dalston Cub Pack celebrated the anniversary throughout the 1990/91 Cubbing year, they attracted public and Scouting attention to Cubbing's celebration. Congratulations to the whole gang.

We also heard about many other special anniversary events. The 68th Hamilton Cub Pack wrote a Wolf Cub Rap and

had it aired on a local radio station. The 205 Woodbine Wednesday St. Jude Wolf Cub Pack in Calgary launched 75 model rockets to celebrate the anniversary and received front page coverage in the *Calgary Herald*. Our fellow Cubs in Zimbabwe chose a project on clean water to mark the celebration. Each Cub shared information about Bilharzia with 75 neighbours and friends to help protect them from infection by this water-borne disease.

We apologize for the glitches that marred our contest. Despite them, I hope it contributed to the celebration of Cubbing across Canada during 1991. If your pack is one who wrote to report your activities and you have neither heard from us nor received your Recognition Certificate, let us know so that we can speed things on their way. Please write: *Program Director, Cubs, Scouts Canada, P.O. Box 5151, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3G7.* A

Scouter Dave Wands is past member of the National Program Committee, Cubs.



The 1st Dalston Cubs and their special sign after planting two blue spruce trees in front of the school where they meet.

Everyone learned about Cubbing's celebration during the 1990 Santa Claus Parade in Barrie.



Beavers, Cubs!

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Patrol on the Go

by Dave Tyre

Make no mistake about it. Baden-Powell did not use the name "patrol" without some thought. As originally defined, patrols still exist today in an army infantry platoon, where there are two forms: a fighting patrol and a reconnaissance patrol. The latter is the important definition for us.

A reconnaissance patrol is made up of six to nine soldiers known as scouts. They are lightly armed, self-sufficient, and employed to scout out the area ahead of the platoon. They are to avoid action unless absolutely necessary. Their job is to observe unseen and report back what they have learned. It is an extremely dangerous and difficult job, the same job that B-P's scouts carried out in South Africa at the turn of the century. It's the model he used to create a boy's game.

"Scouting is a man-size job cut down to boy-size," he said. He eliminated the obvious dangers encountered by his army scouts and, using the challenges

of silent movement, self-sufficiency, living undetected in the wilderness, and the ability to close in on wildlife unnoticed, created a game that would hold the interest of young people and help them develop character.

Scouting was never intended to be a simple two-hour troop meeting each week.

It's often said that the strength of the patrol is its members; its soul is active undertakings. A patrol does things and reports back to the troop all they have seen and done. If they aren't able to do that, what's the point of the troop meeting?

We appear to place a lot of emphasis on troop activities these days. Sure, they are easier for a Troop Scouter to manage, and the whole troop has an opportunity to participate in various events. But each patrol needs a life of its own that contributes to the troop's well-being. Each patrol needs to develop a program of its own that meets the needs of its members and challenges them in the areas those members have chosen.

While servicing Scout troops, I met several Scouters who avoided patrol Scouting because they felt they couldn't devote the time to several different patrols working several different programs. They were surprised when I suggested they weren't expected to do so; their participation would not be welcomed by the Scouts. In these troops, often the adult leadership teams were organized with plenty of "Assistant Troop Scouters" but no Patrol Counsellors.

In one troop I visited, a Scouter with no adult assistants understandably felt he could not afford to have a separate program for each of four patrols. A call to the local Rover Crew proved fruitful and, shortly after, a Venturer Company offered help. Very soon, the troop had four active patrols, because the newly recruited leadership team members felt more comfortable working with patrol-size groupings.

"If each patrol has its own program, what's the point of having a troop?" you might ask. It's a reasonable question and easily answered. The troop is the focal point for the patrols. The Scouts see their patrol as their active unit and, although they may not be able to put it in words, the troop as the government to which they respond. The troop is a home for the patrol.

Far too often, Scouting means going to troop meetings to learn things for various achievement badges selected by others (adults). Why are we surprised if, often, our young adolescents don't bother to show up? But the troop meeting becomes important to each Scout if it is a place where the patrol reports its achievements, finds out what other patrols are up to, receives new challenges and assignments, plans new activities, and sets new goals. The troop is where the patrol can honour its members in a ritualistic environment before heading out as a unit once again.

And a patrol should always be doing just that — heading out. A patrol is directed by its unit integrity. As an activity group, it is designed to function with the belief that it is leaving troop headquarters on another adventure or activity and will return with a full report. If the emphasis is on the patrol instead of the troop, an active patrol will always be eager to work that way.

You can destroy patrol integrity by breaking up patrols for different troop activities. One of the worst offenders I've seen is a Patrol Leaders' Camp. Unless the patrol leaders have asked for such an event, it serves only to erode patrol integrity. And if the troop has active patrols operating as patrols, there is no time for such events. A troop camp that lets patrols stay together better serves the whole and provides a higher level of challenge.

Does all of this sound revolutionary? It shouldn't, but we adults have a penchant for trying to fix what isn't broken. We like to change things to suit our own taste when what we need to do is present the Scout program just the way it was designed. The program for Scouting at the troop and patrol levels hasn't really changed very much since its inception. It's only when we fail to operate it as designed that radical changes take place. And they are rarely improvements.

It may seem difficult to drop the reins and let patrols go off on their own. On the other hand, you may find it exhilarating, because a patrol on the go is an amazing thing to see. X

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COLD WEATHER COOKING

by Robb Baker



It's not too soon to think about getting prepared for your winter outings. One critical area to consider is cooking equipment and food. Making the right choices will lead to successful outdoor activities.

Let's start with the selection of an all-round, multi-purpose stove for meal preparation. When it's cold out, you really want a stove that is easy to start, believe me. Stay away from models that need lots of pumping to keep them going.

My favourite is the Optimus IIIB. It is a bit heavy but puts out blow-torch like heat on a stable platform. Since fuel pressure is maintained by radiant heat from the burner, you only need to pump to get the stove started.

I've tried all sorts of stoves and found those fueled by white gas (Naphtha) work best in winter. Butane is okay, but only at higher elevations and above freezing. A good stove should be able to boil a litre of water in just under five minutes at sea level. Of course the time changes the higher you go. Remember to bring along a fuel filter to use when filling the stove's tank.

Whatever stove you choose, make sure it is stable. The best are models low to the ground with a large surface to hold your pots. Some taller models come with support legs; they are okay, but don't compromise unless you have to. At -20°C, you

don't want to deal with a spilled meal or, even worse, a scalded hand.

A good portable windscreen is a must. Make sure it will not interfere with the use of your pots and pans. Thin aluminum panels (3 mm) hinged to create a three-sided screen are lightweight and take up little space. Make the screen tall enough to protect your largest pot from the wind.

One of the handiest cooking devices I've found is the aluminum angel food cake pan — the round one with sides about 20 cm high and a hollow "chimney" in the middle. It's great for baking a cake on a one-burner stove. Grease the pan well and use a frying pan as a cover. Add only about 75% of the suggested liquid to your mix and operate the stove at its lowest possible blue-flame setting.

Place the pan on the stove with the chimney over the centre of the burner. Heat will follow the chimney upwards and radiate off the cover (skillet) to bake your cake slowly from the top. Rotate the pan often and use your wind screen.

Remember, whatever your gang likes to eat, you must increase the fat and carbohydrate intake by at least 40 percent in winter. We all burn off a lot more calories when it's cold. As long as you keep this rule of thumb in mind, you will do fine.

Have you ever used hot liquid jello as an alternative to hot chocolate or tea? If not, try it. You will soon grow to love it.

It comes in many flavours and is particularly good to drink just before hitting the sack at night.

If any of you have hints of your own, I'd love to receive them for use in a future article, with credit of course. Write me at: *Scouts Canada, Box 5151, Stn F, Ottawa, ON K2C 3G7.* ^

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BEAR COUNTRY

from Ben Kruser

There's an old saying: "When a pine needle drops in the forest, a turkey sees it, a deer hears it, and a bear smells it." Canada is bear country. Wherever we live, we go camping and hiking in what is probably bear territory.

While the chances of meeting bears are relatively low, largely because of bears' disinterest in most people, we must know how to avoid, recognize, and deal with bear encounters. CJSO participants will camp right in the heart of bear country, but all of us have need of this information. It comes from an Environment Canada Park Service brochure, titled *YOU are in Bear Country*.

Bears are strong and agile wild animals that will defend themselves, their young, and their territory if they feel threatened. All bears are potentially dangerous; they are unpredictable and able to inflict serious injury. **NEVER** feed or approach a bear.

Tips for Safe Camping

Put away food and garbage, strong attractions to bears. Keep your campsite clean and never leave around food, garbage, coolers, cooking equipment or utensils. Lock food in the trunk of your vehicle or hang it at least 4 m off the ground between two trees. Several campgrounds have bear poles or steel food caches.

Do not cook or eat in or near your tent or tent trailer. The lingering odours of food invite bears. Clean utensils and put garbage in containers immediately after eating. Do not get food odours on your clothing or sleeping bag. Sleep in different clothing than what you wear for cooking.

Use a flashlight at night. Many animals feed at night, and a flashlight may warn them away.

Tips for Safe Hiking

Bears feel threatened if surprised. Hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing, or carry a noise-maker (e.g. bells). Most bears will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails.

Be especially alert when travelling into the wind. A bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence. In dense



bush and near rushing water, the animal likely won't hear your noise-maker.

Stay away from dead animals and berry patches, important food sources for bears. You'll often see crows and ravens circling over dead animals. Report dead animals to park wardens.

Watch for bear signs, tracks, fresh diggings, and droppings.

NEVER approach a bear, especially a bear cub. A protective mother is usually nearby and may attack if she thinks her cub is in danger.

Leave your dog at home. A dog often infuriates a bear and may come running back to you with the bear in pursuit!

Backcountry Camping Safety

Camp in designated campgrounds. In random camping areas, pick a spot away from animal and walking trails and the sounds of rushing water. Camp near large sparsely-branched trees you can climb if necessary. If you spot fresh bear sign, choose another area.

Avoid fresh perishable foods with strong odours (e.g. meat and fish) that attract bears. Freeze-dried foods are best. Keep tent pads clean and free of food and garbage.

Cache food away from your tent. Use bear-resistant food storage facilities where provided or suspend food between two trees (at least 4 m up and 1 m away from trunk) if possible. Store food and garbage in airtight containers.

Pack out all garbage. Don't bury it; bears can easily locate it and dig it up. Burning scraps of food is not recommended; if you do it, make sure you burn them to ash.

Avoid smelly cosmetics, perfumes, hair sprays, and soaps.

Menstruating women should be extra careful. Bears may be attracted to them. As a precaution, use tampons; dispose in airtight plastic bags.

Bear Confrontations

Make a wide detour or leave the area if you see a bear at a distance. If you cannot detour or retreat, wait until the bear moves from your path. Always leave the animal an escape route.

Do not run. Most bears can run as fast as a racehorse. A scream or sudden movement can trigger an attack.

Don't throw anything at a bear; it may provoke an attack.

Watch the bear for aggressive behaviour — snapping its jaws together, making a "whoofing" sound, or keeping its head down with ears laid back. Consider any bear that moves toward you aggressive. If the bear does not seem to be displaying aggressive behaviour, talk softly in monotones and slowly back up. If a bear rears on its hind legs and waves its nose in the air, it is trying to identify you. Keep still and speak in low tones.

Keep calm. Assess the situation. There is no guaranteed life-saving method to cope with an aggressive bear, but calm behaviour has proven the most successful. Sometimes bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging and veering away at the last second. Back away quietly; never run!

If a climbable tree is nearby and the bear shows aggressive behaviour, speak softly and back slowly toward the tree. At the same time, slowly remove your pack and set it down to distract the bear.

Climb a tree as high as you can. Adult grizzlies don't usually climb trees, but large ones can easily reach well over 4 m. Stay in the tree until you are sure the bear has left the area, then make your way quickly back to the trailhead. Black bears are agile climbers, so a tree may not offer an escape from them.

Bears are an important part of the park ecosystem and worthy of continued protection. With your cooperation, bears and people can co-exist. ^

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Cub Adam McKinlay, 4th Georgetown, Ont., delivers an armload of groceries to the Love In Christ Food Bank. A Saturday door-to-door blitz by members of Scouting and Guiding in North Halton Region last fall collected 12,000 kg of food and more than \$1,800, reports Scouter Jean Layman. With demands on food banks across the country increasing rather than diminishing, many Scouting members will offer similar service this fall. Photo: Ted Brown, Metro Inland Independent



The happy winner of two airline tickets from NationAir, St. Laurent Nova Cub Ajay Gulatti, Que., considers a summer trip to Venezuela or Brussels. Names of the 100 St. Laurent-Cartierville District members who planted 3,500 Trees for Canada in May were entered in a draw for the tickets donated by the airline, says Trevor Sevigny, group committee chairman. Ajay was one of two lucky winners!



SCOUTING FAMILY PHOTO:

Nova Scotia's 8th Halifax Venturers Chris Sabeau, Gordie Pictou, Trevor Routledge, Stefan Schiebel, and Rana Ghose help their advisors Elaine Young and Rick Courtney celebrate their June wedding — a happy occasion for the whole company.

AIR TRAGEDY:

On a trip to Gander, the Creston South Scouts, Nfld., visit the monument to 246 American military personnel who died when the plane bringing them home from overseas duty for Christmas crashed just after lift-off from Gander Airport. The troop, reactivated last October after folding in 1988, had a full and successful year, says Troop Scouter John Penny. As well as the 320 km trip, they enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities ranging from night hikes to weekend camps and training at the Search and Rescue Centre.



THANKSGIVING FEAST:

The 6th Woodstock Beavers, Ont., gather around the fire for turkey dinner to close their 1991 Thanksgiving program. Using a native North American theme, they painted faces and made coloured-macaroni bead necklaces, headbands, and paper-towel-tube totem poles, says Scouter Ardelle Moore. "We had to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to include all of our activities!"



Northern Ontario's Nipissing District Cuboree celebrated Cubbing's 75th with crafts, races, soccer, parachute games, an obstacle course, and a fire-fighting demonstration. Each pack brought memorabilia to be sealed in a time capsule that will be opened during Canadian Cubbing's centennial in 2016, says Harold Noel, 1st Callander Group Committee Chairman. "How many Cubs will be leaders then?" he wonders.

FLYING WITH SANTA:

The 11th Elks Beavers and Keeos, Edmonton, Alta., wait excitedly to board the Santa Flight in December. Youngsters and parents worked hard to earn \$25 each to spend 35 minutes in the air with Santa, who gave everyone a goodie bag, says Scouter Wendy Adams. Because the flight is a fundraiser for the Christmas Bureau, "it was a special gift not only for our boys, but for many other children from needy families", she explains. The colony had a wonderful time singing and helping Keo Chris celebrate his 10th birthday.



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New First Aid Kits

by Bob Bareham

Supply Services is pleased to introduce a new line of top quality first aid kits. Made for us by St. John Ambulance, each kit contains a detailed pocket guide to emergency first aid. The booklet covers such topics as wounds and bleeding, choking, artificial respiration, burns, diabetes, epilepsy, eye injuries, and many other emergency situations.

The *Compact/Individual Kit* (#53-101, \$13.95) comes in a bright red heavy-gauge nylon belt pouch and contains such items as finger dressing, anchor dressing, scissors, antiseptic towelettes, sterile gauze pad, tape bandaids, triangular bandage, and several other items. St. John Ambulance designed this personal kit exclusively for Scouts Canada.

Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the *Personal/Small Group Kit* (#53-102, \$19.95). Light and compact enough to be tucked easily into a backpack or worn on a belt, each kit contains everything you need for the emergency treatment of small and medium wounds. It's all neatly packed in a bright red nylon bag with zipper and PVC backing. Excellent features are the way items are packaged in well labelled sterile plastic bags and products are appropriately grouped for easy access.

The *Family/Larger Group Kit* (#53-103, \$39.95) is the finest first aid kit of its kind. St. John Ambulance has long been recognized as the leader in first aid training, and this kit has been designed with professional care. It contains eight labelled pockets containing essential items related to a large variety of medical needs. Designed for quick and easy access, the modular style will enable you to cope with most accidents. We highly recommend the kit for all Scouting sections, home, work, recreational activities, and car. Visit your Scout Shop to take a look.

SAYING THANKS: We all recognize how important it is to express our appreciation for the efforts of leaders, group committee members, sponsors, members of the community, and all others who support Scouting in some way. This year's official catalogue contains seven new plaques, awards, and appreciation items in an attractive black imitation marble finish and a price range from \$10.95 to \$23.95. You can customize these quality awards to suit the occasion. We've introduced new figurines to augment the current trophy emblems, and you can also use our popular medallion holders. Please refer to the catalogue for details on the wide selection available, then visit your Scout Shop and design a plaque to suit the occasion. Attractive engraving plates come with each product.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: It seems strange to be thinking about Christmas while writing in June for this issue, but we want to remind you that Supply Services introduces new items on an on-going basis. A periodic visit to your Scout Shop is always a good idea, especially with the holiday season approaching. You'll find a wide range of stocking stuffers and Scouting-related products. Wouldn't a new Scouts Canada logo watch by Bulova or an official Sterling silver ring look good under the tree? How about a state-of-the-art sleeping bag or a copy of the latest program book? Remember to check out your Scout Shop for the best in service, selection, and price.

THE HONOURS & AWARDS PROCESS - 3

by Rob Stewart

We come to the third and final part of a three part series on Scouting's Honours and Awards process. In the last two issues, we reviewed a step-by-step process for developing award applications for outstanding service to Scouting and took a look at the Gallantry, Meritorious Conduct, and Jack Cornwell awards. To wrap up this month, let's look at how long it takes to process award applications, presentation ideas, and examples of awards presented in the past year.

TIMING

A common complaint about the awards program is the time it takes to move an application through the system. Remember that an application must be reviewed by honours and awards committees at a number of levels, depending on your council. In some of the smaller provincial councils, an application may go directly from the initiator to the provincial honours and awards committee. In larger councils, the award may go through district, regional, and provincial committees. Each of these committees needs time to judge the level of the award.

If the provincial level determines the award is within the national program (e.g. Medal of Merit), the application goes to the national office for distribution to the volunteers on the National Honours and Awards Committee. Their goal is to process each award and return it to the provincial council within

30 days. Many other councils also set reasonable time frames to ensure the process is not slowed down unnecessarily, but they need time to work. If you wish to present an award at a specific event, you should allow three months for the application to move through the system.

PRESENTATION

A key to any recognition program is how the award is presented. People like recognition for their efforts and particularly enjoy being recognized in front of their peers. Group and district banquets provide a great opportunity to say thank you to all the Scouters who have devoted their time to keeping Scouting alive in their community. Annual meetings at all levels offer another chance to recognize them.

A letter from the national commissioner announces all awards within the national program (i.e. Medal of Merit, Silver Acorn). Although addressed to the award recipient, the letter is sent to the provincial council for presentation, which opens up interesting possibilities for surprising the Scouter.

Some recipients answer the door at home and find a youth member in uniform prepared to read the letter announcing the award. Others have been surprised at their places of work or at Scouting meetings. The ideas are endless. For example, one of our worthy Scouters is a TV weather forecaster. The station let us interrupt his program so that a Scout could inform him, on air, that he had been awarded the Silver Wolf. It's the first time anyone has seen him speechless!

Our Chief Scout, the Governor General, presents some awards at a ceremony at Government House in Ottawa every November. They are the Jack Cornwell Award, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Crosses, the Medal for Meritorious Conduct, the Silver Fox (Scouters from outside Canada), the Silver Wolf, and the Silver Maple Leaf (executive staff).

It's amazing to see the acts of bravery, perseverance, and service to Scouting honoured at this ceremony each year. For example, Duncan Bradley, Pierrefonds, Que., received the Bronze Cross for saving the life of a man who fell from a waterfall and hit his head on rocks before tumbling into a pool of water. Duncan jumped in and kept the man afloat until help arrived. Jason Gustafson, Devon, Alta., received the Medal for Meritorious Conduct after helping rescue a young girl who fell into a lagoon and was suffering hypothermia. Hart Finley, Ottawa, Ont., was honoured with a Silver Wolf for his many years of outstanding service to Scouting in a variety of roles, among them president of the Ontario Council.

If you feel someone deserves an award, please take action to begin the application process. Don't let the timing or the work of gathering data discourage you. As Doug Jennings, chairman of the National Honours and Awards Committee says, "It's a lot easier to say thank you than it is to recruit a new Scouter."

And it is invaluable to both the Scouter and Scouting. "Receiving this honour only spurs me on to continue the calling and support within the movement," writes a Scouter who recently received a Medal of Merit. "With similar dedicated colleagues ... together we shall promote the vision of Scouting for tomorrow." X

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

If you are not going to CJ'93 in July 1993, you may be looking for an out-of-country adventure with your Scouts or Venturers. You have a number of international events to choose from in summer 1993.

Austria — *Eurofolk '93, July 26 - August 5*: "Discover Europe" at Pfadfinderlagerplatz Eggenberg in St. Georgen, Attergau.

Germany — *July 23 - August 2*: Six thousand Scouts and Guides aged 13-23 will gather at Friedeburg, northwest of Bremen, for the *BdP National Camp*. Home hospitality will be offered.

Greenland — *July 20-30*: With 2,000 Scouts and Guides aged 11-20, celebrate 50 years of Scouting in Greenland. The program at Kangerlussuag, Søndre Strømfjord, will feature mountain hikes, traditional handicrafts, and Scout activities. Camp fee: DKK800.

Ireland — *Ballyfin '93, July 25 - August 5*: Six thousand Scouts and Guides 10-16 will enjoy canoeing, parascending, abseiling, hillwalking, orienteering, tours, and jet skiing. Home hospitality will be offered. Camp fee: IR£97.

Norway — *July 31 - August 7*: Norway has invited 15,000 Scouts and Guides to its national jamboree at Ingelsrud Camp, Eidskog.

Sweden — *Natura 93, July 29 - August 7*: Under the theme "For, In and Together with Nature", 20,000 Scouts and Guides aged 12-18 will gather at Karlsborg in Western Sweden for Scout activities, nature and environmental projects, water activities, and pioneering. Home hospitality will be offered. The camp fee of SEK1,300 includes food.

United Kingdom — *Kernow 93, August 7-14*: Join 3,500 Scouts and Guides aged 11-15 in Wadebridge, Cornwall, for activities with an "International Friendship" theme. Home hospitality will be offered. Camp Fee: £40.

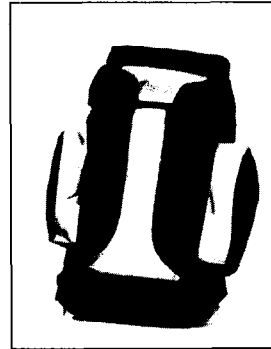
Wales — *Sgoutiaid Cymru, July 7 - August 5*: A gathering at Glanusk Park for Scouts and Guides aged 11-16. Campers must come self-contained, and the camp fee of £40 does not include food.

United States — *August 4-10*: Boy Scouts of America expects 34,000 Scouts aged 12-18 to gather at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia for a national Scout jamboree. Under the theme "A Bridge to the Future", the program includes arts and science, Scouting skills, archery, bike course, sports, conservation, and arena shows. Home hospitality is available. Camp fee: US\$600.

For further information about these and other international events, contact *International Relations and Special Events Services, Scouts Canada, PO Box 5151, Stn F, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3G7*.

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NETWORK



Partner Appreciation

by Warren McMeekin

Each year at about the same time, a partner signs an agreement to sponsor a Scout group. Believe it or not, Scouting has more than 4,400 of these partners. And, when you read the partnership agreement, you realize that the partner gives the local group an incredible amount of support.

- administration of programs
- facilities
- selection of leaders
- training of leaders in the ideals of the partner
- recognition

Considering what some religious and community organizations are going through these days, we are very fortunate to form this partnership with many of these organizations. Here is a partial list of Scouting sponsors and the number of years we have been in partnership with each.

Partner Group	Years of Service	Partner Group	Years of Service
Anglican Church	83	Lions	73
Baptist Church	72	Lutheran Church	69
Board of Trade	34	Moose	34
Canadian Forces	84	Masons	71
Civitan	20	Mormons	69
Eagles	20	Optimist Club	67
Elks	71	Greek Orthodox Church	28
Fire Departments	65	Pentecostal Church	37
Canadian Home and School	63	Police	20
Indian Communities	34	Presbyterian Church	78
Inuit Communities	34	Reorganized Latter Day Saints	69
Odd Fellows	34	Royal Canadian Legion	59
Jaycees	20	Roman Catholic Church	72
Jewish Community	67	Rotary Club	73
Kinsmen	67	*Salvation Army	60
Kiwanis	73	United Church	68
Knights of Columbus	70	YMCA	28

* Date of Agreement. Lifesaving Scouts before this.

We can say thanks to our partners in many different ways. Here are a few ideas that come quickly to mind.

- Hold a Partner Appreciation Night.
- Do a service project for your partner.
- Wear your partner's emblem on your uniform (*B.P. & P.*, page 85).
- Send your partner a thank you note.
- Invite your partner to section meetings.

There are so many other things we can do to recognize our partners' efforts on our behalf. If you have a special way in which your group thanks your sponsor, please write to tell us about it so that we can share your ideas in a future issue. X

Promise to the Earth

On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to preserve and to protect
God's creations and nature.

Scout Environmental Law

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted to look after the earth for future generations.
2. A Scout respects all forms of life and pledges to preserve environmental harmony.
3. A Scout's duty is to protect the environment by neither generating waste nor adopting lifestyles harmful to the environment.
4. A Scout is a friend to all flora and fauna, irrespective of country.
5. A Scout is kind and respects the environment, as it belongs to all.
6. A Scout is kind to animals, learns about nature, and is concerned with its protection.
7. A Scout listens to the counsel of those who live in harmony with nature.
8. A Scout is cheerful and brave in the bleakest of environmental conditions.
9. A Scout makes good use of time, money, and everything he or she has, because respect for oneself leads to concern for the environment.
10. A Scout sets examples of sound environmental conduct and shows why it is important for words to turn into deeds.

The environmental promise and law were created in the Global Development Village at the 17th World Scout Jamboree in Korea. Thanks to Australian Scout magazine.

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Let's Rap

The 1st Campbellville A Beavers, Ont., and their leaders created a rap song that they sing on all their trips and camps. "Hawkeye brings his music machine, Keo brings his drumsticks, and all the Beavers bring their voices," says Rainbow Olive Mont. "Any fast beat will do." The colony added hand actions and the last verse for the group's annual banquet.

BEAVER BEAVER

Chorus

Beavers Beavers Beavers
Sharing Sharing Sharing

On Monday night
We get together
To have lots of fun
With each other *(Chorus)*

Sometimes we work (digging with shovels)
Sometimes we play (jump up and down)
Sometimes we learn (hand circles around eyes)
Hey, that's O.K. (thumbs up) *(Chorus)*

Thank you for
The food tonight
It was great
Um! Um! That's right! (rub tummy) *(Chorus)*—

(Repeat first verse and chorus)
Bye-bye, bye-bye, bye-bye (wave)

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Cub Rap

by Cub Jesse Lawrie

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I like Scouting, I'm NO FOOL
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While you camp, you have FUN all day
The crafts and games are really NEAT
The things you learn, you just CAN'T BEAT
Don't let others tell you Scouting's for GEEKS
You tell them to try it for a WEEK
If they try it, they can't deny it
Scouting's neat, and it's not for GEEKS
Scouting's fun for everyone!

*Jesse Lawrie is a member of the 1st Bolton C Pack,
Ont. Thanks to Jeanette Lawrie for sharing.*

The Instructor's Rap

Scooby Dooby Die, Scooby Dooby Day
Listen up people and hear what I say
Now I am the instructor but I am not the boss
For without you people, I'd be lost
We are here to listen and to learn
So state your opinions and voice your concerns
Learning is fun, shared activity
So I'll listen to you if you'll listen to me
Together this course we'll get through
We'll learn from me and we'll learn from you!
— Al Hoard, 2nd Armour/St. Lukes' Cubs,
Peterborough, Ontario

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How You Place Your Moccasins

I hear today that economic growth is a necessity and conservation is a consideration of importance. We disagree. Conservation is life, and economic growth is a matter of interpretation.

So, my friends ... here we are at this time in history with a task that we cannot leave to our children.

With a choice that takes courage, fortitude and a will inspired by the understanding of the great spiritual law of our mother this earth, take heed to the word of our grandfathers, who instructed us ... "Take care how you place your moccasins upon the earth. Step with care, for the faces of the future generations are looking up from earth waiting their turn for life."

So the decision is simple; obey the natural law, or perish.

— Chief Oren R. Lyons, Onondaga Nation, spokesman for the Traditional Elders Circle at the 4th World Wilderness Congress, 1987. From *Earth Care News*, a U.N. publication.

World Food Day Thought

While hunger rules, peace cannot prevail.
(Willy Brandt)

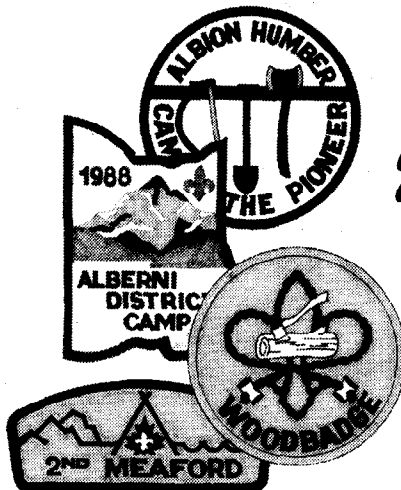
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How Did It Happen?

How did it ever happen? In giving Scouting the original Promise, Baden-Powell required that, along with other things, members should promise to do their best "to help other people at all times".

Later, here in Canada, these words were somehow translated into "To love and serve ... my fellow man".

Certainly, these words were formulated before the present focus on feminine equality and inclusive language, but how a general or inclusive noun could be confined to a masculine definition is difficult to understand.

I know some will say, "We know what it means." I can only reply that it is not so much indicative of a masculine organization as it is of a male-dominated society and bias that has existed for too long.

I hope an official amendment to the Canadian Scout Promise will be forthcoming in the near future.

— Rev. Edward J. Sewell, 16th St. Catharines Rover Crew, Ont.

PROJECT SHI-WON/JIN-AH UPDATE

Many readers will recall the tragic story of two young Korean sisters seriously injured by an automobile just before the start of the 17th World Jamboree in summer 1991. At the jamboree, the girls became the focus of a fundraising project spearheaded by the Canadian Contingent (Nov.'91). Since then, Scouts Canada has raised over \$20,000 through the Brotherhood Fund in support of the youngsters' rehabilitation, and we can now report that the two girls and their mother have arrived in Canada to begin treatment at the Shriner's Hospital in Montreal.

The Montreal Korean Association and local Scouting volunteers have arranged for a local family to be hosts to the Korean visitors during their stay.

Watch our pages for a complete update on the girls' progress in future.

CJ'93 FUNDRAISING IDEA

Is your troop interested in attending CJ'93? Looking for a way to raise some funds? The 186 Knottwood Scouts in Edmonton put together a "Silent Auction". It was a lot of work, time, phone calls, and letters, but it raised almost \$4,000 for our jamboree fund.

If you are interested in details of how to set it up or where to begin, please drop us a line or call. See you at CJ.

— Dale Haines, 1016-87 St., Edmonton, Alta. T6K 1Y1: (403) 462-3041

SPECIAL RAP HELPS CUB

Ryan, an 8 year old 2nd Kingsville Cub, has a learning disability that made it difficult for him to learn the law and promise. At the same time, he wanted very much to become invested as a "real" Cub, which meant doing all the things the other Cubs had to do.

When I talked to one of his former teachers, I learned that Ryan loves rap music. The teacher suggested we try putting the law and promise to music to see if it would help him with this bit of memory work.

Dale Butler, a musician friend of mine, got together with Stu Campbell, another musician, to develop a rap. Even though rap music isn't their thing, the two put a lot of effort and time into our project, and we now have the Cub law and promise to rap music.

Ryan did learn his law and promise with the help of this music and is very happy to be a "real" Cub. We all feel it could help other Cubs with similar disabilities.

The 25 second rap song plays continuously for 30 minutes on a cassette tape (the repetition helped Ryan learn and remember). If you would like a copy, we will be happy to make one for you. Simply send us a blank tape.

— Trudy McHardy, 844 Road 2 West, RR #1, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2E4.

STAMPS FOR OTHER CAUSES

Congratulations to the groups you list on the Letters page (J/J'92) who are col-

lecting used postage stamps for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB). I was somewhat disappointed when you failed to mention that the Canadian Council of B.-P. Guilds has been collecting used stamps for a number of years, the proceeds going to the International Development Fund of IFOSAG (International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides). In the past four years, we have raised and sent over \$2,000 to the fund. It represents many hours of work and several kilos of stamps.

Canadian B.-P. Guilds send their collections to national Stamp Bank Manager Don Read of the 10th B.-P. Guild in Swift Current, Sask. Guild members here soak off the stamps and Don sorts and maintains an excellent record of variety and value. He also looks after the sale of the stamps and forwards the proceeds to the fund.

Your comments seemed to leave the impression that the only stamp collecting Scouting does is for the CGDB, which is a good cause and deserves our support. I felt your readers should also be aware of the tremendous job the B.-P. Guilds are doing.

— Archie Green, DC Cypress District, Swift Current, Sask.

REGULAR COLUMNIST

I would like to comment on the article *Do the Media Ignore Scouts?* (Apr'92). My column appears weekly in *The Gander Beacon*. I frequently take my camera to special events to get a photo for the paper. The newspaper will send a reporter to cover events given sufficient notice. If they are unable to attend, they often supply film and developing.

In May this year, I attended a Media Workshop put on by the publishing company and a discussion period at the Conference of Community Newspapers for Atlantic Canada.

I agree that getting to know someone at the newspaper is a big asset; personal contact is very important. If the media ignore Scouts, quite often we are at fault. We have to be persistent and, if an article we submit isn't published, find out why. — Eliot Humby, Gander, Nfld. A

Pen Friends Wanted



Africa

Scouter Vortie Dlamini, 27, PO Box 15, Vuvulane, SF 154, Swaziland.

1st Bothasig Cubs and Scouts want to share Scouting experiences. Please write c/o: 23 Reyger Street, Bothasig 7441, South Africa.

Czechoslovakia

Scout, 12, seeks a pen friend who shares his interests in computers, camping, and outdoors cooking. Please write: John Blaha, Okružní 702, Zruc Nad Sázavou, 285 22 Czechoslovakia.

Germany

Scout, 14, seeks pen friends. His languages are German, English, and Russian. Please write: Andreas Keimann, Laplacing 28, 0-1597 Potsdam.

Mexico

Scouter, 20, collects badges and insignia and can communicate in English, French, Armenian, or Spanish. Please write: Carlos Antaramian, Agave #82, Jardines de Coyoacán, Coyoacán 04890, Mexico D.F.

Maria Cristina Mendoza A. (18), Chietla No. 128, Col. La Paz, 72160 Puebla, Puebla.

Guadalupe Thalia Perez (14), 15 Norte 4403, Col. Cleotilde Torres, 72050, Puebla, Puebla.

United Kingdom

Cub Scout, 10: James Billingsley, 32 Gerard Rd., Alcester, B49 6QQ, Warwickshire, England.

9th West Lothian Pack Scouter: Ian Garvie, 82 Talisman Rise, Dedridge, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 6PN.

Cub Scout, 10, King Solomon Pack, seeks a pen friend from a Jewish pack. Please write: Oliver Yaros, 20 Lord Avenue, Clayhall, Ilford, Essex IG5 0HP.

Cub Scout leaders in Edinburgh seek links with Canadian Pack Scouters. Please write: Ian Ogilvy, Scottish Link-Up Secretary, The Scout Association, Fordell Firs, Hillend, Dunfermline KY11 5HQ, Scotland.

Beaver leader wants to link with a Canadian colony. Please write: Jane Allen, Trieste, Tromode Park, Tromode, Isle of Man, England.

Cub Scout Leader wants to exchange information. Please write: Brendan G. Quinn, 113 Templegrove, Bucrana Road, Derry, North Ireland BT48 ORF.

Beaver leader wishes to twin with a Canadian colony. Please write: Claire Giddy, 19 Augusta Road, Pencrth, South Glamorgan, S. Wales.

USA

Den 2, Cub Scouts: c/o 2113-22nd St., Rock Island, IL 61201.

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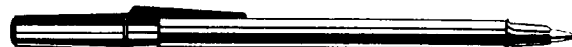
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