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# Hope, Optimism and Renewal

— by Bill Wyman, National President

**H**appy New year!

Even though it is halfway through our activity year, the start of a new calendar year brings hope, optimism and renewal.

**Hope**, for the success of Scouting ideals in a troubled world. Anyone attending a World Jamboree, cannot help but be amazed at the fellowship and good feeling between youth whose countries may be at opposite ends of the political spectrum. A feeling exists that if only we let the youth run the world, it would be a better place for us all. If only the message of our founder, Lord Baden-Powell, could be taught to all the young people of the world.

**Optimism**, that as Canada's largest youth-serving organization, we can make a difference in the lives of youth. Today is a tough time to grow up — much different than when you and I were young. The expanding drug culture and the breakdown of respect for many values we were taught, puts a heavy pressure on today's youth to conform to a new and ultimately valueless society.

The Scouting message of self-worth and honour is more necessary now

than ever. We are beginning to make progress in different parts of the country by creating new inner city groups — good news. We are expanding our Sponsor groups list and recruiting more leaders. The growing involvement of youth in our decision making is beginning to help us see their needs more clearly. Also, we can be optimistic that the recession will soon end, and financing will not be as difficult for the Movement as in the past three years.

**Renewal**, this is an ongoing and never-ending process. The Management Task Group report presents a vision for the future. Continuing discussions will serve to enhance and focus our Movement. We must never lose sight of our mission. Everything we do must support and strengthen Section Leaders in their youth work. The work you do as a Section Leader or as a Group Committee member is the most important in the organization. Without you, and the hours of effort and dedication you provide, this organization would not function. We need to streamline and strengthen our training and support for you, making your job more effective and rewarding. The steps under way will, we hope, provide this train-

ing and support in a timely and effective manner.

The United Nations has declared 1994-95 the International Year of the Family. In many ways we are already a family organization. Look at the events



you have planned this year. Have you invited the families of your members to attend and participate? Family involvement will give pride to your youth and strengthen the support of their family as they pursue the Scouting dream!

Best wishes and Happy Scouting in 1994.

Bill Wyman  
National President

## Celebrate Your Heritage!

This issue of **the Leader** magazine features a useful insert program tool called *Let's Have Fun With Heritage*.

Take its ideas and celebrate the heritage of children in your pack or troop. Here are two examples. Explore French Canada's heritage by singing traditional French-Canadian folk songs and baking oven-fresh bread.

Try an evening theme event, just as the 27th St. Anthony Cub Pack did. They celebrated the Chinese New Year by hav-

ing a real Chinese lion dance. First they made the lion's head from paper mâché, painting it red and black to make it appear ferocious. Then several climbed under the lion's white fabric back and danced while others beat on cans with sticks.

Monday February 21, 1994 will be the 20th anniversary of Heritage Day in Canada. Let's celebrate our heritage together!

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# Photo Contest Winners

## *A Scouting Celebration!*

**T**he **Leader** magazine and Supply Services proudly announce the winners of our third-ever photography contest. Scouters from all over the country responded overwhelmingly by sending twice as many images (more than 200) as our last contest.

"This won't be an easy task," our three judges unanimously agreed. Eric Harris (managing editor, *Canadian Geographic* magazine), John Rietveld (executive director of communications, Scouts Canada), and Richard Petsche (**Leader** magazine art director) eventually picked the winning photos, but only after much discussion. Eventually they choose a grand prize winner, five category winners, and five runner-ups.

Contest categories were drawn from mottos of all five Scouting sections: Sharing, Do Your Best, Be Prepared, Challenge, and Service.

Why did leaders from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers respond so well to the contest? Perhaps the incredible prizes offered by Supply Services attracted their attention. And what great prizes!



### **Challenge Category Winner:**

Colin Gee, Calgary, Alberta. *Feeling like the first person on earth, a Scout from the 58th Calgary Troop "turns back the time" as he hikes the spectacular Alberta Badlands (near Steeveville).*



### **Challenge Runner-Up:**

Terry Findley, Banff, Alberta. *Propelled by feet, 1st Banff Mountain Scouts have fun 'paddling' down an ice highway. The troop built the 33' 'float' in three hours for the Banff Winter Festival Parade.*



### **Be Prepared Category Winner:**

Louis Looi, Markham, Ontario. *Waiting for the Markham International Carnival parade to begin, Cubs from the 2nd Milliken Mills Pack, stand beside their sponsors fire truck.*

Kathy Bagu of Hamilton, Ontario, won the Grand Prize for the "Best Overall Photo". Her picture (featured on this issue's cover), shows Nathan Howard of the 58th Hamilton Cub Pack "doing his best" by carefully sanding his Kub Kar.

Supply Services sent Scouter Bagu her prizes: a lightweight Outbound Clipsever 3 tent, a 3-season Thinsulate Woods City Lite 350 sleeping bag, a Premier external frame back pack (Kalahari model), and a Scouts Canada bush hat! Five "Category Winners" each won official Scouts Canada

quartz watches from Bulova, while "Runner-ups" each won a St. John Ambulance first aid kit.

**The Leader** will keep all photos, including non-winning pictures, for use in other Scouting publications. Of course, photographers will receive full credit. Where possible we will also identify your Scouting group.

One picture entered in the contest will appear on the cover of **the Leader** in late spring (we have already notified the photographer).



### Do Your Best Category Winner:

Ida Lowas, Brampton, Ontario. *Now This Is Camping. Mud Everywhere!* Cubs from the 9th Brampton Pack enjoyed a muddy, wet Cuboree on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. The mud doesn't seem to bother Peter Lowas.



### Do Your Best Runner-Up:

Rick Ross, North York, Ontario. *"So how do I sew this, mom?"*



### Service Category Winner:

Ron Rusnak, Winnipeg, Manitoba. *Cub Jeff Rusnak of the 177th Bannatyne Pack (Winnipeg) helps plant a tree in Sandilands Provincial Park in southeastern Manitoba.*



### Service Runner-Up:

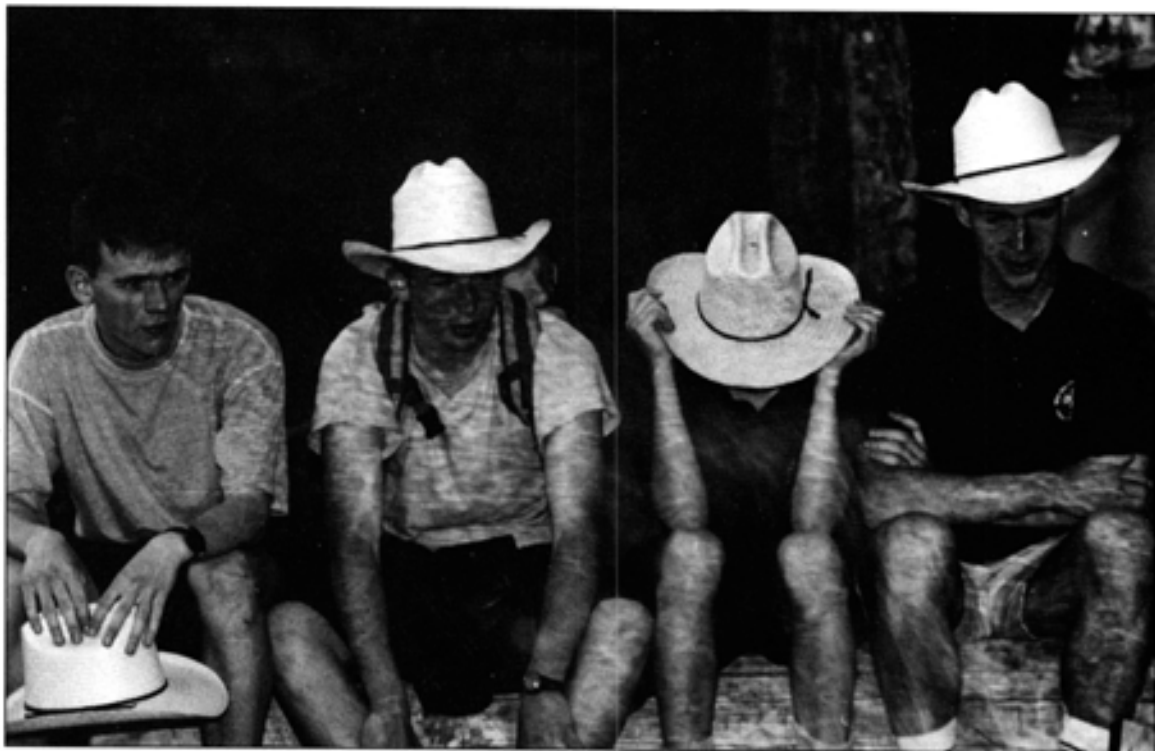
Louis Looi, Markham, Ontario. *Cubs Ryan and Sean from the 2nd Milliken Mills Pack (Markham) give out napkin holder crafts at the Unionville Senior Citizen Home, Unionville, Ont..*

Why not start planning to enter our next photography contest in two years time?

Send **the Leader** your best Scouting photographs. Who knows, we might publish one in our monthly Cross-Country Photo section, annual report, calendar, posters, or use them

to illustrate regular articles. If your photo is really good we might choose it for the cover of **the Leader**.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this the most successful **Leader** magazine photography contest ever. ^



### Sharing Category Winner:

Colin Gee, Calgary, Alberta. *During a visit to Calgary, Alberta, members of the 70th Renfrew and Inverclyde Scouts from Scotland take time out to enjoy a fire at Camp Gardner.*



### Sharing Runner-Up:

Jack Logan, Ottawa, Ontario. *"Grow tree grow!" Happy Beavers from the 133rd Ottawa "C" Colony cheer on trees they have just planted at the Greenwood planting site.*



### Be Prepared Runner-Up:

Janice Lauzon, Oshawa, Ontario. *Cubs Simon McCaan (in wheelbarrow) and Jean René Gagnon from Oshawa's 32nd Assumption French Pack wait in readiness for the race to begin while leaders and parents plan their strategy.*

# 3M Space Winners!

## Ottawa Scouts Go To Space Camp

from Arnold Smith

A year and a half ago, 3M and Scouts Canada launched a national contest called *Tomorrow Bound*. The contest aimed at encouraging Scouts to explore the fun of science, mathematics, and technology to help expand their future boundaries.

Prizes included free camping equipment, binoculars, weather kits, telescopes, and a grand prize.

Scouts from all over the country responded. The 27th Ottawa Troop won the grand prize: a one week Space Camp trip to Titusville, Florida, in August 1993!

### How did they win?

The troop organized and ran a large neighbourhood campaign with three focuses: raise environmental awareness; collect non-recyclable plastic containers; encourage people to use environmentally-friendly soap, cleaners and personal

car products. All products were non-allergenic and non-polluting.

First the Ottawa Scouts distributed flyers around the neighbourhood explaining their project. Then, when people responded, they took orders (monthly) for the environmental products.

Every week they collected plastic containers from their neighbourhood, brought them to their meetings, and refilled them with the environmental product someone ordered. After filling, they delivered the containers to the customer's door, and ensured customer satisfaction.

A leader entered the troop in the 3M contest, and they won!

### A different type of camp

When the Ottawa Scouts arrived in Florida, camp organizers broke them into teams and assigned them counsellors. Imagine the excitement when the young astronaut-trainees learned they would soon be climbing around inside an actual Space Shuttle!

"We visited the Kennedy Space Center and watched an IMAX movie, *The Blue Planet*," said Scout Thanh-Minh

Nguyen. "We learned how to build rockets...", then experienced real astronaut training at a training facility.

The "1/6 chair" fascinated Sean Sauvé. "They call it the 1/6 chair because it leaves you with 1/6th of your gravity." Scouts also rode in the MASTIF (a machine that simulates the "feel" of a tumbling space craft), the Microgravity Simulator, and the 5DF (used to train astronauts for space walks). They also took part in space-related experiments and walked in a gravity-free room.

Amazing!

Part of the on-the-job astronaut training experienced by the Scouts involved role playing. After Space Camp organizers explained the meaning of the words, Scouts read dialogue that Shuttle pilots would say as they orbited the earth.

Space Camp let the Scouts learn the "how and why" of space travel, and experience the rigours of astronaut training.

Andrew LeHoux best summed up the experience: "Space camp was a lot of fun." ^

— Arnold Smith is a Troop Scouter with the 27th Ottawa Scouts.



Excited and happy: Space Camp Scouts



Scout Ben Wong proudly receives his diploma and wings at the graduating ceremony

Scout William Chu trains on the Multi-Axis space simulator



# Cubs Build Flying Rockets From Garbage

by Jan Gibson

In the summer of 1992, the 2nd Meaford Cub Pack, Ont., needed ideas fast. Dwindling numbers and low morale plagued the group. Then its new leaders decided on a space theme: Why not build flyable rockets from recycled materials?!

We chose a simple design (called "Centurion") for our first attempt at space modelling. It featured a cone stabilizer instead of fins.

The Cubs were ecstatic when a local rocket enthusiast, John Rolph, showed them a few of his models.

"These were made from garbage?!" they said, amazed.

Over the next six weeks our Cubs transformed mounds of paper towel tubes, bathroom tissue rolls, Christmas wrap rolls, discarded book paper from a local printer, and several cereal and detergent boxes, into flying machines.

During this time, John provided lessons on safety, building techniques,



Launch day: "But will they really fly?"

rocket stability, and explained how a rocket works. Also he told us all about the importance of recycling.

Finally launch day arrived. A news reporter and photographer joined Cubs, family and friends.

Anticipation soared, as did the pressure. Would our 'garbage' actually fly?!

With nervous excitement, we fastened the first rocket on the platform, hooked up John's home-made electric launcher, and hit the "fire" switch.

SWOOOOOSH!

It soared high into the air. For the rest of the day, the Cubs busily launched their other rockets, taking time only for a warm lunch.

Six Cubs, showing the most rocket-building skill, started work on a high-quality, recycled rocket for competition in the 3M/Scouts Canada Science Contest. Named "Wolf Eye" the rocket featured a stripped-down camera in the payload section, triggered at the top of its flight by an ejection charge that deploys the parachute. All parts were recycled material, even the camera, which we bought for five cents from a yard sale.

After 3M judged our work, our recycled rocket received an honorary mention. Fantastic!

\* For rocket plans and material list, contact Bill Gibson (P.O. Box 1937, Meaford, Ont., N0H 1Y0). ^

— Jan Gibson is Raksha with the 2nd Meaford Cubs.

Proud rocket designing Cubs show off "Wolf Eye"







# Owasco Space Beaveree

## "To Go Where No Beaver Has Gone Before"

by Ian Fox

### "5-4-3-2-1-LIFTOFF!"

Last June, 800 hundred Beavers, leaders and helpers from 41 colonies rocketed in from the

far reaches of Owasco District, Ont., to the local celestial space station (Greenwood Conservation Area) for the annual Beaveree.

What an event!

Beavers participated in 38 program activities which included innovative fun rides, games, crafts, and mysterious food.

Some activities were as simple as making alien creatures from a pom-pom, an empty single serving butter container, a pipe cleaner, special (wiggly) eyes, and a marking pen.

Beavers loved the incredibly popular "Space Ride To Mars". After suiting up in helmet and other astronaut gear, excited space cadets rode a suspended cable chair to Mars. "Fasten your seatbelt."

Moon rock collecting was a brilliant success!

How do you collect moon rocks? Easy. First you need a parachute, 12-20 sponges, and a nap sack.

While one Beaver stands in the middle of the chute trying to collect as many 'moon rocks' (sponges) as possible, other Beavers sit around the outside edge of the chute, lifting it up and down, sending the rocks bouncing all over.

Leaders adapted many craft ideas and activities from Star Trek, Star Wars, and the NASA Space Program. These included: communicator pins, space

visors, rockets, flying saucers, and an astronaut physical fitness training program.



Venus volleyball and Jupiter soccer burned off excited energy. Players followed regular volleyball (or soccer) rules, but used huge beach balls.

Space food is always a hit. Try this delicious "Martian Mix": In a large cooler combine a large can of unsweetened pineapple juice, 2 tbsp lemon juice, and a small can of frozen orange juice concentrate. Pour in the right quantity of water. Add a bottle of club soda just before serving. (Quenches the thirst of 10-12 space Beavers.)

Beavers love obstacle courses. Set tires down for space adventurers to hop through as they weave their way to Moon Base 1 (a craft picnic table). As the Beavers giggle and scramble over the tires, leaders can toss sponges in their direction, yelling: "Look out for the asteroids!" Astronauts then follow the tires through deep space to another table with a fun snack. Here they cover a hockey helmet with aluminum foil, paper stars and short streamers.

What a great way to end a season and start building anticipation for a fun fall.

#### Beaver Spaceman Song ("I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a Beaver Spaceman, I can ZOOM!  
Off to Mars, off to the moon.  
See the Star Trek spaceship,  
Star Wars too,  
Just count down, blast-off  
ZOOM! ZOOM! ZOOM! ^

— Ian Fox is a leader with the 2nd Ajax Beaver "B" Colony.



11th Ajax Beavers enjoyed a Venus volleyball game.



Beavers from the 1st Westshore Colony found moon rock collecting a blast.

# Scout-Guide Week: February 20-27, 1994

## A great time to recruit

by John Rietveld

Every February most groups and sections hold parent and Scout banquets, award ceremonies, reunions and religious observances to celebrate Scout-Guide Week. These events are important. They help members demonstrate pride in their achievements to parents and sponsors.

Expand your invitation list: include municipal officials and don't forget to tell the media. By their nature, these events are very much an internal Scout activity. People usually hold them behind closed doors, even although they make people feel good about their involvement. But remember, these events present great openings for recruiting parents and other supporters.

Scout-Guide Week offers one of the best opportunities to "show and tell" our community that Scouting is alive and active in their halls, community centres and parks.

One Scout-Guide Week tradition, which has declined in recent years, is that of wearing uniforms to school on February 22nd. People cite "peer pressure" as one of the reasons for not wearing a uniform on B.-P.'s birthday. This is true probably for kids of Scout or Venturer age, but is it true also for Beavers and Cubs?

Imagine the national impact if 150,000 Beavers and Cubs publicly wore their uniforms on February 22nd!

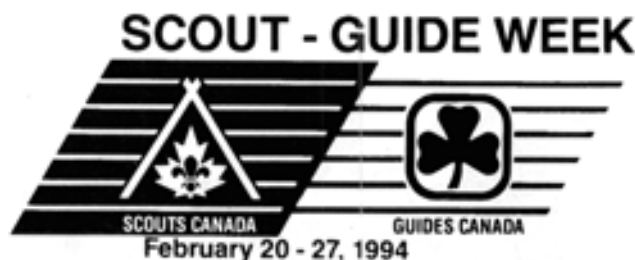
What about you? Will you wear your uniform to work that day? If 43,000 leaders across the country wore their uniforms on February 22, Scouting would receive national attention.

Mall displays are another traditional Scout-Guide Week activity. Most adults become section leaders when recruited into Scouting. Rarely does anyone tell them they must also help in less glamorous and somewhat boring tasks like fundraising and recruiting others. Stand back and look at a typical Scout-Guide Week mall display and this truth becomes obvious. The display is exactly that, a static inactive exhibit of faded and out-of-date posters. A few campfire blankets may lie on a table near a

grumpy, unhappy looking Scouter wearing a stetson.

Is this any way to attract new people to the Movement?

Mall displays have proven one of the most successful methods for recruiting adults to Scouting, during the past 18 months. A key message has emerged from dozens of mall displays in communities as different as St. John's (Nfld)



and Saskatoon (Sask.). The display itself does not guarantee success; the people who staff it does.

Kub Kar rallies, hobby shows, posters and banners are only "hooks" to grab shoppers attention. It takes real skill to draw people into your display, spark their imagination, and ask them to join.

Scouters staffing mall displays need to "work the room" the same way a politician does after a speech. Get out from behind the table. Be aggressive, but not pushy. Warmly welcome every person who approaches your display. Are they or their children involved in Scouting? Find out. Try to rekindle fond Scout or Guide memories from their youth. Reactions will indicate their level of interest. Give them a pamphlet to take home, but before they leave, ask them to consider volunteering.

Did she say "yes"?!

Record her name, address, and phone number on your prospect list. After Scout-Guide Week, call the person and invite them to attend an "Introduction to Scouting" event. If they wish, you could offer to talk with them in their home with their spouse present. A newly-released publication, *Recruitment Guidelines* (available from your Scout Shop), will help you draw these people into the Movement.

People staffing your display should wear their full uniform. No stetsons,

green shirts or large sheath knives please! Present a good image. As a coeducational movement, try to include both female and male display staff. Venturers and Rovers make prime candidates when looking for help. They bring youthful enthusiasm to the display. Besides, it is more difficult to reject a genuine request for help from a young person.

Why not hold a brief training workshop for display staff to rehearse their roles? Choose outgoing, cheerful and enthusiastic people — essential for a successful mall display.

Ask your council office for Scouts Canada logo posters, "Be Prepared" posters, Scout-Guide Week mall-sized banners, and the "Try It" promotional pamphlet. These will give zest to your display.

Have fun and keep smiling at your display; this will help recruit more people into our great Movement. ^

## GET A RECRUITING KIT

The National Communications Service and the Program and Volunteer Services have prepared a kit to help recruit parents of members to section leadership or group committee roles.

Why not pick one up at a Scout Shop if you need ideas to supplement your parent and Scout banquet program? The kit includes:

- a "how-to-invite-parents" section
- fill-in-the-blank speeches for your group committee chairman, section leaders or Service Scouter
- a brief video
- take-away fridge magnets
- a follow-up reply card.

The kit has proven its effectiveness as a parent recruiting tool. If you use the kit, please fill out and return the survey form found on the last page.

# How To Build A QUINZHEE

by Allen Macortney

**Q**uinzhees are an easy-to-build, winter survival shelter that trappers and hunters have used for hundreds of years. Because snow is such an excellent insulator, a person can stay warm and snug in a quinzhee even when the air temperature plunges well below freezing.

You build a quinzhee by making a large mound of snow and then hollowing it out. Construction takes only several hours and requires no special tools.

How do you start?

Look for deep snow — a metre is best. Avoid areas with long grass or underbrush. This makes shovelling difficult. Also avoid uneven, or rocky, ground. Rocks are almost impossible to remove when frozen into the ground.

Using a shovel or snowshoe, clear the snow **away** from the area you wish to build your quinzhee. Dig down almost to the ground.

When finished, shovel the snow **back into the area** just cleared, piling it into a mound approximately 2m (6') high and 3 or 4m (10-12') in diameter. (This makes a good two person shelter.) Make the quinzhee's top fairly flat. This will prevent unnecessary weight on the roof, which could collapse inward when you hollow out the snow.

If building with very loose, dry snow, lie down or even walk over the snow so it makes a firmer cover. Heavy, wet snow packs well on its own.

Let the mound of snow sit for several hours. During this time, the snow will recrystallize and cement together, making the top and sides firm.

When ready to start digging out the interior, tunnel **down** to ground level under the wall, and then **up** into the snow mound. This U-shaped entrance will help hold cold air. Dig the entrance on the side away from the prevailing wind, to minimize internal drafts.

Dig out the quinzhee's interior, carefully arching the ceiling so it forms a good structural support. Watch for thin spots in the wall and roof where light fil-

ters through. Use a stick to measure wall thickness. Wall thickness should be no less than about 25cm (10").

Do not dig right down to the bare ground. Keep a good insulating layer of snow between the ground and the floor bottom.

Form a small air hole near the top of the roof. This will provide good air circulation, even when you have covered the tunnel entrance with a heavy blanket or tarpaulin.

The high insulation ability of snow, combined with body heat, warms a quinzhee surprisingly well.

"In a small quinzhee, a candle or two really helps make the interior cosy," says Caroline Minielly, an outdoor education instructor. But she offers a warning. "Keep candles away from synthetic sleeping bags. These are sometimes highly inflammable." ^

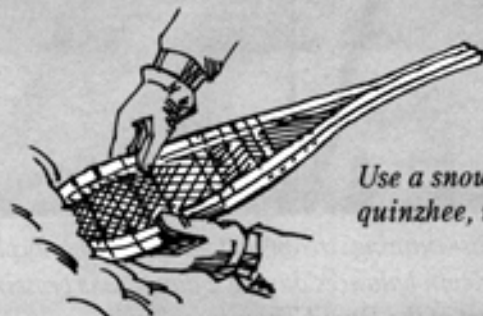
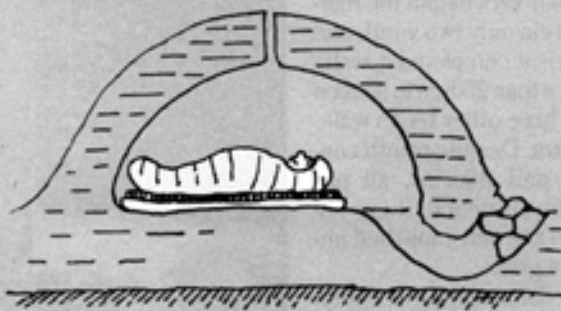
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*Quinzhees are easy to build, comfortable winter shelters.*



*Keep plenty of insulating material between you and the frozen ground.*



*Use a snowshoe to build your quinzhee, if necessary.*

# Amory Marathon Hikers

by Denise Allen

**H**igh on Signal Mountain near Jasper, Alberta, a small group of tired Venturers huddled in tents perched near the timber line.

"This morning the wakey-wakey monster gave us a break, letting us sleep until 7.00 a.m.. Mother Nature, however, had no sense of humour. Clouds shrouded mountain tops and light snow fell."

Warm milk and Pro-Stars cereal, washed down with hot chocolate, helped seep warmth and energy through these foot-sore, weary hikers — a fitting end to an award-winning expedition.

The 187th Aldergrove Apache Venturers, from Edmonton, Alberta, won second place in the 1992 Amory Adventure Award for their incredible endurance quest covering terrain in two provinces, three national parks and nine lofty Rocky Mountain passes.

Nine hikers began the marathon trek; only two youth and one advisor completed it, walking more than 250km in sixteen days. Three other teens walked 200km. Despite rough conditions and injuries, all participants stretched their endurance and accomplished impressive goals.

Expedition members included Jason Geis, Mitch Graham, Jason Gosier, Jeffrey Gosier, Graham Howell, Kevin Vesso and Katherine Vladicka, as well as advisors Bill Graham and Mike Lipovski.

The adventure began a year before. During a hike in Yoho National Park, B.C., the Venturers discovered an abandoned path which they affectionately called "Prospector Pete's Trail". Determined to return and trace

its route, the Venturers agreed to hike as far as Jasper the following year.

They began rigorous preparations: a winter survival camp, a four-lake canoe/portage trip, and a caving and rock climbing course. The Venturers designed their own menus and dried their own food. In addition to turkey, they dried 51 pounds of sliced and ground beef!

Finally, after months of hard work, they hefted heavy packs on their backs and set off down the badly over-grown path.

## THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

"Pete's Trail" dates back to 1792 when Kootenay Indians blazed it. Years later logging trucks used parts of the abandoned trail until a better route replaced it in 1948.

Exploring a potential archaeological site at Old Campsite, Venturers uncovered cans of nails, a decomposed stove, and pre-1940's 7-Up bottles. At Kiewetnok River they camped and "prepared a behemoth pail of spaghetti!"

After fording Kiewetnok River and losing their trail several times in undergrowth, their pace slowed to a frustrating one kilometre per hour — extremely discouraging.

"The trail became impossible, like walking through a jungle, with trees grabbing at our packs," all agreed. "You could almost hear monkeys crying!"

Soon they came to the site of a large, 1960's forest fire, caused by a careless mill employee. Deadfall at the burn site wiped out their path entirely. After crossing and re-crossing the river, they picked up the trail again.

## UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

Knee trouble signalled their first casualty. Kathy had to leave the hike on day five, after 64 kilometres. Planning to join up with the hikers again two days later in Saskatchewan River Crossing, advisor Bill Graham and two Venturers accompanied her out to civilization.

The trip offered many spectacular and comical sightings of animals and scenic vistas. Fresh grizzly tracks crossed their trail; deer and elk, sporting massive antlers, grazed near a campsite; a ptarmigan hen and her chicks scuttled into nearby undergrowth; a dramatic view of the Mummery Glacier appeared one day when dense fog lifted.

Then came Four Point Campsite, complete with bear-pole for food, and an outhouse!

"The outhouse had a problem: a hungry porcupine. It had eaten the toilet seat, half the door, large portions of the wall and several inches of wood surrounding the hole." After a supper of jerky stew, dumplings and Jello, several



*Cold, fast-running streams cut the trail in many places. Here Kevin balances during a dangerous crossing at the start of the David Thompson Trail.*

Venturers spotted a spiny porcupine by the river. Was this the outhouse bandit?

A company of seven began stage two of their adventure at Sunwapa Pass on Icefields Parkway. Unique tree carvings marked their trail, a tradition stemming from Indian hunting parties and early mountaineers.

## MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE

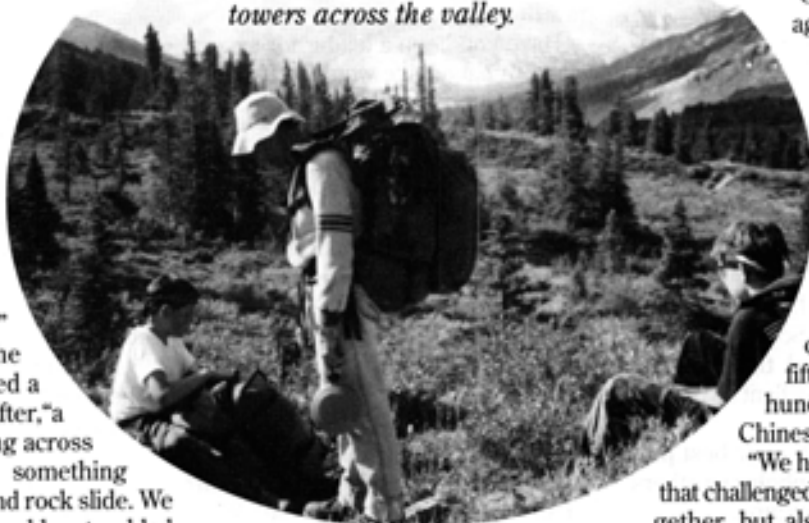
Ascending Jonas Pass, the Venturers crossed several small streams flowing down from heavily glaciated peaks far above. "After about 10km we reached the summit and a spectacular view!"

Near Jonas Pass the Venturers encountered a thunderstorm. Soon after, "a loud rumbling, echoing across the valley, signalled something else — an avalanche and rock slide. We watched as two large boulders tumbled down the mountain. Clouds of snow, dust and even sparks came from sliding debris."

Bugs, bugs everywhere. After a cold, soggy night, Red River cereal and hot chocolate tasted wonderful for breakfast. But as the hungry Venturers chewed, bugs feasted too.

"Soon everyone was running laps around the 'eating' area! Standing still meant getting eaten by bugs."

*A short water break on Nigel Pass. Mount Saskatchewan towers across the valley.*



Day ten, 6.00 a.m.: "Demonic wake-up monsters" strode through camp "pulling unsuspecting hikers from blissful slumber." A bear pole had collapsed, scattering food across their campsite. The sleepy trekkers spent most of the morning collecting and repacking their goods.

"Gruesome" weather developed towards their journey's end. Wind and rain made sleeping difficult. Cold mist permeated clothes. Descending Little Shovel Pass the hikers hit 100 km/h winds.

"It tore buttons off rain capes, and our casual clothing fluttered like a flag in heavy wind."

On Day sixteen, reduced again to five hikers, the 187th downed their cereal and struck camp, heading for Jasper. Reunited at lodgings in Jasper, the company placed a huge order for Chinese food. Teens jockeyed for position like a pack of hungry wolves. Someone yelled "Attack!" and fifteen minutes later, one hundred and ten dollars of Chinese food had disappeared.

"We had a fantastic experience that challenged us, brought us closer together, but also taught us to respect each other's feelings."

An unforgettable trip! ^

\*\* All quotes taken from 187th Alder-grove Apache Venturers' Log.

— Denise Allen is a writer and editor with much wilderness camping experience.

# CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

## Scouting Heroes

by Helene Anne Fortin

Sometimes we only honour well-known heroes and forget about the many everyday "heroes" in our lives.

Who are our everyday heroes? Scout leaders are heroes. Through selfless dedication they care for our youth, our communities and our heritage.

Recently I visited the 11th Ottawa (Ontario) Timberwolf Cub Pack. I saw "heroes" everywhere: one was little Ben Wallace.

Ben is a slightly-built, eight year old, with John Lennon glasses. He has a learning disability. Though having a small motor drive disability, he still keeps up with the others in every way.

Ben is a gentle spirit and a friend to all. He is one of my heroes.

During the evening I watched the Cubs as they learned about family trees

and spoke of their origins. Heather Maysenholder is a direct descendant of Davy Crockett. I watched as the pack broke into sixes and wrote letters to various embassies requesting information for their World Cubbing Badge. I listened as leaders and kids talked about their heritage. I watched as young Ben Wallace laboriously printed his name on a gigantic (6'x3') craft paper letter addressed to the Saudi ambassador.

What is heritage?

Heritage involves commonplace things around us — things we often take for granted. It's the songs, stories, buildings, art, crafts and people that form part of our everyday lives. Simply, heritage is anything you treasure and wish to hand down to the next gen-

eration. It may be trees, rivers, photographs, your grandmother's locket, or your dad's (or mother's) baseball mitt.

As Scout leaders, try to celebrate the personal heritage of each child in your group through some of the activities in the "Let's have Fun With Heritage" resource booklet included in the Leader magazine.

Take some of the program ideas in this booklet and use them to draw attention to the heroes in our midst.

We are all heroes and deserve to have our heritage celebrated.

— Helene Anne Fortin is Project Head (Linkages) at Heritage Canada.

# Send Us An Article **And Win!**

adapted from Colin Wallace and Greybeard

## You don't have to be Shakespeare to write for the Leader magazine.

Are you really proud of one, two (or more) of your program evenings? Would you like to share your ideas with other Scouters?

Then why not tell them yourself?

Each month 45,000 Scouters from all over the country read **the Leader**. They're looking for excellent ideas they can use.

We **want** to publish your best program ideas, crafts and photos so others can improve their programs.

### What should you send?

We're particularly interested in hearing about your most popular evening program ideas. Did you have a very successful theme night? Tell us about it — every detail.

Also send us your best skits, games, hints, recipes, fun crafts, swap shop ideas; Cuboree/Beaverie theme day ideas too.

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Did your pack win an award? Tell us how they did it.

Have you been a leader for several years? What advice would you give to someone just starting? What about tips for Group Committee members?

What do your Cubs and Scouts love doing most of all? Tell us.

Ask yourself: Is this an idea that a Scouter in Brandon, Manitoba, or Halifax, Nova Scotia, could use?

### Where do I start?

1. Choose your most successful program idea this year.
2. What did you do? Describe the games, craft, songs, food, activities. How did the evening begin and end? Did it have a special theme? What was the most successful part of the evening? Did you involve your Guild or Auxiliary?

3. Start writing. Don't stop to rephrase sentences. Capture all your thoughts on paper before you try polishing them up.

Watch the newspaper or youth magazines for ideas. Then adapt them to your needs. Write and tell us how it went. What a great way to bring publicity to your pack or troop.

If you have a brilliant *flash* but don't know if we will like it, find out immediately: just call.

Are you excited about Scouting? Then send us your best ideas. We'll pass them on to others. ^

— *Greybeard is the Scouting name of Troop Scouter Tom Gray, Sunnybrook, Alta.; Colin Wallace is a trainer in Greater Toronto Region, Ont.*



## SEND IN YOUR PICTURES!

by Jim Goat

**E**ach year **the Leader** publishes hundreds of photos taken by Scouters like you. If your pictures are sharply focused and well composed, you might even find it on the cover!

"But I'm too busy during weekly meetings," you might say, "paying attention to the kids and planning their next activity. I don't have time for taking pictures."

Here's a thought that works for me.

Ask a parent to act as your colony or pack photographer. Perhaps one is a professional — or shoots like a pro. If more than one person volunteers, why not assign the task on a rotational basis? This will free up your (and other leaders) time to concentrate on a fun program.

Here are some other ideas:

1. Don't shoot posed pictures. Take them when your subjects are having fun and absorbed in an activity.

2. Hold the camera steady.
3. Keep the background uncluttered and simple.
4. Bring your camera everywhere. Be ready for unexpected shots.

A sure-fire way to remember all of your best Scouting memories is to take lots of pictures. The more pictures you take, the more chance you will capture that 'perfect' shot.

Ask yourself: What would make a good picture for **the Leader**? Plan the picture, then shoot plenty of film.

Give it your best shot!

— Jim Goat is a Beaver leader with the 4th Kanata "A" Colony, Ont.

# A Fun Scout Evening DESIGN A PERSONAL MOTTO

by Colin Wallace

**A**re you looking for a good evening event that will capture the imagination of your Scout troop? Help them make a motto designed around their own initials.

Someone once accused Baden-Powell of being so self-centred that he used his own initials, **B.-P.**, as the inspiration for Scouting's motto: **Be Prepared**.

The accusation overlooked his creativity. He needed an interesting and inspiring motto to knit the Scouting Movement together. Drawing on a seemingly unimportant source as his initials, he created a motto that has inspired the world for almost a century.

**B.-P.** was clever, not conceited.

## The Challenge

Why don't you try making up a personal motto just like **B.-P.**? It's fun, but also surprisingly difficult.

Your group can meet the challenge. Invite each Scout to make up a motto using only his or her own initials, suitable for use by your section members.

A motto created from your own initials will come to mind easily. It will be more practical and useful. Your Scouts will find all sorts of fun uses for them.

What other mottos have you heard? Do you have to pause for a second or two before remembering them accurately? A motto that's hard to remember is not much good.

Your mottos must inspire, motivate, remind, and direct. At the same time they should hold some personal significance.

For example, my initials are **CW**. I might offer a motto of **Continuously Watchful**.

Too Paranoid? Then how about **Caulk Windows**? Practical, but uninspiring — especially on a Saturday.

My wife suggested **Cantankerous Wiseacre** might more accurately describe me, but this is hardly motivational!

My boss thought I was already subscribing to a personal motto: **Cancel**

**Work**. You can understand the difficulties associated with the task.

If I was a lawyer, my initials (**CW**) might prompt: **Challenge Witness**. If I was a soldier, I might try **Clean Weapons**. And as an environmentalist, I could use **Control Waste**.

I'm smart enough to recognize that **Cry Wolf** would cause me more problems than it could ever solve. My computer spell-checker has just rejected **Ceep Whistlin'** (although I like its philosophy). And when I tried (in a postcard from the Bahamas in mid-February) to explain **Celebrate Winter** to my friends, they thought I should choose another motto, definitely!

## How do you create a motto?

List 15-20 words that start with your first initial. Then write down another 15-20 words that start with your second initial. Now you have a pool of fun words to mix and match until you come up with a suitable combination. This method is easier than trying to conjure up two words at the same time.

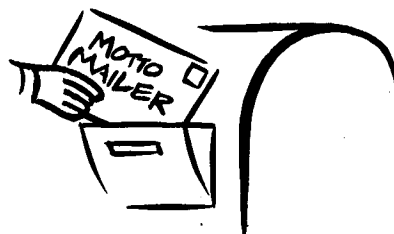
For example:

Constantly	Waters
Carefully	Wonderful
Cautiously	Wisdom
Cleverly	Walking
Catch	Why
Canoe	Wacky
Camp	Waken
Canada	Wide
Cook	Willing
Choose	Welding
Catch	Widget
Choke	Wind
Check	Wings
Change	Wealth
Chase	Wobbly

What motto did I eventually choose for my personal, initialised motto? **Creative Wellies**. (I'll spare you the reason why). Let's just say the motto exhorts me to reach for the stars but reminds me to keep my feet well planted on the ground. Besides, it's not as if you'll be seeing it carved on a statue any time soon!

Does this sound like fun?

Why not try making a camp motto? Or a Trees for Canada motto? Or.... Just let your creative juices flow!



## Send us your motto

Send your mottos to the Leader. We will share the funniest, most inspiring, and thoughtful ones with Scouts across the country.

**Please note:** No matter how clever or funny your motto is, it will never replace **Be Prepared**. ^

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*Cubs master the art of snowshoeing while playing...*

# SNOWSHOE SOCCER

from Mark Biagi



**N**ova Scotia is the birth place of a new and exciting winter sport. The Cubs of the 15th Vanier Pack, Sydney, have come up with an utterly awesome way to spend a winter afternoon at camp. They hold Snowshoe Soccer tournaments, with teams organized in sixes.

This new sport has two guiding purposes; first (the best reason possible), to have fun; and second, to master the art of snowshoeing.

The rules are simple.

1. All players (including the goalie) wear snowshoes.
2. The referee also wears snowshoes.
3. No hand balls allowed.
4. Players may not loiter on the opponent's side of the field.

5. To score a goal, players must kick (yes kick!) the ball past the goalie.
6. Goal posts are 10 m apart.
7. Akela determines the size of the playing field.
8. A game has two 15 minute periods, with a five minute rest in between.
9. At game's end the team with the most goals wins.

It's as gruelling as it sounds; but it's also a terrific way to get fit, learn to snowshoe, and have fun. Our Cubs now not only do better on hikes through snow-deep Cape Breton forests, but also look forward to them. Because they spend less time falling and losing their snowshoes, they have more time to enjoy our outings.



### Use Winter Sense.

1. Don't play if the temperature is well below zero. A strenuous game could mean your Cubs or Scouts are gulping in very cold air into their lungs.
2. Don't let the players snowshoe so hard that they work up a sweat. If they stay outside for long they will get cold rapidly.
3. Keep looking for frost-bite.
4. After the game, a mug of hot chocolate inside goes down well.

— Scouter Mark Biagi works with the 15th Vanier Wolf Cub Pack, Sydney, N.S.

## Build A Fun Kaleidoscope

(Adapted from *Scouting About* — South African Scout newsletter.)

Materials needed:

- 3 strips of mirror tile per kaleidoscope, 2 cm wide. (Get them cut when you buy the tiles.)
- masking or insulation tape
- 1 marble with a colourful, twisty pattern
- construction paper

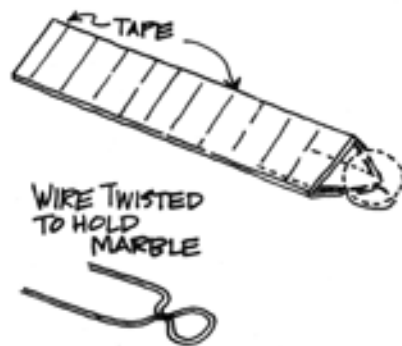
1. Place strips of mirror tile facing inwards forming a triangular tube.

2. Fasten together with masking tape.
3. Fold the wire in half with a loop that holds the marble. (See diagram.) Tape to one end of your mirror tube.
4. Place the marble in the twist of wire so it holds it firmly.

5. Cover the tube with construction paper. Let Cubs colour the outside kaleidoscope paper with happy faces or their favourite designs.

Now the fun really begins. Point the kaleidoscope toward a light (not the sun) and turn the marble slowly. Listen to the amazed comments as colourful patterns appear before your Cubs' eyes. Explain to them where the designs come from.

If mirror tile is not available, glue or tape aluminum foil to a piece of rectangular cardboard cut approximately 6 cm x 12 cm. Fold the cardboard in thirds, with the bright foil on the inside, so the kaleidoscope is 12 cm long and has 2 cm sides. Complete kaleidoscope as above.





# Milk Box Stoves

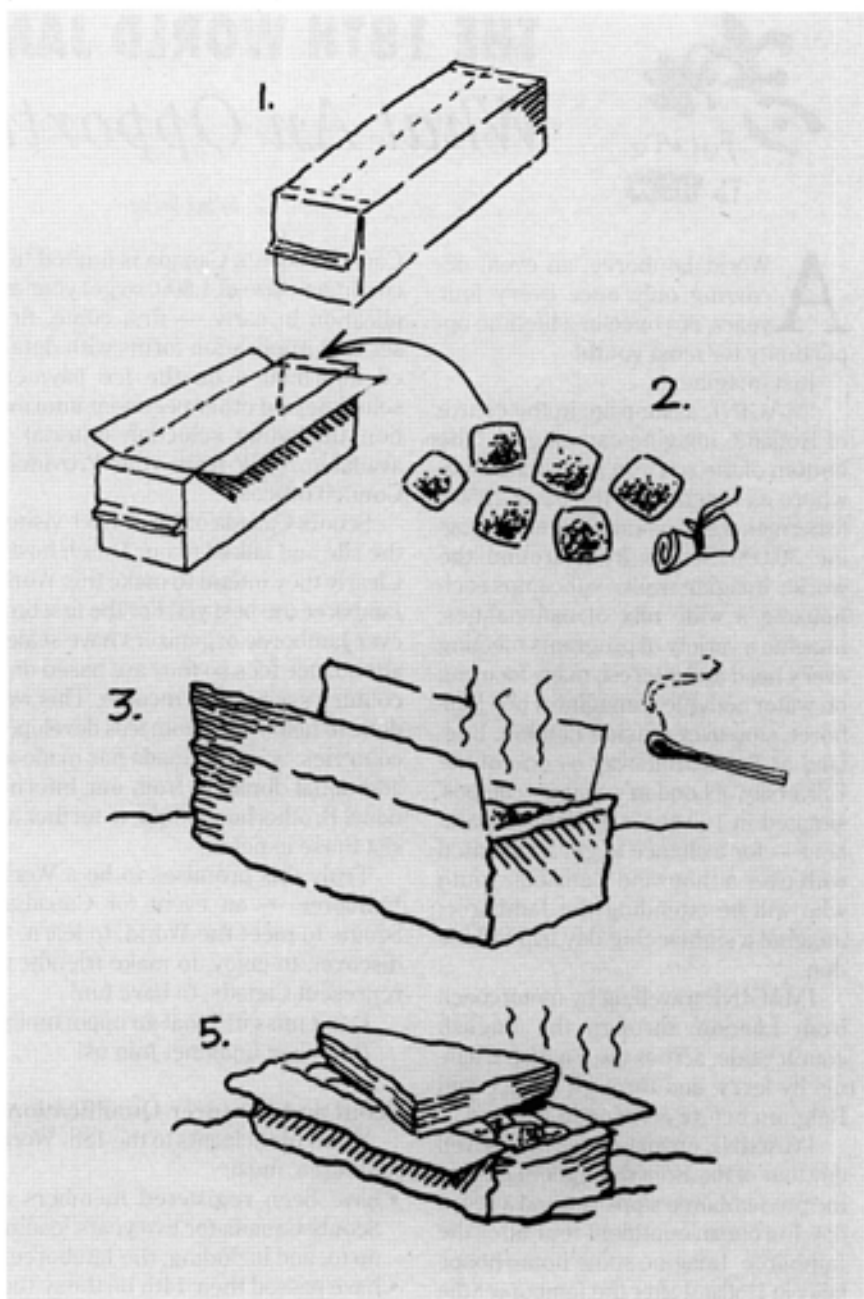
Here's a fun and easy stove your Cubs and Scouts can make before going on a day hike. It's a great craft for a winter camp or regular evening meeting. (Thanks to Canadian Guider, March/April 1993)

## Directions:

1. Use a one-litre milk carton. Press the top in flat. With a sharp knife, slit one side down from top to bottom, making flaps so you can open it, as shown.
2. Place six briquettes and a fire-starter inside.
3. Wrap the entire carton and briquettes with foil, folding around flaps on top. The foil contains the briquettes after you light them. Carry the stove in a plastic bag so that charcoal dust will not fall into your day pack, and to keep the briquettes dry.
4. When you are ready for lunch, open the package and fold the foil back to make a wind screen. Light the milk carton (which acts as an additional fire-starter).
5. When the coals are grey, place your food (possibly a foil dinner or a foil-wrapped grilled cheese sandwich) on top of them to cook.
6. When finished with the stove, let the coals burn out or put them out with water. Fold up what remains of the stove, and take it home for disposal.

## Caution

Do Not use this stove inside a tent or building. Charcoal produces toxic carbon monoxide gas.



## Plastic Tag Mustaches and Earrings

Wondering what to do with all those plastic tags that close bread bags? Why not let your Beavers make handle-bar mustache disguises and decorative earrings?

1. Gather a number of plastic bread tags.
2. Trim the plastic tab openings so they fit Beaver-size ears and noses comfortably without scratching.
3. Let the Beavers glue on felt or construction paper cutouts, colourful dangling strings, or earring beads.

Send us your more creative ideas to share with others. ^





# THE 18TH WORLD JAMBOREE

## What An Opportunity!

by Jack Sinclair

**A** World Jamboree, an event occurring only once every four years, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most youth!

Just imagine....

IMAGINE a campsite in the centre of Holland; imagine camping on "the bottom of the sea", on reclaimed land, where as recently as the early 1950's fishermen were casting their nets; imagine 30,000 Scouts from around the world; imagine twelve subcamps each housing a wide mix of nationalities; imagine a variety of programs meeting every need and interest, many focusing on water activities; imagine a pre-Jamboree stop-over outside London, England at Royal Holloway — one of the University of London's country campus' situated in 100 acres of wooded parkland — for a chance to get acquainted with over a thousand Canadian youth who will be attending the Jamboree; imagine a sightseeing day trip to London.

IMAGINE travelling by motorcoach from London, through the English countryside, across the English Channel by ferry, and through France and Belgium before arriving in Holland.

IMAGINE opportunities for a seven day tour of the United Kingdom prior to the pre-Jamboree stop-over, and a seven day European continent tour after the Jamboree. Imagine some home hospitality in Holland after the Jamboree (the above options at additional cost).

IMAGINE being part of the Canadian Contingent to the World Jamboree from August 1-10, 1995 in Holland.

No matter where you live in Canada, we have equalized fees to ensure all youth between the ages of 14 and 18 have the opportunity to enjoy a very special time of their life!

The Jamboree fee (\$3,075) includes all transportation costs to the pre-Jamboree stopover, Jamboree, all camp fees, and a kit for each participant — everything you need for fifteen wonderful days! And, as previously mentioned, a chance to do additional travelling at a very reasonable additional cost. With the special relationship which has existed between Holland and Canada since the World War years, we expect a high degree of interest from youth across

Canada. Scouts Canada is limited to a contingent size of 1,500, so get your application in early — first come, first served! Application forms with detailed information on the fee payment schedule and other pertinent information (including selection criteria) is available NOW from your Provincial Council offices.

Scouts Canada officials have visited the site and talked to our Dutch hosts. Clearly they intend to make this World Jamboree the best yet! For the first time ever Jamboree organizers have scaled attendance fees so they are based on a country's per capita income. This was done to help youth from less developed countries. Scouts Canada has made an additional donation from our International Brotherhood Fund, to further assist those in need.

Truly this promises to be a World Jamboree — an event for Canadian Scouts to meet the World: to learn, to discover, to enjoy, to make friends, to represent Canada, to have fun!

Don't miss it! What an opportunity!  
Don't just imagine! Join us!

### Scout and Venturer Qualifications

Youth participants to the 18th World Jamboree, must:

- have been registered members of Scouts Canada for two years leading up to, and including, the Jamboree,
- have passed their 14th birthday (but not their 18th birthday) at the time of the event,
- have completed the Voyageur Award and be working on the Gold Citizen, and Gold Campcraft Award (if they are Scouts),
- have demonstrated skills equivalent to those required for the Exploration Activity Award (if they are Venturers),
- have knowledge of first aid equivalent to the St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid Course or the Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course,
- be physically fit and in good health, able to participate in the Jamboree program to the best of their abilities,
- agree to participate in a pre-Jamboree training camp designed by the National Jamboree Committee,
- be willing to represent Canada and Scouting,

- have the ability and willingness to be integrated into a composite patrol/troop with a team approach under different styles of leadership,
- have a positive attitude towards sharing the Canadian way of life and Canadian Scouting in an international setting.

### Leader Qualifications

Canadian Contingent adult leaders must:

- be currently registered and in good standing with Scouts Canada and have at least two full years of membership as a leader before the event,
- meet the age requirements for a leader of the Scout/Venturer sections of Scouts Canada,
- be physically fit and in good health, able to participate effectively in the Jamboree program as an adult leader and carry out duties related to this position,
- agree to participate in a pre-Jamboree training camp designed by the National Jamboree Committee,
- possess a knowledge of First Aid equivalent to the Standard St. John Ambulance First Aid Course. (Basic Cardiac Life Support Training is a desirable asset.)
- be an experienced and trained Scouter, skilled in all aspects of the Scout/Venturer programs. Leaders not qualified at this level may have difficulty in a Jamboree setting. (A potential candidate would probably have a Scout or Venturer Woodbadge part II or equivalent, with camping and cooking experience. Applicants without formal training will need to be screened very carefully.)

Provincial Commissioners (through the Regional or District Commissioners where appropriate) must ensure that adults selected as leaders, or their substitutes, meet the intent of these criteria. One leader will be accepted for each eight or nine youth participants registering. ^

— Jack Sinclair is Scouts Canada's International Commissioner and Canadian Contingent leader for the 18th World Jamboree.

# The A-B-C's of Survival

by Dr. Robb Baker

**R**ecently a hunter separated from his hunting party, became disoriented, then panicked. He could have survived the experience with only minimal preparation. Unfortunately, many people never take the time.

Why not share these survival tips with Scouts in your troop.

Tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Do this EVERY time you go hiking, even if entering a familiar area for a short visit. Remember, you can break a leg half a mile from home as easily as in the deep wilderness.

When hiking, always carry a knife (Swiss army type or strong-bladed hunting knife), a folding saw, matches, and an unbreakable signal mirror. Carry matches in a waterproof container, thoroughly sealed for use only in an emergency.

Carry a compass and map, especially if going into unfamiliar territory. Practice

with them before you get lost. Know the local magnetic declination.

Carry food with you even if you think you'll only be gone for a short time. Bring a tiny "survival" food pack of high calorie food that you have carefully packed and waterproofed. A fanny pack is a convenient place to carry it.

If you get lost, DONT MOVE around unless you need food or can get a better signalling position. A moving person is always harder to find. If you must move (e.g. for safety), don't go far. Leave a note telling exactly where you are going, and how many people are with you. Then, clearly mark your trail.

Once you have decided to stay put, study your surroundings carefully. Think about food availability, water, fuel, drainage, natural protection, freedom from natural hazards, ease of travel in the area, and communicating (or signalling).

Consider how you will divide up and supplement your food supply. The rations you carry in your emergency pack (described below) will last several days. Follow this advice: (1) Eat NO food the first day. (2) If water is scarce, drink none the first day. (3) To make food last, divide it into small, equal parts. Decide when you will eat each part and strictly discipline yourself. (4) Eat slowly and only small amounts at one time, to gain the most from your food. Supplement your rations with food from the surrounding areas.

Generally speaking, you can eat anything that birds or animals eat. When in doubt, eat only a small quantity and wait for 24 hours to observe the effects.

You can build a simple rabbit snare from available fishing line, shoe laces, or wire. Look for porcupines if you see the bark chewed off tree trunks. Roasted grasshoppers or grubs are nourishing. Cook any meat or fish you eat 30 minutes per pound. Boiling is the best method of cooking: the broth retains the juices and vitamins from the meat, and you can drink the boiled broth. Always boil water.

Keep a fire going (if your wood supply permits); if not, prepare one for instant lighting.

Three fires is the international distress signal. Build them in a triangle with equal length sides (20 to 30 metres apart). If you see an aircraft, light your signal fire and stand in an open area wav-

ing a colourful piece of clothing. Make sure your fires do not create a hazard.

Use any shiny object to signal a passing aircraft, but contrasting colours (such as evergreen on snow) work best. Attract attention by any of the following methods: smoke, flame, pyrotechnical light or flare, flashes of sunlight reflected by a mirror (or any shiny object). Use signals that take advantage of any shadows, to make them appear larger or more prominent.

Make building a campfire and shelter a priority. Both should be small and positioned just two to three metres apart. Keep the campfire burning at all times as a signal. No animal will attack humans (day or night) if you keep the campfire burning — a comforting thought for inexperienced woodsmen. Remember: a fire by night and smoke by day makes the best signal. Make sure your campfire is safe.

Always remember: PANIC CAN KILL YOU! BE SIGNAL CONSCIOUS! STAY PUT! ^

## MAKE YOUR OWN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT

**P**ack two empty sardine cans with the following contents, then place them face to face and apply waterproof tape around the joint. This makes a very small package with plenty of nutrition to keep you alive for many days. Use the tins as cooking utensils, if needed.

- Package of hard candies or semi-sweet chocolate
- 2 tea bags
- Razor blade
- 2 darning needles
- 2 packages of salt
- Assorted fish hooks
- Fishing line
- Package of raisins
- 2 safety pins
- Package of soup mix
- 4 sugar cubes
- 2 bouillon cubes
- Package of peanuts
- Vitamin C tablets

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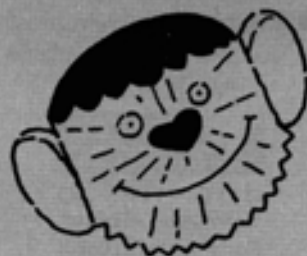
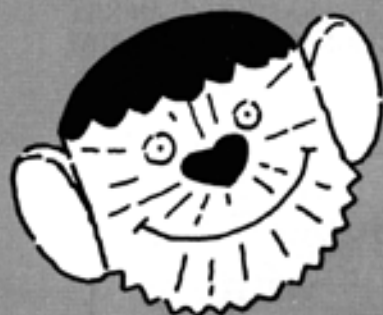
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# Fun at the Pond

by Lena Wong



**H**appy new year! May 1994 be a good one for you and your Beavers.

*Fun at the Pond* — THE BOOK — is now on the shelves of your local Scout shop. This new Scouts Canada publication covers the first twelve years of "Fun at the Pond" articles. What a great resource for Beaver leaders. At \$12.95 it is an affordable addition to your colony or personal library. Here are some ideas from earlier days of "Fun at the Pond".

## HUNT THE THIMBLE

(From the very first "Fun at the Pond" written by Betty Rapkins.)

Send the Beavers out of the room (no peeking allowed) and hide a thimble somewhere. The thimble should be visible even to the smallest child without anyone having to move objects in the room. A good place, for example, might be on a leader's finger! When the Beavers come in, let them wander around looking for the thimble.

When a Beaver comes close to the thimble a leader yells out, "Tim's (child's name) getting warmer". Of course this will create a great rush to Tim's corner of the room. If he moves away from the thimble call out, "Tim's getting colder now". Organize the game so that each Beaver finds the thimble at least once.

## WINTER FAIR STORY AND GAME

(Kay Hotham, later Kay Warren, suggested this activity in the January 1981 issue of *the Leader* — the second "Fun at the Pond".)

Arrange Beavers in a lodge relay formation. Give Beavers in each lodge one of the following names, ensuring that all Beavers first in line have the same name and all second Beavers have the same name, and so on.

Snowman  
Ice Castle  
Skating  
Snow fort  
Snowballs  
Hot Chocolate

Make up a story using all the words, and the phrase "Winter Fair". Whenever the Beavers hear their assigned names, they run to the end of the room

and return to their original positions. This game easily adapts to other themes; for example, fruit basket, vegetable garden, orchestra. You could also assign leaders a special word, and make them run to the end of the room and back when they hear it.



## SNOW TREASURE

(In January 1982, Kay suggested this outdoor game.)

This is a snowy wide game for adventurous Beavers. Mark boundaries well and post leaders or parents near them to prevent Beavers from straying too far.

Give each Beaver a snack in a small plastic container. All Beavers should start from the same point and head off in different directions. Encourage the Beavers to go around trees and over sandboxes and snowbanks to make a trail of footprints in the snow. Beavers should try to find a good spot to hide or bury their snack in the snow (but not too deep!). Then they should trace their own footprints back to the starting point. Everyone then switches trails and follows someone else's path to a buried snow treasure. Dig them up and 'dig' in — YUM!

## WEATHER WHEEL

(From the January 1982 "Fun At The Pond").

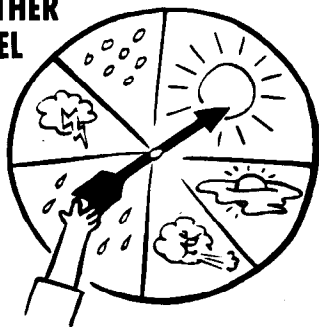
Spread this project over several meetings and add the final touches on an outdoor/indoor day theme.

Give each lodge a large circle of stiff cardboard marked into six or eight equal segments. Attach a cardboard arrow in the centre with a fastener that allows it to turn.

Ask Beavers to collect pictures of different kinds of weather patterns: rain, cloud, falling snow. Bring in magazines or tell them to look for suitable pictures at home. Help each lodge make a picture collage, grouping them into different weather categories. At

every meeting, Beavers can turn the arrow to the section that illustrates the weather outside.

## WEATHER WHEEL



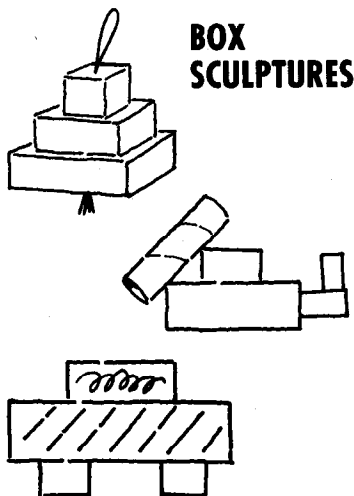
*Fun At The Pond* (the book) offers many crafts, games, songs, and other activities. The 204 page book is organized into seasons. Extra chapters focus on holiday ideas and special themes. Pick up a copy for your colony's resource centre.

Let's now return to January 1994 and some new activities.

## BOX SCULPTURES

Beavers will love this fun craft. Gather an assortment of cartons, cardboard tubes, different sizes and shapes of boxes, bits of cloth, collage materials, paints, tape, string, and glue.

Paint the boxes and tubes in distinctive bright colours. Beavers can create small, hanging sculptures by pulling a long piece of string through several boxes. To make standing sculptures, glue or tape together larger boxes. Let your imagination run wild! Decorate the sculptures with collage materials, and bits of cloth and wool.

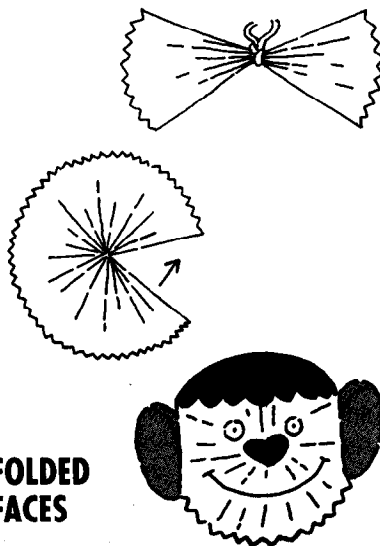


## BOX SCULPTURES

## FOLDED FACES

For each face you need a rectangular sheet of thin paper (air mail paper or typing paper), yarn, tape, markers, and glue.

Starting at a short end, pleat the paper like a fan. Tie a piece of yarn around the middle of the folded paper. Open the fan out into a circle and tape the ends together. Use thick markers to draw on a face. Glue or tape paper ears on the face and add yarn to make hair or whiskers.



## FOLDED FACES

## SQUEEZE BOTTLE PAINTING

(We borrow this art idea from *Children's Art & Crafts*, by Nancy Lewis Bartlett, published by the Australian Women's Weekly.)

You will need: flour, salt, any type of non-toxic paint, heavy paper or cardboard, and plastic squeeze bottles.

Mix equal parts of flour and salt. Add paint to form a paste. Pour into plastic bottles. Mix batches of different colours for each lodge and share.

To paint a picture simply squeeze paint onto the paper and let it dry. The salt will give the design a glistening quality. For variety, sprinkle glitter over the picture while it is still wet.

## A SKATING PARTY

For outside activity this month, organize a skating party at a local outdoor rink. Try to arrange for your colony to have the rink all to itself. Before the event, send a letter home to your Beaver parents asking for supervision help. Remind parents to make sure their Beavers are warmly dressed.

Bring along some camping stoves and serve hot food for a rink-side feast after you finish skating. Ask your Beavers what they would like to eat: hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and doughnuts, or some other preferred snack. Assign some of your adults to "cooking duty" while the rest join the Beavers on the ice for active fun.

Let your Beavers skate freely around the rink for a while before starting games. While they skate, observe their skill levels. Build your relay so that each team has an equal number of members with different levels of skating abilities.

## ICE RELAY

Line the teams up at one end of the rink. Each team uses a lit flashlight or a cardboard tube as a relay baton. Place an adult opposite each team at the other end of the rink. The first Beaver in each team skates to the adult and tags him, returns to the team and hands over the baton to the next player. Finish the game when all team players have completed their turn.

Bring some plastic toboggans to the rink and run a similar relay with adults pulling Beavers behind them. Challenge the Beavers not to fall off the toboggans during the relay. Be prepared for some "accidental" spills.

Form a long line of Beavers and adults. With everyone holding onto the waist of the person in front, let them snake in and out of obstacles placed on the ice. Let the "ice snake" curl back on itself, to make the game more challenging.



## BEAVER HOCKEY

Use plastic hockey sticks (most of your Beavers will probably have one or two at home), and a small Nerf sponge ball to avoid injury. Before playing, set up some obstacles on the ice and let the Beavers practice stick-handling the ball around them.

Set up goals at each end of the rink and split your Beavers into two teams. The object of the game is NOT to score goals, but to aim the ball accurately towards the goal or a fellow team mate.

When everyone tires, gather at the rink side and feast on the goodies you brought along.

Next month we will talk about books, printing and book-making, so get ready with glue, crayons, markers, paper, cardboard, sponges, paints and any other useful, book-making materials. X

# Open Your Lodge To Parents

by Ben Kruser

**E**ncouraging parents to become involved in their colony constantly challenges leaders. Obviously, more adults helping at meetings means less work for everyone and more time supporting children in fun activities.

Here's our \$50 challenge: How do you provide a non-threatening opportunity for parents to taste the flavour of Beaver meetings and experience their children's fun?

Scout/Guide Week celebrations centre on February 22, the birthday for both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, who founded Scouting and Guiding. Traditionally a family-oriented week, it offers a great opportunity to organize a "meet the beaver" night for parents. The evening should focus on two objectives:

- Let the children show parents what happens at Beavers, and display some of their skills.
- Actively demonstrate to parents the quality time and rewards of helping on an active colony leadership team.

When Beavers themselves demonstrate their achievements to parents and show how much fun they have, you are more likely to succeed. Consider these ideas as you plan a Scout/Guide Week event to involve parents in the Beaver program with their children.

Begin with your Beavers: talk about appropriate activities for a Scout/Guide Week theme. Since the section turns 20 years old in 1994, you might suggest throwing a birthday party for

Beavers. From the ideas your children give, make a list of possible activities. This is very important because it enables your Beavers to develop ownership and pride in what they will do later on with their parents.

From this list, have your colony choose one or more activities to begin preparing. Help Beavers decide what things they would like to show their parents. Arrange to save and display any of these crafts or materials.

Next, pick a date for your meeting. Ask the Beavers to find out their parents' preferred meeting date. This alerts parents to your coming event, shows them how excited their child is about having them come, and gently persuades them to attend.

Follow up the verbal invitation, by having your Beavers create their own written invitations. Parents sometimes ignore paper sent by a leader, but they can't resist an invitation prepared and delivered personally by their child. Have Beavers prepare their invitations a week or two in advance. Let them design and decorate their invitation and, with your help, add when and where the meeting will be. Dress up invitation envelopes with stickers and other decorations.

In each envelope, include a schedule of your evening's activities. Discuss this schedule with your Beavers so they understand the plan and can explain it to their parents in their own words. This not only helps relieve any anxiety Beavers may have about the evening, but it also builds their enthusiasm.

As you prepare for the parents to come to the meeting, help your Beavers learn or polish some of their social skills. Politeness seems a lost art these days, and teaching children skills for social gatherings provides them with valuable experience. (You may even impress a parent or two.) Have your Beavers practise introducing their parents to you. Do this by role playing in lodges. For example, have each Beaver practise saying:

"Mom/Dad, this is Rainbow."

"Rainbow, this is my Mom/Dad, Mrs./ Mr..."

In turn, the Beavers will observe how adults continue greeting one another. This may seem very basic, but remember that Beavers learn through observing active adult role models. Most five year olds have never had this experience and will try eagerly to master it during a meeting.

Perhaps your colony wants refreshments at their event. Suggest an at-home activity where family members work together on snacks to bring. Older Beavers could help set up food tables, make juice, and decorate.

On the big day, make sure leaders greet parents at the door and help settle Beavers into their schedule. Don't let parents drift in, drift along a wall, and then drift out. It's a night for your Beavers to be front and centre, showing their parents around displays or activity centres their colony has planned. Start with your normal opening ceremonies. Talk with parents about their child's pursuits as they progress through the schedule.

When the evening ends, get the Beavers to thank their parents for coming. At your next meeting, ask your Beavers to write "thank you" notes to their parents. It teaches them more social skills, and reinforces their child/parent relationship. Encourage parents to come again and join in the fun.

If all goes well, you will spark interest in some parents and give all of them a taste for Scouting. X

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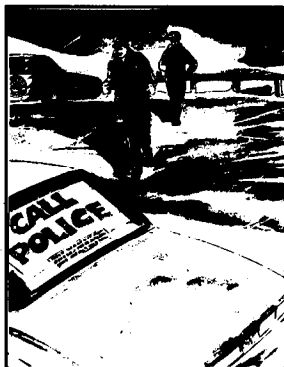
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# Important Wind Chill Facts You Should Know!

by Dr. Robb Baker

**A**s I write this, the first snowfall of the winter season (early and a record level) has just hit Ottawa. Traffic is snarled, sales of windshield scrapers are skyrocketing, and everyone is digging out winter clothes. The thought of yet another long cold winter sends chills up the spine! So what?

Venturer companies should not hide indoors just because winter has begun. Outdoor Scouting activities must adapt to the environment. When Scouts take proper precautions, outdoor activities are fun.

Temperature is one factor to consider before deciding whether to have an activity outside or indoors. But wait: it's not that simple! Be aware of outside wind chill. Its effect can produce dangerous, sometimes fatal, conditions.

Windy days feel (and are) much colder than days when the wind is calm. All of us have felt the difference. On blustery, January days, this becomes much more obvious as winter's cold fingers seem to reach right inside our jackets. Wind, cooling our bodies, causes this.

In simple terms, it feels colder than the thermometer indicates.

The Wind Chill Factor measures the rate your body loses heat after accounting for the effects of both air temperature and wind speed. The wind chill factor is then expressed in a number (e.g. at a wind chill factor of 2700, exposed flesh will freeze within half a minute). In

"pure" scientific terms, this calculation is based upon how fast water cools in combination with lower temperatures and wind. Because people have so much water in their bodies, the data is almost identical when applied to humans.

As a general rule:

- Conditions are comfortable when dressed for skiing if the air temperature is 0°C, or the air temperature is 12°C and wind speed is 40kph.
- Conditions are no longer pleasant for outdoor activities on cloudy days if the air temperature is -18°C, or the air temperature is +2°C and wind speed is 40kph.
- Exposed flesh freezes when the air temperature is -30°C, or the air temperature is -10°C and wind speed is 38kph.
- Walking/hiking outside becomes dangerous when the air temperature is -50°C, or the air temperature is -27°C and wind speed is 48kph.

Although we pay more attention to wind chill over the winter months, it is also present during the summer, particularly on cool, windy, damp evenings. On a hot day, a breeze feels wonderful.

Use wind chill wisdom when planning a camping trip to keep your cabin at a comfortable temperature. Wind chill

also affects the rate tents, buildings, and other shelters cool.

Before venturing out on any winter outdoor activity, find out if your council has a policy related to cold weather conditions. If it does, decide whether you should postpone your trip.

Use common sense. If you get cold in windy weather, watch out.

## Did you know...?

1. Water freezes much more quickly when wind chill is high than when lower.
2. A warm car engine loses more heat as the wind chill increases.
3. It takes longer to boil water outside as wind chill increases.
4. The efficiency of light weight stoves (particularly propane), *decreases* as wind chill increases.
5. Exposed flesh freezes more rapidly with higher wind chill factors.

## Wind Chill Safety Tips

On cold, windy days:

1. Check yourself and others frequently for frost bite.
2. Cover all exposed skin areas (nose, ears, chin, cheeks) when possible.
3. Wear a coat with a wind-breaking outer shell.
4. Do not stay outside for long periods.
5. Layer your clothing for extra warmth. ^





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# The Zen of Tarps

by Ben Kruser

The way to outdoor enlightenment is not dependant on hyperbolic design. Sometimes the best path is simple in direction and step. A wise camper knows that inner tranquility can be found within a humble 3 m x 3.5 m ripstop nylon tarp.

I discovered this harmonious relationship between tarp and camper through my first Scout leader, an obvious tarp zen master. Our troop held a spring camp in the West Point training forest, which was strewn with used pieces of military hardware and low bush blueberry shrubs. That evening, an unexpected snow blanketed the area. A combination of heavy drifts and soaked ground popped tent pegs and flattened tents. The snow, sitting on top of half-metre high blueberry bushes, made for a surreal experience — a camp in the Twilight Zone.

In the midst of chaos stood Mr. Owen, serene under the leader's tarp. He calmly rallied us to his shelter, centralized breakfast feeding, and pointed us in a direction for attaining peaceful order. The zen of tarps was awesome to behold.

In this age of lightweight tents, tarps remain a simple but very effective piece of camping equipment. Let's look at some of the ways you can use tarps on your next outing.

My Scout leader showed us that tarps give a group a central place to meet, eat, and just hang out. While tents are considered personal spaces, a tarp establishes a common area where everyone can sit.

Tarps also have practical uses. The most common application is protection from rain. The only thing worse than camping in rain is having to step out of your tent into rain. A tarp set near or over your tent entrance gives a "porch roof" under which you can prepare yourself and your gear before heading out. If your group uses several lightweight tents, you can pick them up and move them around the tarp, wagon-train style, when the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Making a lean-to or emergency shelter with a tarp is an essential camping skill for children to learn and master. You can show them a number of different methods: the slant-roof style of a traditional lean-to; the A-frame; and the one-point shelter.

The slant roof, as its name implies, slopes at an angle to protect against rain and wind. You tie each corner to a tree, making the high end more than 2 m off the ground and the back end less than a metre high. Set the low end toward prevailing weather. That way you'll stay dry if it rains. You can place a fire or

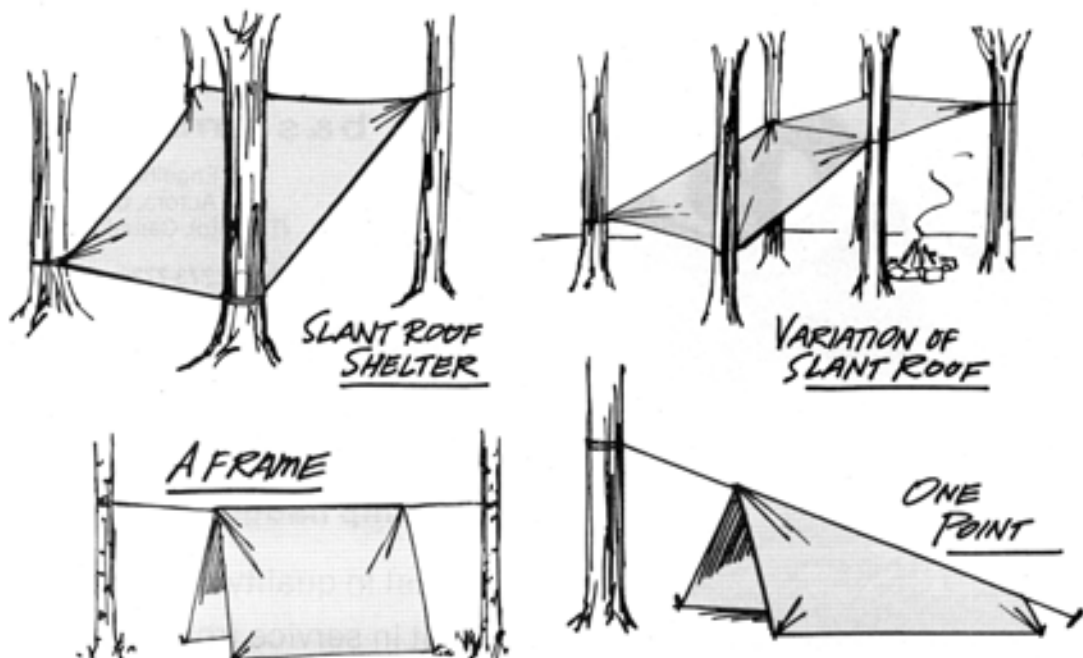
stove at the high end to keep smoke out of your tarp.

To make an A-frame, you drape the tarp over a cord tied between two trees and stake out its four corners in tent-like fashion. If there are no trees available, crisscrossed branches or canoe paddles will provide a stand.

Make a one-point shelter simply by tying a line around a tree about 2 metres off the ground and running it out to the ground. Anchor one corner of the tarp where the cord is staked to the ground and tie its opposite corner to the upper part of the cord. Then pull down the other two corners tightly to make the shelter opening.

A 3 m x 4 m tarp will serve a small group of campers. Ripstop nylon with a waterproof coating is quite durable. Lighter, heavy gauge plastic with grommets in the corners and edges will also take a lot of wear if treated respectfully. Learning how to put in grommets and repair torn areas can make a good group project.

As I grew in camping knowledge, I came to appreciate the use of a tarp in reaching camping nirvana. One experience involved a windswept lake, a secure tarp, and a can of cheese ravioli. But that is another article for another time. ^





# Scouts Canada To Launch DIRECT MAIL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

by John Rietveld

All non-profit organizations need a strong financial base to survive and achieve their missions. Many organizations have been tempted to rely on a relatively small number of sources of funds; some have a single source — the membership.

In November 1993 National Council approved plans to conduct a direct mail fundraising campaign for Scouts Canada to reduce our dependence on membership fees to fund activities. A volunteer committee, under the chairmanship of past-president Jack Sinclair, will oversee the campaign.

Despite increased costs and, in some cases, fierce competition for funds, direct mail remains one of the most effective ways to cultivate a broad financial base. Properly managed, a direct mail program can provide a stable and predictable source of funds for almost any organization.

We have targeted Scout-Guide Week, February 20-27, for our first mailing. Up to four more mailings will occur in 1994,

totalling 600,000 pieces for the year. Stephen Thomas Associates (STA) will manage the program. STA has specialized in non-profit direct mail for more than 13 years. They launched many new programs for a wide variety of clients.

You have probably received direct mail fundraising requests from Easter Seals, the Canadian Cancer Society and the World Wildlife Fund.

Direct mail involves a two part program: an acquisition program and a donor renewal program. The former finds new donors; the latter seeks repeat donations from existing donors.

We will not use **Leader** magazine or ScoutWorks mailing lists, but instead, will exchange donor lists with other charities.

Probably members will *not* receive a solicitation because our prospective donor is over 55 years old. However, some Scouts Canada members (or parents of members) may receive a direct mail package. Therefore, each package will explain that those people already

making a contribution to Scouting are not expected to respond.

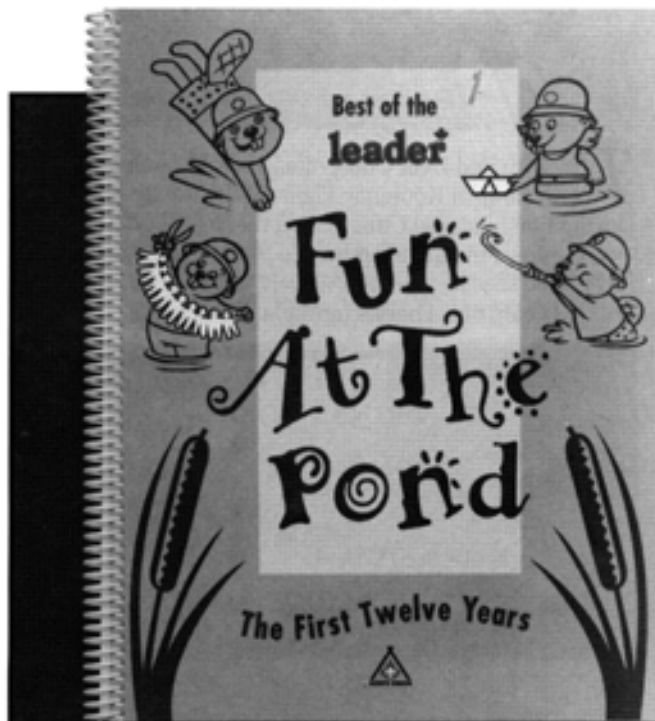
Will direct mail impact on local projects?

Experience from other agencies involved in direct mail indicates that it never hurts local fundraising; on the contrary, they support each other. Direct mail provides an added benefit: it raises public awareness, even when people choose not to donate.

Many organizations are satisfied to break even on acquisitions in the first year or two of the program because it is in the re-solicitation of the new donors, found through acquisition, that the profit lies. Scouts Canada hopes to follow this experience.

Now that you know about Scouts Canada's direct mail campaign, you can respond to queries from friends and neighbours who might receive one of the packages.

Questions? Write to John Rietveld, Executive Director Communications Service at the National Office. ^



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## CROSS-COUNTRY PHOTO

### "We Found the Buried Treasure!"

**J**ubilant Cubs from the 1st Spring Park Pack, P.E.L., wave their pirate swords and shout for joy after uncovering a hidden treasure-trove along a secret beach. Who would have guessed such a find would happen during a "Pirates At Sea" Cub camp? Thanks to Scouter Micheline Charest.



**BIG BROWN BEAVER LOVES ATTENTION** Everyone gets a chance to pat Big Brown Beaver after opening ceremonies at the 6th Amherst "A" Colony pond, N.S. This year the colony visited a maple sugar bush, went horse back riding, raced cars, practised somersaults, visited a bird sanctuary, and had lots of fun. Thanks to Sharon Bugley.



**LOCKED UP!** Beavers from all over the Bay St. George District gathered for a rip-snortin' Wild West Day in Stephenville, Nfld. Wagon rides, jail-making, lassoing, sack races, a sing-along, and a western style barbecue all helped create a great day. "From chuck wagons to outlaws, the Beavers did it all!" said Jean Clarke, Assistant Regional Commissioner for Beavers. All the Beavers walked contentedly off into the sunset with dreams of horses and cowboy hats.



**T**he 24th Red Deer Cubs, Alta., enjoyed a sun-filled weekend camp at Kootenay Plains in the Rocky Mountains. During one hike, the Cubs visited the Whirlpool Point Pine — a Limber Pine growing beside the North Saskatchewan River. Tree specialists conservatively judge the age of the pine at 1,000 years old! Thanks to Akela Paul Dorion.



**BEAVER PAN?** Beavers from the 144th and the 133rd "C" Ottawa Colonies, Ont., enjoyed an imaginative weekend at Camp Opemikon last May. The theme title: "Beaver Pan And The Lost Beavers In Never Never Pond." Magical pixie dust, games, crafts (pirate eye patches were popular), and songs mixed well producing a fun, high adventure weekend camp. Photo by: Jack Logan.

## Scouts Provide Four Week Food Supply To Needy Families

It didn't take Scout leader John McDowall long to find a service project for four of his Scouts wanting to complete requirements for their Chief Scout Award. In one weekend, 36 Scouts and parent volunteers of the 1st Arrowsmith Troop, B.C., (Alberni District, Islands Region) worked 260 hours. They gathered 175 bags of food worth approximately \$4,000. This donation supplied the local Salvation Army Food Bank for four weeks. Well done!



**CUBS HAVE FUN PLANTING TREES** Cubs Ken Hoose, Chris Robb, Eli Clark and Jordan Thompson from the 1st Poplar Hill Pack, Ont., enjoyed a Saturday morning, tree-planting excursion. "It was a very cold and wet morning," says Scouter Della Hedley. The rain dampened no one's spirits. In fact, it made tree planting easier!

The Red Cross Society awarded Jan Bacon, an advisor with the 76th Knights of Logres Rover Crew (Calgary, Alta.), a certificate for donating one hundred pints of blood! (Calgary Rovers and Venturers regularly volunteer their time to the Red Cross, and help at the annual Honours and Awards night.) The ceremony didn't hurt a bit!



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# Rotate Your Program

by Colin Wallace

**A**re your weekly troop meetings stuck in a rut?

Why not run your program on a four-week cycle? Devote each weekly meeting to a particular format: troop night, patrol night, activity night, or badge night.

The inspiration for this program schedule came from the late John Sweet, Scouting U.K.

Try this cycle of two-hour meetings.

**Troop Night:** formal ceremonies; badge presentations; investitures; uniform inspection; inter-patrol competitions and games; patrol presentation assignments for next week. Emphasize the troop acting as a whole unit made up of inter-dependent patrols.

**Patrol Night:** as assigned on troop night, each patrol presents one period of instruction (10-15 minutes) related to the subject the troop is currently investigating, as per the troop plan. Patrol leaders then run games and diversions of their choice. The Honour Patrol chooses the activity. The meeting ends 30 minutes earlier than usual, allowing

time for a Court of Honour. Remind patrol leaders about their next assignments. Emphasize the strength of each patrol and the inter-dependence of its members.

**Activity Night:** movies; resource people; guest troops; parents; visits; trips. Activities will reflect the current subject in the troop plan. Emphasis how the troop, patrols, and Scouters interact with others outside the troop.

**Badge Night:** badge examinations; individual and patrol instructions for any badge. Scouts who have earned a badge act as examiners and instructors for Scouts trying to earn the same badge. Emphasize individual development, and helping each other grow.

We tried this program cycle for several years. Like any scheme, it has advantages and disadvantages.

## Advantages

1. The cycle offered more real leadership opportunities, especially at the patrol level: patrols were accountable for at least one definite part of the program, not just a few minutes during Patrol Corners. The cycle also let other members of the leadership team share the ownership of the whole meeting, without anyone feeling they were left out or overworked.

2. Adult leaders got a break on Patrol Night, although they were always ready with an alternative, fill-in plan if necessary. Badge Night evenings also tended to be quieter for leaders.

3. The cycle eliminated risks of falling into a weekly rut. We made steady progress through the Scout section badge scheme.

## Disadvantages

1. Leaders needed to constantly remind Scouts what night it was, through telephone calls, newsletter items, calendar updates, and meeting announcements — a major, but not insurmountable, difficulty.

2. The scheme demanded real planning. You can't just 'wing it'. Patrol Night tended to be modelled on Troop Night — a minor difficulty. Adult leaders had to be alert, and set the right example.

Personalize this cycle for your own troop. Try rotating the cycle every three or five weeks. You might want shorter or longer meetings. Just keep it simple enough for everyone to understand it easily. ^

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# Who Are The Partners?

by Warren McMeekin

A Partner is an association, institution, organization or group that wishes to use one or more of Scouting's programs. Scouts Canada grants charters for the operation of a Scout group through Provincial Councils to a Partner. These charters are renewed annually. Believe it or not, Scouts Canada has over 4100 Partners!

The Partner gives an incredible amount of support to the local group:

- Administration of programs
- Selection of leaders
- Training of leaders in the ideals of Partners
- Facilities
- Recognition.

Considering the problems facing some religious and community organizations these days, we are very fortunate to have such excellent Partners. Below we provide a partial list of our Partners, the number of years involved in the Movement, and the number of groups they sponsor.

Partner Group	Years Of Partnership	Number Of Groups
Anglican Church	84	335
Baptist Church	73	49
Board of Trade	35	4
Canadian Forces	85	24
Civilian	21	5
Eagles	21	9
Elks	72	35
Fire Departments	66	80
Canadian Home and School	64	57
Odd Fellows	35	3
Jaycees	21	2
Jewish Community	68	4
Kinsmen	68	100
Kiwanis	74	32
Knights of Columbus	71	94
Lions	74	315
Lutheran Church	70	38
Masons	72	6
Moose	35	8
Mormons	81	247
Optimist Club	68	99
Orthodox Church	29	5
Pentecostal Church	38	6
Police	21	18
Presbyterian Church	79	117
Reorganized Latter Day Saints	81	7
Roman Catholic Church	73	210
Rotary Club	74	46
Royal Canadian Legion	60	188
Salvation Army**	57	52
United Church	69	717
YMCA	29	3

(\*\* The Salvation Army and the Boy Scout Association entered into a temporary Agreement of Co-operation in May 1935. This resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scout Association and The Salvation Army, signed April 24, 1937. The Salvation Army "Life Saving Scouts" became the Salvation Army "Boy Scouts". The two organizations run on parallel lines uniting in the office of the Chief Scout for Canada, in the Corporation, and elsewhere by ties of goodwill and cooperation.)

Scouts Canada has agreements with three other Scout associations which operate "in exile":

- Estonian Scout Association

- Latvian Scout Association
- Hungarian Scout Association.

These groups operate in Canada as members of Scouts Canada. They maintain their own Scouting culture, and may wear different uniforms and badges.

Here are a few ideas how you can say "thanks" to your Partners:

- Appreciation night
- Service project
- Wear Partner emblem on uniform (see By-law, Policies and Procedures, page 85)
- Thank you notes
- Invite to section meetings
- Get them involved at camp.

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## Saying Thanks Is Easier Than Recruiting

by Rob Stewart

A large number of volunteers leave organizations each year because they feel no one appreciates their efforts.

If we only recognize our volunteers for the outstanding work they do, we won't have to expend so much energy (and sweat) recruiting others. The two are closely related.

Many people avoid recruiting at all cost — they simply do not enjoy it. But saying "thank you" and expressing

appreciation is a pleasant task that most people willingly do.

Are we too busy to stop and reflect on the impact of the work of those around us? Is it because we think someone else is responsible for identifying those who should receive Honours and Awards?

Everyone is responsible for recognizing good work — not just the awards committee. They provide the process for the "formal" awards system. Its members encourage and train others to write applications etc., but there are other forms of recognition and appreciation in which they do not play a formal role. We need to understand the significance of saying "thank you" to those who help us.

How do you feel when someone shows appreciation for something you have done?

It feels good, doesn't it?

A recent event reminded me of the great importance of recognition. A Scouter excitedly told me he had just been presented with a Warrant of Appointment. His excitement surprised me momentarily until I grasped the real meaning of the award to him. It meant others valued him as a member of Scouting. In effect, he felt he truly "belonged". This simple act of recognizing someone who really contributed will pay big dividends to Scouting over the next few years.

Next month is Scout/Guide Week with its many gatherings, such as banquets, church parades, etc.. These events provide excellent opportunities to say "thanks", as well as present pins, plaques, certificates, and letters to everyone involved in the operation of a Scouting group. Don't forget the spouses of our adult members. Their support is essential to the Movement.

Formal awards to Scouters for outstanding service are also very important. Make every effort to identify those who deserve this official recognition.

Another way to recognize people is to change or enhance their role. How does this encourage them?

When someone asks you to assume more responsibility, or take a different role, part of the message they are sending is "you have done such a great job at this that we want to use your talents in a more challenging position." Many people feel this is the best form of "thank you" possible.

Little, everyday forms of recognition are powerful tools. They bring volunteers deep satisfaction.

As for me, my boss could adequately express his appreciation for a job well done by giving me tickets to the Stanley Cup finals! Wouldn't it be nice! ^



### ATTENTION RADIO SCOUTERS!

February 6-12 is International Development Week. This will be the sixth year the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) Communications Branch helps organize the National Ham Radio Event. The purpose of this activity is to contact people in developing countries to discuss development needs and ongoing projects.

Last year 43 Canadian stations in 34 cities participated. CIDA hopes to exceed 50 base stations this year. It also hopes to involve smaller towns and rural communities.

The Ham Radio Event is scheduled to take place on February 11-12, 1994. Why not participate in this opportunity to foster international exchanges with people overseas? Simply tune in to the 10m or 15m radio bands.

### From the Awards File

On August 2, 1992, ten year old Peter Coburn Jr. was fishing with his family in a boat on Hélène Lake, Manitoba, when his two-year-old sister accidentally fell overboard. Peter's father and step-mother jumped into the water to rescue the girl. Almost immediately they experienced difficulties. Remembering his water safety training, which cautioned rescuers to stay in the boat, Peter resisted the urge to jump into the water to help. He kept the boat near the struggling swim-

mers and eventually rescued his sister and step-mother by pulling them into the boat. While the boat returned to shore, he comforted his sister.

Peter saved two lives because of his quick action and calm thinking. In November 1993 the Governor General awarded Peter the Silver Cross for gallantry.

**Ed's Note:** Watch next month for our complete coverage of Scouts Canada's Investiture Ceremony.



# PEN FRIENDS WANTED

## Argentina

A Spanish-only speaking Scout would like to contact Canadian Scouts. Contact: Eduardo Grondona, Maestro Santana 2164, cp(1643)-San Isidro-Prov. de Bs.As., Rep. Argentina.

## Canada

Several groups in the Northwest Territories would like to link up with groups in southern Canada to exchange ideas, photos, badges, even videos. Contact: Northwest Territories Scout Council, Box 2345, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2P7.

## Czech Republic

A 30 year old Scout leader wishes to exchange badges, insignia, and emblems with Canadian Scouts. He would also like his Scouts to make friends in Canada. Contact: Libor Cech, Vidimova 1325/2, Praha - 4 JM, 149 00, Czech Republic.

Twelve year old female Czech Scout wishes to write to similarly aged Canadian male or female Scout. Interests include reading, basketball, athletics, skiing, skating, swimming and collecting badges. Contact: Lucy Flajsmanova, Havlickova 599/5, Marianske Lazne, 353 01, Czech Republic.

## England

The Dormansland Cub Pack, with camping and sports interests, wishes contact with a Canadian Cub pack, preferably in the Ottawa area. As well, the group would like to exchange program ideas. Write to: Scouter J. Shotter, 8 Barnfield, The Platt, Dormansland, Surrey, RH7 6QX, England.

The 3rd Totteridge Beaver Colony, wishes contact with a Canadian colony. Write to: Scouter W. Durward Akhurst, 60 Ventnor Drive, Totteridge, London, N20 8BS, England.

## Ireland

Male Cubs and Scouts would like to write Canadians in the Scouting Movement. Contact: Maree Ryan, 1st Offaly Cub Pack, Adams Villas, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Republic of Ireland.

## Mexico

Edgar O. Hernandez Orozco, Norte 15, No. 4817, Col. Magdalena de las Salinas, Mexico, D.F.

Jorge Castillo Espinosa, Norte 15, No. 4817, Col. Magdalena de las Salinas, Mexico, D.F.

Luis Perez Espinoza, Norte 15, No. 4817, Col. Magdalena de las Salinas, Mexico, D.F.

## New Zealand

1st Huntly Beaver leader seeks pen pal contact with a Canadian Beaver group from a small town with a similar background as Huntly, New Zealand: 7,000 people, industry includes coal mining, power generating, and dairy farming. Contact: Barbara Christian, 29 Blundell Place, Huntly, New Zealand.

## Portugal

Rover Scout (new leader), wishes to exchange badges, new ideas, and experiences. Contact: Rui Carvalho, Apartado 84, Quinta da Lomba, 2830 Barreiro, Portugal.

## United States

American Beavers and Cubs from Oregon would like to contact similar groups in Canada to start an interesting friendship. Contact: Cecilia Amoroso, 696 W. Park Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, 97527, USA.



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# Let's Make (And Break) Codes!



by Neb Resuk

**M**odern cryptography uses complex mathematical formulae to both de-code and en-code a secret message. Governments rely on brute computer power to sift through millions of possible letter combinations to solve the puzzle.

Cubs love secrets. They also love a good challenge tied into a mystery. Code making and breaking can make a fun and interesting brain teaser program activity.

To break 'simple' codes Cubs must look for patterns, make inferences, and experiment by trial and error. This is great training and will help Cubs approach everyday problem-solving using more creative methods.

Use this fascinating idea as a quick time filler or expand it into an entire "spy theme" special evening.



### Codebreaking 101

What does the following code say:  
**GSLEJL OTTEUA OTHPNW DOATGS  
RATHLS ELKEES?**

Gibberish, you think? You're half right. Lets try to solve the mystery.

1. Notice how each cipher group has six letters. Write the letter groups down on paper side by side in vertical columns. (See diagram.)
2. To de-cipher the secret message, read horizontally *across* the columns. The words run together in a continuous stream because the enciphered text leaves no spaces between words.

1	2	3	4	5	6
G	O	O	D	R	E
S	T	T	O	A	L
L	T	H	A	T	K
E	E	P	T	H	E
J	U	N	G	L	E
L	A	W	S	S	S

You can now read the message easily: **"GOOD REST TO ALL THAT KEEP THE JUNGLE LAW".**

To make the cipher more difficult to break, number each column: the first column is #1, second #2, and so on. Then when you give your friend the enciphered text, also give him the order of columns: e.g. 123456 would look like the above example (**GSLEJL OTTEUA OTHPNW DOATGS RATHLS ELKEES**).

You can easily make a new cypher by just shifting the column order: the cipher text with the column order of 642531 would appear **ELKEES DOATGS OTTEAU RATHLS OTHPNW GSLEJL**. Both ciphers, when broken out, give the exact same message.

To encipher messages, just reverse the process.

Have your Cubs try their hand at this code and see which six is your packs master "codebreaker".

Looking for an easier enciphering method? Try breaking your message down into groups of five letters. Add "dummy" letters to fill the last group.

e.g. **JIM LETS GO BIKING TOMORROW**  
**JIMLE TSGOB IKING TOMORROWXT** ^

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# FUN AT THE POND

by Bob Bareham

In a national survey twelve years ago, **Leader** magazine readers said they wanted more Beaver program material. This request led directly to a monthly, two-page article entitled "Fun At The Pond", which suggests ideas for games, crafts, songs and stories suitable for the Beaver section.

Scouts Canada has compiled these articles into a spiral bound, 200 page book entitled **Fun At The Pond: The First Twelve Years**. Chapters include, "Fall Fun", "The Holiday Season", "Deep Winter", "Hurray For Spring" and "Special Themes".

Winter activities include cooperative snow games, bird-feeder snowmen, energy burners, crafts, songs and stories, international games, box cars, and many other activities.

"Hurray For Spring" includes program ideas such as: parachute games, safety walks, noisy stories, nature themes, and a "magical mystery tour" (sounds intriguing!).

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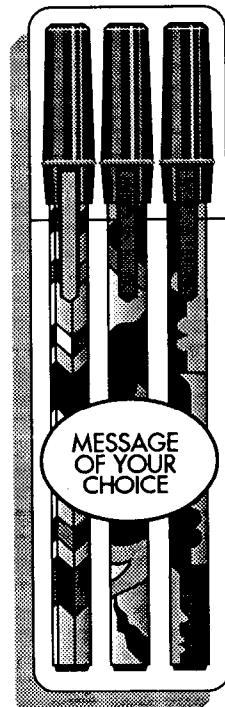
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**BANQUET SUPPLIES:** February, Scout-Guide Week and Baden-Powell's birthday are not far off. Place your order for banquet supplies now. Scout Shops carry a variety of products, including "The World Of Scouting Place Mats", matching serviettes, banquet program folders, as well as posters and stickers. Scouts Canada logo tape can help decorate your banquet hall.

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## SCOUTER'S 5

### Growing spiritually

- Spiritual growth does not happen on its own. Like a seed planted in soil, it requires care and attention before it sprouts. Here are some thoughts to encourage spiritual development.
- G** Go to God in prayer daily.
- R** Read God's holy book every day; begin with the Gospel of John.
- O** Obey God moment by moment. Listen for the still, small voice inside you.
- W** Witness for Christ by your life and words. Tell others about him.
- T** Trust God for every detail of your life.
- H** Holy Spirit. Allow him to control and fill your daily life with challenging service to others.  
— Adapted from Bill Bright.

### Faith Is...

- ...Remembering I am God's priceless treasure when I feel worthless.
- ...Confidence in God's faithfulness to me in an uncertain world, on an uncharted course.
- ...The conviction of realities I can not see or feel.
- ...Remembering that in the kingdom of God everything is based on promises, not on feelings.
- ...Recognizing that God is the *Lord of time* when my idea of timing doesn't agree with His.
- ...The conviction that the Promiser keeps His promises.  
— Pamela Reeve, *Faith Is...*, Multnomah Press.

Scouter's 5 Minutes, p.713

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## HINTS

### Winter Camping

- Winter camping demands planning and organization. Bring the right equipment. This should include:
  - a good, low-temperature sleeping bag, preferably a hooded mummy bag;
  - a free-standing tent with a full fly;
  - at least one closed-cell foam sleeping pad per person;
  - lots of extra clothing (layer it);
  - a light-weight, manual pump stove (fuel canisters tend to lose pressure in the cold);
  - a large tarpaulin for communal kitchen or gathering point.
- Plan the campsite layout weeks before you go. Let your pack or troop help. Can you camp among trees that will break the wind? Where will you locate:
  - the central fire pit?
  - the tents?
  - the play area?
  - the kybo?
- Know exactly where you are going in advance. Don't try out a new camping area. Don't venture too far off the beaten path, especially with first-time winter campers.
- Are there dangerous areas near your camp site (open water, steep gullies, etc.)? Establish clear boundaries for your campers. Bring bright orange tape or cloth to hang from trees to mark the boundaries.
- Keep day-time activities easy and light. Plan many breaks. Don't let anyone start sweating. As colder temperatures come with nighttime, the sweat will start to freeze.

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Know first aid procedures for frost bite and hypothermia. Remember wind chill can cause trouble very quickly.

Plan for emergencies.

Bring high-energy food along (chocolate bars, nuts, etc.).

Bring extra adult helpers (especially experienced ones).

Stay away from flowing water. An icy crust near the edge may give way under the weight of a person. Discuss and practise with your pack or troop techniques for rescuing people who fall through ice into cold water.

Use the camping event as a time for Cubs and Scouts to learn winter camping safety and first aid. Tie it in to badge work.

Build a quinzhee or igloo. It's fun and teaches outdoor survival techniques. Perhaps some Cubs or Scouts will want to sleep in the quinzhee at night.

Look for animal prints in the snow. Can you identify the animal? How does the animal survive the winter cold?

What birds do you see? How do they survive? What food do they eat?

#### Be Prepared for:

- Sudden heavy snow-falls
- Freezing rain
- Cold, crying campers in the middle of the night
- Cuts and bruises.

Hints, p.654

### Let There Be Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.

— Jesus

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

We must never deny rights to another which we would claim for ourselves.

Our neighbour is every man, woman and child without exception.

At a distance it appeared to be an animal.  
Coming closer, I saw that it was a man.  
And still closer, I realized it was my brother!

O God of love our prayer we raise  
For brotherhood and peace,  
That all mankind may give you praise  
And war forever cease.

— Roger Stephen Peacock

### Will You Not Listen?

Is not He who formed the ear  
Worth the time it takes to hear?  
Should He who formed our lips for speaking  
Be not heeded when He speaks?

— Michael Card

### Build Strong Foundations

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.

— Henry David Thoreau.

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## What is Right About Scouting? Let Me Tell You

I loved CJ, but two thoughts from the Jamboree stand out in my mind above all others: the sharing, and personal care for others.

This was my first Jamboree. I attended with my son. The Jamboree presented many challenges, not the least of which was keeping everyone fed and looked after. Scouts from Mackenzie, B.C., brought us a bounty of food and good cheer every day. We accepted their kindness, and following their example, soon took extra food to other nearby troops as well.

CJ was a marvellously warm city of fellowship.

Yes it rained, but we made the best of it — sometimes even enjoyed it by mud-sliding! When the sun came out

'K Country' was fabulous. We walked everywhere. On one adventure I carried a special envelope I intended to mail to Scouter Al Ewart in Maple Ridge, B.C.. (He wasn't able to attend.) Enclosed I included two of the treasured contingency badges I knew he would love to have. I had stamped and addressed the envelope, and carried it in my pocket as I hiked. Somewhere between Fort Beausejour and the Trading Post it fell from my pocket. I was devastated. My friend would not get his special gift, I thought.

I was wrong. Someone found the letter and mailed it. Scouter Al phoned me later and thanked me for the wonderful surprise. B.P.'s spirit and the World Brotherhood of Scouting is alive

and well. **Thank you** to whoever helped send that gift to a friend.

CJ was great. The warm memories of caring and sharing warm my heart still.

— Scouter Al West, Fort St. John, B.C.

### Mystery Scout

#### — More Observations

I have some comments regarding the Ontario mystery Scout (June/July '93 issue of **the Leader**). First, isn't he wearing a B.S.A. belt buckle? (Examine the belt buckle in the original photo.) Second, did Ontario Scouts wear breeches in the late 1920's? Third, he isn't wearing garter flashes, either, and his shirt sleeves are not rolled up, à la Canadien!

— Tom Furlong, St. John's, Nfld.

### Rovers Very Helpful At CJ

Rovers and their advisors who participated at CJ'93 deserve our sincere thanks for making the Jamboree such a success.

Over 300 Rovers helped staff various activities at CJ. Unfortunately this valuable service was over-looked in your August/September issue highlighting CJ. The Rovers and the Venturer Service Program provided 25 per cent of the staff for the Jamboree. What a contribution from Scouting's senior program sections!

— Tom Wilson, President, Sydenham District, Ont.

### A Tradition Worth Celebrating

On April 22, 1994, our Group Committee will be celebrating **seventy years** of Scouting in Kensington Presbyterian Church, Montreal. Our church, presently an amalgamation of several other Presbyterian Churches, and now Knox-Crescent-Kensington and First Presbyterian, has enjoyed continuous Scouting (all Sections) since its charter was granted in 1924!

We invite anyone associated with our Scout Group to our Scouting reunion/celebration on the evening of April 22. For more information, contact me at 4390 Grand Blvd., Apt. 404, Montreal, P.Q., H4B 2X8. A

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