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GREETINGS! Please copy and share this e-newsletter with members in your group! The e-newsletter will update you on the latest news about Scouts Canada. It is sent to all registered members, mid-month, using e-mail addresses from the Membership Management System. _____

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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMISSIONER

This past weekend the province of Ontario Boy Scouts was dissolved. We are now officially part of Central Division. There are nine Councils in Central Division. They are as follows from East to West: Quebec, Voyageur, White Pine, Greater Toronto, Shining Waters, Central Escarpment, Trishores, Battlefield and Greater North. We have been using this model since 2003 so collectively we are together on what we are doing and where we are going. Our Annual General Meeting is being held at Barhaven United Church on Dec. 4th at 2:00 pm. As a Council, I would like to remind you Scout Leaders, Venturer and Rover Advisors that the Regional Rover Round Table (RRRT) are hosting the second annual RSVP camp May 6th - 8th at Opemikon. Plan on attending. It will be, as always, a great time for activities as well as fellowship. This is also a linking activity for Senior Scouts to see Venturers and Venturers to see Rovers. Also save 25 dollars before December 31, 2004 by pre-registering for CCJAM 05. This is a weeklong camp in Tamaracouta from July 3rd - 10th and the theme is western. There is still space, but it is filling up fast. For the Venturers, an IRON PERSON competition has been planned. Sounds like a challenge to me! Check out the CCJAM web site at www.ccjam05.org <<http://www.ccjam05.org>> . A special thanks goes out to all those who participated in the Ottawa Food Drive. Your dedication has given Scouting the Ray Marcotte Award for Outstanding Community Support. It is great that we can give back to the community. Thanks again.

John Boyce

WHAT'S NEW

PROPERTIES UPDATE

For information on Scouts Canada Ontario Property Review Task Force please visit www.scouts.ca/inside.asp?cmPageID=548.

WE NOW HAVE A SCOUT POPCORN PICK-UP PLACE

Voyageur Council Scout Popcorn can be picked up Saturday December 4th & Sunday December 5th between 8am and 2pm.

The pick-up location is at KANATA TRANSPORTATION located at 83 Iber Road. Take Terry Fox Drive exit off the Queensway and go South on Terry Fox Drive. Pass Palladium and Maplegrove, continue to Hazeldean Road (Approx 2 km). Turn right onto Hazeldean (going west) until Iber Road on your left (Approx 1.5 km). Proceed to 83 Iber Road, (approx 0.5 km). _____

Sponge Bob Movie-Day

A private screening of the upcoming 'Sponge Bob' movie has been arranged for Beavers and Cubs by the 137th Ottawa Group. This is expected to be THE big movie for kids this year.

WHEN: Sunday, December 5 @ 9:00 a.m. (since it's a private showing, we must run it early)

WHERE: South Keys Cinema, 2210 Bank St.

COST: \$3.50 /person (that's ½ the normal admission price for kids and 1/3 the adult price)

HOW THIS WORKS: Beavers and Cubs ONLY (and their leaders /parents, of course) are invited. Children are expected to wear their uniform for the movie and Leaders /parents must provide whatever transportation is needed.

IMPORTANT: The main theatre at South Keys seats 312 people... we expect that there will probably be many more people wanting to go to the movie than seats are available. Therefore, this invitation is limited to the first 300 people whose attendance we confirm. We have given this some thought and we feel the best way to manage this is as follows:

- Leaders will determine how many kids from their group want to see the movie. Collection of money will be the responsibility of each colony /pack. Each colony /pack will mail /deliver a cheque c/o: Scouts Canada - 137th Ottawa Scouts. Make sure you indicate which group the cheque is coming from! Mailing address is: Amelia Levy 70 Sai Cres Ottawa K1G 5N9

- For example, if 10 people from the 104th will be attending, then the 137th will receive a cheque for \$35 from the 104th. DON'T FORGET, this is limited to the first 300 spots.

Cheques received are non-refundable.

- We will confirm your attendance upon receipt of the cheque. If we receive a cheque after the 300 spots are taken we will let you know and return your cheque.

- NOTE: the Concession Stand at the theatre will be up-and-running... bring some extra cash for treats if you like.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL KEVIN MCCAFFERY @ 447-8892 OR EMAIL:
mccaafferyk@ottawapolice.ca

MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The processing center is well underway to checking and entering all registration forms and data into the Membership Management System. I would like to bring two things to your attention regarding the registration process. Firstly, when sending registration forms please make sure all forms are signed by either the parent, for youth under 18 years of age, or the adult member for themselves. The processing centre has been receiving unsigned forms which must be sent back for signatures before the registration process can be completed. I have also received several calls regarding payment on registration fees. At this time the Council office will not be sending monthly statements for registration. When submitting your group registration forms please include a cheque for \$99. for each adult or youth form submitted.

The Ottawa Police Services has informed me that some Police Records Checks forms are being submitted for processing with the incorrect identification attached. The Police Services requires copies of two pieces of government issued identification that indicated the full name and date of birth. One piece of ID must be photo ID, OHIP cards are not acceptable. A list of acceptable identification is listed on the back of the form. You can also visit the Ottawa Police website to view the information at:
http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/serving_ottawa/support_units/fees_recordcheck.cfm please make sure you view the 'vulnerable sector' form.

NEW'S FLASH

MMS has added an on-line Tutorial for registrars. When you logon to MMS simply scroll down the page and click on '*NEW* on-line Tutorial for Registrars' to see a easy step by step tutorial for entering and changing information in the system. The tutorial is an audio and visual demonstration of the registration process. Once you complete the tutorial you can review any item by clicking on the task bar to the left and go directly to the item needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am only an email or phone call away.

Lynn Levitan, Council Registrar, llevitan@scouts.ca, ext 502 _____

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Advanced Program Planning and Delivery (Advanced PP&D) Training for Woodbadge 2 has been moved to January 2005.

Did you know that the Area/Council Training courses should be the preferred method to achieve your Woodbadge accreditation at any level in the shortest amount of time?

It has been proven over the last two years that anyone who is using one of the alternate methods of training, is not achieving Woodbadge 1 within the first year, possibly not even the second year. This same measure applies to a Woodbadge 2 recognition in subsequent years following for the leaders. It has been noted, that leaders are not spending the time with study, have a problem with the Mentoring Process, and in general are not reviewing or are missing the required material. This is happening across Canada, and it is a big concern for us in Volunteer Development, as the program delivered to the youth will suffer in this manner, with leaders not using the benefit of official training. Using coaches and mentors is intended to be used in ADDITION to an other method or regular offered training course. Let us see if we can turn this problem around this year for us.

I therefore call on all of you, especially those with a Woodbadge 1, to register before January 1st for the Advanced Program Planning and Delivery (APP&D) Training offered in the Council. This course is to be held on January 21/22/23, 2005 with its concluding weekend on April 29/30/May 1, 2005 at Camp Opemikon in the Outdoors, after which you will receive your Woodbadge 2 recognition, if you have met the Learning Objectives at that time. Note that you must have held a Woodbadge 1 in the SAME section for a year, before you can register in the Advanced PPD Training, as we like you to have some experience at that level. If in doubt, please give your DAC Volunteer Development and Training a call in your Area.

I also call on all who have not received a training course at this moment in the section, to register as soon as you can for the offered Basic Program Planning and Delivery (BPPD) courses in the Council. You also will receive your Woodbadge 1 recognition thereafter, if you are meeting the Learning Objectives at that time.

Your Youth will thank you in advance, for taking this important step in fast tracking your Personal Development. Besides, all participants find the courses are a lot of fun, with excellent exchange and interaction with the other leaders that you meet. This will help you all to be better leaders.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to take official training.

Tony van Muyden, DCC Volunteer Development and Training, dcc-training@voyageur.scouts.ca

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

Number one in Canada! Great job everyone, Voyageur Council led the country as of November 6 at 80% of last year's registration.

School talks and a Fun night north of the 60th parallel. While on our last visit to Nunavut we had the opportunity to do school talks and a fun night in Iqaluit. While we were only able to visit a very small percentage of the youth in the schools, we had over forty youth attend a Fun night with twenty-six parents for a parent talk of which four parents committed to being leaders. If we can have this kind of success in a remote northern community just imagine how we can help your group. Need more leaders? Have room for more youth? Give us a call. We are more than willing to meet with your group and help with your recruiting needs.

New and improved. We are currently working on updates to our Membership Development and Growth section of our web page that will include our Hiking Path to Growth and a ton of resources to help your group in recruiting adults and youth.

Reconnecting with partners. Knowing how important the relationship between the sponsor and groups are we are in the process of putting together a sponsor package. The package will be sent to every sponsor with vital information on scouting and the importance of the sponsor group relationship. Any input you might have for the package would be greatly appreciated.

Friend Feast. Need more youth? Need more adults? Voyageur Council will again be running the Friend Feast Campaign in February. There will be a reduced fee discount and a prize package for the group who recruits the most youth. Start your planning now. Information packages will be coming in the next couple of weeks. School Talks and Fun nights work great in conjunction with Friend Feast so contact your Area DAC for Membership Development and Growth (MD&G) or your Field Executive soon so they can book you in.

Sharon Thomson, DCC Membership Development and Growth, dcc-growth@voyageur.scouts.ca Jeff

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Council Honours and Awards Committee extends congratulations to the following individuals for receiving awards:

Darrell Bartraw, Opemikon Group Committee, Medal for Good Service; Kathleen Wilson, 3rd Kanata, Medal for Good Service; Paul McCabe, Medal for Good Service; and Jacob Vigneau, 1st Cumberland, Regional Youth Award. _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please read the Calendar of Events and Training Calendar e-newsletter or visit the Voyageur Council web site at <http://www.voyageur.scouts.ca> for details. _____

OPE UPDATE

Camp Warden: John "Flip" James, our Warden for the past year, is leaving us for another employment opportunity. Our thanks to John for his contributions to the camp during the past year.

Winter Camping: Make OPE your winter camping destination. We have snowshoes for rent or you can take advantage of our free cross country skis, broomball/ringuette equipment, hockey sticks and nets (once the rink is open on the lake!)

Venturer Cabin: This secluded cabin on O'Brien Lake has been completely renovated and is available for rental by Scout troops, Venturer companies and Rover crews. The cabin sleeps 14. You must bring your own water (or obtain it from the main camp) and be prepared to hike in as there is no vehicular access to the cabin. For more details, visit the camp website.

Group Badges: We are collecting group badges from all those who use the camp, for eventual display in the Dining Hall. Please leave one of yours with the Camp Warden before you leave.

New website address for Camp Opemikon: You can now reach us at www.opemikon.ca <<http://www.opemikon.ca>>. This site has links to the summer camp, Group Committee, Rover Crew and Venturer Company information. It also has an interactive map, history and general information about the camp.

Camp Bookings: through Pamela Bazinet at the Voyageur Council office, ext 503 or by e-mail at pbazinet@scouts.ca <<mailto:pbazinet@scouts.ca>>.

Camp Operations and summer camp: contact Marilyn Johnson at ext 506 or mjohnson@scouts.ca <<mailto:mjohnson@scouts.ca>>.

Participation in Opemikon Scouting Group: contact Darrell Bartraw (825-8886) or Tim Taylor (561-1613) or email opigroupcommittee@voyageur.scouts.ca <<mailto:opigroupcommittee@voyageur.scouts.ca>>

7TH ONTARIO B-P GUILD

Maintain your affiliation with Scouts through the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds. We meet once a month to socialize and find ways to raise funds to provide program equipment for Camp Opemikon. Eastern Ontario Gilwell Reunion - Plan to get together with your fellow Wood Badge holders at the next Eastern Ontario Gilwell Reunion September 16 to 18,

2005, at Camp Opemikon. Contact the Secretary, Norm Pascoe, at 745-1188 or e-mail normpascoe@hotmail.com _____

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Yours in Scouting,

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

**SPECIAL SCOUTING EVENT AT THE CANADA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM

The Canada Science and Technology Museum will once again be offering Scouting Nights on February 1, 2 & 3, 2005. We have exciting workshops for every age group on Astronomy, Space exploration, Collections, Canadian Heritage, Fire Safety and Roller Coasters. Only \$2 per person! For more information, please call (613) 991-3044 or visit our website at www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca _____ **CANADA AVIATION MUSEUM - NIGHT FLIGHT SLEEPOVER PROGRAM

How about a night of total fun at the Canada Aviation Museum! All you need is a sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, and a taste for extraordinary fun. We supply the adventure. An evening program is also available. For more information: 613 993-4264 or www.aviation.technomuses.ca

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed December 24, 2004 - January 03, 2005.

Questions? Comments or concerns about this e-newsletter? We welcome constructive feedback! Please e-mail us at easternontario@scouts.ca Thank you. _____

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