



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of months both in Scouting and personally. As such, the camp that was indicated on the Troop Calendar for this coming weekend will not take place. My personal apologies to you and your Scout if this causes any problems or disappointments. We will still have an activity this month. That will be the Scout Truck Rodeo, in which we will race the trucks we have been working on last week and tonight. The plan is to finish them next week.

Four trucks we purchased by the Troop to provide one for each patrol. We will be racing them at the Museum of Science and Technology Saturday 31 March 2007. The event will take place from 9:30 to 15:00. The cost for this event is \$5.00 and it will include a badge for all participants and some door prizes. All Scouts are invited as they all assisted with the patrol trucks and can take turns with the truck. As well Scouts who have made their own trucks or have trucks from previous years they would like to race again, they can bring them in addition to the patrol trucks. Unfortunately no outside food is allowed in the museum. A special lunch will be available for the Scouts, I do not have a cost yet but expect it to be between \$5-7. All Scouts are to wear their full uniform, tan shirt, necker and sash. By doing so they do not have to pay admission. If you wish to join us as parents you will have to pay the cost of admission in the museum.

In our effort to meet the World Scout Commissioner's challenge for the Centennial Year we have been collecting pennies in our own "Cents for the Centennial." This collection has been to support the *Spread the Net* project by UNICEF. By buying bed nets for \$10 each and distributing them to children in Africa, the spread of malaria (one of the largest killers of children in Africa) can be controlled. Our pennies, have added up to 5 bed nets to date. So we have made our difference by hopefully saving up to 5 lives somewhere else in the world. So please continue to collect your pennies.

Your support in our chocolate bar fundraiser has been excellent, we will be able to purchase four new tents for the Scouts as a result. We may run this fundraiser one more time to ensure all Scouts will have new tents that will provide acceptable protection in all weathers, particularly rain, which does seem to occur every time we camp.

One special note of thanks to a local business within the community. Mr. Lube – Orleans and Kanata, has generously donated funds to cover 2/3 of the costs of transportation to CJ 07 for all participants. Participants are now required to only pay \$10.00 for the bus to and from the CJ site.

Finally we will be camping next month. We will be going to Apple Hill which is just off the 417 south of Vankleek Hill. Then we will get quite busy in May with Scouttrees and CJ Pre-Camp (mandatory for CJ participants). June again is busy with the Odawa Area Camp immediately followed by the 4th Orleans Group Camp.

At any times if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

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