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Celebrate Scouting

by Garth Johnson

Our February issue tends to differ somewhat from our usual pages of program resources, ideas, and successes from Scouters across the country. Not that we lose this focus entirely, but we do make a special effort this month to detail and discuss some rather important annual events and ongoing activities that reflect our roots and fundamental beliefs as a worldwide brotherhood.

Scouting has long had the reputation as an organization devoted to the stewardship of our environment. The formation, over a year ago, of Scouts Canada's Environmental Fund has enabled the organization to recognize and support grass roots initiatives aimed at environmental action. This month, we report on the second round of awards made to groups whose efforts meet the fund's objectives and enhance our reputation for environmental concern and caring.

We've also included an application form in the centre of the magazine for those who wish to report their project to the fund and become eligible for an award. Take time to review others' success and think of ways to turn your activities into environmental (fund) action.

The Environmental Fund represents just one of three funds administered by the *Boy Scouts of Canada Trust*. Established in 1976, the trust also manages the Fellowship Trust Fund and the Honourable Hartland de M. Molson Leadership Award. Check page 15 for more information about how to tap into the fund and ways to contribute to the trust's financial base. It's a tangible way to make an investment in Scouting's future.

Trees for Canada is another example of Scouting's continued commitment to environmental awareness and action. In its 19th successful year, the program shows no signs of letting up. In fact, with the full participation of Quebec Provincial Council, this year should be one to remember.

If interest in the project is waning somewhat in your area, however, maybe it's time to beef up your internal promotion. P.E.I. Council shares a novel idea (p.16) that, last year, involved a record number of

groups and kids in the project in that province. It's a simple but effective use of promotional materials you may want to consider.

You might also remind your planters of the significant contribution *Trees for Canada* makes to community development by directing 15% of funds raised to support the overseas efforts of the Canadian Scout

ceremony reinforces the influence of leadership, the courage of youngsters, and the standards of citizenship that have come to be associated with Scouting over the years.

It is a ceremony our Chief Scout anticipates each year. His warmth and humour with recipients show that the sentiments expressed in his remarks to the gathering are truly heartfelt. Just ask Cub Harold Feit from 1st Conception Bay South Pack, Nfld., who experienced the Chief Scout's personal touch at an unrelated event in summer 1991.

When the youngster heard Canada's governor general would be at St. John's harbour when the replica of the Viking ship *Gaia* sailed in last summer, he began to plan. Then, as his family prepared to head down to see the ship, Harold donned his Cub uniform.

On site, he wriggled through the crowd until he reached the barriers, where he managed to attract the attention of Premier Clyde Wells. "I want to meet and talk to Ray Hnatyshyn. He's Chief Scout of Canada, you know," he explained.

The premier passed along the message and, after the speeches, the Chief Scout obliged. He returned Harold's Cub salute, gave him a hearty Scout handshake, and lifted "an ecstatically happy Cub" over the barriers

for a better look at the ship, says Scouter Joan Kearley, who told the story and sent along a photo taken by Harold's father. Scouter Kearley was visiting "The Rock" from Thorburn, N.S.

CELEBRATE

However you acknowledge your commitment to Scouting, make sure to include Guide/Scout Week and Heritage Day in your program plans for this month. Guide/Scout Week is February 16-23 and Heritage Day is February 17. Both provide great opportunities to go public with your activities, through mall displays, poster contests, banquets, good turns, and recruitment activities. Be sure to tell us about your 1992 celebrations. Good Scouting. ^



Cub Harold Feit, Nfld., meets the Chief Scout.

Brotherhood Fund. As an example, turn to John Neysmith's report (p.17) on a community development tree-planting project in the Philippines. Sponsored directly by the Calgary Region, it's an excellent example of how Scouts work to improve the quality of life for all community members through the development of a sustainable resource.

SCOUTS CANADA INVESTITURE

Each February we have the opportunity to report on Scouts Canada's annual investiture ceremony held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. This year, our Chief Scout, His Excellency, the Right Honourable Ramon Hnatyshyn recognized 24 members of Scouting with our highest honours. The

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ENVIRONMENTAL FUND AWARDS



In our Nov. '91 issue, you read about *Adopt-a-Park*, spearheaded by the 1st Odessa Group, Ont. In January 1992, we reported the work done by the 1st Arthur Venturers and 2nd Listowel Scouts planting trees at a clear-cut logging site in northern Ontario. They, along with projects in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and B.C. earned the second round of awards from Scouts Canada's Environmental Fund.

Applications to the fund arrive regularly, helping give Scouts Canada and the fund's corporate sponsors a clearer idea of Scouting's involvement in environmental action. What is your group doing? Have you reported your project to the fund? Application forms are always available from your council office but, this month, we've made it even easier by including a form in the centre of **the Leader**. Just pull it out, fill it in, and mail it. We look forward to hearing.

PROJECT CARE

Burnaby Centre Lake District has launched Project CARE (Community Action for Recycling and the Environment), a year-long effort that may become long-term. The project aims to educate youth members, who will then help educate the community, and to involve youth members in action at the district, group/section, and individual levels.

District projects include tree planting, storm drain marking, and encouraging family composting. The district gave every youth member an evergreen seedling to plant in a spot special to the individual.

Youth members have been painting fish symbols on storm drains to let residents know the drains empty directly into local waterways, and delivering door-to-door pamphlets explaining the program. Storm drain wastes are major polluters of two Burnaby lakes and cleaning them up is one of the municipality's prime environmental goals.

Members also visit compost demonstration projects, learn about composting, build and sell demonstration composters, and actively participate in community composting workshops sponsored by their groups.

The district has developed outlines and resource information for smaller projects

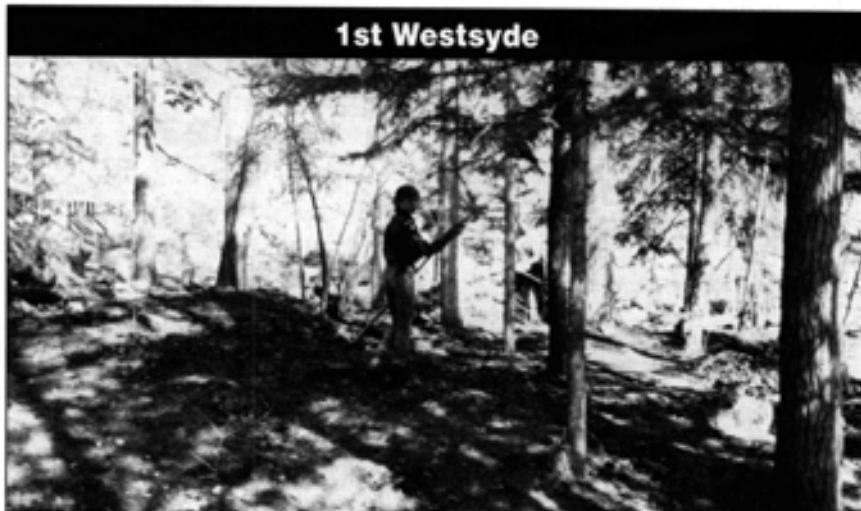
sections can use, too, among them recycling beyond the blue box, learning about hazardous materials transport, enhancing habitat, cleaning up litter (adopt-a-spot), supporting wildlife rescue facilities, adopting waterways, and designing displays to tell the public about environmental projects and issues.

To ensure young members' on-going appreciation for the environment, the district plans to develop a leader's handbook of program activities, called *The CARE Component*. And, to provide incentive, they will offer a participation crest and certificate for each member who completes certain projects and activities. They also will buy Conservation Badges and World Conservation Badges for all youth members who earn them during the year.

EARTH DAY 91 CLEAN-UP

1st Greenwood

Scouts and Guides in Greenwood, Nova Scotia, combined efforts to clean up their community and raise community awareness. Young litter pickers kept track of the garbage they picked up and separated it into glass, paper, plastics, aluminum, and tin for recycling. The remainder went to the landfill site, reports Charles Stewart, chairman of the Joint Committee for Earth Day 91.



1st Westsyde

The 1st Westsyde Group, Kamloops, B.C., are bringing new life to a B.C. Forest Service campground. Two Beavers, 16 Cubs, 18 Scouts, 12 leaders, and eight parents leveled campsites, cleared brush and rocks, filled in rough areas, made new fire pits, cleaned up the creek bed, and established a clear pathway to the outhouse. The group intends to make improving the campground an on-going project, says Scouter J.H. Broadberry.

24th St. Martin's Beavers

The 24th St. Martin's Beavers, Saskatoon, Sask., built 18 wooden bird feeders, enough for each of their back yards with a couple extra to donate to the Meewasin Valley Authority. Scouter Mark Thomson cut all the pieces, and the Beavers helped assemble them at a regular meeting night.



On Earth Day, 126 Sparks, Brownies, and Beavers cleaned Stronachie Park and the adjacent Kingston Fitness Trail, facilities they use for many of their outdoor activities. Fifty-three Guides and Cubs scoured the community's roadsides, commercial properties, and parking lots.

Meanwhile, 19 Scouts, Venturers, and Pathfinders used the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation's "beach sweep" program to sweep an area of waterfront on the Bay of Fundy at Morden. As well as the expected paper packaging, bottles, and plastic waste, they picked up 858 pieces of nylon rope and netting and five car parts.

Scouts, Guides, and Cubs unable to take part outdoors staffed a dynamic display set up in the local mall, answering questions and passing out information pamphlets. A static display of Scout craft, environmental posters, home project kits, and Beaver crafts with a conservation theme met shoppers at the mall entrance.

After all the work, members gathered for games, a barbecue, and presentations of participation certificates and the World Scout Environment Year crest to 205 youngsters.

"This was the first time Guiding and Scouting in Greenwood have joined together for such a project," Scouter Stewart says. "It was extremely successful and is likely to be the first of an annual event."

RECYCLING PROJECT

The environmentally concerned Jubilee Venturer Company, Brossard, Que., had already established a company paper recycling project when, last February, they decided to try a pilot project to recycle the neighbourhood's waste metal, glass, and paper.

They delivered information letters door-to-door, describing what materials they would pick up, and how and when they would do it. Included was a survey sheet to determine if people preferred curb

pick-up or using a drop-off point, how often collections should be made, and what days of the week were best for pick-ups.

Five times between March and May, the Venturers picked up recyclables householders left out and transported them to a collection site in another town. They also launched a letter-writing campaign, contacting district Scouters and Guides to encourage their groups to write letters urging city council to begin a community recycling program.

On Earth Day 91, the company formally adopted its own official environmental policies. They include:

- transportation provisions to cut down on the use of cars for activities;
- requirements that members be active recyclers;
- commitments to keep members informed on environmental and

conservation topics through the company newsletter, with the accompanying obligation that members actively research these matters and share their learnings;

- commitments to avoid using hazardous products and to assess the environmental impact of all products the company buys;
- a requirement that each member plant a tree for each year of membership and assure that tree's survival at least for one year;
- a requirement that each member write a letter of protest against environmental damage twice a year;
- commitments to continue research into recycling;
- a ban on environmentally damaging activities and products at all company activities.

The Venturers intend to use their award money to help offset the costs of continuing their recycling efforts and letter-writing campaign.

TWILLINGATE CLEAN-UP

In early June, the Twillingate Scouts, Nfld., joined with the Allied Youth groups of the local high school to galvanize the community to make a major clean-up of Twillingate Island.

The project attracted 200 people and collected more than 2,000 bags of garbage, separated into recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

Part of the day's thrust was to encourage people to recycle, says District Commissioner Fred Bridger, and the project included a display explaining how to separate recyclable items from regular garbage. A

79th Hamilton-Wentworth



The 79th Hamilton-Wentworth Group, Ont., tackled the mess around Red Hill Creek. In early April, 18 Beavers and six Scouts collected 14 bags of paper and plastic waste. In mid-month, 16 Cubs joined the battle to remove larger pieces of garbage from the creek and clear ravines and shores. The group hopes to continue the project by doing more clean-ups, planting flowers and shrubs, and posting "No Dumping" and "Please Don't Litter" signs, says Mrs. Burke Austin, group committee chair.



TWO WEEKS IN HEAVEN

by Roger Burford Mason



I won't tell you when exactly — it was when the 50s were young and rock was something you tried not to lay your sleeping bag over — but one year when I was a kid, I went to heaven.

It was called Camp in the Pines.

If I close my eyes, I can see it as I saw it that first afternoon when I dragged my battered old suitcase along a broad track through ferns and bracken and came out into a neat circle of bell tents standing in a clearing among pines on a hill overlooking sparkling water. A fire is sending smoke straight up into the intense blue sky, sausages are sizzling in two big iron fry pans, boys are horsing around among the tents but stop to watch curiously as we straggle into camp, and the sun is hot and high.

Six of us slept in our tent, feet towards the centre pole, bodies radiating like clock hands. During our two weeks under canvas, we told jokes, wrestled and laughed a lot, and talked half the night away before falling into the deepest sleep I can ever remember. I think we made promises of eternal brotherhood and friendship, probably sealed with blood from pricked fingers. Because we were boys, they were promises that lasted well into the first weeks of the new school semester.

I learned to cook in camp — nothing fancy, just good substantial stuff like sausages, beans and mashed potatoes to keep a guy going for 12 hours of wrestling bears and pushing back frontiers. It was the kind of basic stuff I was glad I remembered when I got into student hall 10 years later.

At Camp in the Pines, a 24-hour day was too short. We canoed the broad reaches of the slow river below the hill, terrified ourselves on the rope swing that soared out over the water, fought over touch football, watched ants at their unceasing work, and put names to birds we had always taken for granted.

And we swam in the lake and clambered on the rocks to fish. One day, while the other guys were catching sunfish and perch, I caught a sturdy bass. But I couldn't land it. I number that as one of the most disappointing moments in a life blessedly free of serious disappointments.

Nights were magical. We sat around a huge campfire that spat constellations of sparks into the night sky, and roared out the choruses of campfire songs. And then, Chief (I can't remember his name, but we called him Chief) would tell a long, scary story before packing us off to our tents to drift into sleep, pleasantly frightened to think of the saucer-eyed monster that would creep through camp when all was dark and quiet to eat our provisions and then sling a boy or two over his shoulder for later.

There were probably 30 of us in camp the two weeks I was there, and I must have known all their names at one time. Now I scratch my head and can't remember a single one.

This much I do remember. A small, quite timid boy arrived in camp on that summer afternoon nearly 40 years ago. Two weeks later, he left a hero — intrepid Scout, slayer of giants, provider of feasts, sworn brother to the lynx and the cougar.

I think I've been looking for that boy ever since. λ

Roger Burford Mason was a Scout and Scouter in England for 10 years before immigrating to Canada in 1988. He works as a freelance writer in the Toronto area and tells us he wrote this piece "in memory of my late father, F.J. Mason (1906-1990), who was a district commissioner in eastern England for more than 20 years". The photos show Scouts of the 4th Medway Troop, England, on a camp in 1930.

Scouting is ... Jamborees

Summer 1991 was a jamboree summer. While a little over 300 Canadian members travelled to Korea for the world jamboree (Nov '91), nearly 7,000 others experienced provincial jamborees in B.C., Alberta, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland. Although smaller in scale, these local events did what jamborees are meant to do — bring together young people from different parts of the country and different countries of the world for challenge, friendship, and fun.



Locomotion drove the 9th New Brunswick Jamboree, which attracted 1,400 members to Woolstock Provincial Park, July 7-13. Could this structure be a railroad water tower? Well, it's definitely a water tower with shower, and it helped its builders raise money for a safe drinking water project in Bangladesh (p. 14, Jan '92).

Photo: Gary Dixon



◀ **But will they fly?** Canadian Astronaut Robert Thirsk joined more than 1,000 young people and Scouters at the Newfoundland Jamboree in Killdevil Camp, Gros Morne, July 6-13. The Flight theme provided a perfect excuse to send rockets, kites, frisbees, balls, bubbles, birds, and sails flying, and led to some interesting challenges. How large a lightweight space structure can you build from dry spaghetti noodles and miniature marshmallows? How many nails can you drive into a piece of wood when both you and the wood are dangling in an anti-gravity machine?

Photo: Frank Kavanagh

Go for it! About 2,000 Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters gathered at Camp Woods near Red Deer for the 8th Alberta Jamboree, July 15-20. Within the theme *Environment & the Future*, the event featured a recycling program and compost pit, but there was also room for water sports and traditional activities such as pioneering. And the popularity of this four-storey rappelling tower shows that Scouting's young members have the courage they need to face the future! Photo: Ian Fleming



Among many possibilities offered by the theme *Exploration 91*, the 2,900 Scouts, Venturers, and leaders at the 6th B.C./Yukon Jamboree in Camp Hughes near Prince George, July 20-27, could build a railway and explore walking on water. The heritage of native Canadians, water, mud, and fun played a major part in the event.

Photos: John Pettifer, Adam Whyte

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas

The Things You Can Do at a Beaveree

If reports to the **Leader** are any indication, space was a popular theme for spring Beaverees out west in 1991, while Beavers in the Maritimes chose to remain on terra firma but had just as much fun. We've put together three of these reports to pass along some ideas you might want to adapt for an event you're planning this spring.

GREATER VICTORIA REGION

from Jack Humble

Some 450 Spacey Beavers and 100 astronauts gathered at their Space Site — Camp Bernard, near Sooke, B.C. — for an exhausting fun-filled day of "Astro Training" last spring.

Among other things during their very full program (20 minutes stops at each station), they made space helmets, rode a space shuttle, took a weightless walk, watched space rockets take off, collected space debris, listened to tall space tales, and learned a special song.

Space Helmets

We used medium-sized paper bags (525s), foil, stick-on stars, little red pompoms, fine floral wire, glue, and masking tape.

Cut off the bags to a length of 23 or 24 cm. Leaving about 2.5 cm on either side, trace on an arch-shaped face opening about 12.5 cm high for the Beavers to cut out. Turn the pompoms into "antennae" by twisting around each a piece of fine floral wire, leaving a 5 cm "tail".

The Beavers decorate their helmets with foil strips and stick-on stars, then attach their pompom "control button" to the top front with masking tape.

Spacey Beavers

(Time: Davy Crockett)

Chorus

Spacey, Spacey Beavers,
We fly the space frontier.



I'm a Spacey Beaver and I'm okay,
I fly all night and I sleep all day,
I zoom way out among the stars,
And play with friends on Jupiter and Mars.
(Chorus)

We eat up lily roots and love those trees,
We swim in the water and fly like bees,
We meet with friends and learn to share,
For all the world, we care, care, care!
(Chorus)

Now here in camp, we're having fun,
And we don't mind the rain or sun,
We'll sing and eat and then we'll play,
And climb into our cars and fly, fly away.
(Chorus)

Scouter Jack Humble, Sea Venturer Advisor, wrote the words for "Spacey Beaver" and provided photos from the event. Scouter Joy Humble designed the space helmet craft.



Here comes the space shuttle



Launching a flying saucer towards a hole in space.

This astro training stuff sure does tire a guy out!





The Rich Valley Beavers do the treacherous moon-walk. Photo: Dennis Lyons



Beaver imagination and Beaver fingers are all it takes to create a space creature with animated eyes! Photo: Wayne McCutcheon

NORTHERN ALBERTA REGION

from Wayne McCutcheon and Dennis Lyons

Northern Alberta Region boldly went where no one had gone before and launched its first ever regional Beaver event last April. About 400 Beavers and leaders blasted off to Turner Park in Fort Saskatchewan for Tail-A-Rama 91, gathering at 11 a.m., just in time to register and get organized before enjoying a picnic lunch.

During the afternoon, the Beavers rotated through 19 space stations where they launched flying saucers and rockets, walked on the moon, crafted space creatures, planet-hopped, and viewed the night sky in a mobile planetarium. Strangely enough, they weren't able to find the "Beaver" constellation depicted on their event crests, says Scouter Wayne McCutcheon.

In mid afternoon, they refueled at the snack and juice stop, where members of the local Lions Club helped keep the goodies coming. "It's yet another way we can directly involve our sponsors with the youth," says Scouter Dennis Lyons, ARC Beavers.

LUNENBURG BEAVEREE

by Andrew Aulenback

What a great way to wind up a Beavering year. About 180 Beavers from 17 colonies gathered at the district Scout camp on a warm, mosquito-free, perfect early June day.

The Lunenburg District Annual Beaveree, N.S., began with a tour of the campgrounds. For many of the Beavers, it was their first real look at the Scout camp. Then they were into the activities run by 46 leaders, 30 parents, 10 Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers, and four Keos.

At the craft workshop, Beavers created leather belt-pouches from pre-cut forms. They could use them to hold dues, compasses, or anything else they wished. The leaders and parents who helped their Beavers seemed to enjoy the craft as much as the youngsters.

Out on the field, Beavers circulated from activity to activity; parachute games, a darts game, a dunk-tank, and a water-carrying relay. They blew bubbles with a variety of devices at the bubble-blowing station, became clowns or ninja turtles at the face-painting shop, tested their aim at the pea-shooter target shoot, participated in an

action-story, and challenged themselves at the obstacle course. There was a break at noon, when Beavers gathered in their own colonies for a picnic lunch each group managed itself.

The obstacle course, designed and prepared by the leaders of the Maitland Colony, was the hit of the day. The Beavers climbed a log wall, wiggled through tires staked upright, walked a set of rising post steps and across a teeter-totter, slid down a grocery-roller track and, finally, crawled through a homemade "swamp" with an alligator (a leader's hand) snapping at their ankles.

After all the Beavers had survived the obstacle course, it was time to call it a day. But first, we gathered around the campfire prepared by our Scouts and Venturers for some songs and laughter before heading home. A

Thanks to Nova Scotia Scouters Andrew Aulenback and Mary Hughes, who sent along his account.



Wheel! A set of grocery rollers and a sheet of plywood provides a great ride. The obstacle course was a favourite with the Beavers.



Up and over! A Beaver begins the challenge of the obstacle course.

A Special Kub Kar Centrepiece



from Howard Osterer



You always see interesting kars at kub kar rallies, but the 1991 Parkvale Area rally at the Jewish Community Campus in Ottawa added a new dimension. The centrepiece for the annual event was a giant "recycled" kar constructed of more than 4,500 empty film canisters collected from Blacks Camera Stores.

Scouters Dave and Joan Scott, 71st (Trinity Church) Ottawa, coordinated the project. Armed with glue guns, area sixers and seconds with their leaders and Scout helpers put in many long weekend hours to construct the eye-catcher (*Tawny Star 9, Handicraft Badge*).

The project had many positive sides. We became aware of a waste product with possibilities for recycling. We had to put our best organizational skills to work to coordinate Cubs and leaders from the 17 packs involved. And, we gained a sense of accomplishment from turning a mountain of empty canisters into the finished product. We also earned accolades from at least one of the 200 Cub participants at the rally.

"Awesome, Dude," he said as he registered. "What a great display!"

Scouter Howard Osterer is Akela with the 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow Pack, Ottawa, Ont., hosts of the 1991 Parkvale Area Kub Kar Rally.

CELEBRATE WITH A PUZZLE

from Clifford Dossier

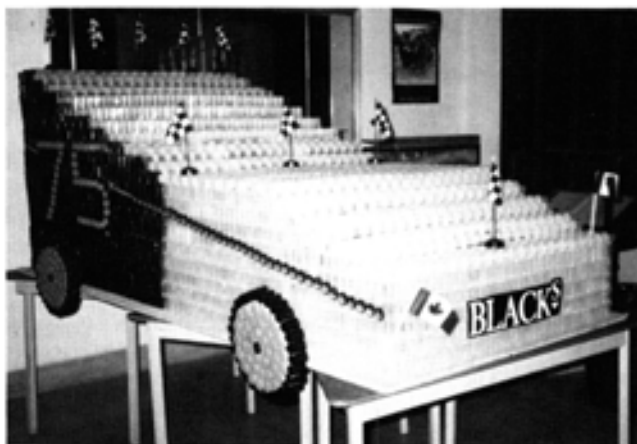
The 1st Selkirk Cubs, Ont., combined woodcraft, environment, and service to celebrate Cubbing's 75th anniversary last fall.

In 1990, the Cubs assembled 12 woodcrafter kits bought at the Scout Shop and donated the finished projects to a local preschool at Christmas. For Cubbing's special anniversary year, we wanted to expand on the idea and tie it in with work on our World Conservation Badge. After talking to a kindergarten teacher, we decided to make wooden jigsaw puzzles of endangered species to donate to facilities serving young children.

We contacted our local conservation authority, which sent us information. From this material, we chose prints of nine endangered species in Canada and

enlarged them on a photocopier to fit a 40 cm square.

Our local lumber yard supplied us with 6.35 mm mahogany plywood, enough to make a backing board and puzzle board for nine puzzles, and 19 mm outside



A great display!

moulding. Using carbon paper, we copied a picture of the endangered species on each square of puzzle board plywood.

It took two hours to woodburn the designs into the wood. The Cubs organized into groups according to which animals they wanted to work on. When the burning was done, they sanded each piece, covered back and front with masking tape to prevent the plywood from chipping during the cutting process (it worked very well), and cut and glued the outside moulding around the backing boards.

The next step was to design the puzzle shapes, keeping in mind that each puzzle should have 10 to 12 pieces. The Cubs traced the designs they liked on each tape-covered puzzle board and, with adult assistance, helped cut the pieces using a jig saw with a fine blade. In the final stage, they removed the masking tape, sanded the pieces smooth, and assembled each puzzle onto a backing board.

At a special meeting to which they'd invited representatives of recipients, the Cubs presented two puzzles to a local preschool, two to an elementary school kindergarten class, two to our Beaver colony, and one to the Sunday School class of Faith Centennial United Church, our sponsor.

It was a great way to work on Tawny Star 2 and related badges (Carpenter, Handicraft, World Conservation 1), serve the community, and promote awareness of

the plight of endangered species by introducing some endangered animals to very young children in a fun way.

Scouter Clifford Dossier is Akela with the 1st Selkirk Cubs, Haldimand District, Ont.

MUSICAL COSTUMES

from Anna L. Cairns

On the first night of their winter camp held on the St. Patrick's Day weekend last March, the 1st Cornwall Cubs, P.E.I., threw a party planned by senior Cubs working on their Tawny Star. They asked everyone to bring along pieces of clothing no one intended to wear again.

For a party game, they stuffed the clothing into a grab bag, organized in a circle, turned on the music, and began passing the bag. When the music stopped, the Cub left

holding the bag had to reach in and, without looking, remove an item and put it on.

Some Cubs weren't thrilled with their costume items; others tried to hold onto the bag to increase their chances of acquiring more and more outlandish combinations of garments, reports Raksha Anna Cairns. The game continued until only one Cub remained completely costume-free.



It's easy to see who was left "holding the bag" most often during the 1st Cornwall's game of musical costumes.

In keeping with the weekend's Irish flavour, the Cubs made and ate green pizza to top off party night. Scouter Cairns reports.

Scouter Anna Cairns, formerly Raksha with the 1st Cornwall Cubs, P.E.I., now lives in Nanton, Alta. A

SOME MATTERS OF UNIFORM

by Reg Roberts

Just a few short months since the introduction of Scouting's new uniform, it is clear it has been enthusiastically accepted. At Ontario's Gilwell Reunion in September, I was delighted to see so many people wearing the uniform, even though it had only been available for a couple of weeks. At November's National Council meeting, almost all provincial presidents, commissioners, and national committee members had made the change.

Such an introduction doesn't come without some glitches and oversights, of course. We have received letters suggesting, requesting, and pointing out problems, and these are the things this article addresses. The newest issue of *Bylaw, Policies and Procedures* includes sketches of each section uniform with insignia placement clearly marked.

YOU ASKED ABOUT...

Hat Badges: Some members who hold more than one Scouting position found that the clips of the hat badge broke off when they removed one badge to replace it with another. A new system of securing the hat badge is being developed. Section leaders wear the hat badge of their section colour. Others wear the badge with the tan background.

Wearing the Beret: Follow Michael Nellis' advice in the December *Leader* (p.18) and the beret will look very smart. Where do you carry the beret when it's not on the head? There is **no official policy**. I prefer it tucked into the belt, but some prefer to tuck it under the epaulet. What is important is that the whole group adopt the same style.

National Neckerchief: Some people have asked if they can add to the national neckerchief — a navy blue scarf with a gold maple leaf at the point. Please don't, or it ceases to be the national neckerchief. If a group wishes to wear a navy neckerchief with a gold border or a group or partner badge at the point, that's okay. But keep the national neckerchief unadulterated.

Does the neckerchief go over or under the sash? How about the tie? Again, no official policy exists. Because the tie is worn under the collar, it should probably be worn under the sash. The neckerchief is worn over the collar and probably



should be worn over the sash. That's another decision for a group to make.

Navy Tie and Bow: The navy tie and navy bow are designed to go with the tan shirt or blouse and the corporate tie or bow with the white shirt or blouse. Please don't mix them. If female members wish to wear the tie instead of the bow, I suggest we accept this option.

Epaulets: The first run of Beaver leader epaulets, when in place, show one Beaver facing forward and one backward. The next loom run will produce both a left and a right epaulet so that the two beavers face the same way. The originals might become collectors' items!

The original section epaulets were finished with a glue strip. Do not put washed shirts in the dryer with these epaulets attached because the glue will melt. The next run of epaulets will be sewn, not glued.

For all section and adult leader investitures, the new epaulet will signify membership, tan for council and Service Scouters, colour-coded for Section Scouters. Because of its relationship to the B.P. Woodsman, Pioneer, Voyageur, and Pathfinder awards, youth members in the *Scout section only* will also wear the "old" membership badge above the elbow on the left arm.

Partner/Sponsor Emblem: On some early uniform diagrams, the term *Spiritual Affiliation* is shown. It should have read **Partner/Sponsor** emblem, which is worn over the right breast pocket by members of groups whose sponsor has chosen to identify itself (Salvation Army, United Church, Optimist, etc.). The emblem may not be larger than 5 cm in diameter or 5 cm square.

Chaplain's Badge: Because of the pleats in the shirt pocket, the Chaplains' Badge is worn over the right breast pocket, not on it.

Centennial Strip: Since the centennial strip issued in 1967 was authorized for wear as long as the wearer is a member, you may, if you choose, transfer the strip to the new shirt in the location just above the Scouts Canada strip. On the insignia chart, this space is identified as "Authorized Awards/Special Events" and is intended to carry only nationally or provincially authorized insignia of a special nature.

Neckerchief Slides: Although smart-looking, the new vinyl slides do not stay in place. They will soon be replaced by a cloth slide in a material similar to that used in the epaulets. Please note that the old Sixer, Second, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Patrol Leader neckerchief slides will no longer be produced. They have been replaced by epaulets that incorporate rank designation.

Shirt Sleeves: To roll or not to roll? Long sleeves or short? In an effort to get orders to Scout Shops in time for the official introduction of the uniform, only long-sleeved shirts were produced. Be assured that short-sleeved shirts and blouses are on the way.

There is no official policy on whether to roll long sleeves on the inside or outside. Pictures of Baden-Powell and sketches he made for his many books show sleeves cut off just below the elbow, rolled inside and worn long. For smartness, I suggest all members in a group try to adopt the same style, but I wouldn't make a big deal of it.

Service Team/Training Team Insignia: The placement of this insignia does not show on the insignia charts. National Council agreed that, where it is worn, it goes on the right sleeve just below the shoulder seam. Where two are worn, they go in the same location on both sleeves. Scouters who also have group, district or regional insignia will need to drop them enough to accommodate the Service Team/Trainer insignia.

A final note. When the new uniform was designed, the idea was to keep it as clean-looking as possible without doing away with the insignia that proudly shows who we are and where we come from. Having said that, let me urge you all to consider carefully whether a certain addition is necessary before proposing it. ^

CHIEF SCOUT HONOURS 24 MEMBERS

Twenty-four outstanding members of Scouting gathered with family and friends at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Nov. 15, to receive Scouts Canada's highest honours from His Excellency, the Right Honorable Ramon Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Chief Scout of Canada.

"There has never been a moment in our history, nationally or internationally, when we had greater need of the lessons that Scouting teaches," the Chief Scout said. "We must adhere to ideals of honesty and loyalty — the sense of duty to each other, to our country, and to ourselves as citizens of the world — on which the entire Scout movement has been based since its beginnings nearly a century ago..."

The Chief Scout expressed great pleasure in recognizing three young members for outstanding courage in the face of personal difficulties, 14 Scouts and Scouters for acts of gallantry or meritorious conduct, and seven adult members for exceptional service to Scouting at the provincial, national, and international levels.

"(These people) exemplify our loftiest and most cherished Canadian values," he said. "If we use this occasion to rededicate ourselves to those standards, we can make this the country our forebears dreamed for us — for ourselves and for the future generations who are our truest wealth."

THE JACK CORNWELL DECORATION

This decoration remembers a 16 year old British Scout who served in the Royal Navy at the Battle of Jutland in 1916. Although mortally wounded, he remained at his post and, after his death in hospital, was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Three young members received this decoration "for having undergone great suffering in a heroic manner". One of the awards was made posthumously. Because of his critical condition at the time, a fourth Scout, Shawn Clarke, Mitchell, Ont., received his decoration from the Chief Scout in May.

A malignant brain tumour claimed the life of **Joel Isaac Hettrick**, 14, Creighton,



Outstanding members of Scouting: (kneeling) Allan Bolt, Justin Pegg, Sebastien Boudreau, Chris Tyler, Richard Davis, Colin Trojand; (standing with the Chief Scout and Mrs. Hnatyshyn) John Scullion, Michael Cornell, Brian Hayton, Duncan MacLean, Glenn Giesinger, John Berestford, Jim Mackie, John Donnell, Vania Hettrick, Paul O'Brien, Michael Lajoie, Leonard Milne, Ivo Stern, James Hyland, Jean Paul LeClerc, Charles Cookney, Darrel Bracken, and Jim Riddell.

Sask., before he could receive his award. Friends knew him as "the kid who never ceased to amaze". Joel's strong will, fighting spirit, and abundant self-determination inspired and challenged everyone around him to do their best. His sister, Vania, accepted the award on his behalf.

Venturer Glenn Giesinger, 16, Regina, Sask., perseveres despite the pain and hardships associated with bone cancer



Venturer Glenn Giesinger: Jack Cornwell Decoration

and its treatment. His full participation in his company sets an admirable example, and his sense of humour and positive outlook inspire everyone around him.

Scout Justin Pegg, 13, Wainwright, Alta., doesn't let his disabilities prevent him from participating fully in his troop's activities. Despite nine years of pain and discomfort associated with chemotherapy and surgery to treat acute lymphoblastic leukemia, he enthusiastically strives to excel in all Scouting programs. Justin's remarkable courage and dedication are an inspiration to all who know him.

GOLD CROSS

Two Scouters received the Gold Cross "for gallantry with special heroism and extraordinary risk".

During a forest fire along the Fraser River, the heroic actions of **Michael Robert Cornell**, Delta, B.C., saved the lives of four firefighters trapped behind flames by a change in wind direction. Michael took two trips on an all-terrain vehicle through smoke, flames, and burning embers to remove the crew to safety.

When he came upon a two-car accident in March 1991, **Duncan Charles MacLean**, Halifax, N.S., quickly ensured that people in one vehicle were all right and, in spite of danger to himself, pulled a passenger from the flames of the other car and moved her to safety. He then returned to the burning vehicle to help take out another passenger and, ignoring his own injuries, attended to the needs of the injured until medical help arrived. His actions are credited with saving two lives.

SILVER CROSS

A Scouter and a Scout received the Silver Cross "for gallantry with considerable risk".

When **Paul O'Brien**, Welland, Ont., spotted a house on fire in July 1990, he

entered the home to try to save the lone occupant. Fire and clutter in hallways hampered his efforts, and intense smoke and flames drove him out before he could reach the man. Paul was subsequently treated for smoke inhalation and minor burns.



Michael Cornell: Gold Cross

Christopher Tyler, 13, Prince George, B.C., saved the life of his brother, who fell into the Fraser River in March 1991. **Christopher** calmed down the panicking youngster, cautiously made his way across the ice, and pulled him to safety. After providing first aid, Christopher quickly went for help.

CROIX DE BRONZE/ BRONZE CROSS

(pour galanterie avec risque modéré / for gallantry with moderate risk)

En février 1990, **Sebastien Boudreau**, 12, Lorraine, Qué., était en excursion de pêche sur glace avec des copains scouts. En explorant le long de la banque d'une rivière, ils ont trouvé une pente pour la glissade. Un des scouts s'est aventuré en avant des autres, et il est tombé à travers la glace et s'est retrouvé dans dix pieds d'eau. Sebastien a réagi rapidement, en s'accrochant tant bien que mal à un banc de neige pour ensuite descendre ses jambes dans le trou permettant au garçon de s'y agripper et de se tirer de l'eau. Sa présence d'esprit et son action prompte ont réussi à éviter une tragédie.

*When a fellow Scout fell through the ice into 3 m of water while on an ice fishing excursion in Feb. 1990, **Sebastien Boudreau**, 12, Lorraine, Qué., reacted quickly. He braced his arms in a snow-bank so that his struggling friend could grab his legs and pull himself to safety. Sebastien's prompt action averted a possible tragedy.*

In July 1990, **Darrel Bracken**, Winnipeg, Man., heard cries for help from a neighbour's backyard swimming pool. The neighbour, trying to save a young guest from drowning, was also in difficulty. Darrel quickly pulled the neighbour to safety and dove in again to rescue the youth. He then performed CPR until medical help arrived. His actions saved a life.

In August 1989, **Charles Cookney**, Vancouver, B.C., was on a Beaver/Cub hike when the edge of a narrow switch-back trail on a steep slope crumbled and gave way under a youngster walking along it. The child grabbed a root 60 cm down from the edge of a 15 m drop. Urging the boy to stay still, Charles skirted the edge of the trail and threw himself down flat to distribute his weight. Reaching out, he was able to grab the child's arm and pull him to safety.

When **Colin Wesley Trojand**, 10, Bay Tree, Alta., and a friend were swept into the strong current of the Pine River while swimming, Colin calmly encouraged his panicking friend and stayed with her, calling for help. Adults helped bring the girl to safety, and Colin's presence of mind is considered a major factor in her rescue.

MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Six members received honours "for especially meritorious conduct not involving heroism or risk of life".

Allan Bolt, 15, Arnolds Cove, Nfld., took prompt action and used his skills to rescue a friend who'd broken through thin ice. He calmed the other boy and slowly crawled forward until he could reach his hand and pull him to safety.



Scout Christopher Tyler: Silver Cross



Cub Colin Trojand: Bronze Cross

Early on December 27, 1990, while preparing to deliver newspapers, **Richard Davis**, 15, Lacombe, Alta., heard his neighbours shouting that their house was on fire. He promptly called the fire department, then brought the family into his home before rushing outside in the -40° temperature to alert other residents and carry two children from an adjacent home to safety. Richard's knowledge of Scouting skills in first aid and rescue helped him remain calm and in control. He later organized a successful community campaign to aid the homeless family.

In June, 1990, **Brian Hayton**, Surrey, B.C., helped rescue a disoriented hiker lost in Garibaldi Provincial Park without food or shelter for five days. Brian hiked out for emergency assistance, and park wardens were able to evacuate the individual by float plane before nightfall.

When he saw the driver of a car involved in an accident having difficulty breathing, **James Hyland**, Scarborough, Ont., called for emergency help and administered CPR until an ambulance arrived. His quick action and presence of mind is credited with saving a life.

When **Michael Lajoie**, Chateauguay, Qué., witnessed a car flip over onto its roof after losing control on slippery streets in September 1990, he rushed to the smoking vehicle, released the driver from his seat belt, and carried him to safety. Michel administered first aid until medical help arrived.

Leonard Edward Milne, Halifax County, N.S., came to the aid of an unconscious victim overcome by paint fumes in a poorly vented area. Realizing the risk, he promptly moved the victim to a well ventilated area, checked for vital signs, and applied CPR until breathing began and medical help arrived. Leonard's prompt action saved a life.

THE SILVER FOX

Three members of World Scouting were honoured "for service of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the international field, performed by persons who are not members of Scouts Canada".

John William Beresford, United Kingdom, served as International Commissioner of the UK Scout Association and an elected member of the World Scout Committee. In his three years as chairman of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, he was the driving force behind its *Strategy for Scouting*, a plan embracing youth program, adult leadership, management, and growth among national associations around the world.

As International Commissioner for Boy Scouts of America and a director of the U.S. Foundation for International Scouting, **John R. Donnell**, U.S.A., has been a major force in shaping and directing BSA's international policies and programs. He is chairman of the World Scout Foundation's Investment Committee and a much respected friend of Canadian Scouting.

As chairman of the Interamerican Scout Committee from 1988 to 1990, **Ivo Stern**,



Brian Hayton: Medal for Meritorious Conduct

Mexico, has strengthened relationships between the member associations of the Interamerican Region and improved the region's financial position.

THE SILVER WOLF

(for service of the most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of national importance)

An active member for 40 years, **Jean Paul LeClerc**, Kanata, Ont., is a trainer and

member of the national Supply Services Committee. He served on the uniform task group and the uniform implementation task group.

In more than 25 years of service to Scouting in the Northwest Territories, **John Scullion**, Carleton Place, Ont., established in the arctic a strong Scouting presence that will endure into the future.

THE SILVER MAPLE LEAF

(for service to Scouting in excess of 25 years as a member of the executive staff, awarded upon retirement)

In 36 years on executive staff, **Jim Mackie**, Ottawa, Ont., served as a field executive in Nova Scotia, as editor of **the Leader** and, for the past 12 years, as executive director, Supply Services.

Jim Riddell, Ottawa, Ont., served 39 years on executive staff, beginning as a field executive in Quebec, moving into program and training at the national office, and spending the past 27 years as executive director, Personnel, Planning and Development. \wedge

Photos: Sgt Bertrand Thibeault



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MONEY TO GIVE AWAY

by Bob Hallett

If you have ideas for projects to take Scouting into the future, the Boy Scouts of Canada Trust has money to give away. And it isn't peanuts!

Established in 1976, the Trust today boasts assets of more than half a million dollars. This means it has nearly \$50,000 available to give in grants every year.

Over the years, the Trust has both grown and branched out. It now administers three funds; the Fellowship Trust Fund, the Environmental Fund, and the Honourable Hartland de M. Molson Leadership Award.

But let's get back to the things you really want to know: how can you get some of this money for your group or council? What kinds of projects qualify? Well, here are the ways and means.

Fellowship Fund

The purpose of the Fellowship Trust Fund is to support special Scouting projects outside the field of normal day-to-day operations. The fund favours projects that address new needs, test new approaches, or introduce new programs or resources to expand and strengthen Scouting.

Any Canadian Scout group or council may apply for a grant. The fund will not consider applications from individuals. Grants are approved in May of each year and cheques awarded during the November National Council meeting.

To date, the Fellowship Fund has given six grants in B.C. (total value \$10,336), five in Alberta (\$13,628), two in Saskatchewan (\$13,800), six in Manitoba (\$17,600), 10 in Ontario (\$20,935), two in Quebec (\$3,972), two in New Brunswick (\$4,500), one in Nova Scotia (\$3,000), two in P.E.I. (\$2,700), and nine in Newfoundland (\$22,379). It has also made grants to support national projects.

Among other things, the projects have included the areas of volunteer training, solar heating, Scouting for kids with disabilities, cooperative games, and program resources (Newfoundland's "Catalogue of Creative Programs", JJ'90, p.2). In 1990, the fund gave grants to the NWT to revive Scouting in three arctic communities and Quebec to start groups in northeastern Quebec and twin each with an established group in the south. In 1991, it helped Fraser Valley Region, B.C., produce a pamphlet in Punjabi, and gave Greater Victoria

Region a grant in support of a four-stage adult training program in environmental awareness and camping skills.

To date, most applications have come from provincial or regional councils. We encourage local councils and groups to apply, too. Rather than dismissing that innovative idea because you can't afford it, look to the Fellowship Fund for help. Applications are available from your local Scout office or the national office.

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Environmental Fund: This new fund's main purpose is to stimulate environmentally friendly activities in Scout councils across Canada. The fund also has money for groups or sections who participate in projects that enhance Scouting's reputation, credibility, and public image as an environmentally responsible part of the community (see p.4 for recent examples). Fundraisers are not eligible.

Molson Leadership Award

The newest branch of the Trust is "The Honourable Hartland de M. Molson Leadership Award" — an amount up to a maximum of \$10,000 a year. Applications are approved in May and the award presented at the November National Council meeting.

The award's objective is to increase membership and participation in Scouting by providing financial support for imaginative programs to attract, develop, and retain superior leadership or to influence young Canadians to join the movement.

Grants will be made to national, provincial, or regional Scout councils for special projects to foster superior leadership and/or extend membership in Scouting. In 1991, the Manitoba Council received this award to help with their

Scouting is Multicultural project. Application information is available from the national office and your local Scout office.

STAYING IN THE MONEY

We need your help to spend Trust money, but we also need your help to maintain the Trust's financial base and enable it to grow. If you believe in Scouting, you can do your part to ensure its future by including the Trust in your "planned giving" — charitable giving coordinated with your overall financial and estate plans. Planned gifts include present or annual donations as well as deferred donations designed to satisfy your charitable intentions and make the most of tax and other financial benefits.

You can contribute to the Boy Scouts of Canada Trust in a number of ways that will save you tax dollars.

Gifts of Cash: You can make a cash donation in the amount of your choice and receive a charitable donation receipt.

The Fellowship Program: With a donation spread over five years, you can become a Trust Member for \$500, a Fellow for \$1,000, or a Patron for \$5,000. In each case, you will receive charitable donation receipts, the Trust tie or brooch, and the Trust pin in bronze, silver, or gold.

Life Insurance: New to Scouting, this method enables you to make a small investment in premiums that leads to a large contribution to the Trust. Since insurance proceeds are contractual, they are not part of your estate. And, by using insurance to make your donation, you leave your estate intact for your beneficiaries.

To qualify for charitable receipts with an insurance donation, you must designate the Boy Scouts of Canada Trust as the beneficiary of the insurance policy and assign the entire policy to the Trust. The Trust can issue receipts for the cash value of a paid-up policy or for annual premiums paid by the insured. Interested? Contact your insurance agent or Bob Hallett, Trust Officer, in care of the national office: Scouts Canada, PO Box 5151, Stn F, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3G7.

Remember, your donation to the Trust is an investment in Scouts Canada's future. λ



Audio Approach Increases Planting in P.E.I.

from John Rietveld

Since its beginnings, Scouting has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to environmental action and awareness. The paper drives and bottle drives of the 50s led to the practice of no-trace camping and the introduction of the Trees for Canada program in the early 70s.

Scouting has always respected the environment but, because this respect has become part of us and Trees for Canada is now in its 19th year, traditional methods of motivating groups to get involved are not always successful.

Last spring, the P.E.I. Council wanted to increase the number of groups involved in Trees for Canada. Traditional approaches through bulletins

and letters weren't working. Jerry Walsh, provincial executive director, and Muriel Murtagh, an employee of CFCY Radio in Charlottetown and member of the provincial PR Committee, decided to present their material in a different way.

They would produce an audio cassette to send to leaders with a written message suggesting they listen to the tape while driving to work and then pass it on to parents.

To produce the tape, they approached "morning man" Mitch Cormier at CHTN Radio. He took their script, added sound effects and music, and made copies. They mailed the tape to leaders early in the new year. The response was excellent; groups planted over 50,000 trees.

"As a result of this effort, Trees for Canada involved more kids and raised more money than ever before!" reports Walsh. "It also increased understanding of how the program works. 1991 was the most successful Trees for Canada effort ever in P.E.I., and the only cost ... was \$12.50 for audio cassettes."

P.E.I. plans to follow this success with a new presentation in 1992. And they intend to send more tapes to a larger audience!

If your group or section is not yet involved in Trees for Canada, contact your council office. Last year 130,000 members of Scouts Canada took part! Will you be among them in 1992? \wedge

TREES FOR CANADA, P.E.I.

What does Canada mean to you? A great place to live... A place where you have good schools... freedom... nice parks... playgrounds and much more! Close your eyes for a minute and listen (sound of birds, bubbling brook, kids playing).

"Sounds like summer — vacation time, camping with family and friends, Beaver, Cub and Scout camps. Everything lush and green as it is during summer on P.E.I. How blessed we are!

"Wait a minute... Let's close our eyes again and think of another type of world (wind).

"It's a world you sometimes see on TV, the barren planets you see on programs like "Star Trek". Wind, heat, little or no vegetation, no birds or animals! Gone are the little squirrels. No longer do the brooks and rivers flow. The fish are gone. So are the beavers.

"There is no place for them to swim, nothing for them to eat, and even for us — none of the foods we enjoy so much. Instead of your favourite burger or chicken and fries, you'd have all your meals in tasteless pills! Doesn't sound very nice does it?

"The sad thing is that it could happen, maybe not in our lifetime but maybe (for our children's children). Is that the kind of world you want to leave for future generations?

"You can make a difference! As a matter of fact, many of us in the Scouting organization have been working for years to make things better. How have we been doing this? It's called Trees for Canada — a way to help our country, to help Scouting around the world, and also to make some money to aid your colony, pack, or troop.

"What does your group need money for? The badges you like to earn, treats, craft and camp supplies and outings that help you to learn more about the world around you.

"Let me tell you a little more about Trees for Canada. It's one project that your whole family can get in on — as a helper, driver, or by making a cash pledge...

"Trees for Canada has been very successful since its inception in 1973. In 19 years, over 40 million trees have been planted in Canada.

"Trees for Canada is a reforestation project, a fundraiser and, through the Brotherhood Fund, a provider of financial assistance to Scout groups in Third World countries.

"With today's global emphasis on the environment, Scouting is doing its part to keep Canada green. The project provides us with a unique opportunity to have a better understanding of our fragile environment and what we can do to protect it. In preparation for planting day, we can use the environment theme at

meetings and outings to teach and involve Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.

"We are fortunate in this province to have the trees provided for us by the Department of Forestry. The Forestry Department prepares the site and is on hand on planting day to organize the lines and help with the planting.

"It is important that we do a good job while we plant these seedlings. Not only has the department spent their resources on the growth of the trees and in providing their technicians to work with us, but every tree planted means a greener Canada, reduced soil erosion, and a larger habitat for wildlife.

"The National Council provides the publicity in newspapers, on radio, and on TV. They also provide brochures, thank-you cards, and collection envelopes.

"The Provincial Council works with the Department of Forestry to identify the sites, initiate local publicity, and get the trees. Groups and sections prepare their youth members to plant the trees and make arrangements to transport everyone to and from the site.

"We hope that your group will take part this year. It's a learning experience and, believe me, it's a thrill to go back to the planting site five or six years later to see how the trees have grown.

"Trees for a better world ... a safer world ... and a more beautiful world!"

SCOUTING IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

by John Neysmith

Community service has always been a main aspect of Scouting. We help our sponsors; become involved in ecological projects; raise funds for our Scouting partners in the developing world; hold food and clothing drives for those in need in our communities; visit hospitals and senior citizens. The projects are as varied as our imaginations.

And why do we do it? Well, for two reasons. First we want to provide needed services to our community. Second, we want to provide our members "opportunities and guidance for their mental, physical, social, and spiritual development." That we also enjoy doing these projects is the fun of Scouting, and fun is the best way to educate our young people.

But Scouting in the developing world has taken community service one step further — to community development. The difference is important because it has put Scouting at a new level in its relationship with its particular society and in the development of its members.

What's the difference between community service and community development? An old proverb best answers the question. "Give a man a fish, he will be fed for a day" describes community service. "Teach a man to fish, and he will be fed for a lifetime" is community development.

Scouting in the developing world has made community development an integral part of its program. And, because our world is a global village, Scouting in developed countries is committed to supporting community development.

Community development involves a community's people in making a change that will lead to a better quality of life for them all. It is the community which defines its needs and priorities; Scouting takes on the projects by supplying the labour, financing, and operation. Scouts Canada's role is to provide financial support for material purchases and expenses. Two Canadian-sponsored projects I saw

last fall in the Asia-Pacific Region show community development in action and help us understand why we must be part of it. I'll tell you about one here and the other next month.

TREE PLANTING: THE PHILIPPINES

The goal of one type of community development project is financial self-sufficiency. Philippine Scouts have launched such a project in the form of a tree-planting program in the Palagan City Scout Camp. It is an on-going program that will take five years, during which Scouts and others will plant 20,000 saplings over 27 hectares at the rate of 4,000 per year.

We all learn by experience. When Scouts tried the program earlier, it failed because the saplings were left unprotected and fell to the appetites of the animals. This time, all plantings are protected from wildlife.

The project will have three benefits. First, half of the 20,000 trees to be planted will be fruit-bearing trees. Within five to seven years, they will yield their produce for sale. The funds will guarantee the financial stability of the camp and support other Scout projects in the community.

Second, the program will lead to the development of a stronger community. Scouts are operating in pairs to plant trees, and each pair will be responsible for their plantings until these trees no longer need on-going care. As well as Scouts, 2,500 non-Scouting members of the community are involved in the project and will feel a sense of ownership around it.

Third, the program will yield an improved ecological balance. In this relatively barren area, the trees will help prevent soil erosion.

Canadian Scouting has been an active supporter of projects such as this in the developing world, but community development must be more than a National Council responsibility; it must trickle

down to our young members. The Philippine project is an example of how this can happen. It was taken on and fully funded by the Calgary Regional Council.

Other councils in Canada, both provincial and regional, are also accepting the challenge to be directly involved with community development. Direct sponsorship such as this is an excellent way to educate our young members about the realities of the developing world. A

John Neysmith, former provincial commissioner, Quebec, is on assignment for the International Relations Committee to help evaluate Canadian Scouting's participation in community development programs.



Boy Scouts of the Philippines

Founded in 1923, Philippine Scouting now has 2,234,854 members. In fact, one of every four boys in these densely populated islands is either a Kab Scout (age 8-11), Young Scout (11-14) or Senior Scout (14-17). Community development and service activities are an integral part of their proficiency badge system and are reflected in the mottos of the three sections: *Learn to Earn* (Kab Scouts); *Earn to Live* (Young Scouts); and *Live to Serve* (Senior Scouts).

Philippine Scouting uses Red Cross training in first aid and water safety and has an on-going anti-drug abuse program. Scouts are involved in a major way in conservation, reforestation, and food production. Scout properties and back yards are used to grow fruit trees and crops.

The World Bureau's Asia-Pacific regional office is located in the capital city of Manila. A

Information from Scouting 'Round the World, published by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

*Protective cages:
When Philippine Scouts
first tried tree-planting
in the Palagan City
Scout Camp, animals
ate all the saplings. This
time, each planting
is well protected.*



Scout to Premier — Frank McKenna

from Larry Burden

When Frank McKenna joined Scouts in 1960, it wasn't because he was bored and wanted to fill some spare time. For a member of a family of eight growing up on a farm in Apohaqui, near Sussex in southern New Brunswick, spare time was a luxury.

Up with the sun in the morning, he milked cows before school and did chores afterwards. At school, he found time to play six varsity sports, chair the student council, and still win a scholarship to St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

"In rural New Brunswick, many families just didn't have the money for frills or expensive entertainment," McKenna says. "Scouting gave numerous kids their only real chance for recreation. As well, it gave them a unique opportunity to develop values and acquire skills that might otherwise have been lost to them."

He remembers the excitement of learning to canoe, weekends camping by



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Frank McKenna, Premier

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the Hammond River, and expeditions to far-flung places. As well, he remembers the special sense of camaraderie that developed within his troop and the many friendships that have endured to this day.

"Our Scout leaders, so giving of their time and talents, had a big influence on me," McKenna says. "I always had a great respect for them and remember one in particular who was never too busy to help with a project or listen to a concern."

From his early rural roots, Frank McKenna developed a commitment to hard work, self-discipline, and family values. These traits, combined with a sense of adventure and the love of a challenge made him, perhaps, the quintessential Scout. But his inclination for leadership, which he says was heightened in Scouting, would prove to be of prophetic value in his chosen career of politics.

Even then, the future premier of New Brunswick had a dream to make a difference in his province and his country. He also had a strong sense of conviction that individuals can shape events. Certainly, he found ample opportunity in Scouting to develop his leadership skills.

Setting aside today's cares of office, the premier makes time to enjoy family life with wife Julie, daughter Tina, and sons Toby and Jamie. Family ski trips and out-

ings to watch the Fredericton Canadiens are special winter delights for the family, while summertime brings the opportunity for leisurely games of tennis and golf. Like their parents, all three children have been involved in Scouting over the years.

McKenna credits his own Scouting years with sparking his interest in the environment. He notes with pleasure that, like the province of New Brunswick, Scouts Canada has established an environmental fund to support environmental projects and proclaimed 1991 World Scout Environment Year.

New Brunswick's premier also praises Scouting's commitment to international friendship. "Events like (last summer's) world jamboree in Korea are of enormous importance in helping young people understand and appreciate other cultures, other languages, and other traditions," he says. "This helps foster a degree of tolerance and understanding that is badly needed in today's world." ^

Larry Burden, provincial field executive, New Brunswick, gathered this material with the help of Premier Frank McKenna's communications coordinator. We'd like to track down other former youth members who've made a name for themselves. If you can help, please send us whatever information you may have.

TWO COUNTRIES, ONE LOVE

by Peggy Wallace

Scouters are wonderful people. Especially Gilwellians or, as they are known in the United States, Woodbadgers.

Five years ago, a group of Gilwellians from Milton, Ont., attended a Wood Badge Rendezvous (Gilwell Reunion) in Muncie, Indiana. Actually, I think the invitation was initially extended a year or two before, but this was the first time we decided to go. Eight of us made the trip that year and, since then, our numbers have ranged from three to a high of 10, but we've gone every year.

The Rendezvous, hosted by the Crossroads of America Council, is patterned after our Gilwell Reunion at Blue Springs, but the total registration is only about 216. Of that 216, probably 50 to 75 are Canadians, and our Canadian flag flies alongside the World Scout flag and the Stars and Stripes. The opening ceremony has become very special to us over the years.

The number of people is only one of many differences between our reunion and their rendezvous. They have "Coffee on the Grounds" while we have "Tea on

the Lawn". Their roll call of years dates back to 1960 while some of our Gilwellians received their beads in the 1920s. The majority of their Woodbadgers are significantly older than ours, and they are predominantly men. The Saturday afternoon activities are similar, but on a smaller scale, and an American campfire is certainly less formal than a Canadian campfire.

It is the 1991 campfire that inspired me to write about the Rendezvous. Towards the end of the campfire, the campfire chief said to us, "Canada has a song that means as much to them as some of ours mean to us." Then he asked all the Canadians to come to the front of the campfire. We had no idea what he wanted us to sing, but I'm sure we all hoped it would be something we knew.

As we stood there, he asked if we would please sing our national anthem. We all stood at attention and, as we sang *O Canada*, a sense of pride flowed through us all. The Americans who knew the song joined in. It was probably the most moving rendition of our anthem that any of us had ever experienced.

After we finished, our American friends sang their *Star-Spangled Banner*, and many Canadians, who knew either all or a good part of it, joined in. It was a beautiful moment for all of us. In his closing words, the campfire chief said that, although we're from different countries and there are many differences between us, what we have in common is our Scouting spirit and the purpose of our founder.

When the campfire ended, the good feeling stayed with us all. I heard several people comment on the singing of the two anthems. I've never before heard it done at a campfire, but it sure added something special to this night, another Scouting memory to be tucked away, a little bit different perhaps, but very special.

They say Canadians are not as proud of their country as Americans seem to be but, on this particular night and at this particular campfire, there was a group of Canadian Gilwellians who were very proud. And very proud of their American friends, as well. ^

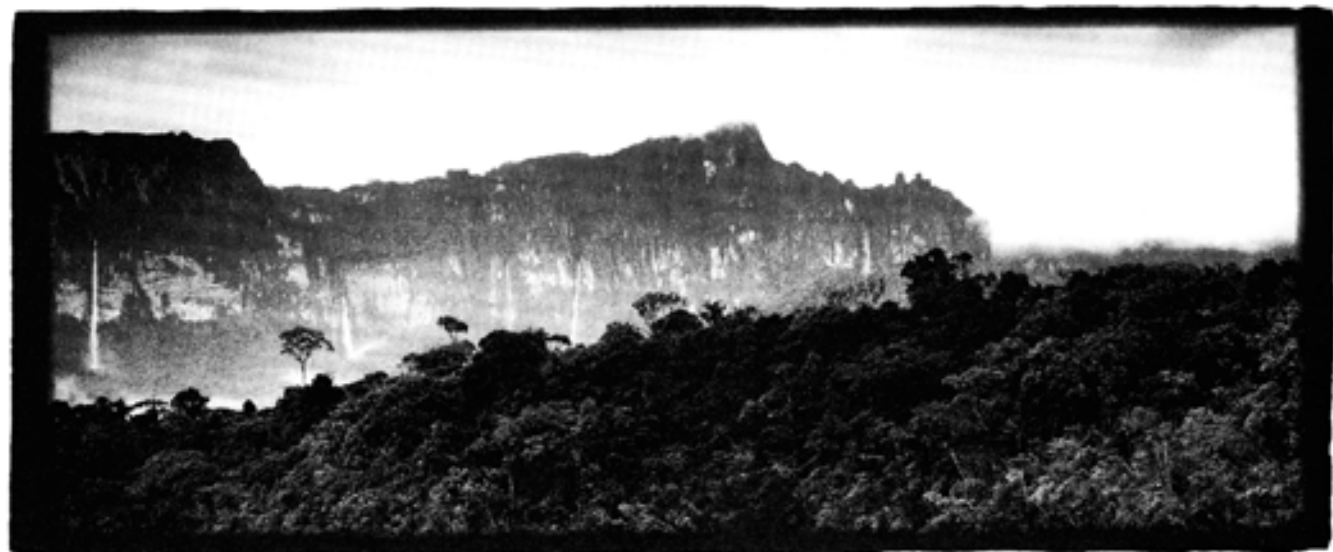
Peggy Wallace is a Gilwellian from Milton, Ontario.

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Fun at the Pond

by Lena Wong

Are you tired of winter? Is it becoming more difficult to find ideas and activities to interest the Beavers? We hope this month's selection of fun will help put back the spark.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Here are a couple of quick Valentine ideas you may be able to use in craft sessions before the 14th. If not, you can adapt them for St. Patrick's Day or Easter.

Flower Jars: Denise Mohan, 31st Guelph Beavers and Teena McIntosh, 29th Guelph Beavers, Ont., shared this attractive craft with us. Each Beaver needs a baby food jar (washed and label removed) with lid; two artificial flowers with stems and leaves (about 5 cm tall); a small piece florists' sponge; a 10 cm circle of colourful cotton fabric; a 15 cm length of matching ribbon; a rubber band; and glue.

Glue the sponge to the inside of the jar lid and arrange flower stems in the sponge. For a special Valentine's touch, include a little red heart on a red pipe cleaner stem. Place the jar over the arrangement and close the lid tightly.



Flower Jars

Place the fabric over the lid and secure with the rubber band, then cover the elastic with the ribbon and tie a bow.

Tall baby food jars give the nicest effect. If you are unable to get enough baby food jars, use other types, adjusting the sizes of flowers and other materials to match.

Valentine's Bookmarker: For each bookmarker, you need a piece of white bristol board about 20 cm x 7 cm; two small red hearts cut from construction paper; red marker; and glue.

The Beavers glue a heart at each end of the bristol board and print "I Love You" in the space between the hearts.

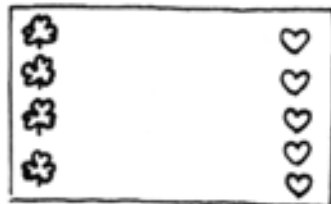
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Encourage your Beavers to wear something green to the meeting that week and bring in some green snacks, such as celery or cookies decorated with green icing. Serve with green fruit drinks.

St. Patrick's Day Card: Make card shapes from bristol board. Cut a large shamrock from green construction paper to glue to the front of each card. Draw a happy face and a bow tie on the shamrock and add a little hat, either by drawing it with marker or cutting from black construction paper and gluing on.



St. Patrick's Day Card



Placemats

Place Mat Sets: Here's a great craft idea you can use for any occasion. Give each Beaver four sheets of 30 cm x 23 cm construction paper in any colours they like, and a selection of decorations appropriate to the season (hearts, shamrocks, bunnies, snowmen). They glue five or six of these along the ends of each placemat to make an inexpensive gift to take home. To make the mats more durable, they can cover each with clear contact paper.

PEOPLE-TALK

Because of the weather, it's often difficult to spend much time outdoors in February and March. This makes them good months for developing theme meetings. "People" is a good theme topic.

Find some stories to read to your Beavers about how people live in other countries. Since we are in the middle of winter, make a nice contrast by reading stories about people in hot climates. Talk about how these people's lives are different from ours. Why are they different? How does climate affect the way people live? Do the people look very different from people in Canada? What sort of foods might they eat?

While talking about differences, try also to point out some of the similarities between people everywhere. Children go to school, eat dinner with mom and dad, do chores, and play games. It's surprising how many different cultures play the same games, for example.

Hoop games are common in many countries. We have all played with some kind of hoop at some time or other, either rolling one along the ground with a stick or playing hoola hoop. Try this game for some fun with your Beavers.



Bean bag Hoop Toss

You need a hoola hoop and a bean bag for each lodge. Roll the hoop in front of a line of Beavers and have them take turns throwing the bean bag through the rolling hoop. It's a game played in Rwanda in Africa, traditionally to train hunters to throw spears. On the other side of the world, indigenous North Americans played it for the same reason.

Try variations. For example, can two Beavers throw their bean bags through the hoop at the same time? Start with a stationary hoop if you think a rolling hoop is too difficult a target for the younger Beavers.

You might also talk about the differences between people in your own Beaver colony, from the obvious things such as size to differences in culture, religion, and the things people like to do.

Share with the Beavers a little poem from the *Young Children's Encyclopedia* that takes a look at physical appearance and shows how valuable people's differences can be.

Bill was shortest in his class
and wanted to be tall;
"I'd have a lot more friends," he
thought.

"If I were not so small."
His friends said ...
"Bill is kind and gentle
and a really clever guy.
You can tell when he is teasing
by the twinkle in his eye.
... I like Bill."

Jim was tallest in his class
and wished that he could shrink;
"My friends expect too much, because
I'm younger than they think."
His friends said ...
"Jim is sort of quiet,
but he's still a lot of fun;
And if you've lost your pencil,
he's the boy who'll lend you one.
... I like Jim."

"If I were not so big," said Sid,
"so very round and fat,
I'd have more fun, and make a run
each time I came to bat."
His friends said ...
"Sidney's good at talking
and making long reports;
He cheers our school to victory
in all the different sports.
... I like Sid."

"Because I'm thin, just bones and skin,"
said Harold to himself,
"I'm going to exercise with weights!"
and took them from the shelf.
His friends said ...
"If you are having trouble
with science or with math,
Just have a talk with Harold,
and you'll be back on the path.
... I like Harold."

Some of your Beavers are bound to recognize the feelings of the people in the poem. Talk about the other differences between people your Beavers may mention after hearing it.

March 6 marks the beginning of Ramadan, a month-long fast for Muslims. It remembers Muhammad's fast and prayer period while awaiting instructions from Allah. Young children may not be required to stick rigidly to the daily dawn-to-dusk fasting period but, if you are planning daytime colony events and you have Muslim members, be sure to check with parents.

Have some fun with your Beavers by going outdoors for winter sports and fresh air this month, too.



Understanding Problems through Play

by Ben Kruser

Adults often view children's play as meaningless activity with the sole purpose of expending stored up energy. Early childhood educators and knowledgeable parents, however, recognize play as a child's "work". One of the most important aspects of play is that it helps children learn how to understand problems.

Beavers sometimes do not have the capacity or experience to understand descriptions of what is about to happen to them. They can become anxious if they consider that the event might be stressful. On the other hand, Beavers are extremely interested in trying and mastering new skills. This comes out in frustrated spurts of, "Don't help me: I can do it", as if you should have known it.

Play is a way children create or re-create situations so that they can practise, analyze, and finally begin to understand them. Let's look at a common example.

A trip to the doctor can be a fearful event, especially if the child knows he or she will probably receive a needle. After the visit, the child will typically play out the experience in a fantasy. If no other human "patients" are available, toy animals fill the role.

Parents will notice their child playing out over and over specific parts of the visit, such as receiving a needle, to the point where they think that is all the child remembers. The child will repeat these details, sometimes for hours or days, until he or she has completely analyzed and un-

derstood that aspect of the event. The youngster then might play out other memories of the checkup until, eventually, he or she can play the whole visit from start to finish.

This kind of play is similar to viewing a film in slow motion and rewinding and re-playing important sections for closer, indepth study. Through repeated playing out of situations, children develop an understanding of events previously beyond their comprehension.

Play is a way children create or re-create situations so that they can understand them.

IN THE COLONY

You can use this aspect of play and your Beavers' interest in mastering new skills to enhance certain learning experiences. Let's look at a field trip to a museum, for example. If many of the Beavers have never been there, they will have some anxiety over what will happen and their ability to cope in this new environment. A pre-visit activity that incorporates play could help lessen their fears and give them some skills to apply to the trip.

Take the idea of getting on the school bus that will take them to the museum, for

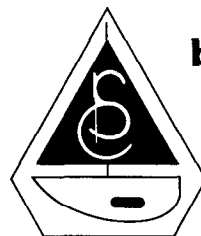
example. Leaders can pretend there is a bus with a bus driver and parent helpers. The Beavers play out how they will get on the bus, where to sit, what rules to follow, and how to unload.

The colony can then "drive" to the museum, where they play out going through the entrance, getting a map, and visiting the exhibits in lodges. As part of the play, they learn the rules; stay in a group, no running or shouting. They also learn how to ask questions.

Playing out a trip before you go has obvious safety benefits. The Beavers become familiar with simple rules and have an opportunity to practise them. You may find that a lodge or colony wants to play "load and unload the bus" several times. It is an indicator that the Beavers need more time to analyze this aspect of the trip until they understand it and feel comfortable with it.

Playing after the visit also is important. It helps Beavers relive the experience, recaptures and reinforces learning, and gives them a chance to go over points they did not understand the first time around. You might want to use props you brought back from the museum, such as posters or mementos. Leaders can play "museum guides" and ask questions to draw out observations that will increase your awareness of what your Beavers saw.

Play is an important part of being a Beaver. Through it, you can encourage children to explore and learn more about life itself. X



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Cub Talk

from Susan Pendray

The Calgary Scout Shop recently held a promotional contest to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Cubbing in Canada. It invited all registered Cubs to write a story about Cubbing in 75 words or more. We are printing the winning essay and a runner-up for your reflection during this month of Guide/Scout Week.

Nabhan Islam is sixer of the Red Six the 131st Varsity Pack. Kevin O'Reilly is an 8 year old Cub in the 159th A Silver Springs Pack.

CUBBING

by Nabhan Islam



Why B.-P. Started Cubs

"Wolf" is the title of honour, meaning a real good scout. Young Scouts (8-10 years old) who are not quite old enough to join the Boy Scouts, are called "Wolf Cubs", meaning young wolfs.

In 1913, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, known as B.-P., started Cubbing in England. In Canada, officially the Cub section began in 1916.

To B.-P. every boy, like every young wolf, has a hearty appetite. If a good meal is offered to these 8-10 year olds, they will grow into healthy boys. We know happy boys are usually healthy boys.

Cub program according to B.-P. has juicy meat in it to be eaten, and there are tough bones to be gnawed. Every Cub who devours it will tackle the bone as well as the meat, and will eat up the fat with the lean. With his keen involvement, a young wolf will gain good strength, as well as some enjoyment, out of every bite of the program.

Cubbing offers boys of the community to have fun together while learning as well. Cubbing is group fun, group learning and team work. Cubbing is playing games, making handicrafts, going (on) outings, storytelling, acting, badge work and expressing ones feeling through music.

Why It is Important to 8-10 Year Olds

It meets the needs of a 8-10 year old, namely:

- Emotional need (feeling of being loved)

- Belonging (feeling of being wanted by the group)
- Independence (feeling of managing and directing own life)
- Achievement (satisfaction from making things and doing jobs)
- Social approval (feeling that others approve of his conduct and efforts)
- Self esteem (feeling of being worthwhile)
- Intellectual (ability to think clearly and solve problems wisely)
- Character and social (ability to live with others in a cooperative and worthy manner)
- Physical (developing a healthy body and good health habits)

Once a Cub is in the program for three years, he will be a willing (W); obedient (O); loving (L); friendly (F);

cooperative (C); understanding (U); and a smart boy (B).

What does Cubbing Mean to Me

I like Cubbing because I get a lot of fun and enjoyment in playing games, outings, singing, and competing. I love to do crafts, to earn my badges and to learn the use of tools, which gives me confidence. I like to involve in teamwork and help members of my six and to earn their respect. I like to make new friends, know about them and the country they come from. I am crazy about camping and the campfire. I am learning to take care of my self at home, at school, at social functions and while at a friend's house.

I like recognition for my efforts in earning badges. Every badge I earn gives me a feeling of joy and achievement. I have earned 21 badges in three years of Cubbing. Now I am looking forward to swim-up to Scouts in September 1991. λ

A CUB MEETING IN FUTURE

by Kevin O'Reilly

There was a Cub camp in diemension Alpha 4000. We just found out how to get from diemension to diemension by tricorder. So we took it to a titanium dome in Alpha 4000 with a code laser.

All of a sudden, a titanium door opened. The only other way to open the door is with the Exsirtan Ray. And there it was, all the other Cubs in the galaxy.



So we went in one by one. And there was Baden-Powell. B.-P. told us all the new bages we could earn. Rocketeer bage, Back Booster bage, Box Ball bage and Earths Core bage.

Rocketeer means make a sturdy rocket. Back booster bage means

make a pair of rockets that go on your back and work. Box ball bage means make a box that will hold 15 tennis balls. Earths core bage means think about the Earths core and write about the core.



Then we did our bat howl. And at the end, all Cubs pade their dues with two microchips each and went home the same way they came. λ

We thank Susan Pendray, Calgary Scout Shop manager, for sharing these entries.

B.-P. & Me

by Colin Wallace



Hi. I'm Johnny. My real name's Giovanni, but only my mom calls me that. Like, man, the weirdest thing happened the other day. Yesterday, eh? Tuesday.

I was up in my room working on my Science Challenge Badge. I'm in Scouts. You know. Troop 265 Toronto. Anyway, I figured out this way to hook up my mom's blender and vacuum cleaner to my television video machine so that it projects holographic clones of whatever I put in the blender. Excellent.

Anyway, on Monday, the day before yesterday, our troop went to the national Scout Museum and, when I was there, I picked a hair off an old fishing hat that used to belong to Baden-Powell. I figured it might actually be his, right? Anyway, I took the hair home, put it in the blender-

video and, like, I got this great clone image of the B.-P. dude himself. Radical.

But, like, a problem with clone-images is that they don't last too long. Only about 15 minutes. But I did get time to talk to B.-P. One other problem with clone-images is that they can only say what's been said before. So the B.-P. clone could only say what B.-P. himself once said.

Man, you should've been there. Awesome. I recorded what we said, eh. Here's a playback.

Me: Hi, Sir. We don't have much time, but maybe you could answer a couple of questions for me, eh? Please? Like our Troop Scouter is an okay guy, but he tells us not to smoke and then, right after our meeting, we see him lighting up, eh?

B.-P.: Don't expect to find any man perfect. He is bound to have defects. Any ass can see the bad points in a man. The thing is to discover his good points and keep those uppermost in your mind so that they gradually obliterate his bad ones.

Me: And every time our area commissioner comes around for a visit, he goes on and on about how we should shine our shoes and press our pants to look neater. How come?

B.-P.: As we get into our crabbed old age, we are apt to forget that we were once youngsters.

Me: And then he always takes a half-an-hour to tell us what we ought to be doing in Scouts.

B.-P.: If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in 10 minutes, he ought to be shot!

Me: Yeah, like we're all sitting there pretending to be listening to him, and our Troop Scouter is right behind him taking a nap.

B.-P.: There is generally a funny side to even the worst times.

Me: Yeah, our Scouter's pretty neat, even if he does sometimes expect us to do work like community good turns and not take any money for it, eh?

B.-P.: A Scout does his work because it is his duty, not for any reward.



Me: Yeah, like he tells us about duty and stuff, but it's a lot easier to talk about than it is to do. Sometimes things just don't work out the way you want them to, you know?

B.-P.: When things look bad, just smile and sing to yourself as the thrush sings: "Stick to it, stick to it, stick to it", and you will come through all right.

Me: Things would be easier if I was rich. Maybe I'll just wait till I win a lottery or something.

B.-P.: Happiness does not come from sitting down and waiting for it.

Me: Well, like, I didn't mean I'd just sit around and wait, but the rest of the guys in Scouts are lots richer than I am, and I'd like to be one of them.



Erratum: Canadian Scout Handbook

The feedback on the new *Canadian Scout Handbook* has been extremely positive. Scouts and Scouters have told us they find the book very "user friendly", and we've heard great things from people to whom we've sent copies in Great Britain, Australia, and the U.S.A.

There are two errors in the book. The **Scout Promise** on p.19 should read:

On my honour,
I promise to do my best,
To love and serve God
My Queen, my country
and my fellow man,
And to live by the Scout law.

The second important correction relates to the Bronze Stage First Aid Badge, p.112. It should read:

2. Demonstrate
 - a) Mouth to mouth artificial respiration.

Please ensure your Scouts note these two changes. The book's content will be adjusted at the time of its next printing.

B.-P.: The crowd is too often an ass: it doesn't think for itself, nor does it bother to look at both sides of a question.

Me: I guess what you're saying is that I should think for myself. Thanks, B.-P., Sir. Thanks a lot.

Just then, the clone-image started to fade, and there was a lot of static in the voice.

B.-P.: The spirit is everything. Once that is developed, everything comes easy....

I lost the reception for a few seconds, but then it cut back in, and I could just barely hear him say: "Scouting is not a thing that can be taught by wording it in public speeches nor by defining it in print.



Its successful application depends entirely on the grasp of the Scout spirit...."

Another gap, followed by: "Yes, Scouting is a game. But sometimes I wonder whether, with all our pamphlets, rules.... conferences, and training classes for commissioners and other Scouters.... we may not appear to be making it too serious a game.... Scouting is not a sci-

ence to be solemnly studied, nor is it a collection of doctrines and texts. Nor again is it a military code for drilling discipline into boys and repressing their individuality and initiative. No, it is a jolly game in the out-of-doors...."

And then the clone image faded completely. And I still had a zillion questions I wanted to ask him. He was real easy to talk to, but I couldn't think of questions fast enough, and I only had the one hair and now it's gone.

Anyway, what questions would you have asked? What d'you think he'd say to you? I meant to tell him that I think Scouting is cool. Maybe next time. For sure, eh? X

Scouter Colin Wallace is ARC (Training) in Greater Toronto Region, Ont.

Vocational Venturing / Stay in School

by David Ross

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor Rich man, Poor man, Beggarman, Thief...

If only the choices facing Canada's young people today were so simple. A high technology world is beginning to occupy not only our workday, but also our leisure time. Scouts Canada has to compete with an ever-increasing array of activities; teenagers with more lifestyle choices than ever before are becoming more selective in how they use their time.

Venturing membership has remained fairly constant for the past 10 years. This year, however, saw a sharp rise of about 275 members. The reason? Vocational Venturing. Teenagers are being attracted by the concept of on-the-job-training in careers they see to be challenging and rewarding. Currently, we have 20 RCMP Venturer companies and 16 more in the early stages of formation. Other Vocational Venturer companies operate coast to coast.

Realizing that 30% of young people do not finish high school, the Canadian government is pursuing a "Stay in School" initiative through Employment and Immigration Canada. It includes providing educational materials to high school guidance counsellors and an extensive media blitz. Maybe you've seen one of the commercials: a young man in a phone booth trying, without success, to find a job.

In cooperation with the "Stay in School" initiative, Scouts Canada has developed a project to look at occupations that might lend themselves to Vocational Venturing. Police Venturing already works; the numbers speak for themselves. What about medical, health, media, veterinary, or communications Venturing?

A conference to discuss the feasibility of Scouts Canada entering into partnership with various agencies has been planned for this month. Initial efforts will focus on southern Ontario with a view to forming a few companies by September.

The choice of the first occupations will be based primarily on three things: the subjective appeal of each; the statistical job prospects; and the availability of senior Scouting personnel employed in those vocations. With time, the program will be expanded to encompass different occupations and other regions of Canada. Through it, Scouts Canada hopes to provide teenagers not only the challenge of the Venturing program, but also some valuable information on and experience in potential careers.

David Ross is chairman of the Vocational Venturing / Stay in School Initiative and advisor with the 28th Ottawa Venturers, Ont.



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Are You Getting Ready?

by Tim Halford

It seems like only yesterday when many of us were enjoying the hospitality of P.E.I. at CJ'89. Now, it's just under a year and a half before we meet again in Alberta for CJ'93.

Your jamboree planning committee has been working on their plans for about two years. How about you? Are you and your Scouts and Venturers ready? If you are going to the 8th Scouts Canada Jamboree, you're in for quite an experience.

The jamboree will be held July 10-18, 1993 in Kananaskis Country, site of the 1983 world and 1981 national jamborees. If you've seen the jamboree poster (Dec.'91), you will certainly appreciate the stunning mountain setting of this carefully chosen site. Only 15 minutes from Canmore, home of the Canmore Nordic Centre (a 1988 Olympic site), and 30 minutes from Banff, the location offers many world-famous attractions and exciting program opportunities. CJ'93 is a jamboree you don't want to miss!

Now that your interest is high and you've told your older Cubs, Scouts, or Venturers about CJ'93, what's next? Remember, this will be the first Canadian jamboree without the constraints of provincial or local quotas. You can bring along all your Scouts or Venturers or as few as two members. You must have at least one leader for each unit of up to nine young people, but we suggest you plan for two leaders with larger units.

Each participant must have been a Scouts Canada member for at least six months before the event and take part in pre-jamboree training. Scouts must hold their B.P. Woodsman Badge. Your council may have additional standards, so check with your Service Scouter or commissioner for more details.

If you're serious about going to CJ'93 and feel that your young members can meet these standards, you will soon realize that it will cost money. It's one of the realities of attending any

national event of this magnitude. If you haven't already done so, it's time now to prepare and implement a fundraising plan.

Having been both a youth member and a Scouter, I remember very clearly the work involved in raising enough money to attend a jamboree. I also remember the satisfaction and unseen benefits that came both to our group and to me as we pulled together to achieve and, often, surpass our fundraising goal.

These may be times of economic recession, high taxes, and ever-increasing competition for money by other non-profit groups, but Scouts can still raise enough to offset the cost of attending an event that will be a "once in a lifetime" experience for many of them.

FUNDRAISING TIPS & IDEAS

These few tips can help you and your young people experience the Eighth Canadian Jamboree.

- You don't need to do it alone. Involve your group committee, sponsor/partner, parents, friends, local service clubs, local retailers.
- Develop a plan and stick to it. If it's not working, reassess it, but never give up.
- Prepare your case. People want to know why and how you will use the money they're donating.
- Give people something for their money.
- Check with your council for local fundraising guidelines.

You might try a few of these practical fundraising ideas, some old and some new.

- Sell environmentally friendly lunch or shopping bags at shopping centres, institutions, etc.
- Hold a Celebrity Night and invite in an Olympic athlete to speak.

Look for someone who is or was in Scouting.

- Participate in Trees for Canada and Scout Calendar sales.
- Operate a Christmas tree lot with potted trees or a pick-a-pumpkin patch (grow pumpkins from seeds).
- Collect Canadian Tire money to buy camping equipment.
- Operate a Haunted House at Hallowe'en or a Santa Wonderland at Christmas.
- Help a service club with a special project in return for a donation.
- Hold a car wash or pet wash.
- Open a refreshment booth at a local fair or special event.
- Operate a coat check at a local club, hall, or convention centre and ask for a donation per coat.
- Hold pancake breakfasts or spaghetti suppers at your church.
- Sell bags of sand for motorists in winter.

As you can see, there are many simple practical ideas you can try if you work out a plan and get to it. You have 17 months; it's time to start. You may be surprised at the amount of community support you find out there.

We know you'll be ready by July 1993, but we also know you can't do it alone. The jamboree planning group will present a series of articles in future issues to give you information about registration, Offers of Service, applications, program details, and much, much more.

Remember, the fundraising planning clock is ticking. I'll be in the Canadian Rockies on July 10, 1993. Will you? ^

Tim Halford is a member of the National Communications Committee and the CJ'93 planning group.

Northern Lights

by Ben Kruser

Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights, has been the subject of speculation, myth, and scientific study throughout history. Indigenous people in Canada and the northern U.S. had many legends to explain the lights. One legend says the souls of departed friends were lighting torches to guide those who followed. Another describes a great hole in the sky through which souls pass from this world to the next. Many stories tell of spirits with light bands on heads and waist playing a lively game of football with a walrus skull.

Although auroras were common occurrences to northern peoples, the occasional aurora seen in central and southern Europe created panic. Greek and Roman philosophers believed the sky was opening and spewing forth flame and smoke. In early times, people detected major fires by the light reflected from the evening clouds. When an aurora made an uncommon appearance in southern latitudes, troops rushed to neighbouring cities to help with what appeared to be a major conflagration.

In the middle ages, Europeans went from hysteria to hallucination. They saw vast armies of angels clashing in the sky, and tens of thousands of peasants across Europe joined pilgrimages in hopes of saving the world from approaching Armageddon.

Science also had its opinions about the aurora. Some scientists speculated that the force of ice and glaciers produced flame, while others thought that vast ice fields reflected the sun's light into the evening sky. Active research began in the 17th century when Pierre Gassendi, a mathematician and philosopher, named the lights after Aurora, the Romans' rosy-fingered Goddess of Dawn, whose job was to usher in the rising sun.

Carl Stormer, a Norwegian physicist, was the first to solve the question of the aurora's length. He took pictures of two widely separated points and used triangulation to calculate auroral span. Auroras usually start around 105 km above the earth and stretch to altitudes over 485 km.

Another question researchers addressed was where auroras occur most often. After compiling records of au-

roral activity from northern expeditions and other accounts, Elias Loomis, a Yale professor, developed a map of the arctic showing auroral frequency. It has since been updated by more sophisticated means, such as satellites. We know that people living on latitude 65 degrees N can expect to average 243 nights of northern lights a year. Most Canadians live in an area of 50 to 100 auroras per year.



But what is an aurora? What causes the Northern Lights? Using a prism, Norwegian scientists discovered auroral light was discontinuous; that is, it did not have all the colours of the rainbow. The only colours produced in an aurora are deep violet, green-yellow, and red.

When atoms become electrically charged, they emit energy that produces radio waves, x-rays, and visible light waves. Air consists of nitrogen and oxygen atoms. When nitrogen atoms become electrically charged, they emit violet and red colour waves. Charged oxygen atoms produce green-yellow light.

Scientists studying the sun discovered that sun spots produce solar flares, which shoot streams of highly charged electrons into space. As charged particles reach earth, they are drawn into the planet's magnetic field, which is heavily concentrated in northern latitudes. (That's why we have a "magnetic north" and "true north" compass reading.) The collision of forces causes a geomagnetic storm, which we witness as an aurora.

The principle that lights up our sky is the same that commonly lights neon signs. Electricity charges a gas, which emits energy as coloured light. We also make an "aurora" when we turn on a colour television. The only difference is that a real aurora is more interesting to watch.

It's important for Canadians to continue studying the aurora. Auroral activity can interfere with the radio and satellite operations that form vital communications links in northern communities. And, because auroras consist of an electric current of about one million amps, in intense northern geomagnetic storms, an aurora can induce electric current along lengthy conductors such as oil pipelines, power lines, and telephone cables. The result: transformer malfunction and power outages.

Despite some of the technical headaches auroras can cause, most of us see them as one of nature's wonders. And some popular myths persist. For example, some people believe you can control the behaviour of an aurora by whistling. The better the whistle, the more the aurora will change and even dance to you. Others believe you can control the aurora by spitting at it, but I don't recommend telling this one to a group of small boys.

There's still disagreement about whether the aurora makes a noise. While some researchers claim no evidence that the lights produce a sound, there are those who believe they can hear the lights crackling. While science and philosophers argue over this point and others, I am happy to believe that the aurora is friends from days gone by calling me out to enjoy the northern lights and, maybe, a lively game of walrus skull football. ^

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◀ **REMEMBERING:** During November's Remembrance Day service at Ste. Genevieve United Church, Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., Pathfinder Veronica Bailey and Cub Jonathan Martineau place a tribute on behalf of the community's young people. Youth members and leaders from all sections of the church's Guiding and Scouting groups joined the congregation's war veterans to remember those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms, says Scouter Wesley Brander, Akela of the Ste. Genevieve Pioneer Cub Pack.



FOR POSTERITY: On a fall outing, the 3rd Collingwood Cubs, Ont., checked the progress of their seedlings and marked their 1991 Trees for Canada planting site with a special sign created by Akela. "A hike on the Nottawasaga Bluffs, exploring caves, and a cookout rounded out the day," says Leslie Fairbairn, public relations member for the group.



TOP SHOTS: Venturers Kevin Melnichuk, 13th Oshawa, Robert Shewring, 7th Oshawa, and Michael Melnichuk, 13th Oshawa, took six first place and two second place trophies in the Ontario Smallbore Indoor Championships last spring. "The Venturers shoot at Camp Samac range, which is open to all Scouts and Venturers for shooting air rifle and small bore rifle," says 13th Oshawa Advisor Bill Melnichuk.



NEW TAIL: Beaver Billy Lloyd proudly shows off his new White Tail while just-invested Beaver Jesse Costar clutches the Brown Tail he received during a combined investiture of 1st Dallas Beavers and Cubs, Kamloops, B.C. Thanks to Bubbles Helen Franklin for sharing.



◀ **LOOKING GOOD:** Two of 173 teams at Odyssey 2000, Nova Scotia's annual fall Operation Alert for Scouts, tackle the lashing project. During the weekend challenge camp, which attracted more than 1,300 Scouts and leaders, junior Scouts worked the course until 11 p.m. Saturday and started again at 5 a.m. Sunday, while senior teams steamed on through the night until they'd completed the course. "It was the largest Alert event ever," says Linda DeGrace, PR Committee Chairperson. *Photo: Bill Moore.*

PROUD FLAG-BEARER: Cub Mark Hoveland, 1st Thorsby, Alta., carefully carries the Wolf Cub flag at the church parade at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church during Scout/Guide Week 1991. *Photo: Gladys Haldarson.* ▼



◀ **SLED CARE:** Scouts Jeremy Aljoe, Isaac VanRavenswaay and Mark Heeg, 1st Attercliffe Troop, Ont., make sure their runners will slide freely as they prepare their sled for the "dog sled" races during Klondike Days in Haldimand District. *Photo: Sandra Paton.*

ENJOYING FALL: The 16th Belleville Beavers, Ont., collect coloured leaves during a fall outing in the park. Sponsored by the Sir James Whitney School for deaf children and the Sagonaska School for children with learning disabilities, the 16th became the very first Beaver colony in Belleville in 1973 and now is Belleville's first co-educational colony, says Scouter David Bentley.



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Happy Retirement, Jim

by Bob Bareham

After a career of over 36 years, 13 of them in his last position, Jim Mackie retired as executive director of Supply Services in November 1991. As I write, Jim and his wife Phyll were planning a vacation in Florida. We wish him a happy, healthy, and rewarding retirement.

CUB PROFICIENCY BADGES: Effective immediately, Cub badges will be modified and made slightly smaller to allow two badges to be sewn side-by-side on the Cub sash. Badge designs will not change. The modified badges will be phased in as stocks of current badges run out.

GUIDE-SCOUT WEEK: Guide-Scout Week celebrations with their traditional parent banquets are rapidly approaching, but there's still time to buy quality gift and presentation items from your Scout Shop or dealer. The popular Appreciation Award (#61-579, \$25.50) and attractive Pen Stand (#61-580, \$15.75) suit the occasion. Most Scout Shops also carry a variety of products that let you custom-design your own trophy. If your budget is limited, check out the coffee mugs on pages 10-11 of the 1991/92 catalogue (\$4.20 to \$7.95). Whatever you choose, an official Scouts Canada presentation item will be well appreciated.

BANQUET SUPPLIES: Visit your local Scout Shop or dealer for official Scouts Canada banquet supplies. The full colour *Catch the Scouting Spirit* placemat (#26-505, \$7.25) and matching serviettes (#26-503, \$3.50) are just two of the items that will add a finishing touch to your group's banquet. Both items are packaged in lots of 50.

Many groups like to use the official program covers (100/pkg) shown on p.38 of the catalogue. Choose from the full-colour Jagger portrait of Lord Baden-Powell (#26-404, \$14.75), the Scouts Canada logo (#26-407, \$6.95), or the colourful *Great Adventure* cover (#26-405, \$9.95).

UNIFORM FEEDBACK APPRECIATED: Our now six-month old uniform has been extremely well received coast-to-coast. A Uniform Advisory Group made up of representatives from Program Services and Supply Services has been established to deal with product problems, suggestions, and ideas from the Scouting membership. As a result of your feedback to date, we've identified and, where possible, corrected a number of minor bugs. We appreciate hearing your suggestions and ideas and hope you will continue to tell us about them.

1993 SCOUTS CANADA CALENDAR: Promotion for the 1993 Scouts Canada calendar will begin in the very near future. We encourage all Scouters to support this major public relations and fundraising tool. Other sales items may provide a better profit margin but, when you sell the calendar, all levels of Scouting benefit and all profits remain in the movement. Remember, too, that each calendar you sell keeps Scouting in the public eye every day of the year. If your group hasn't sold the calendar in the past, please consider it when you are planning future fundraising campaigns. Watch **the Leader** and local council newsletters for further details. X

THE RELIGION IN LIFE EMBLEM

by Warren McMeekin

*On my honour,
I promise...
to love and
serve God*

A Scouter from Ontario recently sent in a request for the history of the Religion in Life Emblem. After a little digging around, here is what I came up with. There are a few gaps; if anyone can help fill them in, I would appreciate hearing from you.

The purpose of Scouting and Guiding programs is to help young people grow into responsible citizenship. Spiritual growth has always been an important element in these programs, and part of that involves encouraging young members to be active participants in their own faith.

Both Scouts Canada and Girl Guides of Canada consider specific religious instruction the responsibility of parents and religious authorities. As a result, various denominations who sponsored Scouting groups began to develop programs to fulfill that responsibility.

Even before 1946, some churches presented members with awards related to their religion. The Church of England had a round badge showing the traditional cross, for example, and the Presbyterian Church a rectangle with a white St. Andrew's cross on a blue background.

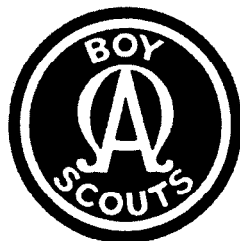


Pre-1946 Church of England badge

The Religion and Life Award

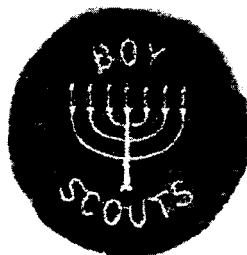
In 1946, a formal program called *The Religion and Life Award* was started. A

simple one-stage program, it encouraged Scouts to earn a special badge featuring the Alpha and Omega, symbol of God. Its introduction read in part:



"A Scout's first duty is to God. To help you to fulfil this most important requirement of your Scout Promise, a new badge called the Religion and Life Award has been authorized. It is the job of every Patrol Leader to help his Scouts keep their Promise, and by encouraging the boys to earn this award, you will be helping them to keep the Promise.

"The best method of encouraging them is to set the right example — which simply means being the first in your Patrol to earn the badge. It is an exceptionally fine looking badge, somewhat larger than regular proficiency badges, and is worn on the right breast above the pocket. Read (the) official details as approved by the Dominion Executive Board, and then see your minister or chaplain about the requirements for your particular church."



Original Jewish Religion and Life Award

In 1947, the Jewish faith also developed a Religion and Life Award program with a badge featuring the Menorah.

In 1960, Scouting introduced a Religion and Life Award for Cubs and, in 1962, a similar award for Rovers. In 1963, the program's name changed from "Award" to "Emblem" to remove the association of "award" with religious progress.

The Religion in Life Emblem

In 1967, a committee representing 10 religious communities reviewed and approved a four-stage system to make the Religion and Life program more challenging and meaningful and reflect more accurately a youngster's spiritual growth, relationship with others, and interaction in group situations. The upshot was a Yellow Stage for 8-10 year olds; Green for 11-13 year olds; Blue for 14-16 year olds; and Red for those over 16.

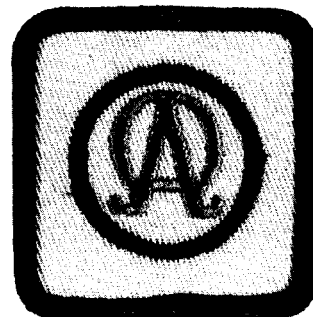
At the same time, the name of the emblem was changed to *Religion in Life*, terminology that seemed a better reflection of the concept that religion is part of life and not a program separate from it.

In 1986, the United Church of Canada began work on a fifth stage, an Adult Religion in Life program with a purple-bordered emblem. The program aims to help adults continue their personal faith journeys and increase their ability to share their understandings with young people starting along the path.

Other denominations and faiths started looking at their own programs and developing similar adult resources about two years later.

THE EMBLEMS

When Religion in Life programs began in 1946, there was a single emblem featuring the Alpha/Omega symbols and the great circle. As interest grew, so did the need to introduce new emblems to reflect the different faiths in Scouting. Today, we have five emblems.



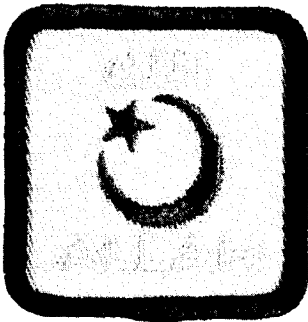
Christianity (1946)

The Christian emblem consists of a great circle, the symbol of eternity. In the circle are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, a symbol of God and a reminder that worshipping and serving God form an essential part of life from beginning to end.



Judaism (1947)

The Jewish emblem depicts the Menorah, the symbol of light whose gentle rays overcome darkness in the world.



Islam (1980)

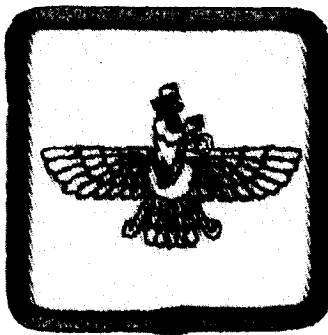
The Muslim emblem shows the word "Allah" (God) in Arabic and English. The crescent symbolizes growth and progress because a crescent turning to the left grows into a full moon. The star, a symbol of light and knowledge, represents God's divine light or "Nur". The crescent and star have become an established symbol in Islamic culture and civilization.



Hinduism (1982)

The emblem of the Hindu religion is AUM (OM), the symbol of God in a formula that offers every conceivable point of view about the relationship of "the Spirit" or Brahman and the world. The word expresses the three great qualities of God:

- A — the power of God to create the universe
- U — the power of God to preserve the universe
- M — the power of God to dissolve the universe



Zoroastrianism (1983)

The Zoroastrian emblem depicts a Fravashi, God's spark or essence in the form of a guardian spirit believed to be the protector of each one of us. Every human being has a Fravashi special and unique to that individual — the soul's counterpart and guide through life. The Fravashi symbol represents the physical world through the image of man and the spiritual world through the wings and tail of a bird.

TODAY'S RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAMS

Because they are prepared nationally by the respective religious bodies to suit their particular needs, Religion in Life program requirements differ for each faith and denomination. Currently, Scouts Canada has requirements for the following Religion in Life programs.

Youth Members

- Anglican Church
- Apostolic Church of Pentecost
- Baha'i Faith
- Buddhism
- Canadian Baptist Federation
- Canadian Forces (Protestant)
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Science
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Church of the Nazarene
- Eastern Orthodox
- Evangelical Church of Canada
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Lutheran Church
- Moravian Church
- Mennonite Brethren
- Polish National Catholic Church
- Pentecostal Assemblies
- Presbyterian Church
- Religious Society Friends (Quakers)
- Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Roman Catholic Church
- Salvation Army

- Standard Church
- United Church
- Zoroastrianism

Adult Members

- Anglican Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Lutheran Church
- Orthodox Church
- United Church

The Religion in Life program continues to be an important part of the overall Scouting program. Sponsors and partners see it as a vital way to ensure that religion is truly in life and not something separate we work on just once a week.

"An organisation of this kind would fail in its object if it did not bring its members to a knowledge of religion," B.-P. wrote, "but the usual fault in such cases is the manner in which this is done. If it were treated more as a necessary matter of everyday life it would not lose its dignity and it would gain a hold."

Baden-Powell founded Scouting on the principle that we must, to the best of our ability, love and serve God. It is up to us to make sure we do everything we can to give every member the opportunity to participate actively in the life of a religious community. λ

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Scout Country

by Bryon Gale

Scout Country is a special place. It is neither here nor there. It is a worldwide brotherhood held together by young people and adults who, to the best of our ability strive to love and serve God; respect human dignity and the rights of individuals; and recognize our obligation to develop and maintain our potential.

Scout Country is also held together by parents. Their help at camps, fundraising activities, and other events is essential to our success. We thank you.

In Scout Country, we do not expect you to be perfect or to know everything. We only ask that you do your best. We are all friends here...

Scout Country is a meeting room, a camp, an outdoor ramble, crafts and games, and much more. It is a day we've always dreamed would come or a day we'll never forget. It is a country where Beavers dream of becoming Cubs and leaders wish they could become Scouts again. Scout Country is where adults feel as young as children while children grow into adults.

In Scout Country, we can walk in the rain, romp in the snow, enjoy songs, skits, games, and crafts, learn new skills, or just sit around a campfire with friends. It is a place to develop a sense of belonging, cooperation, accomplishment, self-reliance, and self-discipline. It is a place to learn and, just as important, a place to have fun.

In fact, Scout Country is not a place, but a feeling — a belief. It dwells in your heart and soul. Once we become a part of it, it will always be a part of us.

District Commissioner Bryon Gale, Sioux District, Saskatoon, Sask., wrote this editorial for the district newsletter. We thank him and Scouter R.J. Swann for sharing.

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The Beaver Splash

Inspired by *The Mowgli Mash (Songs, J/J'91)*, Scouter Juergen Heck, 126th St. Gerard Beavers and Cubs, Winnipeg, Man., put words for Beavers to the tune of *The Monster Mash*. Have fun with it.

I was walking in the forest late one night,
When my eyes beheld an eerie sight,
For a beaver from his dam did rise,
And suddenly, to my surprise

Chorus

He did the splash, he did the beaver splash;
The beaver splash, it was a forest smash;
He did the splash, it caught on in a flash;
He did the splash, he did the beaver splash.

From the beaver pond in the forest deep
To Hawkeye's cottage where the humans sleep,
The whole colony came from their lodges fast,
To see who was having such a blast.
(They did the splash...)

Tic Tac the squirrel and Malak the owl,
The fish, the birds, and some water fowl,
Soon brought their friends and joined in all;
They cared and shared and had a ball.
(They did the splash...)

It wasn't long till the humans awoke;
"Come on, Rainbow," Hawkeye spoke,
"Let's go to the pond with Rusty and Bubbles,
And ask friend Keoo what caused the troubles."
(They did the splash...)

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When they got to the dam,
 they saw quite a scene,
 A rabbit danced with a wolverine,
 A badger, two deer, wolf and raccoon,
 Were rocking to this catchy tune.
 (*They did the splash...*)

Deep in the forest under the moon so pale,
 The show was ended with the slap of a tail;
 They all went home to their own domain,
 But maybe they'll dance tomorrow again,
 And do the splash...

Have You Ever Gone A-Fishing
 (*Turkey in the Straw*)

Have you ever gone a-fishing (*casting motions*)
 On a sunny, sunny day? (*make circle with arms
 over head*)

With all the little fishies
 Swimming in the bay? (*swimming motions*)
 With their hands in their pockets,
 (*hands in pockets*)
 And their pockets in their pants,
 (*hands on back pockets*)
 And all the little fishies
 Do a hoochey-koochey dance!
 (*use your imagination*)

(*First two lines, wave arms above head and
 turn around; then gestures as above*)
 Tra-la-la-la, la-la-la-la (2x)
 With their hands in their pockets,
 And their pockets in their pants,
 And all the little fishies
 Do a hoochey-koochey dance!

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Scouter's Prayer

I helped a Beaver to see
 That God had made the willow tree,
 And God became more real to me.

I tried to lead a Cub, through play,
 To grow more caring day by day,
 And I, myself, became that way.

I joined a Scout in woodland prayer,
 And as we bowed in worship there,
 I felt anew God's loving care.

A Venturer's sincere faith questioning
 Helped me to do my own faith testing
 As I joined him in his journeying.

O God, keep us quick to see
 That, in Scouting, we may find thee.

— Anon, adapted by Tony Braithwaite, Essex
 District, Ont.

Cub Closing Prayer

Dear God:

We played a lot,
 We worked a lot,
 We learned a lot,
 We had fun a lot;
 Thanks, a lot.

— from Michael Nellis, Akela, General Wolfe
 Cubs, Sillery, Que.

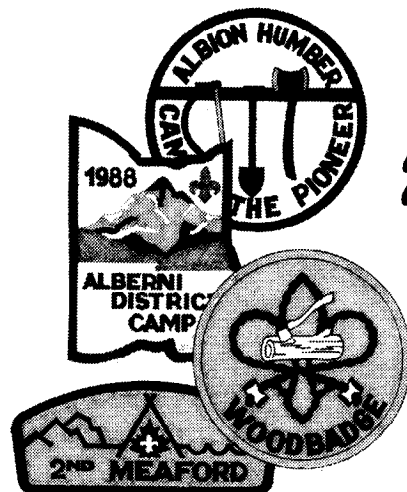
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'YOUR ONE STOP EMBROIDERY SHOP'

National Council Update

by Reg Roberts

Although the most recent National Council meeting is now history, as with each of these semi-annual events, the decisions made there affect all of us in one way or another. For instance:

- Following considerable discussion over the last 12 months, council amended the 1990 Rover Conference recommendation to lower the age of Rover Advisors from 30 years to 21 years to read: "Scouters in a Rover Crew are called Rover Advisors. A Crew may have more than one advisor. A Rover Advisor *must be at least 25 years of age.*"

- There has been growing concern over the option that allows new adult members to commit to Scouting's aim and principles "either through written agreement or affirmation of the Scouter Promise or the section promise". Many felt section promises are inadequate reflections of the commitment Scouting asks adult leaders to make, especially the Beaver Promise, which does not mention the Scout Law or service to the Queen.

As a result, council approved a motion to eliminate the option for adults to use the section promise. Adults now must make their commitment to Scouting's principles and aim "either through a written agreement or affirmation of the Scouter Promise".

- In May 1991, a Notice of Motion was made to consider changes to that confusing section of our procedures dealing with physical fitness certificates, medical certificates, and first aid equipment. After consultation with appropriate insurance, legal, and medical authorities, council agreed to a simplified statement.

At this meeting, they approved a motion to include only the following statement in *By-Law, Policies & Procedures*: "First Aid: First aid equipment appropriate to the activity should be provided and personnel familiar with its use be available."

- Over the last few years, revisions to our handbooks have moved towards gender free references, but the term "Ladies Auxiliaries" remained, even though these auxiliaries often include women and men. Following consultation with auxiliaries across the country, council agreed to refer to these groups who do so much work for Scouting as "Scouting Auxiliaries".

All of these changes will be reflected in an updated issue of *By-Law, Policies & Procedures* to be released soon.

Here's a fact worth noting: Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn honoured 24 Scouting members during the National Investiture part of this council meeting (p.12). And one of the closing acts of this year's annual meeting was an expression of appreciation to Scouting's many valued sponsors and a tribute to the thousands of adult volunteers who make Scouting possible.

Whether you're a sponsor, Scouter, committee or council member, take a bow; some young Canadians will grow to be healthier happier people and better citizens because of the role you played in their lives. X



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To Leaders from Concerned Parents

I am writing because of a concern I have as a parent regarding Apple Day. I have come to understand that Apple Day is not intended as a fundraising event but rather as a thank you to the community. That being the case, I question why groups are clamouring for the malls that contain liquor outlets.

In the past, this practice of standing directly outside a liquor store has been financially very successful, but is the thank you message being received by the community as a whole? More important, what kind of public image of Scouting is portrayed when Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts stand outside liquor store doors? I believe the practice damages the name of Scouting and goes contrary to the Scouting spirit.

I have been informed that the welfare of the boys comes first; therefore we must make our decisions responsible to them. I wish to see the end of using a liquor outlet to help finance Scouts.

— Joan Cochrane, B.C.

I am sorry I ever brought up the idea of Cubs and Scouts to my son. An organization I thought would provide opportunities for him to make trusted friends, learn about the outdoors, and take part in community service does all of these things, but with a double message.

It came home to me again in the article *The Secret of Blind Man's Pass* (Nov. '91), and I have witnessed it in my own son's pack. The message is that all these things are just for show. They are not based on the manly attributes of courage, honour and kindness. How can they be when what really happens is adult people "rolling around with laughter" at the Scouts "white knuckling" it because people they have put their faith in set up a scenario, which in reality would require fear as a survival mechanism, but turn it into an exercise of humiliation.

Of course, those feelings of shame and betrayal turn to a wish for revenge, but the boys are powerless against adults, so they, in turn, use their power over the newcomers or the younger or the weaker.

This may have been an example of how to use imagination, but I ask Herb Barge and many other leaders to imagine again — a world in which trust is honoured, kindness is strength, and what you "get" is not "back", but courage to apply imagination to solving the world's true challenges without fear of betrayal.

— L. Westerhout Cutler, Thornhill, Ont.

WHAT SMOKERS CAN TEACH

I'm a smoker; have been since 1956.
I'm also a Scouter; have been since 1972.

Since the anonymous correspondent in the October '91 issue is interested in hearing how my smoking "benefits" the boys in my troop, let me give it a try.

It allows me to tell them, when they inquire, that my generation did not have the benefit of knowing all the health hazards associated with smoking when we were becoming addicted. It allows me to tell them how difficult it is to give up smoking once addicted. It allows me to tell them how expensive it is. It allows me to give them this knowledge from first-hand experience, without preaching or moralizing. It allows me to show them that, while most people have flaws, they don't have to be perfect in order to be decent, caring citizens.

It also allows my troop, and countless others, to have a leader. Because, if the hidden message in that letter were to prevail, I'm sure a good many Scouters would have to quit Scouting simply because they can't quit smoking.

— Roger Varley, Troop Scouter, 1st Uxbridge Scouts, Ont.

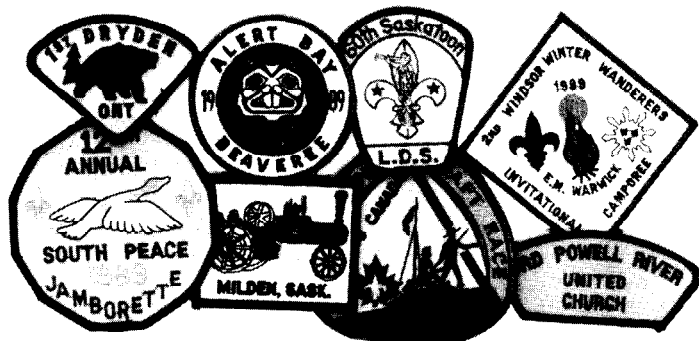
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Just a note to say how much I appreciate the information you are printing each issue about Scouting in other countries. Thank you.

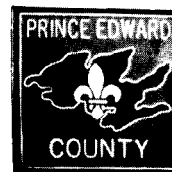
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Scouter, 23, wishes to exchange Scouting ideas, badges, crafts, magazines, and friendship. Please write Mohammed Umarliyalaya, PO Box 312, Marduguri, Borno-State, Nigeria.

Scout troop seeks a link with an interested troop in Canada to exchange Scouting ideas. Please write 1st MacCarthy Scout Troop, Armitage High School, Georgetown, MacCarthy Island Division, The Gambia, West Africa.



Czechoslovakia

Scout, 15, interested in Scouting and computers, seeks a pen friend of about the same age. Please write Adam Daner, Merhausova 97, 613 00 Brno.

Scout, 13, seeks pen friends. Please write Frandiseh (Francis) Vlach, Vodarenska 10, Karlovy Vary, 360 10.



England

Venture Scout, 17: Scot Munday, 8 Colchester Rd., Blackpool, Lancashire F43 9RL.

ADC Scouts, 24: Darren German, 46 Hornsey Rd., Kingstanding, Birmingham B44 0JL.

Beaver leader: Mrs. H. Campbell-Hart, 23 Rose Hill, Dorking, Surrey.



Malaysia: Senior Scout seeks pen friends: Sanjeev Kumar, No. 57, SS 3/43, 47300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, West Malaysia



USA

Cub Scout Den, 8-9 year olds: Sharon White, 20 Hillis Rd., Hyde Park, Massachusetts 02136.

Newly-formed Cub Scout Den, 8-10 year olds, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Amelia R. Miles, 5626 Oak Ridge Drive, Kelseyville, California 95451-9376.

Pack 17 (61 boys): Kim Quillin, 1504 Dover, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74604.

Cub Scout Den seeks link with pack from Newfoundland: Bill Colvard, 6932 Sandy Cove Drive, Harrison Bay, TN 37341.

Pack 490 (65 boys): Cheryl Herrington, MOQ 3001, Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28542.

Pack 138 (65 boys): John P. Welchert, 473 Weschester Ct., Blue Springs, Missouri 64014.

Bear Cubs, 8: Lisa E. Boyer, Rt 2 Box 244, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661.

Cub Scout Pack: Joanne Stuthard, 105 Olive St., London, Ohio 43140.

Pack 10 (65 boys): 124 Belcher Lane, Princeton, West Virginia 24740.



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