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“Never underestimate your ability to make someone’s life better - even if you never know it,” – Greg Louganis. Thank you for everything that you do and for all the adventures and possibilities that you and your team provide. Your efforts are more impactful than you may realize. You make our Scouting community awesome!

We are always looking for ways to simplify and streamline processes and improve as a Council, and more importantly, as a Community! If you have any thoughts or suggestions for making Scouting even better and stronger in Fraser Valley, we invite you to please reach out to any one of the Council Key 3 members or to your Group Support Scouter. We welcome the feedback!

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Around the World in 60 Days Update

Week 3 of the Around the World in 60 Days Challenge is underway! Its’ been fantastic seeing all the submissions and sections taking part in the weekly challenges.

Don’t forget to share your challenge activities on social media using the #ExplorersNeeded, and to submit your weekly activity via [the link](#) (it’s super-easy and quick).

Over the weekend (Oct 16) two emails were sent, to Scouters and to parents, promoting the Challenge, along with our upcoming Youth Sustainability Panel, as well as the Scouter Sessions (in the Scouter email).

If you missed the email, or would like to see the email sent to parents, you can see them here:

Parent email: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Don-t-Miss-Out-on-the-Adventure-Challenge.html?soid=1132346230644&aid=SaJz64SyG-o>

Scouter email: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Scouters---Don-t-Miss-Out-on-the-Up-Coming-Scouter-Sessions-.html?soid=1132346230644&aid=LrJr5YHXvjw>

We’ve heard feedback that some of our younger sections have been having a hard time following along with the sub-titles in the weekly challenges, so the Program Team will be adding the video scripts to

[Trello](#) for Scouters to access and have on hand. Unfortunately, time-constraints prevent them from providing English voice-overs

Scout Coffee Update

Good Coffee for a Good Cause

Scout Coffee launched on **October 15**. Please note that the URL has changed to Scout-Coffee.ca.

Follow [this link to register](#) your Group now and get started on some more great fall fundraising.

To find all the resources needed to fundraise and more info on Scout Coffee and Scout Popcorn, visit our [Trello Fundraising board](#).

If you have any questions about any of the Scouts Canada fundraisers, please email coffee@scouts.ca or popcorn@scouts.ca

New Volunteer Registration Guide & Updated Email

The Group Support Centre has updated the [Email](#) message that is sent to new volunteers when they complete their registration in MyScouts. They have also created a [new volunteer registration guide](#), with complete step-by-step instructions of what to do in MyScouts and how to access the initial training courses.

Strategic Plan – Up-coming Feedback Session

Reminder of the up-coming Strategic Plan feedback sessions scheduled for:

Thursday Oct 28 – 8:00PM ET - [Register Here](#)

Scouts Canada's Board of Governors is developing a new Strategic Plan to set the direction of the organization over the coming years and lead Scouts Canada into a post-pandemic world. Ultimately, the goal of this plan is to strengthen Scouts Canada's impact and provide access to great, safe Scouting adventures to more youth across Canada. As part of this process, it's critical that we hear from our members and gather their thoughts on which are the most important priorities to strengthen Scouting in Canada.

Focus Groups will provide a brief overview of the proposed Scouts Canada Strategic Plan 2021 and how they were chosen, followed by a facilitated discussion to answer questions and collect feedback on the proposed plan.

Vaccination Status and MyScouts

MyScouts has been officially updated with the Vaccination Status self-declaration.

An email communication has been sent to both Scouters and Parents last week, and a reminder email will be sent on October 27th. It's **imperative that we ensure all members** are aware that they need to self-declare their vaccination status by **November 1st** and that MyScouts is now ready.

The process to update MyScouts, including details about the exemption process, have been added to News & Events – this is a great spot to point parents and Scouter to for more details:

<https://www.scouts.ca/news-and-events/news/2021/10/updating-vaccination-status-in-myscouts>

<https://www.scouts.ca/news-and-events/covid-19/vaccination-exemption-process.html>

To view who has updated their vaccination status, you can find the information by pulling a Volunteer Ready Report. Please be sure that you select All members in the role type field to be able to see Scouters, participants and parent helpers. In Column Z, Virtual Scouting, you can see who has self-declared (No = can participate in in person Scouting; Yes = can participate in virtual Scouting only; N/A = exempted). If you need help accessing the Volunteer Ready Report, please reach out to your Group Support Scouter.

Town Hall with Fraser Valley Council Voting Members

As your elected Council Voting Members, Marshall Whittaker, Andrew Dallas, and Viki Fanous represent you and all members in Fraser Valley Council. It is their job to ensure that the Board of Governors is aware of your concerns, interests and what matters to you.

They invite you to join them on **Tuesday November 2nd at 7pm** to share what matters to you – what challenges you are encountering, what initiatives are working, what initiatives could be better, any concerns and feedback you would like them to share with the Board, and how Scouts Canada and the Council Voting Members can best support and serve you.

[Click here to Join the Teams Meeting](#)

Rainbucket 2021

The New Rainbucket: Back from the Dead. Rainbucket is back after a brief COVID induced hiatus. Its new, its different, but its still Rainbucket and is taking place at Camp McLean!

Registration is now live!! Come join us for the weekend of November 12-14, or just for the day on the 13th!! Register at: <https://www.rainbucket.ca/registration> and visit www.rainbucket.ca for updates.

Vancouver Canucks Scout Night 2021

In partnership with the Vancouver Canucks, we are happy to announce the return of Vancouver Canucks Scout Night. All members of Scouts Canada, their friends, and family are invited to attend the annual Scouts Night on Sunday, November 21st 2021!

Come out as a family or a group and watch the Vancouver Canucks play the Chicago Blackhawks. Every Scout that attends in uniform will receive a Canucks crest to commemorate the evening.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://fevo.me/canucks-scouts21>

Development Opportunities

Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge, check out these upcoming learning opportunities.

Youth Sustainability Leadership Panel

This unique panel features three teenage sustainability leaders and will allow youth from across Canada to explore youth leadership, sustainable actions and opportunities to collectively explore the UN's SDGs. Sunday, October 24th, 11:00am PDT [Register Here](#)

Being a Scouter – the FUNdamentals

Designed to help new Scouters understand what it means to be a Scouter and how to put theory and concepts into practice.

Sunday, October 24th, 5:00pm PDT [Register Here - Zoom](#)

Week 5 Skills Night for Scouters – Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land

Learn new games and identify how our choices for Scouting activities effect life on land and what you can do to improve the land.

Monday, October 25th, 5:00pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Monday, October 25th, 7:00pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Building a Group Finance Plan – For Group Commissioners

What program elements are your youth looking for and excited about? Do you have the funds and resources to build a program to meet their dreams? Are all sections planning a big year end adventure? Do you have a short- and long-term financial plan? Let's rise to the challenge. We will talk about group financial plans; how to work towards getting the money to meet the adventures instead of the adventures being limited to the money; and how to build stability and financial longevity for your group's needs!

Tuesday, October 26th, 5pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Diversity & Inclusion Listening Sessions

As an organization undergoing our own journey to understand our impact on Indigenous communities in Canada, we are encouraging members to build a common base understanding of Canada's broader Reconciliation journey and encourage a personal commitment to learning more. As we begin the process, hearing from our Scouts Canada community is an important ongoing component of our journey. In this early stage, what are your biggest needs, thoughts, and suggestions?

Volunteers – Monday, November 8th, 3:30pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Volunteers – Thursday, November 25th, 5:00pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Youth – Monday, November 29th, 3:30pm PDT [Register Here](#)

Introductory Scouter Skills Development Day

Basic outdoor skills for new Scouters at Camp McLean

Saturday, November 27th, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Registration information coming soon!

Resources & Ideas - Onboarding Toolbox

The Group Support Centre has put together a virtual [volunteer onboarding toolbox](#). This tool has been created to help Groups with onboarding new volunteers. You are welcome to use these tools as you see fit within your groups. Each of the screening components has been broken down into separate documents/pages so you can share with your volunteers only the requirements that they have outstanding or need assistance with to avoid overwhelming them.

If you have questions or need assistance with onboarding volunteers, please reach out to your Group Support Scouter.

Spotlight



The Scouting community came together at Camp McLean over the weekend of October 15th and held its first Scout Kickoff since the Pandemic. With a multitude of Covid Protocols in place, and under the threat of a nasty weather warning, 24 Scout Troops from all over Fraser Valley Council - 220 Scouts, plus 86 Venturers, Rovers and Scouters - converged at Camp McLean to camp and learn a variety of skills at 32 stations – from potato canons and archery to GPS, first aid, fire building, permits and more.

The consensus, from unsolicited feedback - “the event was reinvigorating and reenergizing; Scouts, Ventures, Rovers and Scouters all had so much fun; loved the stations and learned a lot. “

A huge thank you to all the Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Scouters who took part in Kickoff; not just for making it a success and demonstrating youth leadership, but for also reminding us of the value of Community and the Scouting Spirit!

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- October 24 – Being a Scouter the FUNdamentals - [Register](#)
- November 12-14 – The New Rainbucket: Back from the Dead. More information to come.
- November 16, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Pack Scouter Mug Up – [Join](#)
- November 18, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Troop Scouter Mug Up - [Join](#)
- November 18, 8:00pm – Fraser Valley Company and Crew Mug Up (for Venturers, Rovers & Company and Crew Scouters) - [Join](#)
- November 20 - Cub Skills – For more information check out Scoutstracker or contact Peter Scurr at petergrantscurr@gmail.com
- November 20, 5:00pm – Vancouver Canucks Scout Night – Vancouver v. Chicago. More information to come.
- November 20th, 11:00am – Scouts Canada AGM
- November 27, 8:00am – 4:00pm – FVC/PCC Introductory Scouter Skills Development Day at Camp McLean

For a listing of all the upcoming Section Scouter Skill sessions and Group Committee Sessions, please visit the [Explorers Needed Calendar](#).