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We hope this issue finds you and your family safe and dry. Given the most recent weather circumstances, we would like to remind everyone to please stay safe, limit travel to avoid unnecessary personal risks, and please do remember to continue checking in on neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers for continued strength are with all those affected by the recent atmospheric river.

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Council Commissioner

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Tom Waldock as the new Council Commissioner for Fraser Valley Council. Please join us in welcoming Tom to the new role.

Tom joined Scouting as a Section Scouter in 1996 with his first son, and has served across all sections with his 7 children. He has also served as a Group Commissioner, Area Commissioner, and most recently as a Group Support Scouter.

When not Scouting, or working as an IT Project Manager, Tom can be found jogging through trails and up mountains, or enjoying lakeside campfires with his wife. Tom is very passionate about Scouting, and about supporting and helping to develop strong groups and enabling them to support amazing adventures for youth and Scouters.

We would also like to thank Rob McNicol for his leadership and outstanding service as Council Commissioner over the past 3 years. It's been a challenging last 18-20 months, and Rob's dedication and leadership has helped us navigate through all the changes and adapt in order to continue Scouting and support our Scouting community. We are pleased to announce that Rob plans to continue with the Council Leadership Team as a Resource Scouter for Venturers and Rovers.

Thank you Rob! Congratulations Tom!

Scout Coffee Fund Allocation

With the Scout Coffee campaign now a year-round fundraising event, there has been some inquiry about when funds will be allocated to groups.

Groups will collect 35% of the retail price of each allocated purchase as profit. In addition, over 5% will go to the No One Left Behind campaign. Every two months, Groups will receive an income statement detailing their sales thus far, followed by a profit disbursement, deposited into their Group bank account. The first deposit will be made in the first two weeks of January, followed by the next deposit at the beginning of March and so on.

NOLB Participation Subsidy – Procedure Update

Scouts Canada is making an update to the application process for the NOLB Participation Subsidy, in order to make it easier for families to access the support they need to be able to participate in great Scouting adventures.

Parents can now apply for financial assistance to help pay for uniforms, equipment, and program activity fees directly through their MyScouts account by selecting the NOLB Fund Request option.

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Most applications will be assessed immediately, and the Group will be notified of any funds that are disbursed. Groups are responsible to allocate the funds appropriately for the intended purpose. For more information, please see the [No One Left Behind \(NOLB\) Participation Subsidy Procedure](#)

Scouts Canada's Annual General Conference 2021- Reminder

Please see the [agenda](#) for Scouts Canada's 2021 Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting taking place Saturday, November 20th to Sunday, November 21st.

At this year's conference, The Board of Governors will launch the new strategic plan which aims to strengthen Scouts Canada's impact and provide access to great, safe scouting adventures to more youth across Canada. There will also be opportunities to participate in workshops over the conference weekend that will provide us with insights on how to implement the plan and support Groups along the way. You are all encouraged to participate.

Lastly, there will be an opportunity to meet the new National Key 3 and a special guest appearance with some exciting news to share!

For any questions, please contact Kayleigh Kanoza, Director, Organizational Planning, kayleigh.kanoza@scouts.ca.

Scouter Opportunities: Program Support Projects

The Program Support Network is looking for Scouters interested in putting their online facilitation skills to work in an upcoming Winter Project. There are 32 spots available for Scouters to further develop,

facilitate and moderate **online workshops** throughout **Jan-Feb 2022**. (Scouters will be working in small teams with support from the Program Support Network)

- Winter Challenge Info Nights (x3 between Dec and Jan)
- Weekly Challenge Implementation/Skills Workshops (x8/week for 4 weeks mid-Jan to mid-Feb)
 - 32 Positions available
 - **24 Host/Facilitator Spots** (3 per session)
 - **8 Moderator Spots** (1 per session)

If any of these roles are of interest to you, please email programsupport@scouts.ca (by Nov 26th) and optionally fill in this [form](#).

The Program Support Network will also be aiming to hold some **in-person winter workshops** between **Jan-Feb 2022**, in some of the following Councils/locations:

- Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, CEC/Battlefields, Tri-Shores, Shining waters, GTC, Voyageur, Halifax & St. John's

If you are interested in helping to coordinate or in being a facilitator or subject matter expert, please contact programsupport@scouts.ca (by Nov 26th) and optionally fill in this [form](#).

Winter Challenge: Calling All Content Creators

As mentioned in the previous issue, the next Challenge is coming this February! Teasers will be coming out soon, but to kick off the next challenge the Program Team will be hosting a virtual Opening Ceremony in late January (are you starting to figure out the next challenge theme..?)

More details to be released soon, but just a head's up that our volunteer-led virtual Opening Ceremony team will be looking for video content for this fun, virtual kick-off event.

Partner Profile: Parks Canada Youth Ambassadors for 2022-2023

Parks Canada is seeking **Parks Canada's Youth Ambassadors for 2022-2023**! If you know any youth who are talented communicators, who would like to share Parks Canada's stories and places, and who would inspire young Canadians to get outside, learn, experience and appreciate Canada's rich natural and cultural heritage, please share this information with them.

Application period: 10-28 November (11:59 p.m. EST). Follow @pcParksLife and check out this link for more details: <http://ow.ly/6Uuf30md5ZA>

Development Opportunities

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

BCY Introductory Winter Scouter Outdoor Skills Day

This Introductory Scouter Skills Day will be a repeat of the recent and successful Introductory Skills Day that was held in September, and will offer up to seven 30-45 minute introductory session opportunities with a winter season focus. The sessions are Ideal for 1st to 3rd year Colony and Pack Scouters, and is open to all Scouters, potential volunteers and interested parents.

Session Highlights include:

- Meeting Safety Planning (Adventure Activity Forms and Emergency Response Plans)
- Scouting Traditions

- Intro to Orienteering & Compass Work
- Intro to Winter Camp Planning
- Scoutcraft 101 Pt 1: Intro to Knot Tying and Lashing
- Scoutcraft 101 Pt 2: Intro to Winter Fire Lighting and Fire Safety
- Leave No Trace

Date: November 27, 2021

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Camp McLean – 20315 16th Avenue, Langley BC

Registration Fee: \$15.00

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) before November 22nd to secure your spot.

*Coffee, tea and individually packaged snacks will be provided. For safety reasons we ask that you provide your own bagged lunch, mug, mask and camping chair for safe distancing.

Attendees who are not Active Scouts Canada Members will be required to complete a Scouts Canada Physical Fitness form and sign a Scouts Canada Code of Conduct if they haven't done so already, and all participants will be required to indicate full COVID vaccination status.

For any questions, please reach out to: Mariko Zamani - mzamani@scouts.ca

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

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

Colony and Pack Ceremonies

Do you have questions about ceremonies; their purpose, how to conduct them; variations? If so, we invite you to join us on December 2nd, as we review ceremonies and their meaning.

Date: Thursday, December 2nd

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Location: Mundy Park (Picnic Area), 587 Hillcrest Street, Coquitlam

Registration: Email Bernie at eight_tengc@shaw.ca with your name, group name and section

***Bring your enthusiasm and lantern (flashlight/headlamp, etc). This is an outdoor event, so please dress for the weather. ***

Senate Series – Join the Senate of Canada for a Discussion on Sustainability

Scouts Canada has teamed up with the Senate of Canada to host a speaker series with Senators on topics that are pressing for today's youth.

Join Senator [Rosa Galvez](#) of Quebec and Senator [Diane Bellemare](#) of Quebec for our 5th Speakers Series on how we can pursue a more sustainable life and make an impact in our communities.

Senate Speaker Series- Sustainability

December 6th, 2021, 4pm – 5pm PDT

Register [here](#).

Resources & Ideas

With so many new volunteers in the process of joining the Fraser Valley Scouting community over the last couple of months, we thought it might be helpful to share a reminder of some of the tools that might be helpful in acquainting them with the Scouting program.

[12 weeks of play by play outdoor meeting scripts for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts](#)

[4 weeks of indoor meeting outlines for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts](#)

[Personal Achievement Badges and Activities](#)

[Venturer Scout Activities](#)

[Rover Scout Activities](#)

[STEM activities, kits and partnerships](#)

We also encourage you to check out the other program resources available online (International Programs, Scouts for Sustainability, etc) at [Programs: Overview](#). There are even Scouting at Home activities that could be used as activities in meetings and for engaging parents through family activities/family nights.

Spotlight



Over the weekend of November 12th, 300 (222 campers; 38 day participants and 40 camp staff) Venturers, Rovers, Scouters, Rangers and Guiders from Fraser Valley, Pacific Coast and Cascadia Councils converged upon Camp McLean to bring back Rainbucket from the dead - New Rainbucket. A new location and a new organizational team; New Rainbucket was a huge success and lived up to it's name – rain, rain and rain! Keeping some of the favourites, and adding some new sure to be favourites, highlights included a zombie eating contest, archery, axe throwing, a Rover roundtable and a dance. Even though the sun did not make an appearance, the rain did not dampen the mood.

A huge shout out to all the Rovers from across BCY who were determined that Rainbucket be raised from the dead as a camp, and who worked tirelessly to complete the planning in less than 4 weeks!

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- 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. Purchase tickets and receive your commemorative crest at <https://fevo.me/canucks-scouts21>
- November 20 & 21 - Scouts Canada Annual General Conference and Meeting

- November 27, 9:00am – 4:00pm – FVC/PCC Introductory Scouter Skills Development Day at Camp McLean
- December 13, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Colony/Pack Scouter Mug Up – [Join](#)
- November 16, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Troop Scouter Mug Up - [Join](#)
- November 16, 8:00pm – Fraser Valley Company and Crew Mug Up (for Venturers, Rovers & Company and Crew Scouters) - [Join](#)
- January 15th – Virtual Youth Recognition Event. Emails have been sent to Award Recipients and their Contact Scouters.
- January 30th – Surrey Eagles Scout Night – Surrey Eagles v. Alberni Valley Bulldogs. Contact Barb Taylor at barb.taylor@scouts.ca to purchase your "Group" tickets (no individual orders please). Deadline to purchase and pay for tickets is January 16th.