

## **Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 20 (please share with your team)**

Good Morning,

Welcome to another new registration year! It's been wonderful to hear from so many of you that you and your groups are slowly settling back into Scouting -some virtual, some in person and some a hybrid of meetings - and looking forward to some amazing adventures. As an unknown author noted – And into the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul. We look forward to hearing about your adventures of losing your mind and finding your soul!!! 😊

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### **Supporting a Symptomatic Person Guideline - Update**

Please be aware that the document "[Supporting a Symptomatic Person Guideline](#)" (which can be found as part of [Stage 4 Standards](#)) has been updated to recommend following local Public Health Unit guidelines as it relates to contact tracing and testing. This update was necessary due to the variance in testing and contact tracing from province to province and in different municipalities. The related FAQ on the [COVID FAQ](#) page has also been updated to reflect this latest change.

Any questions – please contact [safety@scouts.ca](mailto:safety@scouts.ca) or [Patrick.campbell@scouts.ca](mailto:Patrick.campbell@scouts.ca)

### **Member Services Update – PRCs, Group Financials, Certificate of Insurance (COI)**

With the new registration year kicked-off, the following are some quick updates and reminders:

#### Submission of PRCs

By Email (Preferred Approach)

We welcome and encourage scanned copies of the Police Records Check (PRC) results certificates. Scouters can have their original PRC document witnessed by and of the following "Active" verifiers: Group Commissioners, Committee Chairs, Group Support Scouters, CK3 Team members and Relationship Managers. Once witnessed, the Scouter can retain their original copy.

The accepted document verifiers may send scans (preferred) or photos of PRCs to [registration@scouts.ca](mailto:registration@scouts.ca), along with:

- The statement, "I have viewed the original police screening document and the attached scan was created from that original."
- The verifying sender's name, Scouting role and applicable Group/Council.

Where individuals receive their own results by email from the police, the individual should forward the email to [registration@scouts.ca](mailto:registration@scouts.ca). It does not need to be verified. In the case of PRCs completed through the Ministry of Justice, they will be automatically received by Scouts Canada once processed.

#### By Mail

If a Scouter is not able to have their original PRC verified locally, the PRC can be mailed to:  
Scouts Canada, C/O Registration Support – 1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa, ON, K2C 0A7

For detailed information on how to request and submit your PRC, please visit [Submitting a PRC](#)

#### Group Financial Annual Statements

Please be reminded that group financial statements should now be emailed to [group.financials@scouts.ca](mailto:group.financials@scouts.ca). Statements are due November 30<sup>th</sup>, and original documents are not required.

#### Certificate of Insurance (COI)

Need a certificate of insurance for a program activity or event? Want proof of insurance to take with you to your activity vendor? All certificate of insurance requests can be emailed to [coirequests@scouts.ca](mailto:coirequests@scouts.ca).

Note: Group Commissioners, authorized committee members, GSS and RMs may sign activity vendor agreements that have less than \$5K monetary value. The signed copy should be sent to [coirequests@scouts.ca](mailto:coirequests@scouts.ca) for filing purposes or to obtain your COI to finalize agreement. Once received, the agreement will be reviewed and any concerns with regards to any portion of the agreement will be returned to the sender. For more information on the COI request processor Scout Canada's Contracts procedure visit here: [Certificate of Insurance: Scouts Canada](#).

#### Annual Volunteer Satisfaction Survey

A volunteer satisfaction survey will be sent to all Scouters this week. The annual satisfaction survey will allow Scouters to provide detailed feedback on every aspect of the volunteer experience. We encourage all Scouters to please take some time to complete the survey and provide your feedback.

- The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and is mostly multiple choice.
- Questions are segmented by role so the set of questions that Scouters receive will vary

#### Rovent 2022

**ROVENT Assemble!** This year all of our camping heroes are being called to Camp McLean on **February 18-21** for a "marvel-ous" time. The theme is obviously, MARVEL!

Register in advance by visiting <https://www.rovent.ca/>. We're expecting a full program with most of your Rovent favourites.

### Jott 2022

The 40<sup>th</sup> Canadian Fellowship of Baden-Powell Guilds will be hosting the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jamboree on the Trail on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:00pm at təmtəmixˈtən/Belcarra Regional Park**. All sections are invited to participate in this annual day for the World Scouting Movement to hike together towards a better future through Scouting.

After walking, running, strolling, and exploring the park, join the 40<sup>th</sup> BP Guild for a BBQ lunch at the picnic shelter. Due to Provincial Health Orders, space is limited so register early.

**To Register:** Email Scouter Jim Pound at [scouterjimp@gmail.com](mailto:scouterjimp@gmail.com) before March 31, 2022.

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person (includes JOTT crest and lunch – hamburger or smokie, bag of chips and drink)

For additional information: check out the [JOTT 2022 notice](#) or contact Jim Pound at [scouterjimp@gmail.com](mailto:scouterjimp@gmail.com) or 604-944-1332.

### Fraser Valley Summer Day Camp

Fraser Valley Council will be offering 6 week long Summer Day Camps for 5-11 year olds. The first week will run from July 11-15, 2022 with the last week running from August 15-19, 2022. Additional information will be released as soon as it becomes available, so please do keep an eye out.

As with previous summer camps, it takes a team to help plan and run the camp. If you are interested in helping to plan, or know of any youth (14 years +) who would like to help plan, or participate in the camp as Camp Counsellors or Program leaders, please contact Jim Bryce at 604-534-5606 or [jsbryce@shaw.ca](mailto:jsbryce@shaw.ca).

### Communications Functional team – Creative Services Volunteer opportunities

The Communications Functional Team is a collaborative team of volunteers and staff that help create branded resources and messaging to support Groups, Councils and other Functional Teams to drive standardization, integration and consistent communications across Canada. The team has several open volunteer positions, including graphic designers and youth web developers and graphic designers. For more information on open volunteer opportunities visit [Volunteer Opportunities section](#).

### Resources & Ideas

#### Claim the Flame

There are just 3 days left before the Claim the Flame challenge kicks off.

The [Opening Ceremony was held virtually](#) on Saturday, January 22, and a recording of the Ceremony has already been viewed over 1000 times! The recording is only about 20 minutes long – and a great way for groups who didn't tune in, to kick off their meeting this week in preparation for the Challenge next week!

Don't forget – there are still lots of Scouter Skills nights coming up – check the [National Calendar](#) for details and links or the [Claim the Flame Page](#).

And remember – there are weekly prizes to be won – all you have to do is submit your group’s challenge each week – that’s it! But if you also post on Social Media – you can win prizes too along with a chance to earn a cool reverse crest.

**Please Note:** the Claim the Flame Challenge Crests are arriving this week – so they’ll be up on ScoutShop.ca very soon!

#### Program Partners – HOP! & Sail Canada

HOP! - a free, bilingual, progressive web-app that was developed for elementary school children to make walking fun. Children can use Hop! to track the kilometers they walk, while being motivated by engaging illustrations, group challenges, and milestones.

Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts can use Hop! to keep track of the distances they have hiked or to help them work towards Personal Achievement Badges. And Scouters can use Hop! to create teams and encourage friendly competitions.

For more detailed information about HOP!, Check out the [HOP! App](#) document.

Sail Canada - Second edition of the eSailing Championship. If your group or section is interested in sailing, check out the eSailing community circuit and how you can participate and organize your own internal championship. [eSailing National Championship Canada](#)

#### Development Opportunities

Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge, check out our new upcoming learning opportunities coming soon!

#### BCY Introductory Virtual Outdoor Skills Scouter Development Day – Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Amidst the focus on safety and ongoing changes of restrictions with the ongoing pandemic, it is important to continue to find creative ways to stay connected and seek inspiration in developing new skills that can be applied during our “new normal” Scouting adventures and beyond!

This Virtual Introductory Outdoor Skills Session will be held via Zoom and will offer three 45-minute intro level learning session opportunities all from the comfort of your own home!

Introductory Sessions Include:

- Intro to ScoutsTracker (supporting use of the App with “Claim the Flame” Winter Challenge!)
- Intro to preparing Youth for cold season Camping and activities!
- Scouting Traditions: How to run a Formal Scouting Campfire (then participate in a virtual one)!

This virtual Intro Level Skills Development Session is ideal for:

- **1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Year Colony & Pack** Scouters!
- Other new Section Scouters are welcome to register as well!
- Potential Volunteers and Interested Parents are welcome to register as well!

Registration Fee: Free

Link to Register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlfu-gqT4tG90X9qe0rSv46icUG359mOgX>

*\*The session will begin promptly at 9:30am Pacific Time!*

*\*Please prepare coffee & snacks for yourself. There will be one 10-minute break partway through!*

*\*We encourage participants to be on-camera if possible, especially during interactive activities!*

For any questions, please reach out to Mariko Zamani - [mzamani@scouts.ca](mailto:mzamani@scouts.ca)

### **BCY Scouting Skills - March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – SAVE THE DATE**

Join us for a weekend of skills learning at Camp McLean. Learn new skills, brush up on existing skills and connect with fellow Scouters.

Planning is currently in process and more information will be available soon. Based on the feedback received, there will be sessions available for Section Scouters and Group Committee.

The team is always looking for new facilitators, if you are interested or know of someone (youth or adult) who is interested in helping to facilitate Scouting Skills, please contact Bernie Delahaye at [eight\\_tengc@shaw.ca](mailto:eight_tengc@shaw.ca).

### **Troop Scouters Gathering – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Camp McLean**

Calling all Troop Scouters! Rain or Shine, we invite all Troop Scouters to join Scouters Jonathan Meads and Tony Nathan on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at **Camp McLean** (Ericksen firepit) as they lead a session on how to develop 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year Scouts from camping in groups (or with minimal experience) to light weight camping and becoming self sufficient campers in a Scouting environment.

Fraser Valley Council is fortunate to have a number of highly experienced Troop Scouters. We welcome and encourage all Scouters to come out and share their experiences and knowledge.

### **Spotlight**

On Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>, we had the opportunity to celebrate the 2021 Chief Scout's Award and Queen's Venturer Award recipients from across Fraser Valley and Cascadia! These youth showed resiliency in the face of COVID, and despite all the ups and downs caused by restrictions and changes over the past 2 years, they made big impacts on each of their communities. The capstone projects ranged from environmental clean ups and food drives to fixing up and donating bikes and selling community libraries to raise funds for new immigrants.

Please join us in congratulating all recipients! Their determination and dedication in completing their Top Section Award is an attribute to their strength and leadership.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HARD WORK AND ACHIEVEMENT!**

For anyone who was unable to attend the ceremony, you may view it at: <https://youtu.be/UzlkLtjinAg>

### **Upcoming Events & Key Dates**

- February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – BCY Introductory Virtual Outdoor Skills Development

- February – Skills Night – Check out the [Calendar on the Claim the Flame](#) page for the list and links for Skills Nights.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – BCY Scouting Skills – Camp McLean
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Troop Scouters Gathering – Camp McLean Ericksen Fire Pit – Developing self-sufficient Campers
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Abbotsford Canucks Scout Night – Game to be announced. Tickets \$22.50/pp – includes game, post game skate and Q&A with Abbotsford Canucks players via zoom. More information to come soon.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Surrey Eagles Scout Night – vs. Powell River Kings. Contact Barb Taylor at [barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:barb.taylor@scouts.ca) to purchase your "Group" tickets (no individual orders please). Deadline to purchase and pay for tickets is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for everything that you do and for all the adventures that you and your community provides. You are amazing! Scouting would not be possible without you and your teams!  
Thank you!