

## **Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 21 (please share with your team)**

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” – William James. Directly or indirectly, from weekly meetings (in person or virtual) to weekend adventures, the impact and difference you make on young people in your community goes beyond what you see – helping to build long lasting bonds of friendship, resiliency and emotional stability, self-confidence, compassion, empathy, life skills, leadership skills, and the list goes on. Whether in a section or in a support capacity, never underestimate the difference you make today and for tomorrow.

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### **Live Different Circles**

In partnership with [Live Different](#), Scouts Canada is launching a new initiative this spring aimed at Scouts, Venturers & Rovers. This six-week program will allow youth to meet new people, form new bonds and find more purpose in this ever-changing world. Please see the [Live Different document](#) for more detailed information about the program and how youth can participate.

Scouts Canada has also just launched a webpage outlining more about the program including, testimonials, what to expect and how youth can sign up as Facilitators and Participants.

<https://www.scouts.ca/circles/home.html>

### **Chilly Moose - New Partnership**

We are pleased to announce our new partnership with a great Canadian company called [Chilly Moose](#) (the Canadian “Cooler” & Drinkware Company). Chilly Moose’s core values include giving back to the community and protecting the environment, which aligns strongly with our Scouting values. As part of our partnership, Chilly Moose will start selling a co-branded tumbler in March, with \$10 of each sale going towards our No One Left Behind program.

At the end of April, we will also be kicking off a new initiative with Chilly Moose around our Scouts for Sustainability program. Keep an eye out as this could translate into some great prizes for Scouting Groups. More information will be released in the next Woggle (Feb 16) and on the Scouts.ca website!

### **Annual Volunteer Satisfaction Survey - Reminder**

A volunteer satisfaction survey has been sent to all Scouters. The annual satisfaction survey encourages 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

### Fraser Valley Summer Day Camp – In case you missed it

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).

### Translink

**DESIGN A CREST CONTEST**

Design a crest for our Translink event in June!

**Background**  
FVC & PCC are partnering with Translink for an exciting event this June!  
There will be a special crest and we want YOU to design it. We are accepting crest designs from all Scouting members.

**Step 1**  
Generate some ideas:  
What do you think of when you think of Translink? Scouting?  
Is there anything we have in common?

**Step 2**  
Pick a shape:  
Or any other shape you can think of

**Step 3**  
Don't forget to include the Translink & Scouts Canada logos:

**Step 4**  
Design Away!  
You can design your crest on paper or use your computer.

**Step 5**  
Email your crest design to [fraservalleycouncil@scouts.ca](mailto:fraservalleycouncil@scouts.ca) by February 18, 2022

Fraser Valley Council & Pacific Coast Council are partnering with Translink for an exciting event this June! We're in the beginning stages of planning but we will be creating a special crest for the event and we want **YOU** to design it. We are accepting crest designs from all Scouting members in both councils. Each Council will submit one design chosen by their Council Youth Commissioner to Translink who will select the winning design.

Email your crest design to [fraservalleycouncil@scouts.ca](mailto:fraservalleycouncil@scouts.ca) by February 18, 2022

### Resources & Ideas

#### Learn to Fish – Freshwater Fisheries of BC

Join the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC for a 2-hour Learn to Fish program where you will learn about hatchery roles, fish identification, proper fish handling, tackle, rod rigging and casting, followed by hands on fishing at the lake! All rods and tackle are provided, and the program runs free at local lakes. You can also book at the Abbotsford hatchery and fish their stocked ponds for \$10/child.

The program is suitable for all ages. Licenses are required to fish lakes in BC for those 16 and older. Programs can be booked at most urban lakes such as Lafarge, Como and Green Timbers. For more information or to book a session, contact [Fish@gofishbc.com](mailto:Fish@gofishbc.com), visit [www.gofishbc.com](http://www.gofishbc.com) or 'catch' them on social media @gofishbc!

### 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 Scouting Skills - March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Come enjoy a full Weekend of Scouting Skills Sessions, and Group Committee Geared Sessions. Learn new skills, brush up on existing skills and connect with fellow Scouters.

Find out how to pass on those Scouting Skills to your Scouting Youth. All Scouters are welcome to attend ALL sessions or a few.

**GC Sessions:** Scouter Recruitment & Retention; Onboarding New Scouters; Effective Group Committee Meetings; Forms (AAF, Emergency Response Plans); Scoutstracker for GCs; Section Support

**Section Scouters:** Campfire traditions and rituals; Outdoor Cooking; Camp Set Up; Knots and Practical uses; Pioneering & Camp Gadgets; Knife & Axes.

**Date:** Saturday March 5th 9 AM to 4 PM and Sunday March 6th 9 AM to 4 PM

**Location:** Camp McLean, 20315 16th Ave. Langley, B.C.

**Registration:** Email Bernie Delahaye at [eight\\_tengc@shaw.ca](mailto:eight_tengc@shaw.ca) with Name, Group Name and Section before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Registration Fee:** \$20.00, please make cheques payable to Scouts Canada – 109<sup>th</sup> BP Guild.

#### 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

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award is an award recognized around the Globe. HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh initiated the award to encourage youth 14-25 years of age to get out of their comfort zones and build their skills.

The Duke of Ed comprises of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. At each level, youth participate in Physical Recreation, build a Skill, do Service Projects, and go on an Adventurous Journey, building level on level until they are working on it for a full year. At the Gold level there is also a Gold Project where youth go away for five nights with people that they don't know and work on a common goal.

Congratulations to the following individuals for receiving their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards:

**Bronze**

Aidan Gallant  
Teresa wang  
Jason Ge  
Andrew Zhao

**Silver**

Alex Zhang  
Jason Ge  
Teresa Wang

If you know of any youth who are looking to further expand their skills; build long lasting memories; explore interests and new challenges; and enhance their CV and post-secondary applications; or who are working on their Top Section award and may want to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh award simultaneously, we encourage you to visit [Youth Leadership: Duke of Edinburgh's International Award](#).

For further information check out the [Duke of Edinburgh Award Summary](#).

**Upcoming Events & Key Dates**

- February – Skills Night – Check out the [Calendar on the Claim the Flame](#) page for the list and links for Skills Nights.
- February 18-21<sup>st</sup> – ROVENT. Theme: MARVEL!  
Register in advance by visiting <https://www.rovent.ca/>. We're expecting a full program with most of your Rovent favourites.
- 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 & Guide Night. Abbotsford Canucks vs. Colorado Eagles. Tickets \$22.50/pp – includes game, custom Canucks crest, post game skate (participants need to bring their own skates and helmet) and Q&A with Abbotsford Canucks players via zoom. To purchase group tickets, contact Alex Suprynowicz at [alex.suprynowicz@abbotsfordcanucks.ca](mailto:alex.suprynowicz@abbotsfordcanucks.ca) or 604.743.5071. You can also purchase individual tickets via [Purchase Here - Scouts Tickets](#). In order to coordinate the post skate, we have been asked to please purchase tickets by March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 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>.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm- 6:00am – Nite Hike 2022 – Pacific Spirit Park. [Nitehike@scouts.ca](mailto:Nitehike@scouts.ca)
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cuboree – Camp McLean. [Barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:Barb.taylor@scouts.ca)
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Beaveriee – Camp McLean. [Barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:Barb.taylor@scouts.ca)
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-3:00pm – JOTT 2022 - t̄amt̄am̄ix̄wt̄an/Belcarra Regional Park. To Register: Email Scouter Jim Pound at [scouterjimp@gmail.com](mailto:scouterjimp@gmail.com) before March 31, 2022

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!