

## Commissioner's Scoop - Issue 24

GET OUT! HAVE FUN, and GET MESSY!

As restrictions ease and we begin to move into longer days and warmer nights, we are so excited to get back to camping and experiencing new adventures. "The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences." – Eleanor Roosevelt. With that being said, we encourage all sections to GET OUT, HAVE FUN, and GET MESSY!

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### **Pandemic Stage Reminder**

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a number of COVID-19 restrictions and Provincial Health Orders were lifted and eased: No more Indoor mask requirements; removal of capacity limits; and removal of the Provincial Health Order for Overnight Camping for Children and Youth.

With the changes in these restrictions, we gently remind everyone that Fraser Valley Council continues to operate in Stage 5 of the [Stage 5 of the Pandemic Program and Modification Standards](#).

What does this mean for scouting?

Camping returns to pre-pandemic standards with planning to be conducted as per our [BP&P](#).

- No capacity restrictions for meetings indoors or outdoors.
- Masks are no longer required in indoor spaces, however individual business and event organizers can continue to require masks on their premises, so when planning visits to third party vendors, please don't forget to make inquiries.
- Masks are encouraged on public transit and BC Ferries, but not required.
- MAAF and ERPs are still required for activities away from the usual meeting place, including Category 1 outdoor activities.

We will continue to monitor and support the updates from the Chief Medical Officer and Public Health Office, and continue to keep you updated with any changes.

**Fraser Valley Summer Day Camp Employment Opportunities – Application Deadline March 31**

Fraser Valley Council is excited to be running Summer Day Camp at Camp McLean for 6 weeks, starting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

We are looking to fill the following positions: Assistant Camp Director; Lifeguard; Program Staff/Camp Counsellors; and Maintenance Staff.

If you or someone you know is interested in working at Camp McLean from June to August, would like more information regarding the specific opportunities, and would like to apply, please visit [Scouts Canada Careers](#).

### **Council Voting Representatives – Nominations and Voting Timelines**

The Council Representative nomination and voting period is fast approaching. Below is this year's schedule. Emails and reminder emails will be sent out to all members during each period (nomination and voting) to encourage participation and member engagement in the nomination and voting process. Details regarding the nomination and process will be posted to the website starting on Tuesday April 5th.

Nomination Period: April 5 – May 3, 2022

Candidate Statements posted to website: May 16, 2022

Election Period: May 17 – June 14, 2022

Results Announcement: June 17, 2022

### **Changes to International Standards**

Changes are currently underway to the International Standards along with some minor changes to the Adventure Application Form as well as the International section of the website. The most significant change to the Standard is that for trips less than three nights or 500km from home, Group Commissioners can approve these International Adventure Applications. Additionally, the timeline for Adventure Applications submissions is minimum four weeks prior to departure.

These changes will be updated on the website this week.

Questions can be directed to the International Team at [intl@scouts.ca](mailto:intl@scouts.ca)

### **Safe Scouting Update – New Safe Scouting for Parents Course**

A new Safe Scouting for Parents course is scheduled to launch on March 31.

- The new course will align with the new RiS training and best practices for the role of a parent attending an activity.
- When updated, the training will be available [here](#) / [Ici](#)
- No one will have to retake their training; the course will simply be updated for new users.

Please also see the latest [Safe Scouting Report](#), ending March 16.

### **Scholarships – Now Open!**

Applications for the Scouts Canada Scholarship Program are now open! If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the 2022-2023 school year and are currently an active and registered member of Scouts Canada, our Scholarship Program might be able to financially help you in your endeavors!

We see the Scholarship Program as a stepping-stone toward evolving the lives of today's youth into the well-rounded, motivated adults of tomorrow. Scholarships are awarded to Scouting youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, and a desire to create a better world. Deadline for submission is **June 19, 2022**. To learn more about scholarships are available — visit the [Scouts Canada Scholarship page](#). Good luck!

### **Inclusion + Reconciliation: Steering Committee Advisors**

As part of our [Scouts Canada Inclusion + Reconciliation Journey](#) we have onboarded our Internal and External Reconciliation Advisors, who have graciously offered to guide our organization at the strategic level. We are grateful to welcome as Advisors:

- Torri Weapenicappo (Ontario)
- Sonja Perley (New Brunswick)
- Naomi Withers (Alberta)
- Lisa Sheppard (British Columbia)
- Jonathan Dueck (New Brunswick)
- Jonathon Michel (Northwest Territories)

Our Advisors bring a wealth of talent, excellence and lived experience and offer a dynamic set of perspectives including urban, rural, Métis and insights generated from MMIWG efforts, regions, on-reserve, off-reserve and corporate. We also acknowledge that this group does not necessarily capture the full spectrum of diversity across First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, however we are grateful that they have offered to start this journey with us so we can build a more inclusive future.

Following our first round of seven Listening Sessions with 133 participants to gather positive and critical feedback on our approach to Inclusion and Reconciliation, our Listening Sessions Report will be available soon. As we continue in our journey, we plan to conduct future rounds of Listening Sessions to further identify any changing needs and concerns.

### **Resources & Ideas**

#### **Scouts Canada STEM Program & STEM Kits**

The Scouts Canada STEM program is designed to promote interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) among Scouting youth and their families. STEM has long been an integral part of the Scouting experience, from building shelters and learning how to use navigation devices to connecting with and understanding the natural ecosystems around us.

We are happy to announce that we are bringing STEM Kits for Colony and PACK back into circulation. The STEM kits are a great way to start your exploration of STEM on The Canadian Path. The kits provide Trail Cards, manuals and materials for several STEM activities designed around a common theme. The kits can be used over the course of a few meetings, or in a camp. We currently have the Around the Pond kit for Beaver Scouts and the Space Exploration kit for Cub scouts. The kits are located at Camp McLean. If you would like to book one of the Kits, please contact Doug Pearson at [doug.pearson@scouts.ca](mailto:doug.pearson@scouts.ca).

Currently our STEM Kit for Scouts – Robotics – is in need of repair. We hope to have it repaired and back in circulation. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping with the repairs, please contact Viki at [vfanous@scouts.ca](mailto:vfanous@scouts.ca).

There is also a pool of STEM activities for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers to help youth and Scouters make STEM a part of their Scouting programs. The activities on our Activity Finder follow the "Plan-Do-Review" model to guide youth through activities. They include a list of the materials needed and links to online resources. You can find the activities in the Activity Finder or by visiting [Trail Cards: STEM Activities](#)

## **Development Opportunities**

### **Event Management**

The Western Region team invites you to join us in a Townhall on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 to learn more about the new Event Support process and to meet the National Commissioner for Event Support, Chris Stankaitis. Learn about the Event Management Playbook, different risk categories of events, what support is available and what you need to know when planning multi-group events.

We also invite you to check out the [Event Management Playbook Home](#) in advance and bring any questions you have.

**Date:** Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 6:30pm PDT; 7:30PM MTN; 8:30pm CST

Join us via zoom -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82998865455?pwd=MXFncU01RVpIN1gySm15dmhnUkdJQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9886 5455

Passcode: 129987

## **Spotlight**

Scouting members from across Fraser Valley have been busy this Spring Break cheering on their home town hockey teams.

On Sunday March 13, the Abbotsford Canucks hosted a Scout and Guide Night. Over 150 members attended this nail biting game that saw the Canucks win in overtime! 3 Scouts even had the opportunity to be interviewed on the Jumbotron.

On Sunday March 20, the Surrey Eagles hosted the 7th annual Scout Night. Over 300 Scouters and youth cheered on the Surrey Eagles as they took on the Powell River Kings. 21st South Surrey Scout took the honor of participating in the evenings' colour party.

Both games gave everyone the opportunity for a free skate after the game!

Special thanks to Jaime Bol & Barb Taylor for organizing the events!

## Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 1:30pm - Scout Truck Rally - Baitur Rahman Mosque Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, 9570 River Road, Delta. Cost \$5/youth. Groups wishing to attend please email Jonathan Meads at [meadsjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:meadsjonathan@gmail.com) by April 5<sup>th</sup>, how many Scouts from each year will attend. Please note that all Troops attending must provide a minimum of one Scouter to assist with running the event.
- April 9th-10th, 6:00pm- 6:00am – Nite Hike 2022 – Pacific Spirit Park. [Nitehike@scouts.ca](mailto:Nitehike@scouts.ca)
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm - Cuboree – Camp McLean. Cost \$10/person. Packs wishing to attend, please mail registration forms to Barb Taylor , 19477 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3S 7L4, including payment (one cheque made payable to Scouts Canada) by *April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022*. Please note that no late or on-site registrations will be accepted. All Packs attending are expected to provide a station for the duration of the day. Please advise Barb at [Barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:Barb.taylor@scouts.ca) of your station and what facilities you require.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm - Beaveree – Camp McLean. Cost \$10/person. Colonies wishing to attend, please mail registration forms to Barb Taylor , 19477 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3S 7L4, including payment (one cheque made payable to Scouts Canada) by *April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022*. Please note that no late or on site registrations will be accepted. All Colonies attending are expected to provide a station for the duration of the day. Please advise Barb at [Barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:Barb.taylor@scouts.ca) of your station and what facilities you require.
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-3:00pm – JOTT 2022 - tæmtæmíxwtæn/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. You are amazing! Scouting would not be possible without you and your teams!

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