

Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 26 (please share with your team)

Good Morning,

We continue to look for ways to simplify and streamline processes and improve as a Council, and more importantly, develop and grow 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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Spring PR Campaign

Just a friendly reminder about the [PR campaign that has launched this week](#).

According to the recent survey that Scouts Canada conducted about how 'outdoorsy' Canadians think they are, over half of respondents don't seem confident in their ability to set up a tent. Asked how long they thought pitching a tent would take them, over half of them either had no idea how long it would take to set up a tent (suggesting that it might take a while.) or they thought it took between 30-45 minutes. Conveniently, the average Scout can set up their own tent in 15 minutes. 😊

This survey is part of our new PR campaign. With a humorous tone, the survey results demonstrate the lack of camping and outdoor skills among Canadians, and the press release positions Scouts Canada as an organization that fills this gap—reconnecting youth and volunteers with important outdoor and life skills that set them up for success.

The purpose of the campaign is to generate brand visibility as we move into the slower months of Scouting and encourage current non-volunteer parents and potential volunteers to start thinking about joining as Scouters in the fall (where they can bring their experience and teach youth or develop new skills of their own).

We encourage you to share on social media as well as utilize the email template to engage parents. The email template is a great opportunity for Scouters to remind parents of the benefits of Scouting and lay the groundwork for future parent-volunteers. The email templates can be found on [Trello](#).

Open Positions at Scouts Canada – Summer Jobs

The summer season is fast approaching and that means many of our properties will be opening up to welcome back Scouting groups and summer day camp program participants. There are many open positions still available for jobs at our camps this summer. Positions are available at: Adventureland/Woodland Trails (ON), Camp Samac (ON), Camp Opemikon (ON) and Camp McLean (BC). Most positions are 18+, but there are some that are 16+ so spread the word! 📣

Find open positions here: <https://www.scouts.ca/about/careers/summer-camps.html>

Camp McLean Summer Camp – Now Open for Registration

We're happy to report that Camp McLean is now accepting summer day camp registrations!

Camp McLean's co-ed summer programs are open for ALL children in the communities we serve! Come join us for a wilderness experience in the south Langley area. Fun, adventure, learning new skills and creating memories that will last a lifetime is what Camp McLean promises to deliver to each camper. Whether it is your first time attending an outdoor camp program or you are a seasoned camper looking for a challenge, Camp McLean offers something for all ages & abilities.

Please note: Camp McLean will NOT be offering traditional overnight youth camping or weekend family camping for summer 2022.

Membership Services Updates

Eligible Interviewers

Have you ever tried to add an Interviewer on an applicant's Screening Checklist in MyScouts but not been able to find the person in the Interviewer search? If you're using names as written in MyScouts but not pulling up the right person (or any results), that person likely isn't an eligible interviewer.

It's not hard to become an interviewer; any "Active" Scouter who has completed "Volunteer Screening: It's Our Duty" training can be an interviewer. The training is available in the David Huestis Learning Centre as part of Wood Badge for Group Commissioners; the session can also be requested by others through Wood Badge I > "Additional Learning" where it appears as "Become an interviewer for Volunteer Roles"

Respect in Sport Re-Certification

Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders is valid for a period of 5 years from the time it is taken with any organization. As it has been just over 5 years since RIS was introduced, please take the opportunity to make sure all your Scouters are up to date. [How to renew Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders when it expires](#)

Non-Members and Reports

By default, parents/guardians do not appear in reports; searching through individual profiles to find out whether they've done training can be tedious.

Solution: "Add Parent Helper" or "Add Adult Overnight" in the applicable Section profile.

"Add Parent Helper" offers the Group Commissioner, Registrar and Administrator a list of parents/guardians linked to "Active" Participants in the Section, and a choice of "Parent Helper" and "Parent Overnight" roles. "Add Adult Overnight" should be used with greater caution because a new profile may be created. Recommendation: If you want to "Add Adult Overnight" for a parent or someone else who may already have a MyScouts profile but does not appear in the search, contact Registration@scouts.ca for help.

Once a non-Member role has been added, people with the role will be included in Volunteer Readiness and other reports run for Member Type: "Non-Members" or "All".

Bonus: Having a role in MyScouts enables non-Members to accept the Code of Conduct online through their own accounts.

Understanding Age-Groups

Although the Participant Membership/Registration Year has shifted to align with the calendar year, the Scouting (Program/Fiscal) Year and default youth age-groupings haven't changed.

As in the past, during the early registration period**, "Join Scouts" allows parents/guardians to register youth who will be five years old before the end of December.

Youth who turn five in January or later, must wait or be approved by the Group for early entry. See "Age Exceptions" for more information.

**Early registration period = September to December; the time before the start of the new Participant Membership year during which registration is open

How Join Scouts registration works:

“Starting Birth Year” is the year of birth all youth eligible for that Section at the start of/when registration opens for that Membership year.

Youth born the next year would be eligible for registration to these Sections after turning 5, 8, 11, 15 or 18, (though they may prefer to be placed with their school-age peers until all advance in/for fall.

Section	Grade in School	Default starting Birth Year for 2023 membership
Beavers	Kindergarten to grade 2	2017
Cubs	Grades 3-5	2014
Scouts	Grades 6-9	2011
Venturers	Grades 10-12	2007
Rovers		2004

Scouts Canada & Chilly Moose & SDGs

Scouts Canada x Chilly Moose are teaming up for our planet on Earth Day, and every day of the year! We are pleased to launch this great initiative with our friends at Chilly Moose to encourage our sections in taking a stand for our planet. Check out our [Scouts for Sustainability Take Action page](#) to find some fun and engaging SDG-related activities to do with your sections.

And guess what? By submitting your activities on our Take Action page, your section could win up to \$1,200 in amazing [Chilly Moose gear](#).

Help us take a stand for the planet! With your support and involvement, the Scouts for Sustainability program can help us take steps towards creating a better world and building a brighter future for us all. (Plus, who doesn't want to win some great high quality gear?!)

Uplifting Scouting Stories: Inclusion and Belonging

We know Scouters from around the country are doing amazing things to build a diverse and inclusive culture in their Group and begin their own local reconciliation journey.

On May 26th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm EST, we're hosting a virtual panel discussion to let some of these awesome Scouter share their stories and testimonials. (Zoom link coming soon)

We are collecting your questions on diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation in advance, in order to build the conversation around what matters most to you. The panel of your peers are looking forward to sharing the best practices they have acquired and answering your questions on how you can do it too! To contribute your questions, click on [our question collection link](#) and fill out the form.

Watch for more event details, "Meet the Panelists" information, as well as an invitation to join the conversation soon.

Scholarship Reminder

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!

Resources & Ideas

Partner Connections: Day of Pink

Creating space for 2SLGBTQIA+ you can save lives:

Join us on two dates in June for a conversation with the International Day of Pink to learn about creating inclusion for gender & sexually diverse folks in our community. Participants will walk away with an understanding of 2SLGBTQIA+ language and terminology; best practices in daily situations; and innovative ways to create inclusive and respectful spaces.

Creating space for 2SLGBTQIA+ (Option 1 of 2)

Jun 6, 2022 19:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvd-ygrj0vE9F3mSmREdIsVpBvS78WSysr>

Creating space for 2SLGBTQIA+ (Option 2 of 2)

Jun 8, 2022 21:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Registration Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwocu6ggjMuGNNGiWol--74GwxHbXnKuR87>

Spotlight



Cuboree 2022!

April 23rd was a great day in Fraser Valley Council with 450+ Cubs and Scouters taking part in our Cub Olympics at Camp McLean. Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters from each participating group ran one of the 25 stations which included both Olympic and non Olympic sports including Skiing, Javelin, Human Foosball, and Rock Climbing just to name a few!

There were lots of smiling faces throughout the day and everyone went home tired and happy!!

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- May 7th 9:00am – 4:00pm - Beaveree – Camp McLean. Cost \$10/person. Colonies wishing to attend, please mail registration forms to Barb Taylor , 19477 62nd Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3S 7L4, including payment (one cheque made payable to Scouts Canada) by *April 24th, 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 of your station and what facilities you require.

- May 14th, 9:30-3:00pm – JOTT 2022 - tæmtæmíxwtæn/Belcarra Regional Park. To Register: Email Scouter Jim Pound at scouterjimp@gmail.com before March 31, 2022
- May 27-29 - Hyack 2022 – Back In Tents! - Queens Park, New Westminster. \$20/person. To register, please visit <http://hyackcamp.newwestscouts.ca>. If you have any questions, please email hyack@newwestscouts.ca.
- June 18th, 1:00-4:00pm – FVC/PCC Translink Event - Coquitlam Station, Metrotown Station, Lonsdale Station. For more information or to register: email Becca Stephen at becca.stephen@scouts.ca.

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