

SWC Meeting Q&A – April 24, 2021

The following questions were addressed directly during the meeting – please refer to the Minutes for the recap. Please feel free to reach out to your Relationship Manager if you need clarifications:

The Great8 Challenge

- What is the cut off time for submission for gr8 to have it counted towards the challenge as we meet on Fridays and 2 days is not enough time
- how can we ensure our group has posted - what happens if it is posted twice?
- I have had many scouters ask me how to download the videos - apparently there is no button to download!
- re: Great8 - will the Group buy the badges or Scouts Canada just sends them..

Spring into Adventure ScoutCon 2021

- Are the Spring Into Adventure training materials available to youth?
- ScoutCon question. Will any of the sessions be recorded and be available later? Timing may be a challenge for those who work and/or have bedtime. Thanks

Registration Related

- What's the status for changing the registration fee to avoid paying for a full year in the remainder of 2021 and again in Jan 2022?
- Why do we get so many notes and meetings about membership? It's driving more work on to the volunteers and volunteers are struggling and stressed

Other

- What are the plans for KubKars and ScoutTrucks in 2021, please? Thanks
- Has the insurance policy been renewed and where are the details? I expect to be getting a Board of Ed reminder that our insurance has expired on Apr 1/2021

The following questions were submitted on Slido, but we did not have a chance to address them due to time limitations. Please see below for our written response. Please feel free to reach out to your Relationship Manager if you need clarifications:

Top Section Awards

What is the process for 2021 for Chief Scout Awards. I have two recipients and documented them in myscouts, but I'm curious about the badges/certificates.

Is this being handled by National to supply the badges/certificates and some sort of acknowledgment in lieu of a formal ceremony

The process for submitting the Chief Scout's Award (and all Top Section Awards) as follow:

- 1) [Same as previous years] GC/GA/GR enter achievement on youth's myScouts profile (<https://help.scouts.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/360000469663-Top-Section-Awards-Administration->)
- 2) [Same as previous years] Group can order the badge via scoutshop.ca (We understand concerns related to shipping cost)

- 3) **[Temporary Deviation]** Because of the current situation, we wouldn't be able to hold in-person Council Recognition Ceremony. As well, the certificates are also on hold as staff are working from home. We assure you we haven't forgot about the certificate and ceremony – we will catch up as soon as the situation returns to normal (We hope for your and your Group's understanding. The most important part is Step 1, as we will base our catch-up on myScouts records)

Registration

Leaders and Youth have disparate "year ends", yet Scouters typically follow their kids. it risks not having spots for youth if the leaders (parents)are not there

We understand the non-alignment between Youth's registration year vs Scouter's registration year is a concern for some groups. We raised this issue with our National's counterpart. However, we strongly encourage Groups and Sections to try to think on the positive side – (1) how can we retain our new & experienced Scouters, and (2) how can we plan ahead and recruit new Scouters. Of course, we know this is the "ideal" case – please feel free to reach out to your GSS/SRM for personalized support.

The Great 8 Challenge

so if we can't submit by sunday we wont be able to participate in the leaderboard?

Can Scouters still submit participation numbers and photos after the Sunday night deadline?

Absolutely you can submit after Sunday! Scouters are encouraged to submit their numbers and photos whenever they complete the challenge

The only difference is if Sections want to be eligible for a chance to win weekly prizes, submissions for the week's challenge need to be completed by Sunday night.

Here are all the details for "How Rankings, Weekly Prize Winners and the Grand Prize Winner are determined": <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2021/04/great-8---prize--winner-details.pdf>

If our Section has already completed many of the "Great 8" in previous virtual meetings, can I encourage the Section to post it into the Great 8 tracker?

You can submit previous completions to the Great 8 Tracker. Having said that, we would suggest asking your Sections/Scouters to see if they can take whatever they have done and expand on it. Ultimately, this challenge is about having fun and experiencing some new adventures

Should Scouters include themselves when being asked for the number of participants?

The question asks for the number of youth participants for the week. Scouters should not be including themselves in this number. The purpose of asking this question is to see how many youth are having great adventures across Canada.

Please note: The reporting of youths is not for badge purposes. It is to provide metrics on the number of youths are participating in the Great 8 Challenge and to be eligible for weekly and grand prizes.

If more youth complete the week's challenge after the Scouter has submitted numbers, should the Scouter resubmit the information?

If more youth complete the Challenge and Scouters wish to include them in their numbers, please let them know not to duplicate their submission. Scouters can submit a new form, only including the numbers for the additional youth and pictures (if applicable) and not their entire section again. For example: Scouter submitted a challenge selecting 12 youth, but an additional 6 youth participated later in the week, the Scouter can submit the form again, selecting 6 as the number of youth participating.

*It would help to write in the comment box for "What did the youth love most..." that you are adding additional youth participation to an earlier submission.

response from our company on great 8 - we have exams this week - timing could have been better...

We understand the timing wouldn't be perfect for everyone – especially for some Venturers who may be having exams this week. However, keep in mind there are flexibility as to when a section carries out the activities (it is true that certain prizes are time-sensitive – but ultimately the challenge is about having fun and experiencing new adventures)

Can I get more information on the crests?

You will find this useful: <https://www.scouts.ca/assets/uploads/2021/04/great-8-challenge-crest-faq.pdf>

Scout Popcorn

Popcorn - just reading the information and it says ALL net profit goes to the NOLB fund. Does any amount come back to the Group?

We see where you're coming from. To confirm: Groups/Sections/Committees will receive 45% of the retail price as profit. The net profits, **after** remittance to Groups/Sections/Committees, will go to the No One Left Behind (NOLB) campaign, which provides children and youth from low-income families with the opportunity to participate in Scouting (Source: https://trello-attachments.s3.amazonaws.com/5fe218b72d41be25a05c1bcc/604fb19340f10f742267be7b/8db14b248c69aa00006a97026f0e067e/Scout_Popcorn_2021_FAQ.pdf)

Properties

Assuming restrictions get lifted later this summer, any news on permitting Scout families to use Scout camps?

While we don't have a firm update on this question, we received confirmation that the National Property Team is actively looking into permitting Scouting families to use Scout Camps in the summer if restrictions are lifted (there are other regulations and concerns beyond COVID the team will need to review)