

SWC Meeting Q&A – August 14, 2021

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

Registration Related

- When will [Scouter] & Youth registrations be unified. If a youth leaves in January, their [Scouter]-parent will leave too, possibly leaving the group over capacity.
- How long is the trial period for Jan-Dec Scouting year? That is, when will this be re-assessed to see if it is "working"? (eg/ at end of 2022, in 10 years...?)
- Please confirm: All Registrations made between Sept 1/21 to Dec 31/21 (inclusive) have full refund available if they withdraw on or before Jan 31/22.
- The definition of "current" members doesn't match the Join screen. So members who have lapsed this year can rejoin Sep 1?
- Why can't we prioritize registration for youth (1) who has a parent willing to volunteer but not completed screened (2) a sibling currently in our Group?

Pandemic Standards Related

- Does one member per tent still apply for camping?
- do youth still need to be in their own tents for camping? (that's a Lot of Tents!)
- Covid screening for each participant and volunteer for every meeting. Is this the requirement?
- What happens when we go into the 4th wave?

Other

- When will the Scouts Canada open all the camps?
- Does the CK3 envisage physically meeting for a CST meeting before end-2021? When is the next CST meeting (after Aug 14)?

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:

Registration

I understand the registration system needs to allow 4-years olds (turning 5 in 2022) to be able to register in Sept, 2021. Please explain this process.

The Join Scouts registration platform is set up to offer the appropriate Section based on youth age as of 31 December of the year before the Participant membership year. (For 2022: 31 December 2021)

For the 2022 Participant membership year, we're introducing a new feature that will enable Groups to make exceptions for youth not yet 5 (who they believe to be mature enough for Scouting) to be registered.

Check out the [Group Guide to MyScouts](#) for details on how to make exceptions possible.

What time does open registration [for new members] begin on September 15?
The system will be open for parents of new members at midnight (i.e. – Sept 15 12:01 am)

How do I explain to a parent that registered this week that they will be asked for an additional \$230 next month, or possibly lose their spot in January 2022?

and

I had 2 youth register this past week. So do we [recommend] a refund and Register Sept 1 or 15?

In general, the best course of action here is to be open with the parents about the registration timeline. It is likely they were unaware that the registration cycle would again open in a few weeks' time. So long as the parent is aware, the decision is theirs to make. For specific situations, GC – please feel free to reach out to your GSS/SRM for consultation.

Pandemic Standards Related

The National Fee is the same for all Groups, regardless of Group's vaccination policy. Do Groups post policy somewhere so parent can make registration decision?

and

Some schools are now mandating their staff be vaccinated. Do we expect schools to extend this to groups entering their facilities?

[Response Pending] These items are currently under review by Scouts Canada. If there will be changes to current Pandemic Standards, we will advise such changes in writing (via email)

Fundraising

Girl Guides cookies are in Food Basics, FreshCo, & DQ Blizzard. Is National looking for corporate fundraising partnerships for popcorn, coffee, and seeds?

We did have some help from London Drugs this year. They carried Scout Coffee in store. We believe some other retail chains also sold some Scout Popcorn. We'll check in with our Fundraising team to see if there is anything new they can share on this front.

The Royal Canadian Legion partnered with HSBC for touchless "Pay Tribute" tap-enabled donation boxes. Is Scouts Canada looking into this for Apple Day?

Not for this year to the best of our knowledge. However, thank you for sharing this innovation items – we will share this method with the appropriate functional team at Scouts Canada.

Other

Will there be [local] 1st aid training soon?

Good question. Depending on the demand, first aid training can be scheduled at a group's convenience. Feel free to work with other groups if you like in coordinating first aid training. We have a preferred rate through St. John Ambulance:

Our volunteers can now access our preferred rate through St. John's Ambulance online using the code below.

Scouts Company Code: NAT-59-1366087032

How do we help our groups that are closing or close to closing?

There are many ways to support groups who need assistance. It depends on the group, and the plans they create together with their SRM or GSS. Thank you to the person who posed this question.