

Off to the Races!

Robert Bray, AAC Pack, Halifax Area

As the sun rose brightly the morning of Saturday, March 27, I was busy tying up a few loose ends in preparation for the 7th Annual Halifax Area Kub Kar Rally.

After being postponed for a month due to "White Juan" and then March Break, the day was finally here. Despite some race day jitters, I, along with the host leadership team from 26th Halifax, was ready.

At 9:00 a.m., we opened our doors. By 10:00 we had 76 Cubs and 10 adults anxiously waiting their turn down the track. The cars looked great, unique in their designs and all looking like winners. Following the singing of *O Canada* and an enthusiastic Grand Howl, we were off to the races!

The noise in the hall was deafening: Cubs cheering, the sound of plastic wheels rolling down the wooden track, the hum of power tools repairing cars.

But thanks to the skills of a former radio announcer the heat numbers continued to ring out. Despite a few minor glitches, track troubles, car repairs, all went well. What seemed like hours actually was.

Finally, by 2:00 p.m. we had our winners. Everyone sat in quiet anticipation, thinking, "Is it me, is it someone from my group? Is it that

day for the event—these are the winners.

As far as the actual prize winners go, they were:



Robert Bray, AAC Pack, presents the first place trophy to Logan Clark-Kenny, 26th Halifax.

1st Place Championship:

Logan Clark-Kenny, 26th Halifax

2nd Place Championship:

Alex J. MacNeil, 26th Halifax

3rd Place Championship:

Josh Vosmon, 13th Halifax

4th Place Championship:

Mairi MacAdam, 26th Halifax

1st Place Consolation:

Nathan Wright, 13th Halifax

2nd Place Consolation:

Mason MacDonald, 13th Halifax

3rd Place Consolation:

Elliot Pilcher, 15th Halifax

4th Place Consolation:

Mitchell Crewe, 26th Halifax

Most Cub Content:

Brittany Wier, 18th Halifax

Weirdest Paint Job:

Morgan Harrington, 22nd Halifax

Most Realistic:

Aiden Cromwell, 6th Halifax

Best Theme:

Scott Robinson, 26th Halifax

Adult Race Winner:

Jamie Caven, 15th Halifax

Best Pack Attendance:

15th, 18th & 22nd Halifax – 100%

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cool car that won every race, or that car that flew off the track so many times?" Who were the winners?

Well, in truth everyone who participated was a winner. The 76 youth and 10 adults who raced, the Pack leaders who spent hours preparing the youth, parents giving up their



Check out the Camp Lone Cloud Spirit inside this issue!

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Thanks for another great year!



*Kari Robertson,
Regional Commissioner*

Whoa — what a year!

Juan blew in and caught us off guard; most of us were not prepared for that or what it brought. And then came White Juan, were we any more prepared for that one? Have we learned our lesson yet? I hope so because I don't think this is the end of our new trend in weather; rather I think it's only just begun.

In my last article I spent some time talking about Servicing. How has that gone? Are the Service Teams in your area more visible? Are we out there? Are we helping?

We're just getting started, but I am hoping there was some improvement, and that you will be seeing so much more from all of us.

Servicing comes in many forms, it doesn't just have to be a visit from your service team when you least expect it. It all comes from communication and trying to keep those channels open with information

flowing in both directions.

There have been so many changes and it is so hard to keep up with everything and be current. We all need to listen, ask questions and read more.

Let's look at the children and their learning process.

We are supposed to involve the youth in our planning and meetings etc. How do they learn? They ask questions and more questions, they read, they ask more questions and they make mistakes, and then they get right back up there with no fear to try again.

Training has been the big bone of contention over the last few years. Leaders don't want to take training because they don't have the time. Courses get cancelled because not enough people sign up to take them. Quality programs don't happen without training because leaders don't know what they are supposed to do. They haven't taken the training.

Well, training is simply part of our learning process. Training as we know it, is basically what we call a formal process. The formal process is what will teach everybody the same thing at the same time.

There is another method, which can work well with the formal process, and that is through mentors. This all comes as part of our servicing. It is not meant to replace the formal method, but it certainly is a good way to enrich us on an ongoing basis.

Everybody learns at a different pace and in a different way.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ROUND-UP NOVEMBER 15.

Articles submitted after that date will be published as space permits.

As I said earlier, we learn through reading, asking questions and communicating. There is a time and place and a very important aspect to all types of training/learning. It is all in the way we think about it and present it. We all have a very important role to play in teaching others.

You know how the saying goes, "it takes a whole village to raise a child." Well think about it!

It takes all of us current, experienced leaders to teach the new leaders. We all have important skills, knowledge and information to share with our fellow Scouters. Let's share the wealth, pass it on, service our people and groups. Just like we don't make a big purchase without talking with someone who already has tried out the merchandise. Pass on the information you have to those who need your help.

I challenge you to do your best to be prepared to share all your programming ideas while doing your servicing.

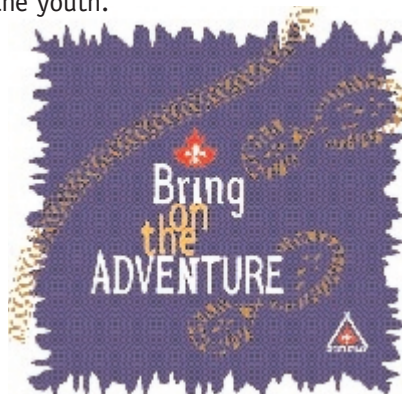
I thank each and every one of you for your patience, support and the fabulous programs you have offered the youth, and fellow leaders of our organization this year.

We do make a difference.

We all work very hard for an organization that we believe in and love, and it shows. Let's keep the faith. Let's build on the foundation and have fun!

I wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing you all next Fall.

Don't forget to pre-register and check out your group situation for leaders and youth, so that when September comes we are already for a great fun-filled Fall of activities with the youth.



Another Night of Scouting—Scouters' Club

Drew Taylor, Area Commissioner, Basin Lakes



The other night we met for the sixth time this year as an Area to plan and discuss our program.

We met as a Service Team for 45 minutes to

deal with business, and then prepared ourselves for an expected influx of section leaders from the Colonies, Packs and Troops. We needed 15 minutes to finish up the final details on our Area Cub Kar event, pick a winning crest design for our Beaveree, and then allow for an hour of discussion on program successes, training and communications. We had missed our February meeting because of a snow-storm, so I thought we would have a good turnout.

What a disappointment.

Only two of the Group Scouters/Commissioners were there and they were both from the same Group. Also there were five Colony leaders and one Pack leader. Of six groups in the region, four were unrepresented entirely. Of over 120 registered leaders in our Area we see, on average, five percent of them at Scouters' Club.

Another agenda wasted along with the planning the Service Team had put into it.

As a Commissioner, it has been my continuing struggle to get more Scouters to come out to Scouters' Club each month. We have tried numerous strategies to get people to come out to tell us about their experiences in their program so that others might be able to use these excellent ideas in their own groups. As a Service Team, we have tried to come up with new methods to get the administrative information out in different ways to leave Scouters' Club free of the tedious stuff.

Why then, we ask, do we continue to get poor turnouts? It's not that we haven't asked before you understand, it's because we keep getting different reasons.

And therein lies the problem: the average everyday leader simply does not know what Scouters' Club is all about. So here it is.

The Scouters' Club is a meeting for leaders, facilitated by leaders, to help leaders run their programs more effectively, imaginatively and efficiently. It is a forum where we, as leaders, brag about our successes to help other leaders come up with different ideas which they can work into their own programs. IT IS NOT A MANAGEMENT MEETING.

The secret to having a successful Scouters' Club is to have lots of leaders there. Having lots of you around means that the Service Team loses control of the meeting because the LEADERS direct the energy of the meeting with what THEY want to talk about. What is so tough about that?

So why should you invest an hour or two once a month in Scouters' Club?

Because it can only serve to help you in the long run. If you pick up one new program idea at each Scouters' Club it will improve your program. A better program means that youth keep coming back, and after all, that's why we do what we do, isn't it?

Getting out to your Group Committee meetings every month is absolutely essential to the health of your section. The Group Committee needs to know about your successes and your needs. Attend Scouters' Club every month to find out about different ways to do things in your program. It is a comparatively small amount of time to invest when you consider the positive impact that YOU have on the YOUTH.

Sespenaak Centre Kub Kar Rally

Paul Savoie, AAC Pack
Sespenaak Centre



The Sespenaak Centre Area Kub Kar Rally was held on March 6, at the Vineyard Church in Sackville. 76 Cubs, representing nine of the Area's 10 packs, attended. Also present were about 25 Area leaders, many parents and 16 registered volunteers working the event.

The rally progressed quickly using four tracks. All youth had eight races. Following the eight races, the top 22 cars ran off in elimination bouts for the fastest car awards. At the end of an exciting day the winners were:

1st Place:

Matthew Arthurs, 6th Sackville

2nd Place:

Riley Clark, 8th Sackville

3rd Place:

Justin Ross, 8th Sackville

Most Endurance:

Adam Chisholm, 2nd Beaver Bank B

Best Kub Kar Design:

Dillan Eisenhour, 1st Sackville

It is interesting to note that Justin Ross came third last year also. Well done to all the youth.

Thanks to those who assisted in helping run the rally, especially the Scouts from 8th Sackville who acted as starters, and the Area Youth Reps for their assistance, and to the leaders from 6th Sackville, who upon hearing that a newly swum-up Tenderpad from 1st Sackville was in attendance without a Kub Kar (he was there to watch and cheer for his older brother), offered him an extra Kar that they had for a youth who could not attend the rally. The smile on his face when he found out that he could race, and the even bigger grin on his face when he won his first race is what Scouting and the Kub Kar rallies are all about. Sharing, good times and having fun. This youth I'm sure, will never forget his first rally.

Great memories for all.

HONOURS & AWARDS

Earl Clarke, Honours & Awards

The following three people were presented long service award pins on March 17th, 2004.

Guy Mandeville, Harbour West	35 years
Ian Parker, Halifax Region	30 years
Blanche Bennett, Halifax Region	15 years

Off to the Races

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Thank you goes to our host 26th Halifax, and to Saint Agnes Church for the use of the hall. Special thanks to our numerous volunteers, to Halifax Area Service Team, the leaders, parents and most of all the Cubs themselves!

The 7th Annual Kub Kar Rally was another—dare I say it?—FUN and successful event! Attendance was up from last year, and many groups came out with 100 per cent of their youth.

I can't wait for next year!



Role of the Troop Court of Honour

Earl Clarke



This topic arose at the Halifax Regional Management Team meeting in January. It seems to me, that if the people there aren't quite sure what occurs, then there must be Section Scouters in the same boat, hence I will attempt to explain in a few words.

The Court of Honour is a very important subcommittee within a Scout Troop structure. It consists of each Patrol leader and Assistant Patrol leader—depending upon the desires of the Patrol leaders. The Troop Scouter participates in an advisory capacity only. The Court of Honour is most effective if held immediately following the Troop meeting, usually on a monthly basis without outside distractions.

The Court of Honour selects its own president for a set term of office. The primary purpose of the Court of Honour is to set planning objectives (long term, medium term and short term); recommendations for awards, etc. for their peers; suggest resolutions of any disciplinary problems; and so on. The far reaching goal of a Court of Honour is to have a practical forum for the chosen leaders, the Patrol leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders to fully exercise their leadership abilities/qualities in a democratic setting.

As soon as possible following a Court of Honour meeting, the Court of Honour President must be afforded an opportunity to relay decisions made by the Court of Honour to the Troop. It is also incumbent upon the Troop Scouter to brief Scout counsellors, separately of course. No person likes to have egg on the face.

The Court of Honour has been a vital part of Scouting for more years than I have been a Scouter; however, from what I'm hearing, its usage is in a bit of a decline. It is up to Troop Scouters to reactivate the practice. The Court of Honour is actually the first rung of what is taking place with the promotion of national, provincial, regional, and area youth reps who are drawn from Scouts and Venturers.

Let us keep the youth involved by providing a sounding board without echos.

Doing a Better Job: We Do It All the Time, Why Is Scouting Different?

*Drew Taylor, Area Commissioner
Basin Lakes*

As parents, employees, athletes and in almost every other aspect of our lives, we continually strive to do a better job at whatever we try to do.

After all, it means happier children, hopefully bigger paycheques and maybe an occasional pat on the back. For many of us it is simply the knowledge that we have done something better and that is often more than enough.

What happens in your Scouting life which is so very different?

Every leader accepts that training is desirable, agrees to take the training during their screening interview, and then most never take a course.

This is totally inconsistent with all that we do in our lives.

After all, we had to take training to learn how to drive, we had to take training in our workplace, and some of us even took training before we got married. We accept, without reservation, that to be a coach we need to take training. Most of us have had to take first aid training at work and gladly have we done it. In fact, Scouting is the only organization with which I have been associated, that has members who view training as optional.

Here's the nitty gritty on training:

Of all the youth with whom you have worked over your tenure as a leader, how many are still with you or have moved on within Scouting? Compare that number with the ones who never came back. Be honest with yourself when you take a look at this; I'll explain why later.

Now, consider the premise that youth move easily and rapidly from activity to activity. This premise accepts and reinforces the notion that all kids have short attention spans. It also seeks to permissively allow children to not make commitment to goals or ideals. If the premise were true,

would children continue to spend more than a year or two in hockey, or soccer, or martial arts? Would they spend a lifetime trying to emulate their favourite singer, dancer or athlete?

Clearly our kids' behaviour is not consistent with this theory.

Okay, the other side of the argument is that kids move on because they don't like Scouting for some reason. Well, we know that demographically, we have kids whose parents were either Scouts or Guides as children. We also know that we don't do a very good job reaching minorities, but that is a different topic for a different time. We also know that the vast bulk of Youth leave our program because they have lost interest in it, they're BORED.

Now we come back to explaining why you needed to be honest.

We also know that in those groups which are flourishing, the youth are having fun, the leaders allow them to have a large degree of control of the program, and, the leaders have taken training.

We also know that in those groups which are struggling, there is a high proportion of leaders and Group Committee members who have not taken any training whatsoever. We see these groups everyday and parents tell us about it willingly and freely.

Training gives leaders the rudimentary tools upon which we build a great program. It enhances planning the year, the month and the meeting. It provides the leader with all the necessary tools with which we keep youth happy, having fun and returning year after year after year.

Training also makes our lives as leaders easier. It helps us to decide how to split up the job among team members, so that they all get to have fun while running the program rather than one leader carrying the whole load.

It also ensures that everyone knows what the role is, what functions need

to be carried out and how to do it.

So, get busy with getting some training. It will make your job EASIER and more fun than you can possibly IMAGINE.

You'll meet some great PEOPLE and work with YOUTH who will remember you for the rest of their lives.

This legacy, apart from the satisfaction you derive from working with your own children, is probably one of the most important reasons you have for being a leader.



Sharing, Sharing, Sharing

Blanche Bennett, ARC Colony



It's hard to believe, but another Scouting year is almost over.

I had hoped to get around and meet a lot of the Beaver leaders in

the Region, but have only been to several of the areas.

At the first of the year I had said I was more than willing to attend any Beaver meetings or events held in the different areas. I'm afraid not too many took me up on my offer. Please remember I don't want to attend meetings/events to spy on you, to tell you I think you are doing something wrong, or to make you feel uncomfortable. My job as ARC Colony is to help and support you in any way I can.

I'm still hoping to see some of you so that we can exchange ideas, learn new things, chat about Beavers and do what Beaver leaders do best—HAVE FUN. Hope to hear from you. My phone number is 455-5866 or you may email me at benoilers@aol.com.

THE CAMP LONE CLOUD



SPIRIT



SPRING, 2004

Appointment

James Robertson, Chair, Camp Management Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Bryan Wright to the position of Director/Ranger for the 2004 season. Bryan is returning to the position he assumed last year and brings with him several years of experience at Camp Lone Cloud. He spent two summers as a camper, followed by two seasons involved in the Leadership program. He joined the camp staff as a counselor for the 2000 season, and Waterfront Director for 2001 and 2002. Bryan is a graduate of Halifax West High School and most recently has been a student at St. Mary's University. Bryan is a skilled outdoorsman, first aider (Medical First Responder designation) and manager. Please welcome Bryan to the position when you have the opportunity to do so.

At the time of writing, we are in receipt of approximately 45 applications for 25 staff positions. Interviews are complete and hiring decisions will be made very shortly.



Camp Lone Cloud – A summer camp adventure for Cub-aged youth

By the time you receive this newsletter, brochures and registration forms will have been mailed directly to all registered Cubs in Halifax Region and neighbouring areas. Additional copies of the registration form are available from Area service teams. Once again this season we will be offering six one-week camp sessions. Theme days have been set in advance.

Week 1 – July 4-10 – Jungle

Week 2 – July 11-17 – Pirate

Week 3 – July 18-24 – Western

Week 4 – July 25-31 – Olympics

Week 5 – Aug. 1-7 – Hallowe'en

Week 6 – Aug. 8-14 – Super Heroes

Don't be shy, register early; before May 25 the cost is \$260. A 50% deposit at the time of registration is all that's required, along with postdated cheques for the balance. After May 25, the fee will increase to \$275.

For anyone who has taken part in camps of this duration, you are sure to appreciate the value you will receive for your dollar spent. The fee is all-

inclusive—meals, accommodation, supplies, and this year a CAMP T-SHIRT is included!

Road Shows

Members of Camp Staff, Andre Amiro and Kris Skiba, will be coordinating Road Shows to promote the Camp Lone Cloud program. We will be endeavouring to make contact with as many Cub Packs in the Region as possible, to arrange a mutually convenient time for Andre and Kris to visit your meeting, and take about half an hour to excite the Cubs with a favourite CLC game, song and a brief slide show depicting the summer's activities.

With the help of the Camp Lone Cloud Road Shows, we want to reach as many youth and Scouters as possible with our message about what Camp Lone Cloud has to offer. Please welcome the call and do whatever you can to accommodate Andre and Kris's visit. If you don't receive a call, and

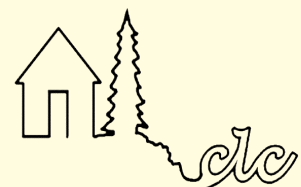
would like to take advantage of a presentation, please contact James Robertson at 429-7089.

Bring a Buddy

Often young people are hesitant to leave home and spend a week away from what is familiar—family and friends.

We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the spirit of Lone Cloud, so if you know of Cubs who would like to come but aren't quite sure about it all, let them know (and encourage them) that they may bring a friend with them, whether or not they are currently registered in Scouting.

Those who attend camp and are not members, must complete a Scouts Canada membership registration form and pay \$40 which is a portion of the annual fee, thereby entitling them to all privileges and benefits of any registered member.



Rental Opportunities

After an in-depth review of rental rates being charged at comparable camps, the Camp Management Board has agreed to the following rate structure. As you will note, we have implemented a per person (youth and adult) rate. All groups with a reservation for the 2004 season will be charged based on the rate at the time of booking.

	Scouting Group	Non-Scouting Group	Corporate Group
Base Day Rate	\$150	\$150	\$800
Per Person	\$2	\$3	
Base Weekend Rate	\$300	\$300	
Per Person	\$4	\$5	

White Tail Beavers

Keep your White Tail Beavers in mind.

Most likely they have participated in a Swimup Ceremony or are about to do so—let them know about Camp Lone Cloud.

What better way to start off their Cubbing experience than to spend a week at Camp. Spread the word!

Campership

Our promotional brochure for Camp Lone Cloud indicates that pending availability, “No child will be denied the opportunity to experience Camp Lone Cloud due to financial constraints.”

Requests for support from the sponsorship fund have been steadily increasing over the past few years. It is becoming more and more challenging

to seek out funds to offset these requests.

Please help us by identifying sources of funding for sponsorships. Some suggestions are service clubs, sponsors, and casual day collections at the workplace.

Our thanks to all for their generous contributions. Won't you consider adding your name to the list?

Leadership Program

Our Leadership Program has developed quite a reputation in the community! We've always said that the youth themselves are the best PR. Before our mailing has hit the streets, the phone has been ringing and applications have been received for this year's program.

We offer three levels of leadership training: Junior, Advanced and Counsellor-in-Training.

Each of these programs begins on a Tuesday, with base camp on the mainland. For the rest of the week participants learn both hard and soft skills in preparation for the second component of the experience.

On Saturday, participants move over to Camp Lone Cloud and prepare to join the camp on Sunday and support the program, putting to use the skills they have developed the previous week.

The Leadership program has been undergoing an extensive review this past winter. Demand for the program has grown tremendously since its inception, and the time had come to create a more structured approach.

We look forward to an exciting season, and welcome feedback on the results.

Check out our brochure or website for all the exciting details. Spread the world—space is definitely limited.

History in the making

Keep an eye on our web site for some growing developments. Check the 'History' tab and watch for continual additions to reflections of the past. We are endeavouring to collect as much history as possible—staff names, trivia, program changes, etc.

Should any of our readers have contributions they would like to share, please do so by contacting the web master. You may contact us by e-mail at postmaster@camplonecloud.ca.

If you have contact information for past staff members—snail mail, email or phone—please pass it on as well.

Perhaps the future may bring a reunion—we'll keep you posted.



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CHECK IT OUT!

Troop Talk

Dave Durnford, ARC Troop



It is hard to believe that another Scouting year is coming to an end.

As the weather starts to get nicer, more and more Troops are going out on hikes and camps. With the shape some of the woods are in let's make sure we all stay safe. If any Troops are going out to camp, I would love to come out for a visit. Just let me know when and where.

It was a great year for Chief Scout Awards. The Region has 22 recipients this year. They are Sean Alexander, 1st Clayton Park; Christopher Alexander, 1st Clayton Park; Trevor Baston, 1st Timberlea; Micheal Doary, 3rd Sackville; Gavin Charles, 36th Halifax; Thomas Dalton, 1st Timberlea; Steven Doll, 1st Birch Cove; Matthew Durnford, 3rd Sackville; Burke Gillis, 1st Clayton Park; Nicholas Horodyski, 36th Halifax; Daniel Kennedy, 1st Clayton Park; Ryan Kennedy, 1st Clayton Park; Sean McCarthy, 1st Clayton Park; Michael Nurse, 1st Clayton Park; Max Patzelt, 1st Clayton Park; Alan Robski, 4th Sackville; Adam Saunders, 2nd Beaverbank; Ajit Sidhu, 5th Sackville; Craig Stadnyk, 3rd Sackville; Kathryn Townsend, 1st Birch Cove; and Nicholas Walser, 4th Sackville.

A lot of hard work was put in by these youth. Congratulations on a job well done!

As the year comes to an end, it is time to think about next year. Don't forget about ScotiaJam '05 to be held in July 2005 at Camp Carter in Cape Breton. If you are planning to attend, try and get your registration in as early as possible in the new year.

Let's hope that next year will be a lot better weather-wise so we can all get outside and into the woods more.

Regional Management Team Closing Barbeque

The annual barbeque will be held on June 16 at Camp Lone Cloud. Meet at the dock at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$7.00 per person.

Come share some fun, friendship, seasonal food and a campfire to close. If you wish to be part of the campfire, please notify Kari Robertson.

All Scouters are welcome!
Please let Kari Robertson or Ian Parker know by June 9 if you are planning to attend.
We need to buy the food!



Home Show 2004

Betty Hayden

Spring Home Show Coordinator

Well the popcorn season is now officially over.

The Home Show was held April 1-4. Again the Scout booth was very, very popular. Over 4000 samples were given away to people who followed the smell of fresh popcorn to our booth.

To all those who helped out, thanks a lot. Hope to see you at the same time next year.



Operation Moose



Come join other Venturer Companies in the biggest wide game to go on in years! Operation Moose is a 24 hour wide game that has several chal-

lenges for participants. It's a 3-day adventurous, 3-team outdoor wide game that will encompass outdoor Scouting skills. The game is open to all Scouting youth between 14-17 years, and is an excellent opportunity to have Venturer Companies link with their Scout Troops.

The game takes place at Camp Malagash, near Tatamagouche, May 21-24. Cost is \$10 per youth before May 7, and \$15 after that date. All groups must come self contained.

For more information, contact Kevin Croft at kevin.croft@ns.sympati-co.ca.



Leaders can be proud

Maurice Landry, Commissioner, Armview

For the past number of years I've had the opportunity of helping man Halifax Region Scouts booth at the Halifax Home Show. Not only does it give you a chance to meet fellow leaders and youth, it also confirms my belief that what we do is important. I'd like to relate a story to you that happened to me a couple of years back.

It was Saturday afternoon and the crowds were thick. I was taking a few minutes off from selling popcorn and was standing just in front of the booth. A young gentleman between 25 and 30, with a small girl around two or three years old perched on his shoulders, approached me and extended his left hand. As I grasped his hand he indicated that he had to stop and thank someone from the Scouting movement. I had to ask why, and he commenced to tell a story that I will never forget.

Apparently just after his daughter was born he and few friends decided to go on a day long ATV outing. This was in February and it was cold. As the day wore on they decided to head back. Someone mentioned that if they cut across the lake it would save them time. Unfortunately, it was a spring fed lake and halfway across the ATVs fell through the ice. Now soaking wet with the temperature dipping down into the minus 20s and no way to get

out, it was decided that the best thing they could do was to find cover and try to survive the night. Fortunately this young man had brought his survival kit which he had made as a Scout and remembered how to use it when out in the woods.

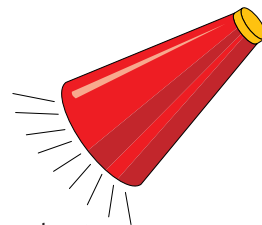
In the survival kit he found some matches which helped them start a fire. Also in the kit was a foil survival blanket. With these simple items and his acquired knowledge, he and his two friends lived through the night and were able to walk out the next day. After he was safely home, he realized that if he had not learned survival skills earlier in life, he most certainly would have died that night. Not only would that have left his young wife a widow, but it would also have robbed him from seeing his daughter grow up. This is why he had to stop and thank the Scouting movement.

What we do as Scouters is very important. No other organization that I know of prepares youth for the hardships they may encounter in the great wilderness we call Canada. This young man never did tell me where he did his Scouting.

This is only one of many stories that could be told. Never think as leaders that what you do is not important. We helped save this man's life and that is something we should be very proud of.

Do your youth have a voice?

*Greg Fenwick
Halifax Regional
ARC Youth*



Have you heard from your youth?

What do they like about your program?

What would they like changed or what do they want more of?

These are some of the questions that the National Youth Committee tries to find answers to, but to do this they need to hear from the youth themselves.

The best way that this can happen is if the grass roots of the Movement (the kids in the meeting halls) pass the information up the ladder until it eventually gets to a national audience.

What the movement needs are youth who are willing to act as a network for the youth who have been selected to represent the province. Then the provincial representatives pass this info on to the national representative, who then speaks on behalf of the youth of Nova Scotia at the national forum.

The network youth from the group and area levels will then have a clear voice in the changes that will affect our organization.

The network of youth can be as involved as they want, and it is from this group that future provincial reps can be chosen.

Regional reps and provincial reps should be part of the Area and Regional Service Teams with an active voice in the decision making processes at each of these levels. Youth who are made to feel that they are a vital and valid part of the service teams can be expected to be our future leaders, who will bring strength and promise to our organization.

So help a young person (14 to 26) to become active in this vital area within Scouting as this is our future.

Your assistance helps your movement!

Australian Link

A Scouter in Western Australia is interested in forming a link between his Cub Pack and a Canadian pack.

His membership has been verified by Scouts Australia's branch office in Perth, Western Australia. The name of the Scouter is Peter Woodman. His pack is the 1st Collie Cub Pack and he hopes to forge a link involving correspondence, exchange of photos and newsletters, sharing ideas and perhaps a virtual "get-together" during this year's JOTI in October. He can be contacted at:

Peter Woodman - ACSL 1st Collie Cub Pack, PO Box 260 Collie, WA 6225
AUSTRALIA_pandew@bigpond.com.



Let us help!

Debbie Doherty, ARC Pack

When I first became a leader over 20 years ago, and the Colony or Pack had a Service Scouter come to visit, we leaders were always on edge. However, one year I was a Cub leader with the District Commissioner, and after that my attitude changed.

The Service Scouter is there for your assistance with games, crafts, or other info. Everyone wants to run a good program because then the meetings are well run and interesting for both the youth and the leaders.

When I became a member of a Service Team, it meant a lot of evenings out visiting, but I was meeting both the youth and the leaders. As a result, some of us became friends and decided that our Packs should go

camping together. That eventually led to district or area camps.

Who benefited from these combined camps? The youth were introduced to different games, crafts, music and skits and they had fun. We leaders also learned from these experiences, and most importantly we shared the responsibilities. These camps eventually also became good linkage events for all present as other sections joined us.

So please welcome us, as we are all part of Scouting and want our youth as well as us to have fun. How can we achieve that without new ideas and a well run program?

The main thing I do during visits is to emphasize the elements of the Cub program, because if we are incorporating these into our program, our program is varied and should be fun for all. If that is your weakness then make some phone calls, look on the internet, borrow books from the library

and get the training.

On our visitation we want to know who is trained and who needs training and/or mentoring. We want to experience what your meetings are like. Do you only play games?

Maybe due to timing our first visit is only set up as a games night, but if another night's visit is the same then I would ask about the other elements.

Are you saying a prayer or the promise at each meeting? Are you singing? To get started, sing "Oh Canada," as the youth know it from school.

So when a Service Scouter phones with the date of an upcoming visit, ask him or her to assist in an area that you would like some more information on. We are all members of the Scouting team and can certainly learn from each other.



Dear Camp Lone Cloud...

Yesterday, March 30, 2004 was my first visit to Camp Lone Cloud in two years. Granted, it was only to sit on the dock and reminisce. Yes, reminisce about my Cub/Scout camp of July 1996.

In 1996 I was the Akela for 1st Storer Cub Pack from St. Lambert, Quebec and along with the 1st Brossard Scout Troop, of Brossard, Quebec and the 1st Truro Cub Pack, we put on a Cub camp that was not soon to be forgotten.

In July 1995, I visited Camp Lone Cloud with my Scouting family while on vacation in Nova Scotia. Oddly enough I had never heard of the camp, but saw it from the highway and decided to visit.

A full summer camp was in progress and still my family and I were invited to take the tour and have a delicious supper as well. The *Clipper* picked us up, and I believe it was Adrian who gave us the tour.

We were so impressed with the facilities that, always looking for new ideas, my wife and I proposed a com-

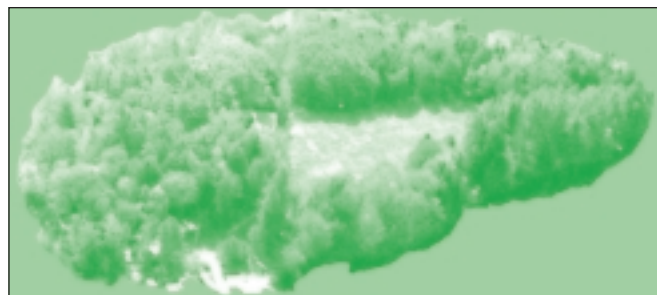
bined summer camp on Lone Cloud for July 1997. We figured it would take the better part of two years to raise enough cash to subsidize 24 Cubs and 22 Scouts, plus leaders and staff.

Well, the idea was so well received by our youth and parents and group committess that the "GO" was given almost before the presentation was complete. In fact it took just eight months to raise \$25,000.00, causing us to move the date up to July 1996.

We invited Truro Cub Pack, whom none of us Quebecers had ever met, and the camp was on.

We arrived on a hot Sunday morning by private coach, with extra emergency transport after having driven from Montreal through the night. Most of our staff and Cubs were so excited, they never got any sleep on the bus! For the next seven days we had an absolute blast of a camp.

Though I am retired from Scouting



now, whenever we old Scouters get together, talk always seems to turn to "remember Lone Cloud?" and off we go again for hours, discussing planning strategies, menus, our chef (who by the way was a real French chef), week events, etc. I could go on and on. We have hundreds of pictures and video, and thousands of memories.

So now, any time I am near Halifax, I always stop on the landing to sit and reminisce about what was probably the best camp of my 15 year Scouting career. Hopefully I'll get there one summer's day and get a ride over to the island on the *Clipper*.

Yours in Scouting,
Steve Britton, Ex-Akela,
Storer Cub Pack

Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events in Halifax Region and across the province!

Youth Events

SCOUTREES, May 1. Regional Scoutrees Coordinator – David Kennedy 443-8200.

JAMBOREE ON THE TRAIL, May 8. You and your group are invited to participate in this worldwide Scouting event. Visit the website at www.jott.org for full details.

CUB FUN DAY, May 8. York Redoubt. Contact Debbie Doherty, 864-2892 for more information.

OPERATION MOOSE, May 21-24. Operation Moose takes place at Camp Malagash, near Tatamagouche. Cost is \$10 per youth before May 7, and \$15 after that date. For more information, contact Kevin Croft at kevin.croft@ns.sympatico.ca.

CHIEF SCOUT/QUEEN'S VENTURER AWARD CEREMONY, May 30. Contact the Provincial Office, 423-9227 for more information.

LODGES AND LAIRS '04, June 11-13, Camp Nedooae. There are still some spaces left. Contact the Provincial Office, 423-9227 for more information.

SCOTIAJAMB '05, July 9-15, 2005. Cape Breton Adventure! Visit the Jamboree website for exciting

information and news at <http://ns.scouts.ca/ScotiaJamb05/>.

Committee Meetings

TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE meetings are held each month in the Tweedsmuir Room. Contact Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca for further information. Meeting dates are as follows:

May 14
June 11

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM May 19, 7:30 p.m., Spry Room, Scout HQ.

Training Events

Basic Program & Delivery Training (formerly known as Wood Badge I) is comprised of three modules: Basic Core, Basic Outdoor Skills, and Section Specific. It also includes doing some practical experience work back home with your section. Training fees are the total cost for the three components. The cost of the Basic Program & Delivery Training is \$20.00. If you are taking any of the components separately, they are \$10.00 each. If you already have your Wood Badge I and wish to take the Outdoor Skills course on your

own, the cost is \$10.00. **ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE AT THE TIME YOU TAKE THE COURSE.**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER by contacting Karen O'Toole at 868-2991, or by email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca. Participants must fill out a registration form for all Basic Program & Delivery Training and Group Committee courses. The form **MUST** be brought to the course along with the registration fee.

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT COURSES, featuring Basic, Advanced and Course Manager. June 18-20. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089 for more information.

Other

RMT YEAR END BARBEQUE, June 16, Camp Lone Cloud. Cost \$7.00 per person. *Clipper* starts running at 6:00 p.m. from the Camp Lone Cloud dock, Scout Camp Road. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089 for more information.

SCOUTERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT, June 26. This year's tournament will take place at the Eden Golf & Country Club. More information will be available at the Provincial Office, 423-9227.

DID YOU KNOW... that when you signed up to be a leader, you agreed to take training within the first year? DIDN'T GET IT DONE? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE...

We will be offering a "one time only" weekend training session on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2004.

Get your Basic Core, Section Specific and Outdoor Skills in the one weekend. This will be a great start to fulfilling your obligations to your group—once you do your "at home training" you

will receive your Woodbadge I accreditation.

Place: Camp Lone Cloud
Cost: \$30 – 35

To register, call Karen O'Toole at 868-2991 or email at kareno@hfx.eastlink.ca.

BELIEVE ME YOU WON'T REGRET IT. JUST ASK SOMEONE WHO TOOK LAST YEAR'S TRAINING.

PS – we have been guaranteed by a reliable source that it will be Chinook season, NOT hurricane season this year!

Why should you take training?



Karen O'Toole, ARC Training

"The other leaders in my section can show me what to do, so I don't need to take training."

"I'm only here until my son/daughter finishes Beavers, so I don't need to take the training."

"I give my one hour a week, and that's all I need to give. I don't have time to take training as well."

Any of these comments ring a bell?

Training in Halifax Region has taken a beating in the last couple of years. We have had fewer and fewer people coming out to take the training. The members of the Training Advisory Committee have been wracking their brains trying to find a system that would meet the needs of our leaders. We have planned week-end events (until Juan hit), mentoring, and the modular system — trying to fit training into peoples' schedules.

Why do we keep revamping our plan? Because we believe that training is the backbone of our organization.

We believe that when leaders know what they are doing, and realize they can have fun doing it, the organization as a whole benefits — the leaders because they feel more confident and have a better understanding of their job, the youth because of the great programs, the Group Committee because their job just became easier (no need to recruit new leaders), the Area Commissioner — visitations become fun — no worries about a failing group, etc.

Training not only benefits you in

Scouting, it affects your whole life.

In Scouting: Ask the people who just completed a training session. They are excited, they have program plans and ideas that will last for months, they have a new network of friends, they have a better understanding of Scouting and why people have hung around for years.

At work: Training has helped people get jobs and/or promotions. Some companies have accepted our training as a plus for their employees — communication skills, facilitating, working as a team etc. Put it on your resume!

At home: The values we teach are good family values — spirituality etc. (facilitating could come in here as well!)

What I am trying to say is, don't think of training as a waste of time. There is value to it. Please make the time to take the training — you won't regret it.

MENTORING

What is a mentor? Who can be a mentor? Where can I find one? Why do I need one?

Ah, more questions. Let's see if I can answer a few.

Not all training can be done during a structured course. It involves homework back home with your group. At the training session we give you the basic knowledge of how to do things. Back home, you show a mentor that you understand the concept and actually do the work.

So...a mentor is an experienced

Scouter who will assist a new Scouter to learn the ropes.

Who? Anyone can be a mentor.

Have you ever given another Scouter ideas on how to run a program? How to do an opening ceremony? Well, guess what? You have been a mentor.

A mentor encourages a new leader to try to accomplish a concept to the best of their ability. None of us are perfect, but as long as we are doing things to the best of our ability, that's all anyone can ask.

Where? You get your mentor from your Area Commissioner. The more mentors we have, the better — the sooner the candidate will receive their accreditation. If you would like to be a mentor, call your Commissioner.

Why? Whatever your job is in life — you had to take training. If you coach a hockey team, you need training.

To be a leader who will inspire youth to become the best they can be, you need training.

The Training Advisory Committee is presently working on our training schedule for next year. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Thank you to all the trainers in Halifax Region for doing such a great job this past year. They are a bunch of dedicated Scouters who truly believe that training is the backbone of our organization, and without it we will not survive. We have picked up quite a few new potential trainers as well, so things are looking up!

Don't forget the Trainer

Development course taking place on June 18-20—Basic Trainer, Advanced Trainer and Course Manager. Call Kari Robertson to register.

