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Tripping Northern Saskatchewan

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It starts with Scouts.

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October - December 2025 issue:

Thanks John for the opportunity to share our adventure with others! I'll definitely share more of what we do next!

Harrison Cull

Thank you John and Staff for another amazing issue. It always brightens my day to read the adventures that other Scouters and Youth have taken and then shared with us. I can't wait for the next issue in the new year.

Robert Bakker

I recently discovered this magazine and think it's awesome- thanks for all your hard work

Helen O'Malley

Thanks John for you and your team for putting the RVM together...

Chris Foden

Another great compilation, Kirby. Beautiful pictures and great adventures!

David Uehling

Each issue starts as a blank slate and our contributors and staff come through for us. Harrison, Robert, Helen, Chris and David thank you on behalf of the many groups and individuals who have contributed to each and every issue.

Our aim is to provide inspiration through our articles, and opportunities through flyers and events listed in our calendars. We hope you will use the information the magazine provides in your **planning** and send us your articles after your **do** and **review**.

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor-Ro Vent Mag

Editorial

After the distribution of the October – December issue we received a request to see more youth members on our cover. We at the magazine whole hearty agree. Send your submissions to jkmccuaig@hotmail.com

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor-Ro Vent Mag

3rd Waterdown Venturers' Annual Canoe Trip

Hello,



I am emailing to submit an article about my Venture company's canoe trip. Each year our company does a backcountry trip through many different parks around Ontario.

This year we entered from Six Mile Lake. This was a week-long trip spanning from August 25th to August 30th, 2025.

We had some navigational issues on the first day putting us behind schedule and forcing ourselves further than we ever had planned to go. It was a trip that tested both physical and mental strength and we all came out better in the end. The group, consisting of the seven of us, paddled and hiked all week long.

On the way through he got to stop at a couple of cool destinations including some rapids and some cliff jumping as well.





On our last day we came back to the front country and had a feast of steak, potatoes and carrots which we devoured after that long trip. It was a trip to remember and a trip to fear.

We had an amazing time and would do it again any day.

Sincerely,

3rd Waterdown Venture Company

Venturers & Rovers Race Across Saskatoon in 'Amazing Goosechase'

On Saturday, September 20th, 2025, the 2nd North Battleford Scouting Group hosted The Amazing Goosechase Race, an "Amazing Race"-style adventure for Venturers and Rovers. Twenty-nine youth from North Battleford, Saskatoon, Yorkton, and Regina formed eight teams that spent the day racing from challenge to challenge, all while using the Goosechase app to track their progress.



The race began at Kinsmen Park, where teams built tarp shelters using their knot-tying skills. Along the morning route, participants completed a scavenger hunt that was created by the staff at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. As teams made their way down Spadina Crescent East, they had to complete various challenges and photo opportunities at numerous parks and statues along the route, and completed an art-inspired sketching activity, created by staff at Remai Modern (a local art gallery).



At the Midtown Mall Commons (food court), teams paused for a 30-minute lunch break, fueled by discounts generously offered to participants by Subway, Bourbon St. Grill, Opa!, and Freshly Squeezed.

After lunch, racers hopped a bus courtesy of Saskatoon Transit to the University of Saskatchewan campus, where they continued the adventure. Teams tackled a scavenger hunt at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre, followed a compass course down the Meewasin Trail to the Little Stone Schoolhouse to explore Victorian-era games, practiced cursive writing, and completed an additional scavenger hunt guided by Diefenbaker Centre staff. The final challenge brought teams to the Bowl, where they tested their skills on a hobby-horse jumping course before racing to the finish line back at Kinsmen Park.



The day wrapped up with supper, awards, and door-prize draws at Scouts Canada's Camp Seeonee.

"The goal was to challenge our youth to problem-solve, explore the city, and work as a team—while having a lot of fun," said one of the organizing Scouters. "We're incredibly proud of how they represented Scouting throughout the day."

This event was made possible thanks to the generosity of many local partners. We are especially grateful to:

Al Anderson's Source for Sports, the Aviation Museum of Saskatchewan, Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's, Bazaar & Novelty, Bourbon St. Grill (Midtown Commons), City of North Battleford, Classic Outdoors, Discover Saskatoon, Doug's Spoke 'N Sport, Downtown Saskatoon (BID), Eb's Source for Adventure, Escape Sports, Freshly Squeezed (Midtown Commons), Life Outside Gear Exchange, Mountain Warehouse, Opa! (Midtown Commons), Outter Limits, Prairie Proud, Quinn the Eskimo, Ringers Original Pizza, Saskatoon Sports Exchange, Saskatoon Transit, Starbucks (Midtown Commons), Subway (Midtown Commons), and Sunshine Stables (Battlefords area)



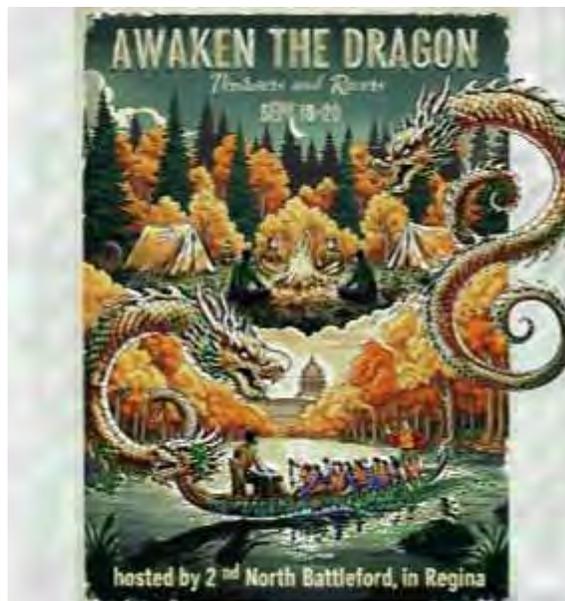
Their contributions—whether through activities, discounts, prizes, or resources—helped make this unforgettable day of teamwork and adventure possible for Scouting youth across the province. They also helped create an experience that sparked genuine excitement in the community; people loved meeting the Scouts, seeing them active in the city, and sharing memories of their own adventures.

Mark your calendars and save the date for the 2026 Venturer/Rover event, September 18-20, 2026:

P.S. You don't have to be a Group from Saskatchewan to attend!!
Want more info?
Email us at: 2nbventurers@gmail.com

Registration packages will be sent out in February 2026.

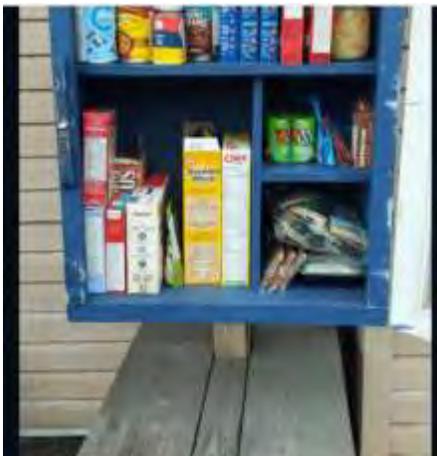
Sarah Thompson
Group Commissioner
2nd North Battleford Scouting Group



1st Topsail Rovers Join Forces with Annual ATV Christmas Run to Support Local Families



On December 1st, the Topsail Rovers proudly partnered with the Annual ATV Christmas Run in a heartwarming effort to give back to the community. This collaboration brought together volunteers and riders for a day dedicated to generosity and holiday spirit.



Through this initiative, the Rovers collected toys and non-perishable food items, ensuring that families in Conception Bay South (CBS) and surrounding areas feel the warmth of the season. The donated food will help replenish various community pantries and support both the CBS and Paradise Food Banks, providing essential supplies to those in need. Meanwhile, the toys will be distributed through local Family Resource Centres, bringing joy to children and families during the holidays.

This annual event, organized by **Scouter Krista Webber**, has become a cherished tradition that highlights the power of community collaboration. By combining the adventurous spirit of ATV enthusiasts with the service-driven mission of the Rovers, the event continues to make a meaningful impact year after year.

The Topsail Rovers extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, proving once again that when a community comes together, incredible things happen.



Paula Kieley
Rover Advisor
1st Topsail – CMT Canada
Newfoundland & Labrador

There's A New Company In Town

By Scouter Jeff Chin, 18th Willowdale



The 18th Willowdale Company, from left to right: Cosmic, Scouter Jeff, Max and Scouter Leif

18th Willowdale has officially re-launched our Venturer Company! We've previously had Venturer Companies but not in the last 10 years at least – and somewhere I'm sure is our Venturer flag. With a small, but mighty Company of 2 Venturers so far, we've had several adventures and are planning for big things this coming year.



Apple Day fundraising at Rogers

Establishing and running a Venturer Company is pretty new to all of us, so we're figuring out things as we go, of course based on the handbook. Since kicking off our first meeting in September we've had several adventures, mostly in conjunction with our Scout troop. This has included hosting a fire lighting contest with 1st Richmond Hill's Scouts and Vents, spent Apple Day at the Rogers store at Yonge and Dundas, paddled on the Humber. For our annual all-sections Hallowe'en party, we hosted an Axe Throwing station (with rubber axes). Independently we attended our first Rover/Venturer Moot – the Zoo Moot at Camp Samac. An interesting experience indeed.



Testing out our Axe Throwing station ahead of the Halloween Party

Next up will be a trip into the wilderness of downtown Toronto again to visit Little Canada. What we'll be up to next will depend on the Venturers.

Any Scouters or Rovers interested in volunteering with us would be welcome, please contact me at: jeffc416@gmail.com



KISC Winter Pinkies 2025 (15+ countries represented)

Life as a Pinkie - Volunteering in Kandersteg

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is the only recognized World Scout Centre. Located in the Bernese Oberland in Switzerland, in a town of a little over a thousand people, KISC has served as the World's "Permanent Mini Jamboree" since opening in 1923. Established through a joint project between Switzerland's Chief Scout, Walther von Bonstetten, and Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, the Centre was established to provide a place for Scouts from every country to live and learn together throughout the year. Distinct from a World Jamboree, which takes place for one to two weeks every four years, KISC is a year-round operation. After more than a century of welcoming Scouts from around the world, Baden-Powell's vision is still very much alive today, with thousands of Scouts from over 40 nationalities having visited the Centre in the past year.

What makes KISC so special is that it's run by volunteers, also known as Pinkies from all over the world. Each year, around a hundred Scouts leave their homes and head to Switzerland to keep the dream of the Permanent Mini Jamboree alive. Last year, during the Winter 2024–2025 season, I was fortunate to have been one of twelve Short-Term Staff members selected to help run the Centre over through the three-month season. Working alongside the Long-Term Staff (year-long volunteers at the Centre), we helped create unforgettable experiences centred around KISC's three core themes: International Friendship, High Adventure, and Eco Adventure.

As a Winter STS, my days were never the same. Some days I'd be guiding programme activities, leading guests through snowshoe hikes or winter survival training. Other days, when no activities were running, we would help prepare meals and serve hungry guests and staff, or assist with housekeeping, making sure the Chalet stayed clean and welcoming for the next Scouts to arrive.

When the winter season ended, I took some time to explore Switzerland and then returned home. After living so intensely in a Scouting bubble for three straight months, readjusting to a daily routine at home was difficult and being continents apart from your friends was difficult. Luckily for me, some of the sadness was dampened by my knowledge that I would be returning again in the summer. Before I left, I'd been offered a job as a Reception Assistant for the summer, and accepting was one of the easiest decisions I've ever made.

Working in the Reception during the summer was an experience quite different to what I was doing over the winter. As the first face that guests see when they arrive, the energy brought to Reception is always a mix of excitement, curiosity, and organized chaos. You quickly learn how to adapt to unexpected situations, communicate across cultures, and get to know the best tips & tricks for Kandersteg and the surrounding areas. Above all else, what you learn in Reception is that the Centre would not function without the trust placed on one another and everyone's commitment to do their best.

When I look back on my time at KISC, there are many experiences that I will remember forever, but the most important part of my time in Switzerland was the people I got to meet. The small interactions between your fellow staff and guests from around the world is what makes you feel part of something bigger than yourself. Seeing someone experience snow for the first time, challenge themselves with a difficult hike, or learn something new about a different culture are the experiences that make the Centre so special. As the years go on, I may forget the activities I took part in, the food I ate, or the songs I sang, but I'll never forget the people I met.

If you ever get the chance to visit KISC, whether as a guest or a volunteer, it's an opportunity worth taking. Whether it be for a week, a season, or however long time allows, visiting KISC is certainly a bucket list adventure. If you're thinking about volunteering, don't hesitate. There is a long line of Canadian Scouts who can tell you the impact that KISC has had on them, and who would be happy to support you in your future adventures. Whether you arrive at KISC on your own, as a part of a group or a larger contingent, everyone leaves with a feeling of connection to a Centre that has welcomed Scouts for over 100 years.



Ben Wark
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Scouts Canada

KISC Summer Pinkies 2025 (40+ countries represented)

2nd North Battleford Venturers (& Scouts) Canoe Excursion

From July 11-16, 2025, our Group's Venturers (and Scouts) took part in a 5-day canoe excursion in northern Saskatchewan.

This was our Group's first major canoe trip so for months beforehand, we dove deep into preparing ourselves for this kind of event. We brushed up on our paddling skills and worked on building our strength and stamina by getting out onto the water as much as possible on weekends and during weeknight meetings. We practiced our canoe-over-canoe rescues at the pool (as the water was still just a bit too cold at the time) and practiced portaging – with and without gear.



We wanted to keep meals light to carry and easy to make, so we prepared a bunch of dehydrated ingredients. We chose recipes that would utilize few dishes but would boost our energy and keep us filled (like Cajun Rice and Black Beans).

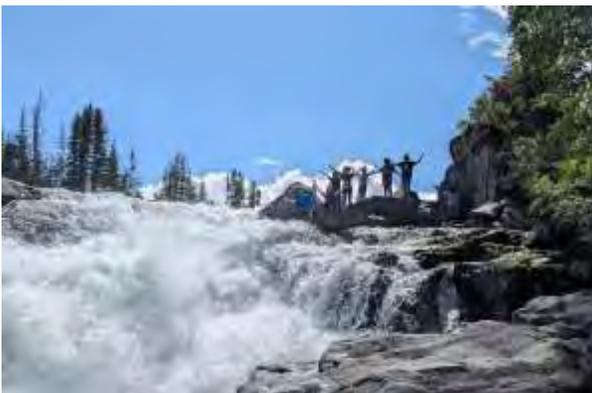
On July 12th (Day 1) we launched from Missinipe. It was still quite smoky in the area from the recent wildfires, but once away from the mainland, the sky cleared. We paddled on Otter Lake to Robertson Falls – 17.9km. It took us a good part of the day to get to our first campsite. As this was our first major paddling adventure, we had to develop our canoe stride and pace – and lessen the amount of zigzagging. 😊



On Day 2, we travelled from Robertson Falls to Stanley Mission Rapids – 25.5km paddled, including a portage right out the gate that morning! Just before stopping at our campsite, we took some time to tour the Stanley Mission church and to learn about the history of the area.



Day 3, we did a “day trip” paddle and then hike to Nistowiak Falls – 9.25km paddle, 2.25km hike, 9.5km return paddle. Our meals all turned out super!



On Day 4, we had a “rest” day. We paddled to an old uranium mine site, hiked about and then paddled back (6km paddle + 1 km hike). The sunsets were absolutely stunning!



Our last day, we travelled back to Stanley Mission town (6.5km), where we packed up our canoes and headed home.

In total, we paddled 71.65km and hiked 3-4km. As our lead Scouter mentioned once back home, this trip was more than just numbers. It was about pushing limits, working as a team, overcoming obstacles (with some laughter and probably some sore arms), and reconnecting with our purpose – our WHY.



Sarah Thompson
Group Commissioner
2nd North Battleford
Scouting Group

Michelle Lakes - An Adventure on the Great Divide Trail - 11th - 15th July 2024



The Great Divide Trail (GDT) is an 1100 kms long trail between the United States Border on the southern edge of Waterton Lakes National Park in Southern Alberta to Kakwa Provincial Park in British Columbia. The route crosses between Alberta and B.C. several times. While some of the route is on well-defined trails there are sections of the trail that are much more rugged in nature. Some people hike the whole GDT in a 2+ month long trip. The southern terminus of the GDT is also the northern terminus of the 5000 kms long Continental Divide Trail (CDT) in the United States. There are a few people who hike both of these trails as one continuous backpacking trip! You don't have to do that to enjoy the GDT. Many parts of the GDT can be hiked as 2- or 3-day trips. For a detailed description of the GDT see <https://greatdividetrail.com/get-to-know-the-gdt/>.

My wife, Gail, and I live in Coleman which is on the GDT 146 kilometres from the southern terminus. In early July we decide we will travel north to do a 3-day hike on the GDT east of the Icefields Parkway in Banff National Park.

Thursday 11th July:

We are up at 6:45. Oatmeal, eggs and a PBJ sandwich for breakfast. After finishing some packing, we leave the house at 9:20. The temperature is already a warm 24C as we drive east on highway 3 to the highway 22 junction. We then go north on highway 22 then west on highway 1 to Canmore. The temperature is 30C here. We get tortillas, cheese buns and butterhorns, wagon wheels, Jello pudding and some ice cream bars. It being tourist season the town is full of people - a 3 light wait to get onto the road back to highway 1. We continue west on highway 1 then go north on highway 93 - the Icefields Parkway.

At Bow summit we see smoke ahead. This morning, we saw nothing on firesmoke.ca to indicate we would be in smoke. Our plan is to go to the Cataract Pass area or Michelle lakes both of which are on the GDT. With smoke to the north, Michelle lakes seemed the best option. We turn east on highway 11 to park somewhere out of Banff Park for the night.

Immediately after the passing the Banff park boundary we see the new (to us) Owen Creek trailhead - signs say it is in Clearwater County and a public lands camping pass is required to stay here for the night - we have our pass. (We were here in June 2025 and now camping is not permitted). It is about 17:30. We cook supper of pre-cooked stew and cabbage and then have pineapple and wagon wheels for dessert. Later we put up the old 1980s eureka tent to the east of the parking area. To the tent by 21:00.

Friday 12th July:

It is initially a warm night but cool by morning. We get up at 5:30. Cheese buns and butterhorns for breakfast. We pack our backpacks and set off at 7:20. The plan today is to hike the GDT up the Owen Creek valley, over a 2480m pass (1100m above our current elevation) and then go down to camp by Upper Michelle Lake. It is a very good well-travelled trail to the Owen Creek canyon then a less well travelled, but still much more of a trail than when we were here in 1998 and earlier. Owen Creek Canyon is very narrow and about 100' deep and at a couple of places you can step across it. There is lots of dead fall across the trail as we go through a burned area on the way up the valley on the east side of the creek. The Owen Creek valley is in Banff National Park but as the park



does not want to admit that the GDT exists and the Great Divide Trail Association is not permitted to maintain the trail, the route up the valley is not maintained. The trail, such as it is, only exists due to the many people who hike it. We negotiate an a 1.5m rock step by the edge of the fast-flowing creek. The trail is sometimes creek side and at other times higher up. After the junction with the Wilson glacier branch of the creek, I see two possible routes. We go up the route by the creek. I come to a steep slope of hard earth and a rock slab with a broken wood hand hold and decide we should do the higher route. I lead the way steeply up a gravel slope to the trees. After one large step up we are on a trail in the trees. It is a warm day and the smoke is going SE but also seems to be blowing from the south into this valley. We carry on steeply up the trail at about

14:00. The trail is good but with lots of shrubs on either side. It goes up more east then does a switchback after a red ribbon on a tree. But soon the trail gets less distinct and then disappears. We look round for a trail but find none. We are now well above the valley floor so just traverse the often-steep ground to get back to the valley bottom - luckily the bushwhacking is not too bad. So don't be tempted to use a route well away from the valley bottom! We are thankful to come to a side stream on the way as we are not carrying much water. We get back to the trail by the main creek. This mistake has likely cost us a couple of hours. Gail is tired and wants to camp at the first campsite we see. It is a steep sided valley and there is very little flat ground. But I agree that we should camp when we find a suitable place rather than pushing on in a tired state to our planned camp at Michelle Lakes. Higher up, the valley becomes more open and the now smaller stream is easy to cross. We see a couple of potential campsites but then find they are too damp. At 18:50 I see what seems to be a flatter area and find a suitable place for the tent amongst the willow bushes. Gail puts up tent, I cook Japanese soup then jerky, dried peppers, broccoli and ramen/mashed potato. Some candies and a cold drink follow. I get more water for the morning and we are in the tent by 21:30.



Saturday 13th July:



We sleep well. We get up at 5:45 to a partly cloudy morning. Granola, an orange and the usual drinks (coffee for Gail and green tea for me) for breakfast. We continue hiking up the valley at 7:10. It is easy going (partly due to us being well rested!) with several crossings of the creek, the air is clearer and we are soon above treeline. Looking up the valley we see snow at the high point. We get to the top of the slope and there is still more to go to the 2480m elevation pass which is on the boundary of Banff National Park. On the other side of the pass is a snowfield. I tramp through the soft, over ankle depth snow following some tracks to get to some snow free ground. From here it is clear that there is not much more snow to cross. We hike on down - there is much soft, sodden wet earth between snow patches.

Lots of running water and wet earth all the way to the cascade above the upper Michelle lake. We cross the stream and then hike down, seeing a big marmot on the way. We round the edge of more wet ground before descending to the upper lake. There is no dry ground for camping. We walk partway round the north edge of the lake then go up to an upper basin and find numerous piles of rock from earlier campers. A young lamb bleats then runs towards us before running to its mother. We select a spot for the tent at about 10:30. After some PBJ tortillas and nuts for first lunch, we put up our Big Agnes Copper Spur 2 tent. About 12 bighorn sheep pass by less than 100 metres from us. There is dark cloud to the north but it does not develop and the sky brightens again but remains cloudy.



At 11:35 I head back to the GDT route and head north towards the pass which, at 2580m elevation, is the highest point on the GDT. On the way I see a young ram and zoom in the camera to take a photo. But then the ram starts coming towards me and I quickly have to zoom out to wide angle! There is snow below the pass and it forms a cornice in places. My destination is the 2800m peak to the NE of the pass (There is a photo of upper Michelle Lake and the peak in section E of the GDT link above). It is an even grade stable scree slope to the summit which I reach at 13:40. I put on sweater, rain pants and jacket as it will be cool sitting with the WNW wind. There is a huge vertical drop on the east side of the summit so I do not get too close to the

edge! The sky is a bit cloudy but the views are good in all direction. After about 50 minutes I head south along the ridge and as the ridge turns SW I gradually see more of the Michelle lakes which were not visible from the summit. The view south across upper Michelle Lake to the pass we came over this morning and beyond is particularly fine. It is a much quicker descent down towards the valley. I stay on a ridge east of the GDT which is a much drier route and return to the inflow to the lake before walking back to camp by 16:30.

Gail has enjoyed a more relaxing day around the lake and has filtered water for drinking. I cook jerky, dried peppers, dried spinach and couscous. Chocolate Jello followed by hot chocolate. We pack the bear canister and sort out stuff in the tent before going for a walk to view the lower lake. There are 3 tents south of the bear lockers which are just visible from our camp on the far side of the lower lake. There are a waterfall and a cliff between the 2 lakes. From the top of the waterfall, we get a good view of the lower lake and see 30 sheep this side of the lake. Some young sheep appear on a ledge part way up the cliff and explore it before realizing it is a dead end so they



run back. We sit by the upper lake for a short while before returning to the tent. A marmot runs up to the rocks above. The temperature is now 14C after being 4C this morning and 17C during the afternoon.

Sunday 14th July:

We are up at 5:30 to a clear cool +2C morning. I make rather watery oatmeal and we have our usual drinks. We watch the sunlight come down the mountain to the west and the almost perfect reflections in the lake delay things somewhat so it is 7:25 before we start the journey back to the car. We avoid most of the soft earth by using the now firmer snow and the slopes just above the valley floor. We then use a snow free route to get most of the way up to the pass. Then we use our earlier steps to get to the cairn at the top. A clearer less smoky day but there is some sign of low-level smoke to the south. We head down the south side a few hundred feet then stop for a snack at about 9:40. 2 old guys come by and chat. They are from Edmonton and the shirtless talker seems to be 75 from what he says. It is their 5th time here. The other guy, John, knows a friend of ours in Coleman. They are traveling quite quickly. We continue down using trail when we see it. We follow the trail all the way rather than retracing our route of 2 days ago. A mix of trail, rubble and hard earth above the noisy roaring creek. A pleasant hiking temperature. Slow progress but very scenic. One narrow trail traverse leads us into forest and then we descend a long way on a trail in the trees. At the end of this is the bit that I rejected 2 days ago. There are 2 cords to help one stay on the trail and not fall into the creek. I belay Gail down in 2 stages. The idea was then I could wrap the rope round a root and tie in so I could be belayed too but Gail had to go too far away from me to feel comfortable. I eventually let go of Gail's rope and take some time working out how to get down. I take the first step down and grab the root while holding the cord. Then I get over the root and am relatively ok on the hard earth below. We continue down to beyond the stream junction before having more food. It is now warmer so I just wear a sleeveless T shirt when we resume hiking at 15:00. It is easier going now but there are still a few bits that require careful foot placement. We descend the 1.8m rock step by the river. Then all the dead fall again before we are above the narrow canyon. We reach the parking area at 18:45. I cook chili and mixed veg which is more of a soup, then we share a can of pineapple chunks. Gail puts up the tent while I put stuff in the car. We are both lying down in the tent by 21:10. It is very warm - no need for a sheet liner or sleeping bag at first but it is not too long before both are in use.

Monday 15th July:

I get up soon after 5:00 because I have to, so stay up. We eat the remaining cheese buns and butterhorns and I get the stove going to make the usual drinks. Another clear cool morning. We start driving back to Coleman at 6:15. The temperature is 7C on car thermometer but it felt cooler. The views travelling south on the Icefields Parkway are as splendid as ever. There is smoke around Castle Junction and in the Banff/Canmore area. We see lots of traffic heading west all the way from Lake Louise to the highway 22 junction. Much less traffic going south on highway 22. We are back at the house by 12:15.

**Gail and Alistar Des Moulins
Hike Canada En Marche**

Editor's Note: Thank you to Gail and Alistar for sharing their backpacking trip from the magazine. Hike Canada En Marche is Canada's national hiking body representing hiking clubs and associations across Canada.

New to its website are maps outlining long distance trails across Canada. An excellent resource for finding trails near you as well as trails throughout Canada's provinces and territories

<https://nationalhikingtrails.ca/maps/>



“Path of Reconciliation Trail” at Seneca College King Campus

By: Tessa Shelvey 6th Willowdale Rovers



Kirby and I were out for a hike in the fall (2025) on the newly reopened trails at Seneca College in King City. The trails had been closed for a couple of years to build new bridges over areas that had become very wet and in poor condition. As we walked along the trail we started to see some orange markers shaped like a small t-shirt every 100metres or so. We wondered what they were. It wasn't until the end of our walk that we saw a sign explaining what the little shirts meant. They were part of a newly named trail called the “Path to reconciliation”. The trail is 3.7 km's and goes around Seneca Lake. It's a fairly easy trail with three lookouts of Seneca Lake and 3 boardwalks. The trail was made in honour of the Anishinaabe-kwe. The Anishinaabe-

kwe were a group of Indigenous people in the Great Lakes region of Canada and the United States. This short interactive walk would be a great place for Rovers and Venturers to lead a walk for cubs and scouts to learn about indigenous culture and what orange shirt day is all about. Scouts and cubs can earn their outdoor activity skills badge. A portion of the trail is wheelchair accessible.



Trail markers are placed along the Path to Reconciliation to help guide your journey. Follow the orange T-shirt markers to stay on the designated trail and move in the right direction. There are 139 markers in total, each representing one of the 139 residential schools that once operated across Canada. The orange T-shirt is a symbol of remembrance, honouring the children who were taken and the survivors who continue to share their truths.



There are a number of side trails nearby which can be used towards earning your Oak Ridges trail side trail badge. To earn this pretty crest you need to hike 15 Oak Ridges Trail side trails within a 12 month period, keep a log of what side trails you've completed and send it in with \$5 to pay for the badge to publicity@oakridgestrail.org and e-transfer to payment@oakridgestrail.org

Plan your visit to Seneca College:

Address: 13990 Dufferin St., King City, ON L7B 1B3

By Car: The Path entrance is located within the Seneca Polytechnic King Campus, just off Dufferin Street and Seneca Court. It is west of Parking Lot A.

Parking: Parking Lot A is most suitable for Path access. Permits for daily, evening and weekend parking can be purchased through the Honk mobile payment system.

By Transit: The Path to Reconciliation is a 10-minute walk from the Seneca College Stop

#1706, serviced by the Route 088 Bathurst Northbound bus. Route 088 runs between the Finch GO Bus Terminal and Seneca Polytechnic King Campus.

For more information go to:

www.senecapolytechnic.ca/student-services-and-support/first-peoples/path-to-reconciliation.html

Happy trails!!!



Duncan's Totem Poles

And the CBC's Still Standing

B.C. Parks – No. 3



I have long been a fan of the long running CBC comedy show Still Standing hosted by Johnny Harris (aka Constable George Crabtree) of *Murdock Mysteries* fame. The premise of Still Standing is a half hour comedy special filmed on location in small Canadian communities that are trying to make a comeback from major financial blows to their economy. Most due to a loss of a key industry to their town. Harris interviews locals about the unique aspects of their small Canadian town. Promoting the town for visitors across Canada. Each episode ends with a standup route poking fun at the locals, all in good humor.

While Duncan didn't host an episode in the ten years of the show, it was included on the website under a list of best and biggest in Canada, Duncan being the best place to see Totem Poles. So, after a search of British Columbia places on the site to visit from the show's archive of episodes, Duncan, British Columbia was added to our itinerary of our trip to B.C. and we were very glad we did. In fact, it was the second stop along our drive to Nanaimo after stopping at Sooke Poles Provincial and Regional Parks (see Bagging Provincial Parks, B.C. Parks - No. 2, RVM Oct – Dec 2025)

While not actually a Provincial Park, it is a connected walk through the town with a series of small parkettes and grassy corners with 44 Totem Poles displayed along the way. Starting at the Historical Duncan Street Station walkers follow the yellow painted foot steps through the streets of downtown Duncan. Singing the theme from the "Wizard of Oz" is optional.



In 1985 the mayor of Duncan, Douglas Barker initiated a program of erecting Totem Poles in the town to attract visitors and celebrate the close ties the town had with the Qux'utsun' people.

The number of totem poles grew substantially when new totems were commissioned for the then city's 100th Centennial year in 2012. In addition to new totems on display, plaques were added to each location providing the name of the sculptor, their connection, training and inspiration to carving from their family origins, and the traditional stories that the totems tell.

"Cedar Man Walking out of the Log" is the world's widest totem pole at 1.8 metres in diameter, having been carved out of a 750-year-old tree.



The totem pole was carved by Gwe-la-gwe-la-gya-les (Richard Hunt). The chief is holding a talking stick containing family crests: the Kulus (Baby Thunder Bird), Orca (Killer Whale) and man (presenting the Kwagu't (Hunt family)). (Source: *Duncan, City of Totems, Duncan 100 years – Centennial Project Guide*).

For any groups staying on Vancouver Island at one of Scouts Canada's scout camps, located on the island or having access to the Island by ferry, it's a great afternoon walk with a picnic in the Station Street park.

An opportunity for Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts to lead a hike for the junior sections while celebrating First Nations Culture and completing their OAS Trail badge requirements.

Oh, and don't forget to check out the historical railway station as well.

Checkout the Still Standing website to explore a town near you and throw them your support! Take in Fenelon Falls, Ontario episode. Then hang out by the Locks and try one or two of the many Kawartha Dairy ice cream flavours available after a ride on the Victoria Rail Trail. (I'm definitely bias on this one, family connection.)

J. Kirby McCuaig
Bagging Provincial Parks with Tessa Shelvey

Photo Journal – City of Totems, Duncan, British Columbia



Pole of Wealth by Norman John



Sea and Sky by Harold Alfred



The Air and the Land by Yutxwam (Harold Joe)



Pole of Wealth by Hwunu' metse' (Simon Charle)

Photos provided by Tessa Shelvey and J. Kirby McCuaig

A Simple Winter Camp and Winter Camping Tips



A few hearty Venturers and Rovers from our Group did what I call a very simple winter camp a few weeks ago. As our first winter camp, it was good to change gears to thinking about winter versus summer backpacking and teach the newer Venturers some good skills.

I think this type of camp would be a good “model” for a Scouts’ introductory winter camp. It involved one night and a 3-kilometer hike in to an established Parks Canada campsite with an outhouse, and a firepit with plenty of wood. It was early November so the overnight temperature only dipped to about -13°C . Our route was along the beautiful Cascade Valley trail in Banff National Park from the upper Bankhead parking lot to the first campsite just past the Cascade River bridge.



To confess, I’m not the world’s most enthusiastic winter camper. I understand the appeal – no bugs and uncrowded trails and campsites. I like the challenge of winter camping I just have trouble being warm at night. Winter camping is more challenging because you need different skills and prepare in different ways to meet winter conditions. One example, is that the days are much shorter so you need to think more about light sources. You’ll likely be doing more things like camp set up/ take down, and food preparation in the dark so a good headlamp with extra batteries is essential at a minimum.

A common mistake is to dress too heavily at the trailhead. After a few hundred meters of hiking, you start sweating. Damp clothes are very hard to dry in the winter, and if you don’t have a change of clothes, you’ve already set yourself up for being wet and cold at camp. “Dress for the second mile” is the idea to think about. Start the hike feeling a bit chilly, not comfortably warm. As you hike and warm up, layer down even more before you start sweating. Keep your warmest

clothes, like your lined pants, and down jackets dry in your pack and bring them out at camp. You can be very comfortable hiking in the winter in a long sleeve base layer, light gloves and toque, and regular hiking pants.

On the trail, take frequent quick breaks to drink and layer down if necessary. If you're not sweating you might think that you don't need to drink much but you do! You lose a lot of moisture from breathing and that needs to be replenished. Once you get to camp, have a big drink to get rehydrated and get to immediate work setting up your tent and bedding. Safely store your food, and then change out of your hiking base layer if it is wet, and layer up with your warm clothes, and make sure your headlamp is in your pocket. As the sun sets it will get cold and dark fast and you will be cooling off fast since your physical activity is less. But if you do some physical exertion like collecting and cutting firewood, layer down again to avoid sweating.



To be warm at night in a tent takes some thinking and planning. There are four things to consider about your "sleep system:" What type of bag(s) you have, what is under your sleeping bag, in your sleeping bag, and beside your sleeping bag.

For your sleeping bag, a compact down winter bag is best, but you'll be fine in a three-season sleeping bag as long as the temperatures aren't dipping below -20° C. If you

add a fleece liner, a hot water bottle, and a couple layers of sleepwear, you should be very comfortable in a 3-season bag that is rated to about -10° C. Between the sleeping bag and the tent floor, you are going to want at least two layers – preferably a down filled inflatable sleeping pad like an Exped, and a closed foam sleeping pad. The order of the layers should be ground-tent floor-Exped-foam pad, sleeping bag.

You will be warmer if you share a tent with another Scout or two. You'll also have a lighter pack if you share the weight of a tent by dividing it up. At bedtime, put your (dry) clothes and down jacket in the sleeping bag with you to fill the airspace and add some insulation. For bed clothes, heavy socks along with long underwear, with a dry base and mid layer on top are a minimum. A toque with a built-in head lamp is best for your head.

Prepare your hot water bottle a few minutes before bed by pouring boiling water into your Nalgene water bottle(s), tighten the lid, and slide it into the bottom of your sleeping bag. Don't try it with a non-Nalgene

bottle; they will melt. Make sure the lid is tight but not extremely tight or you won't be able to open it in the morning. Some people say to put the hot bottle in a sock so you don't burn your foot but I don't do that because I already have heavy socks on my feet. In the morning the water will be lukewarm and you can enjoy re-hydrating with a warm drink in the morning as you're getting dressed.

Make sure you have good ventilation in your tent overnight because condensation will build up from breathing and create a film of moisture on top of your sleeping

bag. Some winter campers like to keep a candle lantern lit at night to slightly warm the air to control condensation. It is a decent idea but again, you want to be very careful with flames, even those enclosed in a candle lantern in your tent. It's probably best to suspend the lantern inside the tent rather than have it sitting on the floor where it will get knocked over.

Here's a couple final tips. When getting into your sleeping bag, do it in stages working from the bottom up to retain your heat. Remove your bottom clothing first, put on your lower bed clothes and get your legs in the bag. Immediately you'll feel the warmth of that hot water bottle and thank yourself for taking the time to prepare it. Next, get your upper body ready for bed and slide in. In the morning, reverse that sequence by dressing your top layers first with your legs still in the bag. Then work on the lower half finishing with your boots. Speaking of boots, make sure you loosen the laces and tongue before bed because overnight, your damp boots and laces will freeze making it nearly impossible to get your feet in.



Bruce Schollie
Red Deer 18th Scouts

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Bruce Trail Days and our Bruce Trail Partnership



Each first Sunday of October sees the annual Bruce Trail Days promotion of the Trail and Conservancy to the general public by the 9 Clubs, but the 2025 edition had a definite difference for our Crew. Last year we were asked to run a campfire, help families make Smores and lead a family singsong as well as help promote the Bluebird nesting box program of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club.

Over the past year (2025) our crew had built a relationship with the Caledon Hills Club as we ran the Willow Valley Challenge out of Riverside Woods Nature Reserve (previously Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp) in Orangeville, Ontario in May. During the planning stages of last year's Bruce Trail Days, the club asked us if we would be willing to run an activity and we thought it was a great opportunity to promote the partnership we, Scouts Canada have with the Bruce Trail Conservancy .



"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum...", a vintage line from a long ago comedy, but true to life experience for us. We met our first "**Chipmunk**", and Chipmunk family, (photo above) from 1st Bolton. A new Scouting Canada program for 4 year olds. As a normal part of the days activities, families visiting on Bruce Trail Days have the opportunity to build a new nesting box and learn about the program. The Biodiversity Committee members will then install the nesting box on the property with the proud child's signature prominently on the box. After chatting with the family, I learned that the mother was in Scouting in Australia as a youth and one of her brothers was a Rover there in the past.

The 2025 edition saw a bumper crop, as a record 16 new nesting boxes were assembled by the families from the kits supplied by the Biodiversity Committee! About double what are normally made. The extraordinary beautiful weather on the day was accredited for a very high turnout of visitors.

And it wasn't just Chipmunks lining up to build a nesting box, we also saw Group Commissioners applying their hand, supported by their own youth. Group Co-Commissioner and Scouter Sarah of 4th Orangeville was quite

fortunate to have both her son and daughter assist her in assembling boxes. Good to see everyone rolling up their sleeves as it were and pitching in!



While some families were busy assembling nesting boxes others joined our crew at a campfire. I know the families enjoyed making smores as they didn't take long for the smiles to appear after just a few bites. Meanwhile our crew distributed song sheets and lead the parents and kids in old familiar camp songs such as "The Other Day I Met a Bear"



A great service project for the crew and a lot of fun at the same time.

Something I think we will do again as it was fun, promoted our nesting box project and strengthened our partnership with the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club.

Photos of youth assembling nesting boxes courtesy of Victoria Staite, CHBTC

Crew photo courtesy of Sandy Green, President Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

John Kirby McCuaig,
6th Willowdale Rovers

Biodiversity Committees,
Toronto and Caledon Hills Clubs,
Bruce Trail Conservancy

Venturer Scout High-School/High-Skills Credit Program for Vents or 4th year Scouts in GTC.

An invitation to Venturers and 4th year Scouts in Greater Toronto Council.

Open to entire Venturer Companies or individuals.

This scouting season, the 115th Toronto Venturer Scouts are once again offering an opportunity earn a High-School Credit while camping with the Venturer Scouts! This program, in partnership with Outward Bound Canada (OBC), will see the Venturer Scouts participating in 4 meetings and 4 weekend camps. At the conclusion, participating Venturer Scouts will earn a high school credit.

The approach is to be active, outdoors and adventurous. Three traits that both organizations share. The evening meetings would run from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday December 17, February 18, April 15 and May 13. The four camp dates will be November 22-23, January 31-February 1, March 7-8, and June 6-7.

The credit on offer depends on what year of high school each Vent is enrolled. Vents who are in grade 9/10 may choose to take PAD2O (Physical Education). This credit qualifies as the mandatory physical education credit needed to graduate. If the Vent has already earned this credit, or are currently enrolled in it, they can choose to take the second credit option. The second credit option is PLF4M (Recreational Leadership). This credit can be used as part of the six credits they use towards college/university applications.

Each meeting and camp will be facilitated by two OBC instructors. Outward Bound Canada is an accredited and Ministry of Education approved school. OBC is also a charity whose goal is to get youth outside on adventurous journeys.

The cost of the total program is \$7000 for up to 25 participants and needs a minimum of ten to run. The participant cost will depend on the number of Venturer Scouts who wish to participate, and could range from \$280 to \$700 depending on how many choose to take part. The cost of each camp (food/permits is in addition and would be approximately \$30-\$40).

In earning a credit while scouting, each Venturer will be creating opportunities for their school path as well. It may mean increasing their overall average, getting a mandatory credit out of the way so as to have more elective choices or creating a spare period on the day school timetable to allow for more flexibility or focus on other subjects.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Scouter Sean.

Editor: An amazing twist on the Venturer Scout program and something to consider starting in your local area.

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor-**Ro** **Vent** **Mag**



Invasive Species Training Program

NEW COURSE – Invasive Terrestrial Plants Training

This **FREE** course covers the history, identification, spread, prevention, management, and more for a variety of important invasive terrestrial plants. Learn all about buckthorn, dog-strangling vine, Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, giant hogweed, wild parsnip, and common ground-cover invasives.

As last year, 2025, wound down, many of the species around us slip quietly into dormancy. Trees draw the energy inward, wildflowers retreat beneath the soil, and the creatures of the forest begin to slow their rhythms. In our own way, we often feel that same pull to pause, rest, and reset after a long season of growth.

Winter is a season of opportunity. It’s the perfect moment to lean into learning, deepen our skills, and prepare for the work ahead when the natural world awakens again. For anyone looking to build their knowledge in land stewardship, invasive species management, or conservation, winter offers the ideal space to focus and grow.

That’s why the Invasive Species Centre’s training programs are such a great fit for this time of year. The courses provide accessible, science-based learning you can take at your own pace. The newest course – Invasive Terrestrial Plants Training – is **FREE!** Whether you’re refreshing your knowledge or stepping into this field for the first time, we invite you to take this course!

To register, visit us online at invasivespeciescentre.ca/learn/online-course/

You’re invited!

The 2026 Invasive Species Forum is one of Canada’s leading events on invasive species research, management, and collaboration. This year’s program will feature case studies, regional updates on emerging species, management innovations, and community engagement.



Created to bring invasive species experts together from across Canada, the United States, and beyond, the Forum is an annual space for sharing progress, building connections, and sparking collaboration among people working to protect the environment, economy, and society from invasive species.

Municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous groups, all levels of government, researchers, community members, and other interested groups are encouraged to attend. It's free to register and fully virtual! Join the conversation from February 17 to 19, 2026. Learn more and register at invasivespeciescentre.ca/forum.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us at:

training@invasivespeciescentre.ca

Monica Liedtke
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Invasive Species Centre

Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park

No. 6



2025 was a very successful year for bagging provincial park badges and stickers including some from British Columbia! August found Tessa and I and members of our crew heading out on an overnight canoe trip to Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park. For those unfamiliar with the park, its south of Algonquin and north of Peterborough, Ontario and the second largest southern Ontario provincial park, Algonquin being of course the largest and also the better know.

The park is primarily for canoeing, kayaking or fishing. There are two official day hiking trails with extremely limited parking available and thus not promoted by the park, and there are no backpacking trails. There are on the internet references to “Unofficial Trails” within the park. In my correspondence with Tyler Speck, Park Superintendent. these trails are unmarked, not maintained and may trespass on private property. So in keeping with our bagging rules and proper etiquette, Tessa and I decided on a canoe trip and brought the crew along. Of course always important to have hefty Rovers along when portaging is required. We learned this on last year’s Algonquin trip on the Barron River.

There are 9 access points to the park and our was #2 Long Lake Road, just off of highway 28. A hours drive from Haliburton, Ontario where we spent Friday night at my family’s cottage Prior to picking up the canoes we would need.

The trip its self was in jeopardy as a number of fires were being fought adjacent to roads leading to the park in the weeks leading up to our trip. We were glad to hear that the two that may have blocked our route were safely put out prior to our weekend. With the lack of rain this year across Canada, always monitor fire conditions prior to heading out. There was a complete fire band in the county of Haliburton this summer. Always bring a stove and adhere to fire restrictions for the local area your camping in.



On Saturday we unloaded the two canoes and one kayak from our trailer and packed up our gear and headed off from the east end of Long Lake. The two jokes of the day were, “can you spell the word kayak backwards” and they named the lake correctly, as it was certainly a “Long Lake” after paddling for over an hour. It was approximately 4.5 km from the put in to our 340 metre portage into Buzzard Lake.



The sky was completely clouded all day Saturday with a forecast of 60% rain, but we were spared any down fall until we were safely in our tents on Saturday night. Miraculously we had the wind in our faces on Saturday both paddling west on Long Lake and south on Buzzard Lake. We all hoped we would have the reverse on the return time and

our hopes were realized. The return trip from the portage to the takeout took 15 minutes less on our return.



While portaging is never fun, the portage between Long Lake and Buzzard Lake is actually a road to our astonishment as there are no roads along the lake, just pockets along the shoreline of private cottages. To our great surprise there was a Dodge Ram pickup at the end of the portage that must have been ferried in. Tessa is standing in front the trucks garage deep inside the park.

If you have a canoe or kayak cart the portage is extremely accommodating. I had wished we had brought ours; it would have made things much easier for Jason and Phil would did the canoe portaging. Sorry guys!

We had a great overnight trip, just maybe a day or too longer next time. From Tessa and me, thanks Kayona, Phil and Jason for making it all possible!

Provincial Park Badges for all!



**J. Kirby McCuaig
Bagging Provincial Parks with Tessa Shelvey
And Occasionally our Rover Crew**

Side Trail Challenge Complete!



Tessa and I completed our Oak Ridges Trail Association's Side Trail Challenge (15 side trails hiked) on November 6th by leading a hike with her sister Anna Sunn and 3rd Newtonbrook Rover Alumni John and Megan Keith, for the hiking club. Thanks to all attended for making it special for us.

The badge is a great companion badge to the Outdoor Adventure Skills - Trail Skills Badges. Hike the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and earn the hikes required for completing the 9 stages of the Badge and also complete the Side Trail Challenge as well.

The badge provides the opportunity for Youth, Scouters and Parents to complete a challenge together and create memories for everyone involved.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Trail stretches over 250 kms from its western terminus at the Bruce Trail In Caledon (Orangeville, Ontario) to eastern terminuses of Warkworth and Castleton on the Rice Lake Plains in the east.

Hike the Side Trails in Palgrave Forest, Humber Source Woods, the many York Regional Forest Tracts, and East Duffin Headwater Forests.

Oh, and the orange mugs, one of our crew's traditions. Build your own traditions to celebrate a completed challenge!



Editor's note: for groups outside of south central Ontario area, partner with a local trail and have your entire group earn a trail badge while your youth earn their OAS Trail Skills Badges.

Challenge your Group Commissioner and the entire Committee! Parents too!



Photo Credit: Anna Sunn

International Scouting

Scouting is an international movement of over 60 million members spread across 176 National Scout Organizations. International Scouting opportunities can provide some of the most memorable experiences for youth in the program and can play a key role in driving engagement and retention. While many view international Scouting as out of reach or only for older sections, the truth is that even the youngest Scouts can get involved and start learning more about the world.

One of the easiest ways to help youth appreciate the global scale of Scouting is through Pen Pal programs. For Beavers and Cubs especially, writing to Scouts in another country is more than just a fun meeting idea. It also gives them the chance to practise their writing skills, learn how to communicate with others, and discover what Scouting and everyday life look like for kids their age in countries around the world. While there's something special about checking the mail and finding a letter from halfway across the world, today's technology also makes digital pen pal programs a quick and free way to connect.

As youth get older, the number of international Scouting opportunities grows. Every summer, and occasionally over winter break, countries around the world host Jamborees that welcome international participants. Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers can join established contingents heading to jamborees, camps, and service projects across the world. While joining a contingent is a great way for groups to experience their first international event, groups wanting to plan their own adventures have additional flexibility in their plans.

Although international travel can be expensive, fundraising can make a huge difference and help youth experience international adventure on a small budget. Scouting offers a more affordable way to travel by avoiding usual travel costs like hotels and pricey tours, instead relying on Scout camps and generous hosts willing to share their love and knowledge of the place that you are visiting.

Not yet feeling ready to hop on a plane? That's OK. International Scouting doesn't always mean travelling abroad. Every year, Scout groups from around the world visit Canada to explore our campgrounds, cities, and all the outdoor adventures the country has to offer. Planning a weekend camp with an international group is an amazing way to learn about their country, share stories, and show off the parts of Canadian Scouting that you're most proud of. And if an in-person meeting isn't an option, then JOTA-JOTI (Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet), which takes place annually, is another excellent opportunity to connect with Scouts worldwide.

Whether you're joining a big contingent, travelling with your own group, or welcoming international Scouts right here in Canada, the opportunities in international Scouting are endless. International Scouting gives young people the chance to explore the world in a way that's fun, educational, affordable and safe. More than anything, it reminds us that within the global Scouting family, there is a lot more that unites than divides us.

For any groups interested in exploring international Scouting opportunities, the Scouts Canada International Team can be reached at international@scouts.ca.

Submitted by: Ben Wark
DNYC (Events and International)
Scouts Canada



Help needed to restart a Scouts Canada program in Iqaluit, Nunavut

For nearly ten years, there hasn't been a Scouts Canada program available in Nunavut. What does that have to do with us in **Scouts Canada - Voyageur Council**? Take a look at your Council crest and you'll see that there are three (3) symbols to represent the different areas we represent: Ontario, Québec and Nunavut.

Over the summer, I engaged with a local Facebook group and was able to identify four potential Scouters who would consider getting involved. We scheduled a preliminary call, but it got postponed last minute and we lost momentum.

I'm looking for a few Scouters and/or senior youth members who would be interested in a project to help restart the program in Iqaluit. I already identified an Ottawa-based GC with ties to the Inuit community who has offered to provide mentorship. And we have our "Trailblazers" group from the Council to provide the Group structure. Lastly, there are some potential community partners around Ottawa who could help and I have identified a potential corporate sponsor to help with "gifts in kind." Contact me at leo.caisse@scouts.ca if you're interested in helping with this project. I'd love to assemble a team, serve as the "sponsor" to kick it off and then provide guidance to achieve the goal. Nakurmiik!

Thank you!
Leo Caisse



BIG NEWS FOR SCOUTING ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

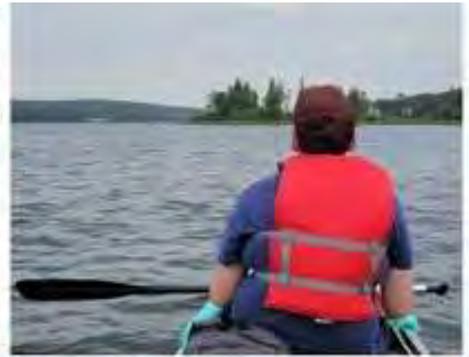
The Prince Edward Island Council is currently recruiting two key volunteer roles to help strengthen and support our growing Scouting community:

- Council Commissioner
- Council Youth Commissioner (ages 14–26)

These volunteer leaders will work closely with groups across the Island to:

- Support volunteers and youth programs
- Strengthen communication and collaboration
- Help grow membership in existing and new communities
- Ensure safe, fun, high-quality Scouting experiences
- Represent PEI at the national level

These positions are essential for providing the structure, guidance, and support our members deserve as Scouting continues to expand on PEI.



WILDERNESS RENDEZVOUS

CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the over 300 people who participated!

Keep exploring and we will see you next year!



HAVE A QUESTION?

Email us at: wildernessrendezvous@gmail.com

Congratulations to the volunteers at the Wilderness Rendezvous Challenge. It been a great opportunity of Scouting Families to keep active during the summer months!

Rover Venturer Magazine would love to share your stories whether it was hiking 25 km or hiking, biking, canoeing and/or kayaking 50 km or more!

Round of Applauses for the Wilderness Rendezvous Challenge! And those who completed the Challenge too! Great accomplishments and Great Stories, creating your group's heritage.

See you out on the trails June 1st to September 30th 2026!

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor-**Ro Vent Mag**

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“Ditch the Screens” & “Instagrammification” In The Name of Wild

One Family, Five Years, Ten Countries and a New Vision of Wildness



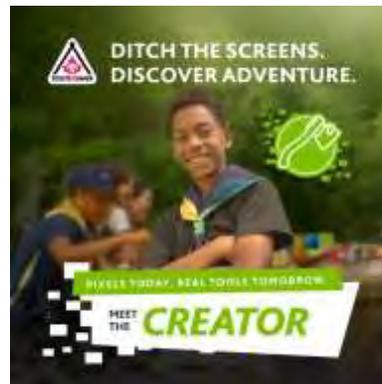
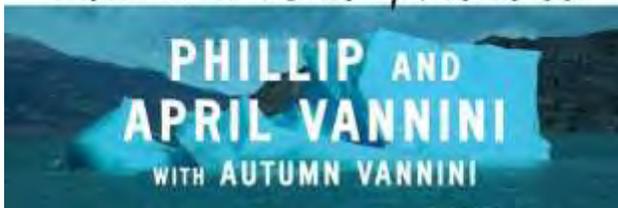
One Family,



Five Years, Ten Countries,



and a New Vision of Wildness



Two different quests to correct a current phenomenon: Scouts Canada's new campaign to get youth away from their computer screens and outside enjoying the outdoors and Vannini's discovery of the new craze to get personal gratification by having "Followers" and "Likes" on Instagram.

For the generation who grew up on wearing Micky Mouse T-shirts from Disney Land or "My Parents went too ... and all I got was this lousy T-shirt", is Instagram the new got to have that's gratification instantaneously? Two different ways to advertise "I've been there"?

While Scout's Canada promotes leaving the laptop at home, will youth simply bring the smaller screen with them?

The Vannini's and their daughter took 5 years to explore 10 UNESCO Natural World Heritage sites as ask the people protecting them and the locals living on the periphery what does the "Wild" and "Wilderness" mean to them. English words that don't always translate easily into other native languages.

Each of the 10 chapters revolve around a country visited, (Australia, Belize, Italy, Japan, etc.), the one that struck a tone with me was Chapter 8 Iceland. The chapter begin quite differently to the others, instead of commenting on the arrangements made and the individuals interviewed, it begins with describing the birth and spread of Instagram. How the term is the combination of two older technologies "gram" from Telegram and "Insta" from Instant Camera, (something that's making a small comeback).

Among the people they interviewed was Harpa Run Kristjansdottir about two of her trips to Iceland's Thingvellir National Park. Her first in the evening without the throng of tourists and then a second time when the tourists were there. She commented: "And then I went again," she continued, "It was late August, in the middle of the day, and it

was crowded. And I went to the waterfall, climbed up to the rocks up there, and just sat there to watch the people, and I think one of those texts got into the book, where I was wondering, because everybody had a smartphone, and most of the people weren't looking at the falls. They were just looking at it through their smartphone, and there I sat with a pen and paper." p. 187

Instragramification, a phenomenon observed by the staff at the park, where individuals show up just to get a photo of themselves for posting and immediately leave to get the next photo to post. It would be hypocritical of us at the magazine not to say the articles you send us on the trips your group do, don't make us a much better magazine, but let's ensure that are youth really immerse themselves in the outdoor adventures we take them on and that their experience is not simply a post and a rating based on the number of "Likes". I'm even reminded from time to time by Tessa just take it in, don't consume yourself with taking the perfect photo. So don't take this column to mean stop sending in your articles or stop taking photos to create memories, let's just ensure our adventures mean more than a means of keeping score, "more followers" and "more likes". Ensure there is personal growth and understanding.



In chapter 10, Wild Can Be Someone's Home -Canada, the term Da Ku is introduced to mean "...was a temporary shelter, a transient place where we could kick back and unwind." Their daughter coined the term after visiting the Da Ku Cultural Centre near Maines Junction (Dakwakada), Yukon. I think we should all adopt a similar term that is a shared experience for our group, one that is uniquely your own. For our crew it's a toast with our orange mugs when we complete a trail badge.

The Vannini's searched for the meaning of Wild and Wildness in the eyes of those who live near the sites. It's important to note, for them to acknowledge what so many may image as wilderness, is home to others.

journey that's important in life. Whether it's sitting my a pool at Sooke Potholes Region Park, on Vancouver Island and taking it in while having lunch or relaxing one evening after canoeing in Poker Lakes Provincial Park in Ontario and gazing at the stars with your crew in complete silence, slow things down and take in nature, wild. wilderness or wildness.



They say its not the destination but the

Philip, April and daughter Autumn live on Gabriola Island in British Columbia.

In The Name of Wild – Five Years, Ten Countries, and a New Vision of Wildness, by Philip and April Vannini with April Vannini, published by On Point Press, an imprint of UBC Press, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 2022.

“Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down”, “Except while Portaging!”

**John Kirby McCuaig
6th Willowdale Rover Scouts**

Central and Eastern Canada

Iceberg Winter Skills Camp – Scouts & Venturers

Blue Springs Scout Reserve

Acton, Ontario

January 16 – 18, 2026

[Www.icebergwintercamp.ca](http://www.icebergwintercamp.ca)

CEC Winter Skills (Scouts & OOS)

Everton Scout Camp

Guelph/Eramosa, Ontario

Feb 7 – 8, 2026

www.evertonscoutcamp.ca

Scouts Canada Day at Oshawa Generals

Oshawa Generals vs Sudbury Wolves

Oshawa, Ontario

February 8, 2026

Jenn.hurley@scouts.ca

Snow Moot - Arcade

Mount Nemo Scout Camp

Burlington, Ontario

February 13 – 15, 2026

<https://snowmoot.wixsite.com/snowmoot>

Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show

The International Centre

Mississauga, Ontario

February 20 -22, 2026

<https://www.showpass.com/toronto-outdoor-adventure-show-2026/>

Coldest Night of the Year

Walk to Support Local Charities

Saint John, Fredericton, Miramichii, and Moncton

New Brunswick

February 28, 2026

Nova Scotia Gilwell Breakfast

St. John's United Church

Fall River, Nova Scotia

February 28, 2026

scoutermalcolmhalliday@gmail.com

Adirondack Winter Camp / Venturee

Everton Scout Camp

Guelph/Eramosa, Ontario

March 6 – 8, 2026

www.evertonscoutcamp.ca

Youth Leadership Camp (S/V/R)

Yoho Scout Reserve

Yoho, New Brunswick

March 13 – 15, 2026

ScoutCon

Camp Samac

Oshawa, Ontario

March 21, 2026

<https://campsamac.ca/scouters-conference/>

Llama Moot – The Beach Episode

Mount Nemo Scout Camp

Burlington, Ontario

March 27 – 29, 2026

Llamamoot42@gmail.com

Advanced Wilderness & Disaster First Aid

Woodland Trails Scout Camp

Stouffville, Ontario

March 27 -29, 2026

doug@emcat.ca

Adult Outdoor Skills – Scoutcraft I & II

Apple Hill Scout Reserve

Apple Hill, Ontario

April 3 – 5, 2026

fraserchk@rogers.com

St. Mark's 2nd Invitational (S/V)

Camp Holderville

Long Reach, New Brunswick

April 11 – 12, 2026

Contact Louise Bouchard at strapaka@hotmail.com



Advanced Scouter Development - Wood Badge 2

Camp Samac

Oshawa, Ontario

April 10 -12 & May 29 – 31, 2026

Kevin.belesky@scouts.ca

Quebec Council Venturer Camp

Lake Lovering Scout Camp

Magog, Quebec

April 17 – 19, 2026

Xavier.francius@scouts.ca

Annual Spring Work Day

Everton Scout Camp

Guelph/Eramosa, Ontario

April 25, 2026

RSVP at steven.coyle@scouts.ca

Music Moot – The Reunion Tour

Barber Memorial Scout Camp

Guelph, Ontario

May 1 – 3, 2026

<https://sites.google.com/view/musicmoot/>

NS, NB & PEI Scouters Conference

Brigadoon Village

Aylesford, Nova Scotia

May 7 – 10, 2026

Registration through DoubleKnot

Willow Valley Challenge – Episode IV

2 Day Backing Challenge for Scouts and Venturers

Woodland Trails Scout Camp

Stouffville, Ontario

May 23 -24, 2026

willowvalleychallenge@gmail.com

Million Dollar Mania

Barber Scout Camp

Guelph, Ontario

June 26 – 28, 2026



Canada Wide

Trail Jam

Anywhere you Like

May 9, 2026

Montreal Jamboree

100th Anniversary - Scouts du Canada

Parc Jean-Drapeau

Montreal, Quebec

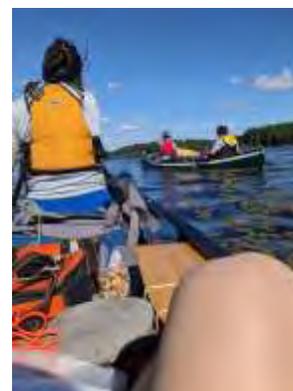
June 25 -30, 2026

infojamboree@scoutsmm.qc.ca



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March 14th and see it Here!**



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● CHALLENGES ● FUN ● GAMES ● SKILLS

A winter skills camp for Scout Troops and Venturer Companies. Are you a Rover? No problem we are looking for offers of service.

JANUARY 16-18, 2026
BLUE SPRINGS SCOUT RESERVE



www.icebergwintercamp.ca
Email: iceberg.wintercamp@gmail.com





SCOUTS CANADA DAY

OSHAWA GENERALS vs SUDBURY WOLVES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 2:05PM

\$
21.50

PER TICKET

PRICE INCLUDES TAX



FIRST 200 SCOUTING MEMBERS TO
PURCHASE TICKETS WILL RECEIVE
AN OSHAWA GENERALS PATCH!

TO ORDER, CONTACT JENN HURLEY THROUGH EMAIL AT JENN.HURLEY@SCOUTS.CA
DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JANUARY 15TH

REMINDER

LONDON, ONTARIO

GLENN MARGISON MEMORIAL
SCOUT BADGE AND MEMORABILIA SWAP MEET
AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday
January 24, 2026

Moose Lodge, 35 Charterhouse Crescent,
London, Ontario N5W 5V3

for the Benefit of Camp Sylvan, Ontario



Doors will open at 9:00 am.

Donations to the auction will be most appreciated.

Contact Dave Robak or Larry Fleet.

A catalogue of items will soon be distributed for online reserve bids.

Reserved tables are available at \$20 Cdn. each.

Payable by e-transfer to scouternushka@gmail.com

No charge to come in to look and/or to trade!

All Scouts and Scouters are welcome to attend.

A pizza lunch will be available for a free will donation.

Coffee and cold drinks may be purchased from the Moose Lodge.

ARCADE

SNOW
MOOT
2026



\$28

Camp Nemo
February 13-15



@SNOW.MOOT



SNOW BALL

SNOWMOOT.WIXSITE.COM/SNOWMOOT

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UPEPSTC



Camp Sylvan Presents

Scout Hockey Night



vs



Scouting Youth, Leaders, Families and Friends are invited!

London Knights vs Barrie Colts

Canada Life Place

Friday February 20 2026

Puck Drop 7:00 pm, Gate opens at 6:00 pm

Tickets are \$30 each and will be ordered on a first-come first-serve basis.

Every ticket comes with a crest and a ballot for door prizes.
Each participating Group receives a ballot for Section prizes as well.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES!

High Five Alley! Sin Bin WarmUp!

See attached flyer for details

To order, each Group will send an email to Camp Sylvan at Sylvan.TS@Scouts.ca
Please write SYLVAN HOCKEY in the subject line, and provide the following:

Area and Group

Contact Name, Contact e-mail, Contact telephone

of tickets requested

of crests requested

Deadline to order tickets is

December 19, 2025

Payment must be received by **January 9th, 2026**

Groups will be advised when tickets will be available in late January, 2026.

Need additional information please email Sylvan.ts@scouts.ca

Go Knights Go!



LLAMA MOOT 2026

THE BEACH EPISODE

**MARCH
27-29
2026**

**EVENTS
GAMES
DANCE**

**CAMP
NEMO**

4284 SIDE RD 2,
BURLINGTON

**GRAB YOUR TOWEL AS
LLAMA MOOT HEADS FOR A
BEACH VACATION!**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 5 2026!



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view/llamamoot/](https://sites.google.com/view/llamamoot/)



ADVANCED WILDERNESS & DISASTER FIRST AID



OPEN TO SCOUTING & GUIDING MEMBERS AGED 14 YRS+

**MAR 27 (7PM) - MAR 29 (5PM), 2026
WOODLAND TRAILS SCOUT CAMP,
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON**

Are You Prepared when 911 isn't coming to help?

(*min 10 people required to run course)

**Course fee includes accommodations,
meals, snacks, crest, ref book, certificate.**

Course Fee: \$400 + HST (reg \$500)

Registration deadline: FEB 20, 2026

***Prerequisite - Standard First Aid**

Course compliant with

Scouts Canada requirements



Register by email to doug@emcat.ca

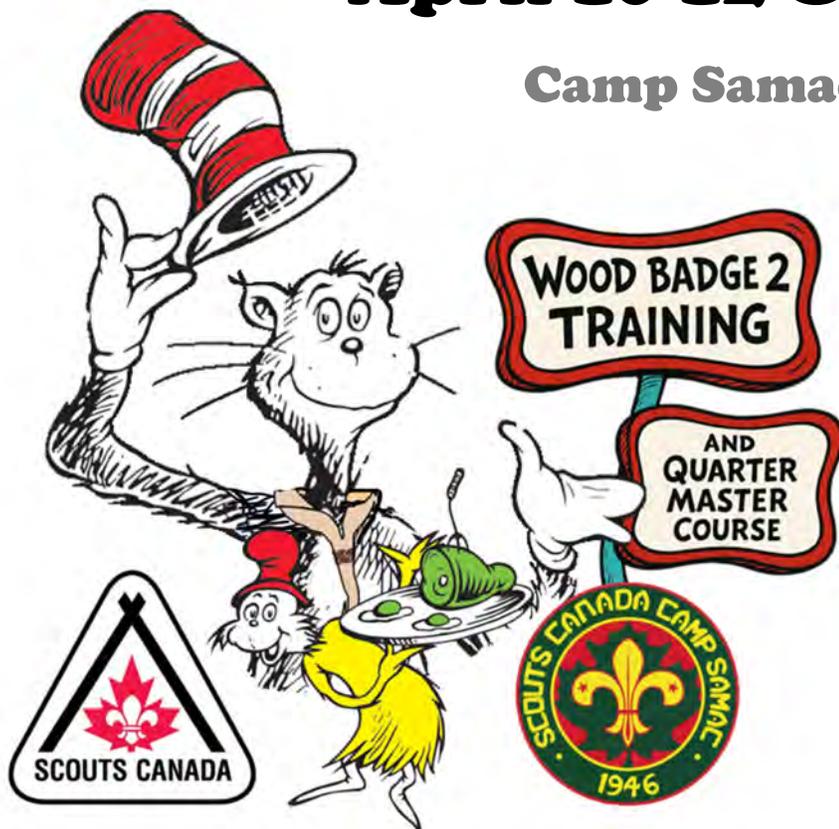
Questions by email to doug@emcat.ca

More details at www.emcat.ca under courses

April 10-12 & May 29-31 2026

Camp Samac (Oshawa, ON)

Colony, Pack,
Troop, Company/
Crew



Course Fees

Early Bird \$275

Deadline Jan 31 2026

Regular fee \$300

Deadline March 24 2026

Full Details and Registration Online at

WWW.WB2Skills.weebly.com

Course Description & Prerequisite

This Course will provide you with the advanced skills necessary to plan and run Scouts Canada's youth programs in compliance the Program Standards and By-Laws Policies and Procedures.

Wood Badge II looks to increase Volunteer Support and Program Quality. Wood Badge II focuses on the practical application of the program facilitation and the safety concepts learned in Wood Badge I, while introducing basic outdoor and Scouter support skills. In addition you will get the opportunity to meet and network with other Scouters from across Ontario.

This Course Does not Provide Accreditation but instead sets up the Scouter on the path to earn their WBII by following the mentor approach.

1. Completed WBI for the Canadian Path and have 1 Year in your current section.
2. Able to work with your section between the 2 course weekends

For more information or registration assistance, please contact

Course Coordination: Kevin Beleskey — Kevin.beleskey@scouts.ca 416-676-2071

Join

1ST BAY OF QUINTE SCOUT GROUP



at the

April 15, 2026 at 7 pm



**BELLEVILLE SENATORS
VS UTICA COMETS** *game!*

\$23.00/Seat

CAA Arena

265 Cannifton Road, Belleville, ON

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Scouts-Canada-1BOQ>

CHUCK-A-PUCK

(5 Pucks for \$10, and 15 Pucks for \$20)

"Chuck-a-Puck" is a fundraising promotion for the Belleville Senators where fans purchase numbered foam pucks and throw them onto the ice during the second intermission, with the pucks closest to the center winning prizes.



INFORMATION:

Allison Taylor, Group Commissioner
1stbayofquintegroup@gmail.com



https://www.gofevo.com/event/Scouts-Canada-1BOQ?fbclid=IwZnRzaAOEAJRleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEeFjuAQ16ciwxYAM3RycwadqMh_AW9b5K288LDBM35yLPyrX8_Wurur3mqLI_aem_gDXyZeflSWpbtCaTWd-1Aw

Conseil du Québec

CAMP D'AVENTURIERS

17-19
AVRIL
2026

Joignez-vous à nous pour la troisième édition du camp d'aventuriers du Conseil du Québec. Ouvert aux scouts de 4^{ème} année, aux aventuriers et aux routiers!

PROGRAMMATION:

Travaillez ensemble avec des jeunes de à travers la province pour surmonter les obstacles et en sortir victorieux! Les compétences scout, la camaraderie, le plaisir et beaucoup plus sont au programme.

RESERVER LA DATE

INSCRIPTION:

Xavier Francius
xavier.francius@scouts.ca
819-588-7698



Lake Lovering
Scout Reserve
Magog, Quebec



Quebec Council

Venturer CAMP

APRIL
17-19
2026

Join us for the third edition of Quebec Council's annual venturer camp. Open to 4th Year Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers!

PROGRAMMING:

Work together with youth from across the province to overcome various challenges and emerge from the quest successful. Pioneering, scout skills, camaraderie, and much more are on the programme.

SAVE THE DATE

REGISTRATION:

Xavier Francius
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819-588-7698



Lake Lovering
Scout Reserve
Magog, Quebec





MUSIC MOOT 2026

THE REUNION TOUR

May 1-3, 2026

Barber Scout Camp
(733 Stone Rd E, Guelph)

Registration opens February 2, 2026!



@musicmoot



/musicmoot



<https://sites.google.com/view/musicmoot>



Willow Valley Challenge 2026

Episode IV

Brought to you by 6th Willowdale Rovers!!

What: 2 Day Backpacking Challenge for Scouts and Venturer Scouts.
Competition based on Hike Challenges along the trail and a Log.
Large groups may have multiple teams.

When: May 23 – 24, 2026

Where: Woodland Trails Scout Camp and the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail

To Register →Corrin Marier, Willowdale Rover Scouts at: willowvalleychallenge@gmail.com

Add'l Information: J Kirby McCuaig, 6th Willowdale Rover Scouts at:
jkmccuaig@hotmail.com

Offers of Service welcomed contact Corrin Marier



Western Canada

ScoutCon IX – Gaming Convention

Winston Heights Mountainview Com. Centre
Calgary, Alberta
January 17, 2026
scoutcon.ca

Scout Amik – OOS Venturers/Rovers/Scouters

Gimli Bible Camp
Gimli, Manitoba
January 30 – February 1, 2026
scoutamik@shaw.ca

Twilight Night Hike

Mundy Park
Coquitlam, British Columbia
February 7, 2026
<https://www.nitehike.org/>



Rovent

Cambie Creek
Manning Park, British Columbia
February 13 – 16, 2026
Rovent.ca

Vancouver Outdoor Adventure Show

Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
February 28 – March 1, 2026
<https://outdooradventureshow.ca/vancouver-visitor/show-info>

Scout Night and Sleep over at

Edmonton Oil Kings

Edmonton vs Brandon

Rogers Centre
Edmonton, Alberta
March 14, 2026
hbently@edmontonoilers.com

Scouts Night with Vancouver Canucks

Vancouver vs St. Louis

Rogers Place
Vancouver, British Columbia
March 21, 2026
keatan.mann@canucks.com

Calgary Outdoor Adventure Show

Stampede Park
Calgary, Alberta
March 21-22, 2026
<https://outdooradventureshow.ca/calgary-visitor>

Scouts Night at Vancouver Aquarium

Vancouver, British Columbia
April 4 – 5, 2026
Jamboree3westvan@gmail.com

Pokémon Provincial Cub Camp

Request for Offers of Service (S/V/R)

Anglin Lake, Saskatchewan
June 5 – 7, 2026
2nbventurers@gmail.com

Awaken the Dragon

Wascana Park
Regina, Saskatchewan
September 18 -20, 2026
2nbventurers@gmail.com

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May 9, 2026

Montreal Jamboree

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Parc Jean-Drapeau
Montreal, Quebec
June 25 -30, 2026
infojamboree@scoutsmm.gc.ca

International

KISC 2026 – Canadian Contingent

Youth 13 +

Kandersteg, Switzerland

July 3 – 21, 2026

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kiscsc/>

<https://www.kisc.ch/programme-adventure>

Jamboree Denmark 2026

Hedeland Naturpark, Demark

Youth 13 -17 years

July 18 – 26, 2026

info@si2026.dk

Icelandic Jamboree 2026

Camp: Hamrur

Akureyri, Iceland

July 20 – 26, 2026

Canadian Contingent Leader: Kevin Birdsall

Kevin.birdsall@scouts.ca

Sweden Jamboree 26

Scouts & Venturer Scouts

Offers of Service – Rovers & Scouters

Norra Asum, Sweden

July 25 – August 1, 2026

Canadian Contingent Leader: Grant Vogelsang

grant.vogelsang@scouts.ca

VCP – Bundeslager 2026

2 Sub-camps: Youth 13-18 & 18-23 years of age

Wolfsburg, Germany

July 30 – August 8, 2026

<https://bundeslager.vcp.de/>

2nd Africa Rover Moot

Youth 18 – 25 years of age

Arrowe Park, Benoni

Johannesburg, South Africa

Date: August 1 - 8, 2026

info@scouts.org.za



24th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

Youth 11 – 15 years of age

Hamilton, New Zealand

December 28, 2026 – January 7, 2027

<https://www.facebook.com/NewZealandScoutJamboree/>

26th World Scout Jamboree

Gdansk, Poland

July 30 – August 8, 2027

www.jamboree2027.org

Way Out West Moot

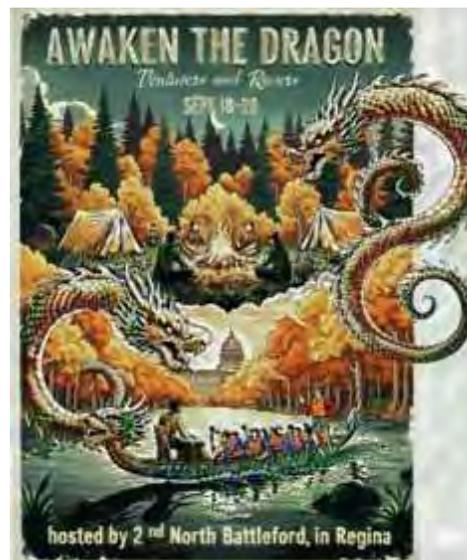
23rd Australian Rover Scout Moot

Woodman Point Recreational Camp

Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia

December 31, 2026 – January 10, 2027

<https://wow27.au/>



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239 NORTHERN HILLS SCOUTS PRESENTS
SCOUTCON IX

**A GAMING CONVENTION INSPIRED
EVENT FOR SCOUTING**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

10 AM TO 6 PM

**WINSTON HEIGHTS MOUNTVIEW
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALL**

520 27 AVENUE NE, CALGARY, AB

**VISIT [SCOUTCON.CA](http://scoutcon.ca) FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER! SPOTS ARE LIMITED.**

Do you like gaming? Need more dice? Meeting new friends while rolling a saving throw?

Sounds like you need to go to ScoutCon!

Registration is now open for groups to attend and spots are limited. Head to scoutcon.ca for more information and to register.

Saturday, January 17, 2026

10 AM to 6 PM

Winston Heights Mountview Community Association Hall

520 27 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB

**15TH ANNUAL
SCOUTS NIGHT AND SLEEPOVER** 

WELCOME SCOUTS FROM CANADA AND USA

 **VS** 

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
VS. BRANDON AT 7:00 PM**

AT  ROGERS PLACE
10220 104 AVE NW, EDMONTON, AB, CANADA T5J 0H6

**WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO SET
A NEW SLEEPOVER WORLD RECORD
AND WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF IT**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT HAILEY BENTLEY
780-664-0452 | HBENTLEY@EDMONTONOILERS.COM**



Scouts Canada - Manitoba Council

Who wants to cheer on the Brandon Wheat Kings, go on a road trip and set a World Record?

Then this Adventure is just for you! All Scouts Canada youth and Scouters are welcome!

Join **Northern Lights Council** in their attempts to set a sleepover world record at the March 16, 2026 Edmonton Oil Kings vs Brandon Wheat Kings WHL game in Edmonton.



The Vancouver Canucks are excited to welcome back the Members of Scouts Canada for our annual Scouts Day! Experience the electrifying face-off between the Vancouver Canucks and the St. Louis Blues on March 21st at 4pm.

Every ticket purchased comes with a \$20 food and beverage voucher. Come dressed in your Scouts uniform to qualify for this year's custom Scouts Day Crest! We'll be sure to contact you prior to the game on how you'll be able to access the credit, and where to pick up the crest.

For all questions and inquiries, please reach out to Keatan directly at keatan.mann@canucks.com or give him a call at 604.899.7553.



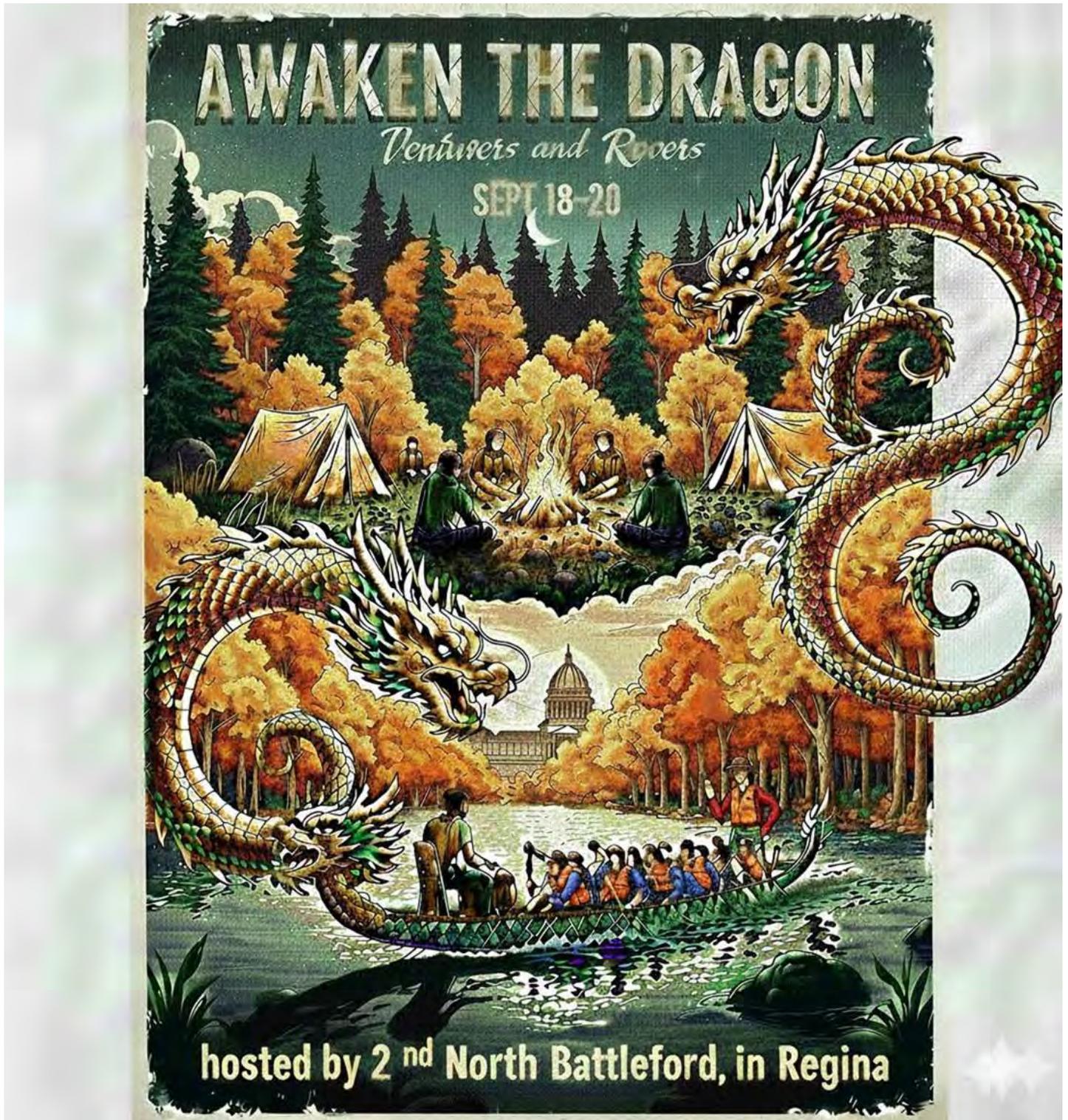
CUBS / WHITE TAILS

Offer of Service: Scouts, Venturers, Rovers

Register your interest in being OOS by emailing: 2nbventurers@gmail.com

Registration packages will be sent out in February 2026.

Thank you, 2nd North Battleford Venturers!



Mark your calendars and save the date for the 2026 Venturer/Rover Event:
Wascana Park, Regina, Saskatchewan, September 18-20, 2026

P.S. You don't have to be a Group from Saskatchewan to attend!!
Want more info? Email us at: 2nbventurers@gmail.com





CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF THE METROPOLITAN MONTREAL'S SCOUTS AT THE JAM

100 years is no small feat! And to mark this historic milestone, we invite you to an exceptional urban jamboree, which will take place from June 25 to 30, 2026, at Parc Jean-Drapeau, in the heart of Montreal!

Montreal Jamboree

100th Anniversary - Scouts du Canada

Parc Jean-Drapeau

Montreal, Quebec

June 25 -30, 2026

infojamboree@scoutsmm.qc.ca



**An International Scouting
Adventure Awaits...**

Iceland National Jamboree

**July 20-26, 2026 located in Northern
Iceland, Hamrar just out side of Akureyri**

Participants: ages 10-18.

Those over 18 can attend as an IST/Offer of Service.

Join the Facebook Group and visit our website (links below) for details
regarding this adventure of a lifetime

For more information contact the

Head of Contingent: Kevin.Birdsall@scouts.ca

Head of the Delegation: cburkholder@scouts.ca

<https://icelandicjam2026.weebly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1110353164470948>

SWEDEN JAMBOREE 26

CANADIAN CONTINGENT

JULY 25 - AUGUST 1, 2026

NORRA ÅSUM, SWEDEN



In the summer of 2026, Sweden welcomes scout groups from all over the world to join in the Swedish national Jamboree26. Held every fourth year, Swedish jamborees are large, lively and colorful events, and still have the feeling of being close to nature.

Simply scouting at it's best.

<https://2026swedenjamboree.weebly.com>

Head of Contingent: Grant Vogelsang

grant.vogelsang@scouts.ca





Phezulu Nangaphezulu

@ Arrowe Park, Benoni, Johannesburg

1 – 8 August 2026

Come to South Africa and be part of an extraordinary Rover Moot that celebrates adventure, camaraderie, and the limitless potential of Rovers across Africa! The 2nd Rover Moot on African soil promises to be a unique Mzansi experience, blending excitement with a true sense of common understanding, harmony and the realisation that Rovers possess unlimited potential waiting to be unleashed!

Thrilling outdoor adventures – Engaging workshops and activities – Cultural exchanges and new friendships – Service projects enabling you to support local communities – Opportunities to unlock your potential and grow as a Rover – **Let's** come together to inspire each other and to elevate our Rover journeys to new heights "Phezulu Nangaphezulu"!

Moot Website: <https://www.scouts.org.za/2africascoutmoot/>

WELCOME TO WOODMAN POINT

THE HOME OF WAY OUT WEST MOOT 2027



23rd Australian Rover Scout Moot
Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia
December 31, 2026 – January 10, 2027

<https://wow27.au/>



**KEEP CALM
AND
INSPIRE ON**