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Brampton Area Newsletter

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Commissioners Corner

Youth

We are a volunteer organization with our primary membership being our youth.

And that's the way it should after all we are a youth organization.

Our goal is to help educate our young people to become constructive in their community. But are we helping or doing?

Many times I have heard Leaders say we are doing this, or that, for the youth and always with good intentions.

Are we including the youth is the question?

When was the last time you ask the youth in your section what they would like to do or have them help plan your upcoming camp? We need to listen to our young people and work the program with them, not for them.

Our youth have a large say as to what comes down from National via the Youth Forum.

I have been asking the Group Commissioners for some time now to talk to their groups to get me some names so we can resurrect the Area Youth Forum, but I have not been getting any feed back, so I am sending this request out to all of you.

I am trying to get an older youth representatives from all of our groups so we can hear from them. If we can reestablish the Area Youth Forum a representative can represent our Area at the Council level and even up to the National level. Can you imagine your son or daughter representing the Area of Brampton and voicing an opinion of their peers, how constructive is that.

The youth have a big say in our organization. To give you an example last year Scouts Canada retail services felt that the stores were not selling enough of the section color belts to warrant keeping all the colors available. In fact last year many of the stores only had the tan belts in stock. Well the youth forum at the National level voted to keep the color belts; the youth want them so we still have them. This may seem like a minor example but when the youth spoke up some one listened.

We need to listen to our young people there are our future.

Fred Mertinz

Brampton Area Commissioner

Our Mission

To contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

Greater Toronto Council

Planning a Cycling Trip

Training Course Outline

Overview:

Take the opportunity to supplement your existing programming by adding a day of cycling or a loaded cycling tour. Youths and adults around the world have rediscovered cycling with the invention of the mountain bike.

Whether it's a ride in the park for Cubs on a sunny day or a weekend trip on a railtrail for Scouts, Venturers or Rovers, get Outdoors on your Bike.

During the session our discussion will centre on cycle routes available in the GTA for day trips, railtrails for weekends at camp, and choosing the right gear for a loaded tour. Each participant will receive free cycling maps.

Key Topics:

- ***Pre-trip Research***
- ***Pre-trip Physical Fitness Preparation***
- ***Pre-trip Planning***
- ***Hydration***
- ***Cycling Equipment:***
 1. ***Bicycles & Accessories***
 2. ***Helmets***
 3. ***Panniers/Day Packs***
 4. ***Repair Kits***
 5. ***Clothing***
 6. ***Lighting***
- ***Camping Equipment:***
 1. ***Tents***
 2. ***Stoves & Cooking Gear***
 3. ***Lighting***
- ***Food Considerations***

For more information contact Kirby McCuaig at: jkmccuaig@hotmail.com

Date: April 10, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Brampton Scout House – 10747 Heart Lake Rd.

Registration: Call Chuckie Smith Toronto Scout House 416-490-6364
or register on line at www.scoutgtr.org



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Trees for Watershed Health

Project: Trees for Watershed Health

Event: Earth day tree planting event. A 50th Anniversary event of Conservation Halton

Date: April 22, 2006, Earth Day

Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: Milton Limestone Quarry, Milton

Activities:

- Opening Ceremony
- Community Tree planting (Target: 400 people)
- Educational Displays
- BBQ and Entertainment
- Wagon Tours of Property

Background

Milton Limestone Quarry owned by Barrick Gold Corporation was in operation from 1958 to 2001. Since then, Conservation Halton and Barrick Gold have been working together to rehabilitate the quarry to naturalize the site and make it compatible with the conservation lands of the adjacent Kelso Conservation Area.

The rehabilitation program goes well beyond the requirements of the Ministry of Natural Resources for quarries under the Aggregates Resources Act. A lake has been built into the quarry floor that includes a wading, swimming and beach area along with a shallow area with shoals for fish spawning. A wetland area has been created where native aquatic plants are colonizing the site to provide habitat for birds and fish. The rehabilitation project includes a large reforested area near the quarry walls. Native trees and shrubs have been planted in clusters, which, over time, will spread and naturalize the remainder of the slopes. The species mix will extend the forest cover from the existing mixed deciduous forest to the north on the Kelso Conservation Area property.

Barrick Gold plans to dedicate the 176 acre rehabilitated quarry to Conservation Halton for public parkland. The rehabilitation and dedication of the restored quarry is a great example of effective quarry after use and how corporate partnerships can support conservation.

Conservation Halton is planning a public tree-planting event at the Milton Limestone Quarry site as part of its new *Trees for Watershed Health* program. This program, which is partly funded by a multi year Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, is designed to combine Conservation Halton's watershed reforestation strategy with community outreach programs that promote the cultural heritage resources located within the watershed. The program also seeks to develop community and corporate partnership opportunities for effective land management and to implement a volunteer program that benefits watershed health.

Trees for Watershed Health 2006-2009

Description: A community outreach program of Conservation Halton that involves engaging watershed residents and groups in tree planting.

Vision: Bring communities and nature together to increase forest cover in the watershed through volunteers planting trees at selected sites.

Objectives:

1. Increase forest cover in Conservation Halton's watershed to foster a healthy, sustainable and vibrant natural environment
2. Engage watershed communities through a volunteer tree planting program and encourage local stewardship
3. Increase Conservation Halton's volunteer base by providing innovative planting programs
4. Deliver quality outreach and education to highlight the benefits of increasing urban and rural forest cover

Goal: To plant a significant amount of trees over four years and add 500 volunteers to Conservation Halton's annual volunteer programs

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Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & CPR Course

DATE: 2 day course- Sunday June 11 and Sunday June 25, 2006

TIME: 9:00am - 4:00pm

PLACE: Oxford Learning Centre, 211 Guelph, Street, Georgetown, L7G 5B5

COST: \$105.00 (includes First Aid Vital Link Manual & certification card)

(for large groups a discount may apply)

This is a full CPR certification course, includes infant, child and adult CPR - level "C", conscious and unconscious choking. You will learn basic first aid for cuts, scrapes, wounds, fractures, strains, sprains, impaled objects, nosebleeds, and allergies-epipens. Signs and symptoms of sudden medical conditions such as stroke, heart attack, cardiac arrest, diabetes, frostbite, hypothermia, seizures and much more. This is taught in a learner-centered environment.

If you are available and interested in attending this course please call Catherine to register 905-877-4490.

This course is exclusive to the Scouts organization. We must have a minimum of 8 participants to make this course a go! Deadline for registering is Thursday June 1, 2006.



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“What is Highpoint 06” you ask?

It is the third offering of a joint camp for Central Ontario
**HIGHPOINT CAMP FOR SCOUTS
and VENTURERS**

May 26 - 28, 2006

**Cost is \$ 20 - \$25 per scout program and crest
\$25 - \$30 per venturer includes pizza lunch, program and crest**

Place: Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp, Orangeville

Some of the programs for scouts and venturers:

Potato Cannons, Obstacles, Bridge over the River Why?, Orienteering, The Great Egg-scope, Target Frisbee , 1812 at Fort Goodyear, Cardio Vascular Challenge, Combative Sports or “How to settle an argument, Beat the Clock, Treasure Hunt, The Triad, Badge Display Knot challenge, Silk screening, Scout on Stamps Display, Social, Campfire, Dance, Life Size Board Games, Touch Football, Relay, Scouts Own and many more to come.

If you have any questions about next year’s camp, please email highpoint06@msn.com

See you there!

The women hockey league offered appr.200 free tickets for the championship game on Saturday April 15th 4 pm

Everyone in the Brampton area scouting is welcome. Could you please send an email to all the groups. they can contact us at jredl2@rogers.com

thank you
yours in scouting
Jean and Steve Redl

Scoutrees

On Jan. 31, I sent an e-mail to all groups regarding Scoutrees using the new group e-mail addresses. To date very few have replied regarding their participation in this project. For those groups that haven't replied, I would like to know if your groups intend to participate and how many kits will be required. When I have this information, I will make contact when I receive the kits and will make sure that they are distributed.

I have been in contact with the City of Brampton and they have advised me that we will not be planting in the same area as last year. A new site is yet to be picked and they will let me know where we will be planting this year. The planting date will be either the 29th.of April or the 6th. of May. Weather is one of the contributing factors for planting. I will let all groups know when the date has been decided.

The dividing of the money collected will be the same as last year - 70% will remain with the groups and 30% will be sent to CER.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOUR GROUP INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE AND HOW MANY KITS WILL BE REQUIRED.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-799-8678 or my e-mail address listed above. The address in the new directory is wrong.

Y.I.S.

Oscar Coleman
Scoutrees Co-ordinator



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Important Notice

Are you approaching milestone (5, 10 ,15 etc years) in your Scouting career?

Would you like to receive your Service year pin?

Due to the inconsistency in the MMS (Member Management System), incorrect or duplicate awards have been sent out in the past.

The Central Ontario Admin. Center will not be sending out awards automatically this year or until the MMS can get up to date.

Your group needs to contact the Deputy Area Commissioner for Honors and Awards with a list of recipients and their years of service.

Your request will be sent on the Central Admin office and your Service pins will be sent out

If you wish to have the award presented to your members by DAC Honors and Awards or the Area Commissioner or any other member of the Team please feel free to contact me for scheduling.

Sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Brenda Mertinz
DAC Honors and Awards
Brampton Area



Brampton Music Theatre presents: Disney's

The Jungle Book

KIDS



By Arrangement with Music Theatre International

Book adapted by & additional lyrics by: [Marcy Heisler](#)

Lyrics & Music by: [Richard M. Sherman](#), [Robert B. Sherman](#) and [Terry Gilkyson](#)

Music adapted & arranged by: [Bryan Louiselle](#)

Director – [Rena Barter](#)

Associate Director – [Julie Vandrish](#)

Producer – [Sherry Ross](#)

May 12 - 13, 2006 Friday at 7:00pm Saturday at 1:00 & 4:00 pm

There will be raffles & 50/50 draws.

Presented at the Cyril Clark Library Theatre, 20 Loafers Lake Lane, Heart Lake, Brampton
(Corner of Conestoga Drive & Sandalwood Parkway)

Prices: Adults \$12 Student/Senior \$11 Children \$10 Groups >10 \$8

Order Tickets at 905-874-2800

www.bramptonmusictheatre.com