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Commissioner's Corner

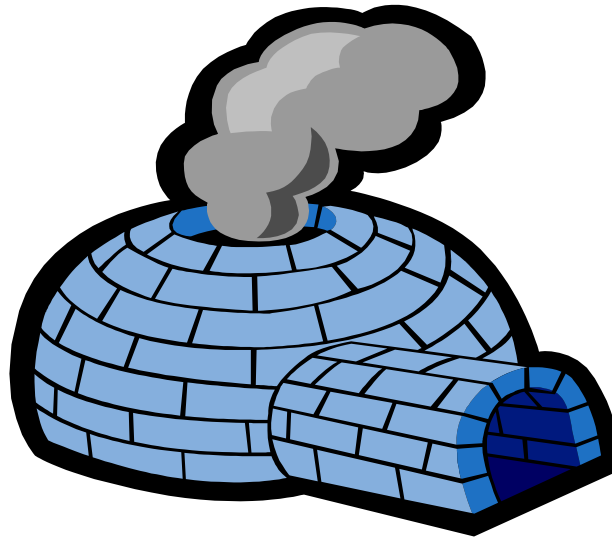
Happy New Year to all Scouting Members and their families. I hope your holidays have been filled with joy and relaxation.

But it is time to get back into the saddle and do what we do best, and have fun and work hard at presenting the best program we can for the youth.

As you know my term as your Area Commissioner ends at the end of this Scouting year. A couple of months ago I had asked for nominations for the next Area Commissioner and we did receive some names and have contacted those nominations. The Council has asked me to close the nomination at the end of January so they can start the process of choosing the next Area Commissioner from your nominations, so if there is someone you have been thinking about for the next Commissioner don't hesitate any longer put their name forward to Sharon Moulton DAC Special Events dac_events@bramptonscouts.com

January 2nd Area meeting is my annual Social gathering and all are welcome please come out, meet other Scouter's bring your youth, have a cookie or two and mingle. Dress casual or uniform if that is your casual.
7:00 pm at the Scouthouse.

Fred Mertinz
Brampton Area Commissioner



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SLEDS OF THUNDER

Scouts, Pathfinders, Venturers and Rangers

Feb. 1, 2, 3, 2008

Cubs, Brownies and 1st year Guides Saturday February 2, 2008.

*Being held at **Blue Springs Scout Reserve, Acton, Ontario***

Dear Leader

Come sleep under the Cedars or the Stars! And bring your youth!!, to Blue Springs Scout Reserve - west of Acton, Ontario. Come and celebrate the 2nd Century of Scouting.

Friday night will be set up. Saturday you will be on the trail all day with your homemade “**SLED**” doing fun & challenging activities. We will be having a **Blue Springs** Wide campfire on “Goat Hill” early Saturday evening, so be prepared. All at Blue Springs will be invited to this Campfire.

The Venturers Saturday activities will be great. You will have to come prepared with your own equipment to do this. You will get the scenario prior to coming to camp.

The Cubs, Brownies and 1st year Guides will be around doing their thing for part of the day on Saturday. They will have their own activities. They will be able to see some of the things that the Scouts, Pathfinders, Venturers and Rangers do and ACT at their camps! They may stay for supper if they have a weekend camper as a sponsor.

We will be having **Evening Activities for the Weekenders**. Come along Scouters and Guiders for a **full challenging and fun** packed weekend. To guarantee a spot please submit a \$50.00 deposit (non refundable) before January 4, 2008 to Kim Williams, 61 Darlington Cres., Brampton, ON L6T 2Z1.



Woodbadge Part 1 Adult Training ALL SECTIONS



**JOINT MISSISSAUGA/BRAMPTON TRAINING EVENT
ALL MODULES REQUIRED FOR WOODBADGE PART 1**

If you wish more information - igloocamp.org

Thursday January 24, 2008	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Module 1 – Fundamentals All Sections	Location: Brampton Scout House 10747 Heart Lake Road	\$6.00
Please register for this training course with Mark Merryweather mark@mississaugascouting.com or by phone at 905-829-9083				
Saturday February 9 & Sunday February 10, 2008	8:30am- 5:00pm	Module 2-5 All Sections	Location: Brampton Scout House 10747 Heart Lake Road	\$30.00
Please register for the above two courses with either Mark Merryweather mark@mississaugascouting.com or by phone at 905-829-9083 or Jenn Jones dac_training@bramptonscouts.org or by phone at 905-793-1484				

Costs include all training materials & woggle. Equipment list will be supplied for weekend portion of course.

\All courses require full uniform & leader handbook

PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TRAINING THE MODULE SYSTEM HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR. CONTACT EITHER OF THE TWO COURSE CO-ORDINATORS FOR MORE DETAILS ON WHAT YOUR PREVIOUS COURSES WOULD COVER!

Woodbadge Part 1 Registration Form:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell
Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Scouting Group registered with: _____ Scouting Position: _____

- Module 1 \$ 6.00 (January 24, 2008)
- Module 2-5 \$ 30.00 (February 9-10, 2008)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

**Please indicate section you wish training in: Beavers _____ Cubs _____ Scouts _____
Venturers _____ or Rovers _____**

Make cheques payable to Scouts Canada.

Mail or drop off applications with your current Membership Application to one of the DAC's of training:

Jenn Jones 52 Epsom Downs Drive, Brampton, ON L6T 1Y8
Mark Merryweather 1426 Wakehurst Cres, Oakville, ON L6J 6T

Kub Kars 2008

Where: Downtown Armoury at 2 Chapel St. The front door of the Armoury is at the corner of John and Chapel. There is no parking at the Armoury and therefore it is recommended that people park under City Hall or the Rose theater and walk the short block.

When: Saturday, January 26, 2008

Kub Kars:.....8:30-9:30.
Scout trucks:.....9:30-10:30. (We hope this is not too early for the teens.)
Kub Kars:10:30-11:30
lunch:.....11:30-12:00
Others:.....12:00-12:30
Kub Kars:.....12:30-1:30
Venturers and Rovers:....1:30-2:00

There are 3 different time slots for the Cubs and therefore check with your Cub leader to find out which time your group has chosen to run.

The "Other" category is for people who wish to build a vehicle outside of their section. This includes leaders who want to build a Kub Kar or Scout truck. Also Scouts who wish to build a Kub Kar or Cubs who wish to build a Scout truck.

Please note that Beaver Buggies will not race at the preliminaries. *Beavers will race their beaver buggies during the finals at Shoppers World on February 23, 2008 at around noon.* The Beavers need to bring their buggies built and ready to go.

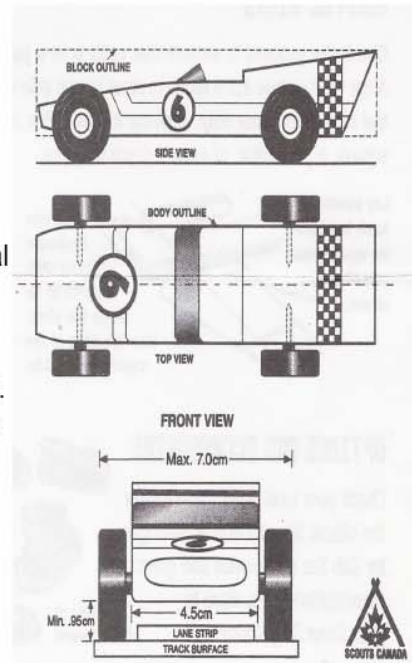
Fee: \$2.00 to race.
\$1.00 to enter the design contest.

There are awards for the fastest vehicles as well as for design. Every participant gets a crest.

Beaver Buggies, Kub Kar and Scout truck kits are available at Scout House. Beaver buggies are raced with no additional weight added and cost \$2.99. Kub Kars require additional weight to be added and cost \$2.99. Scout trucks are more complex and have more variety in construction and cost \$11.99. Scout trucks can be straight trucks or tractor trailers. There are few limitations on the style of trailer as long as the axle requirements for width and height are met.

Please e-mail which race time your group would like to:
4thBrampton@BramptonScouts.com or call Stephen at (905) 451-5818.

Good luck and have fun building
Kub Kar Committee





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Kub Kar Rules 2008

1. The youth must show up in their regular weekly uniform. It is our desire to raise the profile of Scouting in our community and therefore, we would like to have a visible presence.
2. No bearings or straight axles are allowed. Only the nails included in the Kub Kar kits are allowed to be used as axles. Sanding the burrs off the nails is recommended. No springs or propulsion are allowed on the Kub Kars or Scout trucks.
3. The youth are to build an original design vehicle from their block of wood. Therefore using pre-cut bodies which are available at Scout House are not permitted. Gluing pieces together from a kit does not require the youth to be creative. Accessories such as decals or windshields are permitted. Parents and leaders are expected to help with any power tools but the design, decorating and weight placement should be left up to the youth. We want youth to be competing against youth and not against adult abilities.
4. The Kub Kars and Scout trucks roll down a track that requires there to be a space between the ground and the bottom of the block of wood. There must be 0.95 cm of ground clearance. Therefore do not have any weights, or added decorations, hanging down below the block of wood. Weight added to the bottom of the Kar must be recessed into the block of wood.
5. The Kub Kar design must keep the axle width the original width of the block of wood which is 4.5 cm.
6. The maximum weight for Kub Kars is 142 grams.
7. The maximum weight for Scout trucks is 750 grams. This is the total overall weight of the tractor and trailer. Generally, any additional weight is added to the trailer.
8. The maximum height for all vehicles is 16 cm.
9. The maximum width for Kub Kars is 7 cm and Scout trucks is 9.5 cm.
10. Kub Kars must use 4 wheels and at least 3 wheels must touch the ground.
11. Scout trucks must use at least 4 wheels. The Scouts can make a straight truck or a tractor and trailer.
12. All vehicles can use oil or graphite to lubricate the wheels. We encourage the use of graphite. Please use lubrication sparingly. Nothing should be dripping.
13. All weights and added details, like windshields or hood scoops, must be firmly attached. Loose parts will be removed, at the discretion of the judges, and the Kar will be raced as is.
14. Only vehicles made within the past year are allowed. We would ask that each participant race only one vehicle within their own section. Participants who build more than one vehicle may race the second vehicle in the "other" category.
15. At the preliminaries, another youth can run a friend's vehicle. At the finals, the builder of the Kub Kar must run their own vehicle.