



# Smoke Signals

Brampton Area Newsletter

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**July 2007**

## Commissioner's Corner

Have you ever been on a hike and sat down to take a break and found it hard to get up? Have you ever carried a heavy load and after putting it down for a rest it seems heavier to pick up?

How about that first Monday back to work after your vacation do you dread going back? So why do we stop our Scouting programs in May? We try to cram as much of the program as we can into 9 months. We are training our youth to be the best winter campers around, but what about our summer? I know most of us meet in School gymnasiums and we loose them at the end of the school year, but why not meet in the park, go on hike or arrange a family camp in the summer? This year has been an extraordinary year with so many things happening for our Centennial year but let's not loose the momentum. I'm not saying we shouldn't take a break now and then or we will burn out, but 3 months? It will be that much harder to get back up and lift that load in September

We all take promises in Scouting, and part of that promise we say in one, we help take care of the world in another, do a good turn for someone every day and another we say help other at all times. Are we living up to our promises? I think in most part we do, it becomes subconscious. But let's make it easy for the youth to understand that our promise is always and doesn't take a summer break.

Pick up the phone call your Colony, Pack, Troop, Company or Crew call a meeting in the park or take a hike let break that traditional summer break.

Let's start looking at next year, your registrations are ready for you to print off of the MMS, let's not wait until September to roll around start planning now!

Fred Mertinz  
Brampton Area Commissioner



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## ***Area Meeting***

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**7:00 pm**

**Scouthouse**

## **Agenda**

The past year

**Upcoming events**

**Next year**

**Fees**

**Open to all please come and join us**

**Fred Mertinz**

**Area Commissioner**



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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BRINGING YOUR COLONY TO FORT GEORGE?

**Only 100 youth being accepted for this year's event!**



**Play Pioneer Games!**

**Have a guided tour of the Fort!**

**Visit the museum in Butler Barracks!**

**See drills, and a re-enactment battle!**

**March at the head of the Parade through Niagara on the Lake!**

**Choose your Chocolate (or Candy) in the Chocolate Parade – a military tradition.**

**BEAVER PARTICIPATION (Ages 5 - 7 inc.)**

**Beaver Day - Saturday September 15th 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15 per person - Included:- all fees, snacks, lunch and event crest.**



**Hire a bus, and fill it with parents, leaders and Beavers for a day they will always remember! Prepare youth for their first Fort George overnight camp as a Cub!**

**For registration and more information on Beaver Day and Cub Weekend see:**

**<http://www.scoutscan.net/ftgeorge/2007%20Registration%20Information.htm>**

**The Fort George Beaver Day Committee is working hard for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year to bring you this event!**