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Brampton Area Newsletter

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November 2007

Commissioners Corner

Post Centennial Fatigue

Last year's Centennial excitement may be fading but with we can't let our enthusiasm fade with it.

Last year was special and we will never have an other 100th Anniversary however we need to remember that every year only comes once and every camp is only once.

We can let our selves fall in the false perception the just because we camp every year or go to the Cubere of Beaveree every year that they all the same. Treat every event as a first.

This past month we had a great turn out for Apple Day by most groups, However Discovery Camp hosted by Brampton had only an few of our groups attend in fact there were more out of Area groups. Not to say that this was bad on the contrary inter Area participation is a good thing.

This past weekend the Conservation Authority held it's annual Fall tree plant of which we have been participating for the last 5 years but our numbers were down, only 4 groups attended and I thank them for coming. Once again we were out numbered by the Brampton Girl Guides.

I have recently finished our Area Registration collection and I have to tell you the numbers are not looking good. If we want the annual cost to stabilize we need to work on our numbers. We need to band together and start to make this Area strong again, we need to start to participate as a whole again and come together when an Area event is planned before everything fades away

Reminder:

At the beginning of the year the Legion had told me there would be only one Parade. How ever things have changed.

Bramalea parade meet and the Ching Library as in the past between 9:30 and 10:00 the parade will form up and parade over to Ching park Cenotaph

Please remember the road closures and the construction at Bramalea City center and give your self lots of time for arrival and parking.

Brampton parade will meet at the Branch 15 Legion on 40 Elizabeth at 9:30. Forming up at 10:00 and departing for the Cenotaph at City Hall

Parking can be found at City Hall please give your self lots of time and remember the roads will be closed around the area

Please dress in formal uniform and be prepared for the weather the parades will be held rain or shine (lets hope for shine)

Because both parades are held at the same time and same day I can only attend one but an Area representative will be at both parades

Fred Mertinz

Brampton Area Commissioner



Woodbadge Part 1 Adult Training ALL SECTIONS



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

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

Thursday, November 22, 2007	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Module 1 – Fundamentals All Sections	Location : Loblaws 6020 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON	\$6.00
Please register for this training course with Mark Merryweather mark@mississaugascouting.com or by phone at 905-829-9083				
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 December 8 & Sunday December 9, 2007	8:30am- 6:00pm	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				

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 (November 22, 2007)
- Module 2-5 \$ 30.00 (December 8-9, 2007)
- Module 1 \$ 6.00 (January 24, 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 6T4



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5TH BRAMPTON ROVERS

FUN HOUSE 2K7

PRIZES!!! MOVIES!!! TOURNEYS!!!

@ BRAMPTON SCOUT HOUSE
NOVEMBER 25-26, 2007 (6PM-10AM)
\$8.00 advance (\$10 @ the door)
AGES 11 & UP • BREAKFAST INCLUDED

TWISTER • DOMINOS • UMO • BATTLESHIP • SORRY
TROUBLE • RAZAQUILLE • PIRATE DICE
RISK • MONOPOLY • CHECKERS/CHES
SCHESS IT • HEADBANG • & MUCH MORE!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KAREN @
 416-876-4619 or spazzmuch@hotmail.com

5TH BRAMPTON ROVERS PRESENT
MILLION DOLLAR

SUPER MANIA

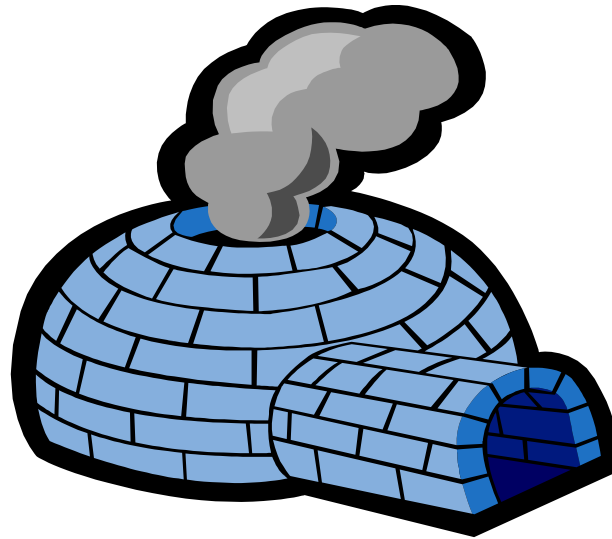
JUNE 27-29 2K8

goodyear memorial SCOUTCAMP

TO REGISTER CONTACT ADAM @ 416-877-2080

PRE-REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 1ST, 2008: \$15 PER PERSON
 REGISTER AFTER JUNE 1ST, 2008: \$18 PER PERSON

NEW SITE UP SOON: MILLIONDOLLARMANIA.COM



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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.

If you wish more information - igloocamp.org



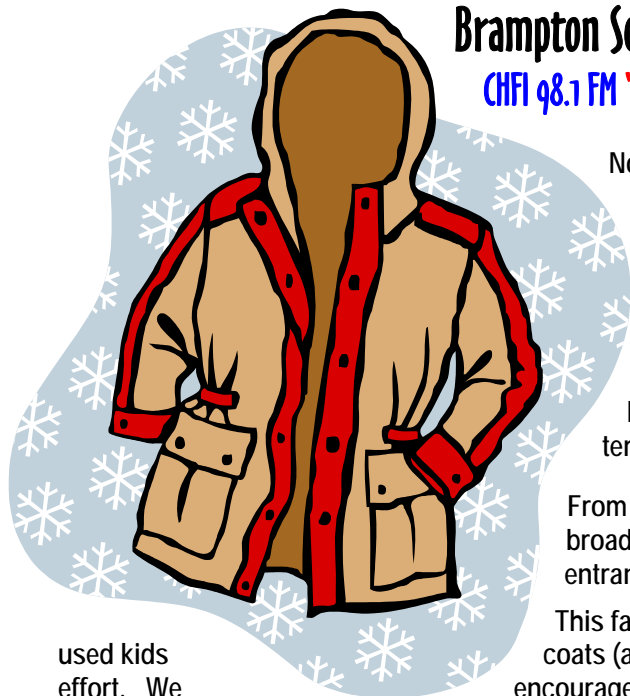
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Brampton Scouts support the CHFI 98.1 FM "Give a Kid a Coat" Project



used kids
effort. We

coats of any size to help bring warmth to someone this winter season. Donations will be accepted until Saturday, November 10th, after which time they will be collected and delivered to Bob at Fairview Mall.

Now that fall has arrived, many families will be going through their closets and finding gently used coats that no longer fit.

98.1 CHFI and Sleep Country Canada are teaming up once again to "Give a Kid a Coat". In Canada, thousands live through the cold winter season without a coat to keep them warm. CHFI's Bob Magee is going to put himself in their shoes and brave the cold Canadian temperatures without a coat to "Give a Kid a Coat".

From November 9th-11th, Bob Magee will camp out and broadcast from the outdoor parking lot of Fairview Mall (south entrance) without a coat.

This fall, Brampton Area Scouts would like to collect any gently used coats (adult sizes, too!) so that we can support this community encourage you to stop by and donate any new or gently used winter

In Brampton, you can drop off at one of 2 locations:

- St. Joseph of Nazareth Anglican Church (290 Balmoral Drive, east of Dixie Road) on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
- Brampton Scout Shop – 10747 Heart Lake Road (just north of Sandalwood Parkway on the east side of Heart Lake Rd) during regular store hours (M-W 10-6, Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-5, Sat. 10-4)

Our goal is to put the forgotten coats hanging in our closets back to work! All coats collected will be distributed to those less fortunate. In 2006, this program collected over 7300 coats...Now that's something we can all warm up to!

Web Mail

If you forwarding your web mail.

Please go in delete all the old messages.

Scouter Bruce, Webmaster

BushCraft Outdoor Skills 2008

Ask yourself*

How do I teach the youth to camp, light fires, cook outdoors, build shelters, lash, tie knots, or any other component of the Outdoor Skills Program if I don't know how to do them myself.

Can you learn how to camp by reading a book? Can you learn how to light a fire with flint and steel by watching someone else do it?

In order to truly learn how to deliver the Outdoor Skills component of the troop section program, you have to gain first hand experience. If you need to gain that experience, there is only one way to get it.

The Central Escarpment Council runs a course designed specifically to allow leaders to acquire the skills necessary to deliver the Outdoor Skills program at the Troop Section. This course is called 'BushCraft' and it is an invitational training course designed to deliver these skills to those Scouters who have the greatest opportunity to improve their skills and are willing and able to commit to the process.

This course is a three-weekend experience, one weekend in each season. (Winter, Spring & Fall) At the end of the three weekends, participants will have themselves, tried all aspects of the Outdoor Skills program.

Why just learn to light a fire with a match when you can learn to light one with flint and steel, bow and spindle, pop can, or a fire piston, etc. Topics are covered in great detail and variety ensuring that you leave the course with a number of ways to take content back to your youth.

If you know of a Scouter that you feel would benefit from this learning experience, please feel free to nominate them. A member of the training team will contact all nominees and invitations will be extended to a maximum of 18 participants.

The course runs on the following dates this year.

Thursday -	February 7 th , 2008 (indoor evening session)
Winter Session -	February 29 th - Mar 2 nd , 2008
Spring Session -	May 9 th - 11 th , 2008
Fall Session -	September 26 th - 28 th , 2008



To nominate yourself or another Scouter, please forward the following information to:

Ian MacPherson, Course Co-ordinator at: ian.macpherson@broadridge.com or macphersoni@rogers.com

Nominee Name: _____

Group: _____ Section: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____



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You are invited to Shoppers World Annual In Mall Christmas Parade

This is great opportunity to have young and old participate in a Santa Claus parade

This parade is held indoors in the Shoppers World Mall

Sunday November 18th, 2007

Time 11:00am Step off so be for 10:00 to form up

Location of form up Winners Court

Registration forms will be at the November 7th Area Meeting

See you there

Fred Mertinz

Area Commissioner