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Brampton Area Newsletter

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September 2006

Commissioner Corner

Welcome back to all returning Scouters and families and a special welcome to new joining families. I hope everyone had a great summer.

This is going to be an exciting year for Scouting, as many celebrations will be taking place for our 100th Anniversary.

The World Jamboree being held in the UK “WJ”

The Canadian Jamboree being held at Tamaracoutta Scout Reserve in Quebec “CJ”

The Central Canadian Cub Jamboree being held in Blue Springs “CCCJ” this is a first

Scope being held in Ontario TBA

And our own all section weekend Camp being held in Chingacousy Park

Not to mention our annual Beaverrees and Cuborees and Troop events plus many other events around the Council and City.

Please keep a check on the Brampton website www.bramptonscouts.org and read your Smoke Signals and ask your Group Commissioner or any member of the Area Team to keep yourself informed of the upcoming dates and events

Please start planning now to attend one of our Anniversary Events we only celebrate 100 years once

Fred Mertinz
Brampton Area Commissioner

HONORS AND AWARDS

Welcome back to all returning Scouters, and a welcome aboard to new members.

Last year the Honors and Awards position was very busy for me. I really enjoyed the year, as it was a year that saw many of our members recognized by not only Scouts Canada, but also by the City of Brampton, and also the Province of Ontario.

The following are awards from Scouts Canada:

Years of Service Awards.

Anthony Bakker	2 nd Bramalea	5 yrs
Jen Jones	2 nd Bramalea	5 yrs
Michael Medwedyk	2 nd Bramalea	5 yrs
Shirley Tom	5 th Brampton	10 yrs
Brenda Mertinz	Area Team	15 yrs
Ken Moodie	16 th Bramalea	25 yrs

Certificate of Commendation

Karen Bakker	2 nd Bramalea
Leslie Bessegger	8 th Brampton
Ken Broad	2 nd Bramalea
Tony Calderaro	10 th Bramalea
Don Ford	2 nd Bramalea
Shelley Gaudet	2 nd Brampton
Jen Jones	2 nd Bramalea
Denis McKeegan	5 th Bramalea
Mary Ellen McKeegan	5 th Bramalea
Jim Millington	2 nd Bramalea
Lynda Mitchell	2 nd Bramalea
Mary Morton	8 th Brampton
Mark Strongitharm	24 th Brampton
Greg Taylor	1 st Huttonville
Cindy Tyler	5 th Bramalea
Reg Tyler	5 th Bramalea
Lynn Wallace	4 th Brampton
Robert Wallischek	6 th Brampton



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Certificate of Meritorious Conduct.

Steve Wilson

2nd Bramalea

Medal of Merit

Frank Brown

DCC / Past Area Commissioner

Brenda Mertinz

Area Team

Bar to the Medal of Merit

John Bakkeren

24th Brampton

Fred Mertinz

Area Team

John Steuernol

Area Team

The following are from the City of Brampton:

Long Term Service Award – 10 yrs

Paul Crowe

1st Huttonville

Lorne Davidson

8th Brampton

Cathy Heeney

1st Huttonville

Jeff Holmes

1st Huttonville

Donna Howell

7th Brampton

Fred Mertinz

Area Team

Greg Taylor

1st Huttonville

Shirley Tom

5th Brampton

Long Term Service Award – 25 yr

John Bakkeren

24th Brampton

Ida Bogataj

8th Brampton

Harold Leduc

8th Brampton

The following are from the Province of Ontario:

Volunteer Service Awards

Cheryl Egan

8th Brampton 5 yr

Frank Egan

8th Brampton 5 yr

Mary Ellen McKeegan

5th Bramalea 5 yr

Fiona Robinson

9th Bramalea 5 yr

Jean Redl

2nd Brampton 5 yr

Brenda Mertinz

Area Team 15 yr

CONGRAULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

Keep up the good work, our youth are benefiting from your dedication to our movement.

Be proud of your accomplishments

Do you know of anyone who deserves recognition?

Would you like to see you name on next years list?

I can not do this alone, I need input from everyone. If you are due a service award, drop me a line with the number of years you have. They are no longer being sent out automatically from the Central Admin. Office, a request through Honors and Awards must be completed.

If you know of a good leader that deserves recognition, give me a brief outline of the service to begin with, this will start the process moving. It is not hard at all.

Let's get the numbers higher for this year, after all it is our 100th Anniversary.

Brenda Mertinz

DAC Honors and Awards

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Scout Shop Hours for September and October starting September 5th:

Mon. Tue. Wed.	10:00am – 6:00pm
Thu. & Fri	10:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

The Store will be closed on Saturdays of the long weekends
Sept. 2 and Oct. 7th.

The store is fully stocked for the new scouting year. There are lots of 2007Anniversay items in stock including the **new Uniform Shirt Strip!**

The Apple Day Tags and Apple Day 2006 Crests are in!



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Calling all registrar's

If you are a new registrar and not familiar with the Members Management System (MMS) or if you need to refresh your skills, sign up for the group registrar's workshop.

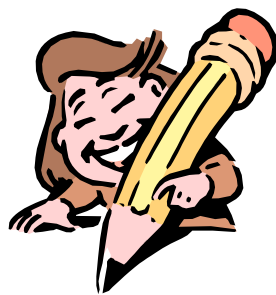
Where: Brampton Scout house

When: Tuesday August 29, 2006

Why: We all ask questions and wonder if we are the only one having some problems.

How: Contact Donna Lennon at 416-490-6364 ext. 225 to sign up

Join us and meet other registrar's and ask those questions to the people who know, learn about the Members Management System (MMS) and your role as a Group registrar.



Sign up today

Thank you

Fred Mertinz
Brampton Area Commissioner



SCOUTS CANADA – CENTRAL ESCARPMENT COUNCIL

Group Commissioner: Key Responsibilities

The Group Commissioner co-ordinates section program service and support, manages the efforts of the Group Committee provides overall leadership to the Group, is accountable for compliance with Scouts Canada's policies, procedures and program standards, and is the main communication contact for the Group.

I. SERVICE AND RESOURCE THE PROGRAM

1. Promote and monitor quality section programs

This will be the Group Commissioner's prime responsibility. To make sure that:

- Each Section in the Group prepares a program plan for a full year which incorporates Scouts Canada Program Standards;
- The planning process involves youth and has an outdoor emphasis — an interesting, active program;
- These plans are discussed and approved by the Group Committee; and
- The Group Committee monitors adherence to approved program plans each month.

2. Develop, and maintain leadership team

- Maintain an awareness of individual leader skills in each Section and assist in arranging their development;
- Assign, with help of Area Service Team, mentors to each new leader as they join the Group;
- Maintain oversight to see that Basic Learning Objectives are completed as quickly as possible;
- Promote continuing development by any means possible; and
- Ensure appropriate and timely recognition is initiated.

3. Provide communication and access to resources

- Promptly communicate information related to program, opportunities, activities, training, and administrative changes;
- Hold Committee meetings as needed to convey information to the Group Committee and Section leaders;
- Ask people to attend other meetings as relevant to learn about changes or new applications; and
- Know resources and activities to support programs available in the Area and Council and facilitate usage.

II. SUPPORT THE PROGRAM

1. Co-ordinate Group Committee for support of programs

- To recruit/assemble an administrative support team to meet the needs of the Group for: registration, adult screening, financial control, fundraising; and
- To co-ordinate the program and administrative part of the Group Committee responsibilities so that Section Leaders can focus on quality program.

2. Co-ordinate Group Committee efforts re: membership activities

- Develop and maintain a leader succession plan;
- Ask leaders to check with youth who are not returning and maintain records or reasons;
- Conduct exit interviews with leaders who are not returning to see if Group at "fault";
- Make sure school talks or other means of recruitment used if Group Sections have room for new members;
- Promote Group profile through community activities whenever possible.

3. Provide co-ordination with area and other groups

- Regularly attend Area Service Team meetings to maintain currency of information and communicate Group needs or concerns; and
- Work with Area Team and other Group Commissioners to resolve common issues and encourage the development of joint program opportunities.