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Brampton Area Newsletter

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September 2005

Commissioner Corner September 2005

Welcome back to a new and exciting year. My Team and I have been working all summer promoting Scouting in Brampton

It's time to start gearing up your own Groups. I am sure section plans are under way after a well-deserved summer break. But for some of us Scouting never stopped.

In June the Brampton Area was involved with the Flower city Parade.

In July the Brampton Area had a tented activity site at Canada Day. 9th Bramalea and 24th Brampton went to CCJam05 in Quebec and 1st Huttonville canoed to James Bay and lets not forget Camps Discovery and Everton. It has been a busy Scouting summer for lot of us and this is just to name a few.

I would like to thank those groups that helped the Area with the Flower city Parade and the Canada Day event. We have already been invited back for the parade and Canada Day events so when you are working on your group plan please add these events to your schedule for next year.

But lets look at this fall.

We have been working on membership growth by promoting Scouting and being visible to the public.

There has been a display at, at least one of Brampton's Library's since the beginning of August. Groups have helped with membership drive nights at Shoppers World at the end of August and early September. So lets sign up those new members and new Leaders. Let make this year a Great year.

Fred Mertinz

Brampton Area Commissioner



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Attention Registrars

If you did not pick up your registration packages on Aug 8th please contact Fred Mertinz 905-796-1330 to arrange to pick up your package of preprinted forms and new instruction about this year registration procedures.

Registration collect night

This year Groups will be asked to participate in one of two nights set up to collect your registration packages.

September 26 and September 27 from 7 till 10 we will be at Scouthouse to collect the packages if you have not yet signed up for and appointment time please contact Fred Mertinz 905-796-1330. We will also have Leaders on site to perform interviews if you have any new adult volunteers not yet interviewed.

Lets work together and get our members registered and on the MMS remember an **unregistered** member is an **uninsured** member.

Registrar's Workshop

Do forget the Registrar's work shop being held at Scouthouse on September 15th.

New Email address for the area team

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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.

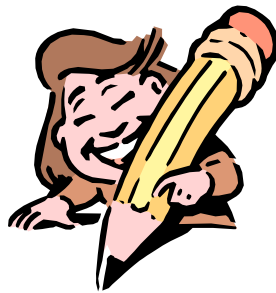
Where: Brampton Scout house

When: Thursday September 15th

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

New Ontario law protects children and youth

Booster Seats Mandatory And PST Exempt As Of September 1, 2005. For more information to
www.mto.gov.on.ca .



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New Group Email Box

New for this year will be a Group email box, all communications will be deposited in the Group email box. Some personal Emails are not being updated and currently we are having a lot of mail bounce back undelivered and people are not being informed

For example: Smoke Signals, all camp information and all special events information will be sent to the Group Email. This information will still be listed on the Website www.bramptonscouts.org check the site regular and let the parents know we have a website so they stay informed too.

I will be sending out to the Group Commissioner and the Group Administrator the password and configuration information.

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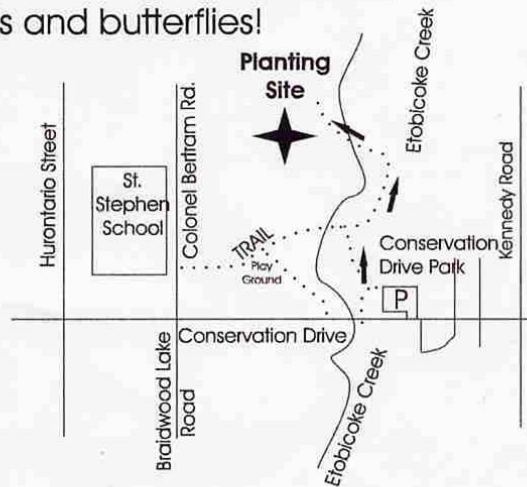


3rd Annual SNELGROVE PLANTING EVENT Saturday, October 29th 10:00 AM - NOON

Join the Etobicoke and Mimico Watersheds Coalition, Region of Peel and the City of Brampton at 10:00 a.m. to plant trees and shrubs in Etobicoke Creek Valley.

Help out the birds and butterflies!

- * plant native trees and shrubs
- * check out the water quality of Etobicoke Creek
- * learn about birds and other wildlife



Parking (P) is available in the Conservation Drive Park parking lot. Follow the trail into the valley.

To register a group or for more information, contact Katrina at 416-661-6600, ext. 5569.

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