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October 2007

Commissioners Corner

The first month is over in the start of our second Century, and everything seems slow this year. I guess it is because we hit the trail running last year and just never stopped.

I hope all is working in the groups as we settle in to the New Year.

The Area had its first of three registration collection nights and the numbers are looking good.

We need to ask what are we doing to grow, what changes do we need to do?

Apple day is coming fast are you and the youth ready? Have we all received our group colors (neckers)? Every year I visit the depots and many different locations and I see lots of youth and leaders not yet wearing the group colors and when I ask the boys and girls what group they are with, they tell Rainbow's group or Akela's pack even parents are not always sure.

Traditions

When I was a section leader it was my priority to have my Beavers receive their Neckers as their investiture before Apple day. When I worked in other sections the Necker was part of the uniform and not always used as part of investiture it was our identity. Instead the older youth would receive their epplets and uniform badges for their investiture. Recently I was present for an adult investiture and the smudging of campfire ashes were used on his forehead, hands and over his heart. Whatever tradition your group has, I am sure it is special, lets work on getting everyone in their group colors.

I am entering my final year of my term as Area Commissioner and it is time to work on my succession. I have been asked by our Council Commissioner to form a Committee to assist him in finding my replacement. I do not choose who will follows me but I will need your help. Think who could be your next Area Commissioner, when I get the committee together I will have you forward your nomination for the Council to choose from

Fred Mertinz

Brampton Area Commissioner



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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE
ANNUAL REPORTING MEETING OF
SCOUTS CANADA
CENTRAL ESCARPMENT COUNCIL**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007 – 10:00 A.M.

**HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH
8958 Trafalgar Rd
Georgetown ON**

The business of the Annual Reporting Meeting shall be to:

- a) receive and consider reports
- b) receive and consider the annual financial statements and the auditor's report for the preceding fiscal year
- c) deal with any other matter admitted by the Chair as urgent.

*See attached map.

DISTRIBUTION:

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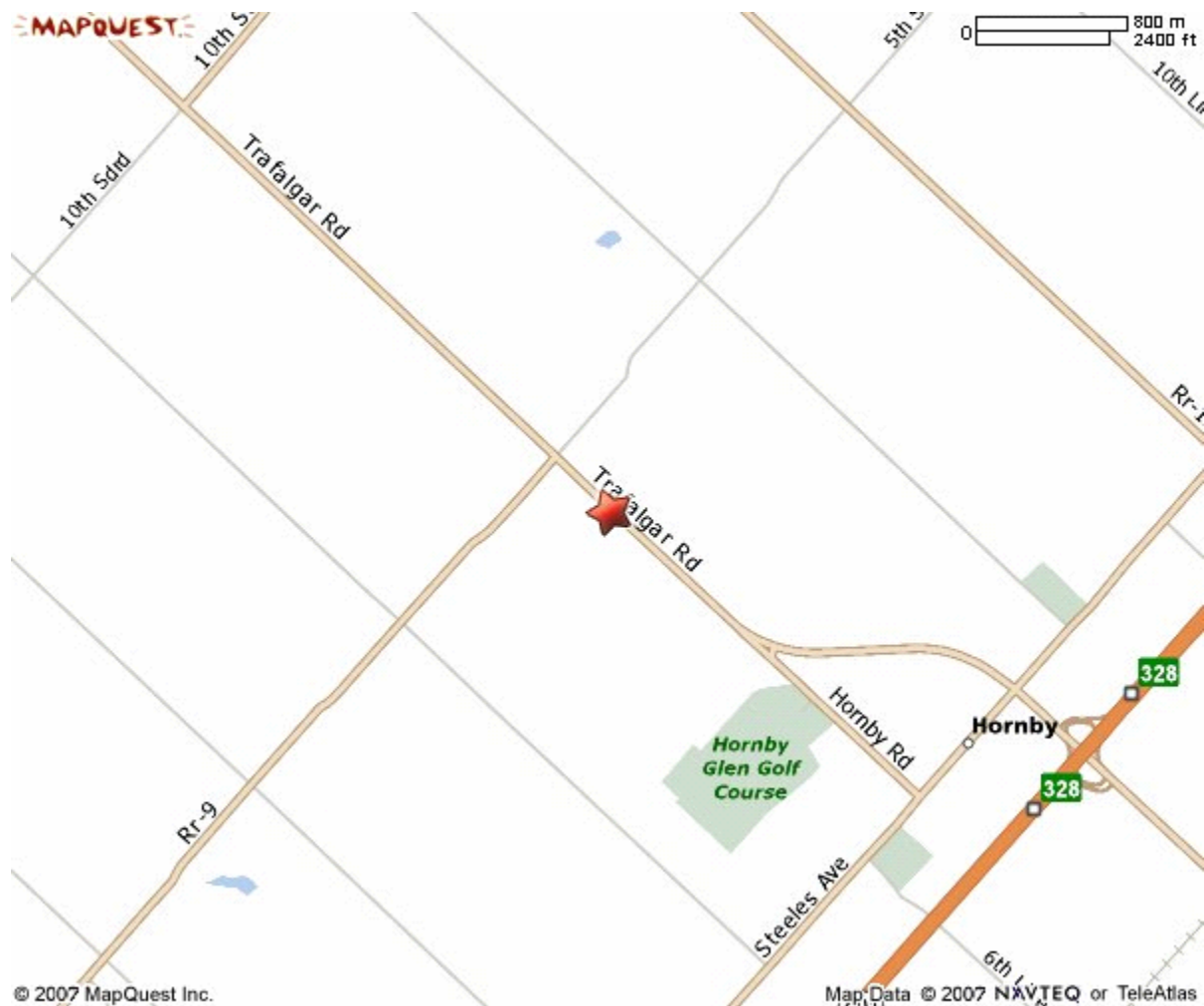


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**Hillcrest United Church
8958 Trafalgar Rd
Georgetown ON L7G 4S5**

(Just south of the 5th Sideroad on the west side of Trafalgar Rd.)



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Dear Scouters of Brampton Area,

You are receiving this email as you are currently listed in the Membership Management system. If you do not wish to receive emails from Brampton Area please ask your registrar from your group to remove your email address from the system.

This email is in respect to training for the upcoming year.

Please note that Brampton Area is always seeking new Trainers to help to run Woodbadge Part 1 Training Sessions. If you have your Woodbadge Part 1 and are interested in becoming a Trainer. Please email or phone me.

Brampton Area is organizing several training days in conjunction with Mississauga Area. We are looking at scheduling a training weekend on December 7-9 weekend. This weekend is still being planned although the date is firm, so at this time I do not have costing. Please stay tuned for further details. I will send out information as it becomes available.

In addition, there is training available from other areas. Please review the training available at the following links:

Woodbadge Part 2 Training

http://www.cer.scouts.ca/woodbadge_part_2_training.html

Woodbadge Part 1 Training

http://www.cer.scouts.ca/woodbadge_part_1.html

Trainer Development Training

http://www.cer.scouts.ca/training_skills.html

Quartermaster's Course

<http://www.cer.scouts.ca/qm.html>

YiS,

Jenn Jones

Brampton Area Training

905-793-1484

All:

October is almost here, and that means..... It is coming close to the big weekend for Camp Discovery! There are a couple of staffing opportunities available for those that wish to help us out, particularly in the area of staff cooking and/or outdoor cooking demonstrations. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call me at (905)792-2390.

Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 pm, at my house (28 Burnham Cr.). We will be finalizing the staff menu, distributing materials, handouts, and instruction forms for the various program activities, and sorting out some of the final logistics for setup, registration, security, etc...

I have also attached staff and participant registration forms for your convenience. If you need flyers, let me know.

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Discovery Trail October 26 – 28, 2007

'Leaving A Legacy'

Location:	Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan, Ontario
Program Fee:	\$15 - youth/leader (food not provided);
Offer of Service:	\$10 (food provided)
Day program only:	\$10

This camp will include a variety of activities such as:

- Axe/knife/saw/stove/lantern care, handling, and safety;
- Aboriginal presentation;
- Helping TRCA establish a new climate station;
- Nature hikes;
- Solar power activities (solar model car races) and demonstrations;
- Wind power activities and demonstrations (how to make a wind turbine).

For cubs, this will fulfill the requirements of the World Conservation Badge as well as portions of stars, several badges, and the Climate Change Award. For scouts, this will fulfill portions of the Voyageur and Pathfinder Activity Badges, World Conservation, and the Climate Change Award, as well as portions of challenge badges such as science, engineering, soil and water conservation, forestry, recycling, etc.

For Venturers and Rovers, this will provide the opportunity to be **CHALLENGED** and to be of **SERVICE** to the community. This truly will be a chance to be part of a project that will leave a legacy for future generations.



For further information, please contact: chief@campdiscovery.ca,
or check out our website at: www.campdiscovery.ca



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GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

Discovery Trail 2007

"LEAVING A LEGACY"

October 26 to 28, 2007

Being held at

Kortright Centre for Conservation

Vaughan, Ontario

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL

Cubs, Scouts, Venturers

Cost: \$15 - Youth; \$10 - Leaders (includes crest, EXCLUDES food). STAFF: \$10 (includes crest and food)

For further information, please contact Donald Ford at (905)792-2390 (home), email at chief@campdiscovery.ca

Come along Campers for a **full challenging and fun** packed weekend.

[Please print clearly!!](#)

Group Name _____

Section - Cubs Scouts Venturers Rovers _____ **Area** _____

Contact Name _____ **Phone** _____

Street Address _____ **City or Town** _____

E-Mail Address _____ **Postal Code** _____

Please mail cheques payable to SCOUTS CANADA – CAMP DISCOVERY 2007

Along with this form to: Donald Ford, 28 Burnham Cr., Brampton, Ontario, L6T 2L2

Questions: registration@campdiscovery.ca

Please note that Space & Crests could be limited.

Youth	# _____	x \$15	= _____
Leaders	# _____	x \$10	= _____
Staff	# _____	x \$10	= _____
Extra Crests	# _____	x \$ 4	= _____
Deposit			= \$ _____ 50
		Balance by October 21, 2007	= _____

If we have not received at least the minimum deposit you are not registered!

A Leader's package will be sent out to all groups who submit the deposit.

Contact Name _____ Signature _____

STAFF REGISTRATION please contact: **Donald Ford** at chief@campdiscovery.ca



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