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Your information resource

Oops, we goofed!

Last month, we gave you information about the Scout Store. Unfortunately, the gremlins blinded our proof reader and we gave you the wrong email address. The correct email address for the Barrie Scout Store is barrieshop@scouts.ca. Sorry about that!

October!

October is a busy month for Scouting. Groups are starting up; the popcorn campaign is up and running; another Apple Day has come and gone.

"It's just too much"

Sometimes, it feels that way, doesn't it? In every group out there, there is someone who seems to take on the lion's share and ends up over extending themselves. I'm sure you've seen it, the Scouter who just can't say no. But then, deadlines get missed, things get forgotten or don't get done. Sounds familiar?

Have Fun!

What's that you say? Have fun? Yes! Have FUN. When it stops being fun for you, it stops being

fun for the youth.

Delegate & Share

Some Scouters have a hard time doing this. They feel that they have to look after it all themselves. Don't get caught up in that trap! Let the rest of the team participate in the planning of the program. They can do it! The WANT to do it!

Remember, when it stops being fun for you, it stops being fun for the youth.

*Scouter Ed Murray
DAC Programmes*



One Stop Shop



1st Minesing Beavers & Cubs are once again hosting their annual "One Stop Shop".

Location: Minesing Community Centre
When: Saturday November 12, 2005
Time: 9am to 3pm

Vendors are still needed!! For info on booking a table, please contact Jean Dapra @ 734-2588

For more info, contact Cathy Foster at 726-5074 or at munchkin.land@sympatico.ca

Year of the Veteran

This year has been declared the Year of the Veteran by the Government of Canada, which marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War; and because the Government of Canada is developing a new Veterans Charter that will better support Canadian Forces members and their families, who are re-entering civilian life.

Scouts Canada also felt that it was very important to recognize the Year of the Veteran so they created the 2005 – Year of the Veteran initiative together with Veterans Affairs Canada. The goal of this initiative is to promote remembrance activities among Canadian youth in appreciation and honour of those, who served and continue to serve protecting peace and freedom throughout the world.

The Scouts Canada initiative involves every Scouting member throughout Canada receiving a Thank You Crest that they can provide to either a Canadian veteran or peacekeeper. Another component of the Scouts Canada initiative is educational support, where material with a Remembrance theme including activities, crafts, songs and games that each scouting group throughout Canada is able to use throughout the Year of the Veteran to further reinforce the importance of contributions that veterans have made and continue to make towards world peace and security.

As part of the Scouts Canada initiative the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of the 1st Holly Scouting Group of Barrie, Ontario were provided the opportunity to either present their Thank You Crest to a veteran they know in the community or to have it sent overseas.

As most of the youth do not know a veteran the majority of the Thank You Badges were sent for presentation to Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan.

The 1st Holly Scouting Group has also used educational material provided by Scouts Canada and built it into its weekly meetings to assist their youth in better understanding that the rich legacy of peace, freedom and identity that Canadians enjoy has partly come through the hardship and sacrifice of veterans. The hope is that the youth of this Scouting Group as well as youth everywhere will understand that they have a vital role to play in preserving and passing this legacy on to future generations so that the values veterans fought for are safeguarded for future generations.



The article was written by Scouter Dana Currie of the 1st Holly Cub Pack. Scouter Dana is also a serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces at Base Borden, Ontario.



Members of 1st Holly Scouting Group of Barrie pose with Thank You Crest's that were sent to Canadian troops serving with Operation Archer in Afghanistan.

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8th BARRIE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Each year, the youth of 8th Barrie hold a Remembrance Day Service. Lead by the Scouts, the 7:00 pm service will be held at Portageview School on Monday, November 7, 2005.

441 Wing, the groups sponsor, will be in attendance.

Simcoe Phoenix Area groups are invited to attend this annual event.

Please RSVP to Scouter Cindy Billings at christmasscout@rogers.com.

'Lest We Forget'

Scouters' Club Survey

Our area Scouters' Club currently meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Essa Township Hall. Part of my mandate as DAC Programme is to oversee the Scouters Club meetings. Therefore, I put forward the following suggestion to you and ask that you let me know your thoughts.

I am suggesting that Simcoe-Phoenix Area hold monthly section specific meetings with Scouters' Club held every three months.

In other words, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Venturers Leaders hold their meetings on a mutually agreed upon night at Sunnidale or other location and once every three months, all sections meet together as is the current format.

The current information available to me is that more people would attend if the information presented is specific to their section. While I do agree that this may be the case, I still believe that there is a strong need for all of us to get together periodically through out the year to discuss common Scouting issues.

So, now it's time to voice your opinion. Which of the following formats would you like to see used for Scouters' Club in the future?

1. Keep it as is.
2. Monthly section specific meetings with an all sections Scouters' Club every three months.

E-mail your responses to me as soon as possible. I will let you know the results in next month's newsletter.

