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Thank You Guides and Scouts!



This photo is of the Scouts and Girl Guides taken with Their Honours, the Honourable Janice Filmon, Lieutenant Governor, and the Honourable Gary Filmon and the Honourable Greg Selinger.

Their contribution to the day was so very much appreciated. They are great ambassadors for Scouts and Girl Guides.

A special thank you to Scouter Ian MacLean for organizing the Scouts attending the Levee.

Canadian Path: Understanding Personal Progression

Remember that personal progression is the outcome and not badges.

To learn more about the Canadian Path and personal progression, the Scouters' Manual **Part 1- Chapter 3 pages 26-33** has a good description of what personal progression is and the purpose of and types of badges that youth will be able to earn in the Canadian Path.

Pg 29 has a "Plan Do Review" to help you work with youth during the process of preparing the personal achievement badges work sheet. **Pg 31 has a listing of the personal achievement badges** that will be coming. This is only a listing of the badges - guidelines of suggested activities for each badge are supposed to come late spring.

In Part 2 of the Scouters' manual there is more mention and description of the badges and awards. In here they state that the youth and Scouter will plan the requirements to complete the badges from suggested requirements; we may define our own. Part 2 is broken down into about 30 pages for each of the youth sections.

The manuals are an ever-green or living document so changes will be made to them. If you can download them to a tablet or computer to read, it is suggested as what is currently listed is still being amended and updated.

If you have time, all of the manual is a good reference beyond the personal progression information mentioned above.

This Scouter learned some new things and was also reminded of items he had forgotten about.

Check out the manuals on the Canadian Path website: <http://www.scouts.ca/canadianpath/scouters.html>

Yours in Scouting,

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Safety Moment: Be Prepared



As we all know, proper planning is an important step when planning an adventure. Recently a Scout Patrol planned a hiking adventure on a popular trail in a provincial park. The Scouters knew the park and had hiked on other parts of the trail they planned to follow.

The Scouts and Scouters arrived at the parking lot allowing sufficient time to complete the hike before dark. The planned route followed an established hiking trail. The trail they intended to follow crossed another major trail. The trails in this area are marked with cairns but there were no signs indicating what trail they were on. At the trail junction the Patrol followed the wrong trail taking them further from the trailhead than they intended. About an hour after the trail intersection the Scouts realized they were headed south instead of east.

The patrol assessed their situation and decided to leave the trail and follow a compass bearing back to the road. Their route was blocked by a large swamp not passable in the cold autumn weather. They returned to the main trail and decided to take the long route back to the road. As dark approached the Scouters decided they did not have suitable headlamps to light their way on a trail marked by cairns.

They stopped, called their pre-arranged emergency contact. Their contact person alerted the authorities they needed help with their location and called all the families to tell them about the delay and assure them everyone was OK. They set up their tarp and prepared warm food and beverages while they waited for help. Conservation Officers found the Patrol later in the evening and walked them back to the parking lot.

While the group followed safe procedures by staying on the trail and building a shelter while waiting for help, they recognized during the debriefing they could have:

- Checked to be sure they had the most recent trail maps of the area. The Troop would have learned another major trail bisected the trail they were planning on travelling

- Confirming they were following the intending route by consulting their maps and compasses or GPS more often and specifically when they arrived at the junction of the two trails
 - The check in time could have been set earlier.
- Remember to always be prepared and ready for unforeseen circumstances!

2015 Popcorn Campaign Report

	2015	2014
Total Sales	\$187 940.00	\$217 245.00
Return to Groups	\$75 176.00	\$68 981.00

Return to Groups increased by \$6 195.00 from last year!

Top Selling Groups:

- Thompson: \$17 710.00
- 1st Carman: \$15 255.00
- 49th Winnipeg: \$11 350.00
- 18th Brandon: \$10 420.00

Top 5 Selling Youth:

Youth	Group	Total
Stephan G.	1st Carman	\$4 650.00
Ethan D.	Thompson	\$1 935.00
Nathan D.	1st Carman	\$1 540.00
Eric B.	1st Virden	\$1 485.00
Riley S.	1st Souris	\$1 465.00

33 Groups sold with 8 Groups sold more than 2014. Highest percentage increase was 739%, highest percentage decrease was 66%.

I believe that all Groups now have their crests and prizes.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and contributions!

Yours in Scouting,

Kernel Ken

Westman Area Kub Kar Rally

Dear Scouters:

Please find all required information for the **Westman Area Kub Kar Rally, hosted by 23rd Brandon Scouts.**

We are asking that all registration and payment be completed and returned by **March 7, 2016** to:

Bart Walker - Kub Kar Race Coordinator
52 Queens Cres., Brandon, R7B 1E9

Location: Crocus Plains High School Gym, Brandon

Registration and Kar Inspection: 9:00AM-10:00AM

Start Time: 10:30AM

- **Registration fee will be \$5.00** for youth and participating Scouters. Cheques can be made payable to 23rd Brandon Scouts (the cost is used to cover the expense of the event)
- **A late registration fee of \$25.00 per group** will be applied if registration is received after **March 7, 2016** (this is so that we can ensure our numbers are correct and buy accordingly)
- Beaver Buggys will not be allowed to have weights-at check in if they do and can't be removed youth will not be allowed to participate
- 12:15PM lunch break for all participants
- All youth participants will receive a lunch ticket (hot dog, drink and chips)
- All youth participants will receive a participant medal and a "loot bag"
- Cubs and Scouts will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy
- Best Design and Open Race awards
- "Open-No Holds Bar" Race is open to all including Leaders and Ventures
- Canteen available from 10:30 to 2pm; hotdogs, drinks, chips, cookies, coffee/tea and donuts will be available for sale
- Rainbow Auction, 3 Door Prize Baskets and 50/50

For the registration form, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Scouter Bart Walker at [204-571-2307](tel:204-571-2307) or by email merandbartwalker@hotmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,

Bart Walker
Coordinator

Quest 2016



Quest is a Canoe Tripping Camp being held on July 2-10, 2016 in Nopiming Provincial Park for youth who are second year Scouts and Older; adults are welcome to attend.

For more details about Quest 2016, check the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/questmanitoba/home> or send a note to the Quest Team at atquest.canoeing@gmail.com

Registrations are now open; Quest camps fill-up quickly and potential Questees will need to return the paperwork promptly to avoid disappointment.

First Year Scouts and Youth moving from Cubs to Scouts in 2016 should consider attending ScoutLook and An Introduction to Canoeing and Wilderness Camping to be held on the Second Week of **August 2016** at Camp Alloway on Big Whiteshell Lake. Watch the website for registration details- <http://members.shaw.ca/scoutlook/home.html>.

Please click [here](#) for the full Quest poster.

Quest from the point of view of a youth Participant:

Quest is a fun experience if you are ready for 10 days of hard work and physical strain- but there is fun in quest and I don't say that as the work and challenge is bad.

Quest is about challenge and pushing you to be greater than you were before; whether it's camping, lighting fires, knot tying, or canoeing, I guarantee that you will leave quest better than before. Quest is also an opportunity to make new friends and memories; it is an adventure you will never forget.

One of my greatest memories of quest was digging a hole, building a fire, and making clay bricks of a clay stash we found while swimming in the lake. I still have a brick I made from that trip!

If I was to rate quest I would give it a 9/10 because the leaders are a little wonky and the bugs are annoying.

- Survivor of **Quest Brent Mike**

Manitoba Moose Scouts Day

Hello Scout Leader!

The Manitoba Moose and the Manitoba Scouts Council would like to invite you and your troops to the **Annual Scout Survival Adventure Day on Sunday, February 28th, 2016!**

The Moose will host a game that brings all the Scout troops from Winnipeg and the surrounding area to enjoy a Moose Game and a night of bonding.

This year's adventurous event will be different than all others in the past; **the Scout Survival Adventure Day will begin at 12:00pm followed by the Moose game at 2:00pm!**

Tickets for this year's event and game are **\$20 each and include an amazing gift package.** Every ordered ticket to the event will include a ticket to the Moose game that evening and a Manitoba Moose Toque.

The pre-game Adventure challenge will feature an extreme condition survival course taught by members of the Canadian Forces Survival School from 17 Wing Winnipeg.

Scouts are once again encouraged to **wear their uniforms** as we have arranged for ALL Scouts and their families to be seated in the same sections.

As another fun challenge, the **top selling scout group will receive a signed Moose Jersey** that they can use to help raise funds and **each troop member will receive Foam Moose Antlers** to wear to the **February 28th** game.

The deadline for orders has been set for Wednesday, February 10th, 2016! An electronic version of the Scouts order form can be sent to you by contacting **Travis Krulicki at the Moose office at tkrulicki@moosehockey.com**

For the event poster and registration form, please click [here](#).

Once orders are confirmed, please collect all payment and orders and contact us with your final number by the deadline (**February 10th, 2016**). Once the final numbers have been communicated, your scout group will be visited by a representative from the Manitoba Moose who will deliver tickets and pickup payment.

Thanks again for your support & we look forward to seeing the Scouts in the stands on Sunday, **February 28th, 2016!**

Travis Krulicki
Ticket Representative
Manitoba Moose
[204-926-5678](tel:204-926-5678)

Scoutrees 2016

Scoutrees 2016 is soon approaching. Canvassing will be taking place during **April**.

The packages will be available for the groups **mid-march**. Winnipeg groups will be able to pick up their Scoutrees kit at **Glenwood Community Centre, 27 Overton St.** while all others will be mailed out; an email will be sent out when everything is ready. There are some procedural changes for this year that will be detailed in the kit.

Tentative dates for the council sponsored plantings are **Scoutrees East - May 7th and Scoutrees West - May 14**. These dates and the planting sites have yet to be confirmed by the Natural Resources folks.

Canadian Jamboree 2017: Start Early

Have you thought about CJ 2017? It is coming sooner than you think and with the fundraising and planning on its way, now is a great time to start the conversation.

Youth registered as Scouts as of **June 2017** will be eligible to attend.

Items to fundraise for and to consider: transportation, registration, pre-camp training, shipping of troop boxes (or rental of gear while at camp), trading badges (Saskatchewan contingent or other), possible contingent or group clothing, potential before or after CJ activities- there are plenty of details to think about!

In the near future, **Council hopes to appoint a contingent camp chief** who will help to connect all groups interested in attending.

Bring A Friend

Now that the new year is upon us, many fall activities have wrapped up and parents and youth are once again looking for **new adventures to try**. It's a great time to host a **Bring a Friend activity** and grow the membership in your sections. Bring a Friend events don't have to be complicated, but they do require planning in order to be successful. Here are some helpful tips to get you started.

- Have a goal. What would make your BaF successful? Is it registering one or two more youth?
- Give the youth some incentive. Maybe a crest for each youth who brings a friend. Or a prize for the patrol that brings the most friends collectively.
- Have a plan. How will you meet the extra ratio needed to cover the extra youth? One suggestion is to run a series of BaF nights, with each patrol inviting their friends one at a time to limit numbers.
- How can you showcase the best your group has to offer? "Fun" nights are great, but kids get more excited and are more likely to want to join the group if they do something they have never done before, and better yet, if they have something to take home with them, especially at younger ages. We have lots of great adventures in Scouting, and this is a great opportunity to get the youth involved in planning the BaF. What are their favourite adventures, and what adventures would they like to have that they have not yet gotten to try? (Coincidentally, these are some of the questions asked during the new Program Standards Assessment!)

- Have a backup plan. You never know with a new group of youth. Keep a few easy to explain games in your back pocket, just in case the activities your youth chose don't work out according to plan.
- Follow up by extending a personal invitation to join the group to everyone who attended. This is a great chance to answer any questions they may have about Scouts Canada and how to join.
- Review. How did it go, did you meet your goals? What did the youth and their friends think?

For more suggestions, including invitation templates, visit the Bring a Friend Jumpstart [here](#). You can also contact your ASM for more resources, including invitation postcards and possibly some giveaways for the youth.

Click on the Image and Take the Quiz



Outdoor Adventure Skills

Upcoming Events

- [Manitoba Moose Scouts Day](#) on Febraury 28, 2016. [Click here](#) for the event poster.
- [Westman Area Kub Kar Rally](#) on March 7, 2016.
- [Quest 2016](#) from July 2-10. [Click here](#) for the event poster.

If you have a good news story about your Groups journey on the Canadian Path please send it to dnmacdonald@scouts.ca or jean.vicera@scouts.ca.

For more information on events you can check our Facebook page
and our Council Calendar



<http://mbc.scouts.ca/>