



May 2015

Manitoba Council Filled Six Canoes with Donations for their Largest Good Turn Project



This April Manitoba set out to perform one of our largest Good Turn Week projects to date. Our goal was simple, help Manitoba's homeless community by collecting donations in support of local shelters.

In true scouting style we wanted to fill a canoe with donations and portage it to the shelter, and boy did **groups stepped up and help us to exceeded that goal!**

In Western Manitoba, the 18th Brandon collected food items and money for The Helping Hands food bank, filling two canoes with food and raised over \$1000! In Winnipeg, groupstook to the streets of the exchange district, filling over four canoes with donations for Siloam Mission and donating over \$500 to help them get through the summer.

To cap off this event we have issued a challenge to every council in Canada to match our success and fill 4 canoes full of donations for their local shelter!

We want to Thank everyone who helped us make this event so successful! Together we have made a difference in so many people's lives this summer, well done scouts!



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Manitoba Council Commissioner Wanted

Currently, less than 0.5% of Manitoba Youth enjoy the amazing program that Scouts Canada offers. **As the Manitoba Council Commissioner you will lead a team of passionate volunteers in bringing Scouts to thousands more young people.**

The Council Commissioner of Manitoba is a man or woman who:

- Communicates. The Commissioner's primary focus is to connect with volunteers. An engaging and empathetic communication style based on natural warmth and enthusiasm is key to success
- Leads. Results are achieved with and through people. The Commissioner motivates dedicated volunteers while providing the support and tools they need to keep youth happy and learning
- Enjoys taking on new challenges
- Champions the vision of Scouts Canada. The Commissioner recognizes the impact of the Scouts Canada program and celebrates that it is a safe, outdoor based, and a challenging adventure.

Help lead one of the largest youth organizations in the world. The next step is yours!

The Council Commissioner job description can be found below.

If you are ready to become the Scouts Canada Manitoba Council Commissioner, **send us an email that describes why you would be the perfect fit!**

If you are interested or have, please contact us at: publicappts@scouts.ca

Deadline for applications is June 12, 2015

Gold Rush

June 5th to 7th, 2015

JOIN US IN THE MOST WESTERN EDGE OF THE NORTHERN ONTARIO
COUNCIL AND BEGIN THE "GOLD RUSH", A FUN-FILLED, UNIQUE
CAMPOREE!

THEME: GOLD RUSH

(Think old west, quest for gold)

LOCATION: RUSHING RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

(Just outside Kenora, ON)

Registration: \$30 per Participant

(Registration helps cover camp costs, park fees and a camp crest)

Registration Due by: June 1st, 2015

Please mail registration fees to Tara Hendrickson (Camp Administrator), PO Box 1162, Keewatin, ON P0X 1C0
We accept cash, cheque (payable to Scouts Canada) or money order

Groups are asked to come self-contained

For more information please email:

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The Scouters in the 49th Winnipeg Know that Key to Success is Planning and we'd like to Share how we have Started Planning for September 2015

We expect that about 90% of our volunteers are coming back next year. Although some of our volunteers are moving on from scouting roles, their dedication helped to ensure new Scouters feel welcome and get the training needed for the role.

The 49th Winnipeg has a very dedicated group of Ventures and Rovers that help us fill in the gaps in leadership roles while new volunteers are being screened and trained. We never stop recruiting volunteers. We are always keeping our eye out for people with the "right stuff". This year we are very pleased to have two new youth join our group during spring registration. One of them saw a poster at our local school and the other heard about our trip to Many Point Scout Camp from her brother, one of our Venturers, and decided she had to come along for this adventure.

To ensure that a quality program is delivered, we take the time to review. We evaluate based on how much the youth and we as Scouters enjoyed the year. If we didn't have fun, the youth and the Scouters might not be back.

In the Cub section, the youth have been polled about what adventures they would like to repeat or skip. They have also given us ideas of what they would like to do in the next few months and next year. Some great ideas were ice fishing, super hero night, and more hikes to get slurpees! The Cubs were able to camp five times this year - and we are hoping to add a sixth camp next year as the youth say they want even more camping. Our Scouts, Vents and Rovers already camp seven times a year.

Our Beavers meet until the end of May, the Cubs until the end of June, and Scouts and Ventures are at Camp in July. We have found it is important to allow our Scouters to rest, and prepare for a new year of scouting. To do this we reduce the frequency of meetings in the summer time, but we still make sure that we meet at least once per month for some summer fun and adventure. A walk or bike ride on a summer evening to get ice cream is easy to plan and a great way for the families to connect, get involved and get excited about continuing in Scouts next year.

Jamboree On The Trail

This is our third year running an organized Council wide JOTT here in Winnipeg. The first year we went all out and had way too long of a route with too many things planned at the end. This year we tried for something different: Australia and some European Scout Organizations issue a small ribbon badge instead of a full-fledged stitched badge for their camps and events. The idea is the Scouts sew these ribbons on their blankets like a running resume of camps and events that they attend, so we designed our own JOTT Tails which consisted of "seam tape" (1" wide cotton ribbon used to edge cloth when sewing) and had 2015 JOTT / JLSS hand written on the ribbons. Claire Bérubé from Scouts du Canada made them up in three colours (white, red and green) the colours of the Italian flag as we were hiking down Corydon Avenue through "little Italy".

I made up **JOTT challenge cards** where the youth had to meet a Scout (youth) from four other Troops, one of which must be a SdC youth and get their names and Group number. Very similar to the Jamboree game where each Scout gets a different letter and they have to find 13 other Scouts to make up the words "Friendship-amis".

At the end of the hike we made the youth line up and show either Claire or myself their cards and we handed them a ribbon. The ribbon had a small slit cut in one end so they could be hooked over a pocket button or looped through itself to form a slip type knot to be worn around the neckerchief.

On the back of the challenge card we had printed the various Vespers (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and then the French version of vespers) when we finished at the Lyric theater we had everyone form a large circle and finished with the singing of vespers first in English then in French.

We also had a second challenge: the SdC are collecting monies for the Scout Nepal relief fund, so we had about 5 or 6 tins we could solicit donations from persons we passed on the hike. **They raised over a hundred dollars from what I heard.**

As for the comments we had lots of positive comments from both the youth and the Scouters. We had very positive comments from both City Councillor Shawn Dobson and MLA Jim Rondeau who participated in the hike. Dobson was a Cub as a youth and was very impressed with the youth that were taking part.



18th Annual Jamboree On The Trail
2015
JOTT Ribbon Challenge

My Name: _____ My Group: _____

New Friend List:

Name: _____ Group: _____

Name: _____ Group: _____

Name: _____ Group: _____

Name: _____ Group: _____



Click on the Image and Take the Quiz!





Outdoor Adventure Skills

Safety moment

This Scouting year, a number of youth members **not wearing indoor footwear have been hurt during Scouting activities**. Of particular concern is youth engaging in activities at meeting halls wearing only socks. Some injuries to date have been concussions, a fractured wrist and a chipped tooth. While the effects of these injuries may not be permanent, they certainly have an impact on the youth's experience in the program. That is why it is our duty to ensure that youth have a safe and fun experience. Recent incidents have shown us that not only is **indoor footwear necessary**, but that the **footwear should be clean, dry and in good condition**.

It cannot be stressed enough that the meeting facility is checked for safety concerns prior to engaging in activity. This can be adapted into a learning opportunity for youth, get them involved in the risk management process. If a game or activity cannot be safely conducted indoors consider an alternative activity or move outside when conditions permit.

As we prepare for an exciting season of outdoor activities and camps **please remember that appropriate footwear is required for all scouting activities**. While the definition of what is appropriate for a given activity may change, it is important to remember that scouters are constantly evaluating activities for risks and addressing concerns immediately.

Erika Maguire
Area
Scouts Canada - Manitoba Council

Support

Manager

Awards and Recognition

A great Big Pat on the back to Scouts and Scouters who have received recognition and awards in the last month!

[Click here to see other recipients of recognition Awards](#)

If you need to submit a Chief Scout or a Queen's Venturer Award, the national office has released a new form.

Click here <http://www.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/Youth-Award-Ceremony-Application-Form.pdf>



Reminder: Group Milestone Certificates are available for 50 or more years with Scouts Canada. These certificates are signed by the Governor General and requires a two months lead time, therefore your request should be submitted in September in order to have the award for your celebration during the year.

Please make sure to check your profile in myscouts.ca at least once a month to make sure that is up to date, specially your contact information.

Area Commissioner, Group Commissioner or anyone presenting an award, please let me know the date the presentation was made so I can update the information in MyScouts.

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Upcoming Events

- [East Winnipeg All-Sections Camp](#) 12/06/2015 - 14/06/2015
- [Quest](#) 04/07/2015 and 12/07/2015
- [Scoutlook](#) 08/08/2015 to 16/08/2015

We are looking for good news about Groups in Manitoba. You have until the 2nd week from each month to send your stories to dnmacdonald@scouts.ca or samantha.aretuo@scouts.ca