



October 2015

Quality Program Awards: The 60th Winnipeg Group



Congratulations to the 60th Winnipeg Troop on earning the Quality Program Award in 2014-2015.

The program quality award is presented to Sections who engaged their youth in planning a rounded program including outdoor adventure, environmental awareness community service, personal development, and including spiritual development.

Sections achieving the award include parents in the Section as partners with youth and trained Scouters. The Scouts and Scouters in the 60th Troop did a great job last year and have an even better program planned for this year.

Below is what Scouter Yvonne Kyle had to say about the group:

"The 60th Winnipeg Scouts are a very active and outdoor focused group. The Scouts plan all sorts of different fun things to do outside and camping is by far their favourite activity. We fit in as many camps as possible each year.

*We are also very big fans of canoeing. Our **spring canoe trip this year was to the George Lake Scout Camp**, a wonderful Scout property in the Whiteshell, with our 3rd year Cubs joining us for their first back country camping experience.*

The canoe was just one of many examples of the adventures we had that have qualified us for the quality program standards award. The youth planned it while older youth helped younger youth to prepare for it, and in the review afterwards, all agreed that it was an awesome activity.

We are very proud as a group to receive the program standards award."

For more information on the Quality Program Standards, click [here](#).

Volunteers Needed for the Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will once again be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on **November 11th at 10:30AM**.

We will meet at **Glenwood Community Centre, 27 Overton St. and we will parade** to the cenotaph located in **Guay Park** for a short Service of Remembrance.

After that we will be heading **back to Glenwood for hot chocolate and cookies**.

All the readings at the ceremony are done by the youth so I am looking for **volunteers** and it would be greatly appreciated if some **groups could make some wreaths** to be placed on the cenotaph.

I can be contacted at pelwick@mymts.net.

Yours in Scouting,
Peter Elwick

Successful Patrols Mean Teamwork and Youth-Led

Below is an excerpt from a Scouter Tip emphasizing the importance of teamwork in patrols and how such teamwork results in the growth of Scouting in a participant's life:

"As a Scouter, you have probably heard at one time or another something along the lines of:

'Matthew can't go on the hike this weekend because he has hockey.'

This is just one example; we have all heard things like this over the years. Such statements are evidence that Scouting often becomes a lower priority among all the extracurricular activities going on in a young person's life, especially if that activity is a sports team.

This is because when you are part of a team, you are expected to be there because your team is counting on you.

How can you use the Patrol system to make every Scout feel like part of a team?

By splitting a Troop into Patrols of six to eight Scouts each, every Scout has the opportunity to contribute to the work of the team...

There is no single best way to create Patrols, but they should be formed by the Scouts themselves. You may, however, offer plenty of help by supporting how the Scouts go about forming Patrols (while not dictating what Scouts should be in what Patrols), and you can provide some important guidance...

To facilitate the Youth-led selection of Patrols but keep the process manageable, it can be a good idea for fourth-year Scouts to collaborate on selecting Patrols.

*Once Patrols are selected, **Scouters should encourage them to work closely together as teams.** The members will grow closer to one another over time. **Planning, Doing and Reviewing Adventures together will strengthen the Patrols** and make Scouting a more rewarding experience for the members of the Troop.*

Remember, Patrols are a crucial part of the Scout Method. *The Patrol system is literally as old as Scouting itself, and there is no better way to make every Scout feel like part of the team"*

It's never too early to begin evaluating the program in any Section. Also, the Scouts in all Sections will be able to tell their Scouters what is working, what is not working, and how we can make the program better. Don't forget to ask the parents too!

For the full Scouter Tip article, click [here](#).

Safety Moment: Social Media and the Internet

In today's world, **using social media and the internet is almost obligatory**. Many youth use it as a major method for interacting with friends, and within Scouting, more and more groups are turning to things like Facebook to share ideas and photos to keep families updated on what adventures the group has been having.

Whether your group is now making the jump to social media, or you just have a lot of members using social media, **it's a good idea to have a conversation with everyone about safety online**.

Resources on **cyberbullying and net safety for youth** can be found here:

<http://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/digital-issues/cyberbullying>

For a group, it is important to consider **how to take advantage of tools like Facebook and Twitter, while maintaining privacy for the youth**, and also how to maintain appropriate scouter/youth interactions and two deep leadership, even from behind a computer screen.

Below are some **frequently asked questions taken from the Social Media for Scouts guidelines** (the full document can be found here: <http://www.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/SC-Social-Media-For-Scouting.pdf>):

Q: May I post pictures of members on social media sites?

A: Absolutely, provided the parent or volunteer has given us permission on the registration form to use their image or likeness for Scouting promotional purposes.

Q: Is it appropriate for a Scouter to "friend" youth members on Facebook?

A: Youth will sometimes add you as a friend on their social media accounts as they wish to feel engaged and connected. Please be aware of the implications of adding youth members on your accounts. We do not want to put youth in the position where they feel pressured to accept your invite when they may not be comfortable with it. To avoid making a youth member feel uncomfortable, we recommend that you only add the youth if they add you first.

Q: Is it appropriate for Scouters to communicate with youth online?

A: Scouts Canada's "two deep" policy applies in all situations, including online. Adults should avoid engaging in private conversations with youth online. When communicating with youth using social media, include other Scouters in the message, or post publicly on the youth's profile.

Tracking Growth

The following Groups have already grown:

- 1st Thompson
 - Added a second Colony and increase membership from 20 to 26 Beaver Scouts
 - Added a second Pack and increase from 19 to 24 Cub Scouts
- 67th Winnipeg Colony, Pack, Troop, Company
- 1st Selkirk Colony, Pack and Troop
- 1st Crestview A and B Colony
- 2nd Manitoba LDS Pack and Troop
- 4th Manitoba LDS Pack and Troop
- 4th Dauphin Colony and Pack
- 1st Southdale Colony, Pack and Troop
- 20th Winnipeg Pack and Company
- 3rd Winnipeg Pack and Troop
- 60th Winnipeg Colony

- 18th Brandon Colony
- 1st Lorette Colony
- 5th Portage Pack

Congratulations to all groups in delivering and spreading the Scouting word and principles to as many people as we can!

Click on the Image and Take the Quiz!



Outdoor Adventure Skills

Upcoming Events

- [Remembrance Day Ceremony](#): November 11th at 10:30AM

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 jean.vicera@scouts.ca

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



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