

Information Handout – January 2012

I am trying a new format...one handout versus individual emails for each notification to save on number of emails that each of you receive.

#1: Summer Camp Positions

Please forward this information to your Venturers and Rovers.

Summer Camp Positions for Summer 2012 at Camp Opemikon are now available.

Job descriptions and applications are on line at www.opemikon.ca.

Please note the deadline dates and also the change in staffing structure.

Thank you

Marilyn Johnson

Property Manager

#2: 12th Annual Camp Opemikon Work Weekend

The 12th Annual CAMP OPEMIKON WORK WEEKEND will be held on the weekend of April 27th - 29th, 2012.

This weekend provides a great opportunity for Voyageur Council Scouting groups to meet other Scouting groups, to spend a fun weekend at camp and to make an important contribution to preparing YOUR camp for another summer season. Accommodations and meals (from Friday mugup to Sunday lunch inclusive) are provided by the camp for a nominal fee of \$10 per participant.

The format for the weekend is as follows:

Friday April 27th – groups arrive, settle into their assigned accommodations, then join their fellow Scouters for mugup at 9:30pm in the Dining Hall

Saturday April 28th – work day. Tasks as assigned by the organizers. The workday will end at suppertime, after which there will be movies in the Dining Hall and wide games for those interested

Sunday Apr 29th - day off. Groups may make use of the camp facilities as they see fit. Lunch will be available

This event is for Rover Crews, Venturer Companies, senior (i.e. third year) Scouts and adult leaders. Troop Scouters and Company Advisors are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity for linking activities between their senior Scouts and Venturers. Individual adult leaders are also welcome to

attend. Please note – this is a Scouting event, not a family camp, so participation is limited to currently registered members of Scouts Canada. Registration for the event will be limited and will be on a “first come, first served” basis.

Groups may register by contacting Tim Taylor by email (quappelle264@gmail.com) or by phone (819-561-1613) and must provide the following information by early April:

- a. Name of group
- b. Group contact (name/telephone number/email address)
- c. Number of participants (specifying number of youth, adults and whether male/female – for accommodation purposes)
- d. Preferred accommodations (i.e. heated lodge, Cub Cabin, tent, etc)
- e. Approximate time of arrival and departure
- f. Any special skills (e.g. electricians/carpenters/mechanics)
- g. Any dietary restrictions (e.g. allergies)
- h. Whether the group will stay for lunch on Sunday

Further information will be provided in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Taylor at the monthly Venturer Advisors’ Forum, at (819) 561-1613 or through the email address above.

#3: Service Camp at Camp Traill

Dear VAF Scouters & Youth:

This was originally posted on the Scouts Canada Group at LinkedIn in December, 2011:

On December 2 to 4, 2011, I and several other cub leaders from the 1st Brockville Group did a FLEX training camp for sixers, seconds and keos from the 6th and 16th Brockville Packs at Camp Traill on Charleston Lake.

If you do not know Camp Traill, it is a mostly natural wooded area, with several excellent camp sites, hiking trails and waterfront access to Charleston Lake (one of the larger lakes in Eastern Ontario). With the decline in scouting numbers over the last several decades, and the heavy-handed way that camping used to be done, Camp Traill needs a big clean up, and it might be one that would actually make the camp some money. There is a large amount of scrap iron, pressure-treated lumber, railway ties, old tarps, furniture, derelict and dangerous kybos and cabins, and even an old tent trailer, amongst other things. These are to be found in stark contrast to the beauty and wildness of the natural forest which is Camp Traill’s greatest feature.

It occurred to us around the campfire (the best place for new ideas) that Voyageur Council's Rovers and Venturers might be interested in having a Service camp at Camp Traill sometime towards the end of the summer of 2012, to (a) remove, sort, recycle and dispose of the garbage of several decades of high-impact camping; and (b) make repairs and improvements to Camp Traill's buildings (kybos and sheds), trails (clearing dead falls and other dangers), and campsites. This would have the effect of not only cleaning up and making Camp Traill more of a leave-no-trace scouting facility, for which it is well-suited, but would also increase awareness of Traill among those for whom it exists: our Council's youth.

The camp wardens, Bob Visneski and Perry Sine, along with members of the 1st Brockville Group Committee, would make a "to do" list in consultation with representatives of Rovers and Venturers at the Area and Council level, and would arrange with local junk and scrap dealers to provide dumpsters and the like for recycling of the materials involved, along with Rovers and other scouters trained and able to use dangerous tools and equipment such as chain saws, ATVs and tractors. There is, spread out over several acres, a massive amount of metal scrap, which could be sold to a local scrap dealer and the funds used to offset the costs (i.e. food) of the camp, and beyond that, to further improve Traill's facilities. The length of the camp would be determined by the planning group, culminating with something special for the participants, like a BBQ/Campfire with our local youth members and their families attending, perhaps with some local businesses donating supplies and materials. Much of the fuel for a fantastic Campfire would have been made available by the cleanup! It would be hard work but fun, and the local scouters, youth and their families would also be involved. Our local SITs and ALs already think that it is an awesome idea.

My initial thoughts for timing would be to do a late August camp, so as to try for the best camping weather, avoid the school year, and to get Camp Traill ready for the beginning of the 2012-2013 Scouting year. This would not only be an opportunity for revitalizing Camp Traill, but publicizing Scouting in this part of Voyageur Council. I have posted it here, in an effort to reach Rover groups (we have no Crew or Company in Brockville). If you think that this is a good idea, please draw it to the attention of any likely Crews and Companies in Voyageur Council (or neighbouring White Pine and Quebec Councils), and have them contact me at the e-mail below.

I guess that says it all. This idea needs discussion and work, and I would really appreciate your input, and hopefully the participation of as many Venturers and Rovers in Voyageur Council as possible. It would be a real boost for Scouting here in Brockville.

Yours in Scouting,

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#4: LakesidePlayers

From: Harold Swaffield swaff39@rogers.com

To: 'Walter Gale' <windygale4@rogers.com>

Sent: Monday, January 2, 2012 8:58:20 AM

Subject: Lakeside Players.

Hi Walter,

I was wondering if you could get the word out. I am a former Scouter, Venture leader for the 27th, 23rd Nepean troop/company. I am now with the group, lakeside players. We are looking for a boy, aged 16 – 20 years of age to audition in an upcoming play, Schoolhouse. We are also, always looking for Volunteers for backstage help etc. The backstage volunteer hours can go towards the High School community volunteer hours, the acting cannot.

Could you please distribute the following widely to the area for me?

Are you interested?

Lakesideplayers, (www.lakesideplayers.com) is looking for a male adult youth, aged 16 – 20 to participate in an upcoming play, Schoolhouse, directed by Don Fex. If you are interested in acting and want to participate, please go to the above web page and sign up for an audition, or send an email to auditions@lakesideplayers.com.

For those of you that need volunteer hours prior to the end of High School, Lakeside also offers to you the chance to get your community volunteer hours by participating in backstage help. If interested please contact info@lakesideplayers.com to get those hours. We require all kinds of backstage help from Assistant Stage manager, lighting, sound, props and set design.

Information on the play can be found at our web page, www.lakesideplayers.com

YIS,

Harold Swaffield

President, Lakesideplayers.com

Former Nepean area Trainer, 23rd Nepean Gryphon legion advisor, 23rd Nepean scouting

#5: Carleton Area Second Annual Badge Trading Event

Dear Badge Traders:

Carleton Area is sponsoring our Second Annual Badge Trading Event to be held from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 on Sunday 4 March 2012 at the John G. Mlacak Centre (Halls C & D) at 2500 Campeau Drive, Kanata, K2K 2W3, adjacent to Earl of March High School. It is on a drop-in basis, so come out at any time during that time period. This event is intended for Scout level and above, though is open to other Scouting youth interested in badge trading and collecting.

In addition to badge and crest trading, Alex Bisailion will be on hand with a large selection of Monkeyfist knots that have many decorative and practical uses such as keychain identifiers, backpack identifiers, luggage tags, etc. These will be available for a minimum donation of \$2 and the proceeds will be

donated to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. Scouts in wealthier countries like Canada help Scouts in developing countries help themselves on the road to self-sufficiency. Grants from the Brotherhood Fund provide the "seed money" for many community development projects.

Any Scouts or Scouters who would like to put on a display of Scouting memorabilia such as campfire blankets, historical scout books, historical uniforms, camp items etc... are most welcome to do so.

Please contact the show organizer to make sure that enough tables are set aside for this purpose.

A crest "Carleton Area Badgers" based on the design at the top of this page will be available at the door for \$3/each.

The idea for this event was based on observing the amazing badge trading events that have been witnessed at Brotherhood Camps and Haliburton Scout Reserve.

Badge trading rules:

- Badges are traded one for one.
- No selling of badges, except for the "Carleton Area Badgers" crest and surplus badges from Carleton Area.
- A deal is concluded by a friendly Scout handshake.
- Have fun!

If you have badges that are very sentimental to you, please don't bring them in case you get caught up in a badge trading frenzy and trade them away by accident.

If you have not built up a badge trading stock you can approach your leaders and they can perhaps locate badges from previous events for you. There is also a "badge barrel" at the Scout Shop on Baseline Road that offers badges 3 for \$1. This is a great way to build up trading stock.

Admission to the event is \$1 to help cover the cost of hall rental.

Tables are unassigned so you are free to move about the room as you wish.

Please proudly wear your uniforms so that we can see where you are from.

We look forward to seeing you at the Second Annual Carleton Area Badge Trading Event!

Event organizer:

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