

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Venturer Advisors' Forum – Voyageur Council**  
**Scout Headquarters – National Boardroom**  
**Tuesday, September 06, 2011 – 7:30 pm**

Al McPhee	1st Greely	John Stalker	Valley Highlands-Carl PI/AC
Alex Gazaleh	OPE Co/Crew-Greenwd	Ken Shore	Rideau Area
Allan Yates	1st Merrickville	Marc Couturier	123rd Ottawa
Ashley Schippers	HARovers/2nd Gat	Mary Hagerman	1st Osgoode
Bill Bowman	1st Nepean	Nigel Ward	1st Kanata
Bruce Morton	14th Gloucester	Perry Schippers	HARovers/2nd Gat
Cal Clupp	2nd Gatineau	Peter Wittwer	23rd Nepean
Chris Prevost	112th Nepean	Phil Edens	123rd Ottawa
Chuck Fraser	1st Glen Cairn	Ridard Burelle	11th Ottawa
Cyndy Courtland	Carleton Place	Sandra Redshaw	3rd Kanata
Dan McCarthy	101st Ottawa	Scott Bury	1st Kanata
Dave Skinner	1st Glen Cairn	Scott Stanley	1st Stittsville
David Liedtke	1st Stittsville	Sharon Lefebvre	7th Kanata
Doug Proud	1st Greenwood	Stephen Smye	1st Wakefield
Doug Zahody	3rd Orleans	Stewart Ross	DCC Recog'n
Jen Stalker	Carleton Place	Sue Robertson	123rd Ottawa
Jan Stodola	7th Kanata	Tanya-Rae Smith	3rd Orleans
Jocelyn Sylvester	112th Nepean VAF Secretary	Thomas Miller	2nd Orleans
John Dougherty	DCC Program		
John O'Neil	1st Dunrobin		

**Opening Remarks – Approval of Agenda Cal Clupp**

Welcome back to 2011-2012 Scouting Year.

We are lucky to have Cal Clupp from 2<sup>nd</sup> Gatineau who has taken over from Wally; a great big thank you to Wally Gale for his chairing of VAF and the willingness to put up with all of us.

June meeting minutes approved and passed.

**Past Activities:**

**Rideau Canal Canoe Rally - Saturday, Sep. 03**

**By John Dougherty**

13 canoes filled with 40 people paddled and took part in various challenges along the Rideau River. The canoeing took approx 1.2-2 hours and ended with a BBQ at the Military drill hall next to city hall. There is a great chance of a repeat event next year. A great start to the scouting year!

**Upcoming Activities:**

**Couch Rally Saturday - Sep. 10**

**By Rideau Rovers (Kate Jackson)**

Information on the rules for the Annual Couch Rally is located at

<http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/Couch%20Rally%202011.jpg>

Please meet at 8:30am at Scout HQ with your driver, couch and camera.

You will be back at Scout HQ for 2:00pm for a BBQ.

Please make sure you bring a camera with a SD card/cable with video

Cost 10\$ per youth and Advisers 5\$

**VenClimb on-site orientation day - Sept 17 or 18**

**By Allen and Christiaan**

This is a hands on course very similar to VenClimb 2. You will learn knots, laying out a route, anchoring, set up and take down. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn about climbing as the mechanics.

Please contact Christiaan ASAP if you are interested: Christiaan 613.274.3900 [xiaan\\_b@yahoo.com](mailto:xiaan_b@yahoo.com) or [cjburchell@yahoo.com](mailto:cjburchell@yahoo.com)

**VenClimb - Sep. 23-25**

**By Christiaan and Allen**

Spend the weekend climbing, and camping on site on various routes in Gatineau Park. There is no water, so plan accordingly. This is a fun event that allows youth to climb 2 days and learn basic mechanics of climbing.

Cost is 10\$ please contact Allen Yates with numbers ASAP.

Allen Yates [allan@yates.ca](mailto:allan@yates.ca) or (613) 269-3074

Please bring a helmet of any kind if you have one.

Registration form <http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/VenClimb%20Registration%20Form%202011.pdf>

Information for emergency report

<http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/VenClimb%20Information%202011.pdf>

Pictures of past VenClimbs

[http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/VenClimb/VenClimb\\_2010\\_photos.htm](http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/VenClimb/VenClimb_2010_photos.htm)

**Crazy Canuck Adventure Challenge – Oct. 01**

**By Bill Bowman & Nigel Ward**

Scouts Canada Voyager Council's answer to Extreme Adventure Race.

Hike, Canoe, Mountain Bike, and Height Challenge, what more could you ask for?

Ohh and there is a pig roast this year.

Teams of 3-6 (can be a mix of Advisers, Rovers, and Advisers)

Cost:20\$ for participants and 15\$ for support people.

This year we will be at the Limerick Forest, the Friends of the Limerick Forest have pulled out all the stops, in assisting the planning of this great event.

Paperwork and further information can be found;

<http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/Crazy%20Canuck%20Adventure%20Challenge%202011.pdf>

Registration form

<http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/Crazy%20Canuck%20Registration%20form%202011.pdf>

**Rovent – Oct. 14-16**

**By Doug MacKinnon**

**Quest Intro**

The problem with Scotland is it's overrun with...well, everyone! Someone has got to go! And because William Wallace has...err, had words with the Rovent Committee...it's got to be the English!! Now he needs your help to find a way to breach their walls and show the English who's boss! **Crazy Irishmen**, *sexy French princess*, flamboyantly gay nobles, and that creepy old man! All await your return to help the Scottish finally have closure in their nasty divorce from England!

So dust off the kilts, great swords, and bag Scottish accents, and prepare for battle. Don't let the premier event of the Venture year.

The Rovent registration package is ready for distribution and posting on the VAF website, and is also available on the Voyageur Council website. Due to the anticipated huge number of registrations council office have asked for only 1 cheque per group to help with paperwork. Council office accepts cheque, Visa, Mastercard, and cash. (Sorry you cannot sell the venture labour.)

1. Tabins are available for sleeping on a first-come first-served basis. If taken, a tabin must be used for sleeping and not for gear storage or cooking.
2. We are NOT allowed on OPE site till 4pm. Do not show up to snag prime camping spots as you will end up in the stocks.
3. Upon arrival, people are asked to off-load gear and park vehicles in the gravel pit. There will be a shuttle back and forth from the gravel pit to the main camp.
4. There will be TWO sittings for the Saturday feast, providing for a maximum of 550 participants and advisors.
5. This is not intended to be a linking event for senior scouts.
6. Please make sure you bring your application forms to camp filled out.

**RoVent 2011 Monthly planning meeting Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**

**By Doug MacKinnon**

Info you are interested in helping organizing this great camp? We will be meeting at Scout HQ at 7:30 pm.

**Reports (as available/required)**

**Voyageur Council Service Alliance**

**By Marc Couturier/Eugene Lavigne**

The sections are MedVent, Ottawa Police Venturers and Service Corps (Service Corps is replacing Lost Children's Service). Service Corp helps at events such as Ottawa Ex (10 days), Winterlude, Candle Light Service & Remembrance Day. This is a great opportunity for youth to obtain high school service hours and is a great program that gets us in the public eye.

Up and coming dates and events that are looking for help are as follows:

Contact Marc [scouts\\_rule@rogers.com](mailto:scouts_rule@rogers.com) for more information and registration:

**Dec 3 – OC Transportation Food Drive**

Help organize and pre-sort the donations. Please contact Philip Edens [edens.family@sympatico.ca](mailto:edens.family@sympatico.ca) or 613.731.7149

**Nov 5 – Voyageur Council Food Drive**

Venturers and Rovers are again solicited to sort food at the Ottawa Food Bank during this year's annual food drive. Based on feedback from past years there will be a strict control on the maximum number of volunteers for each shift - to improve the overall efficiency of this sorting station while offering a satisfying experience for participants. (25 youth in a rotation of 4 shifts) So any youth that show up at the station without advance registration will be asked to leave if the maximum number is registered (normally the situation). 123rd Ottawa (and Service Corps) will again be co-ordinating the Food sorting station for the Scouts Canada Food Drive. The registration will be handled by email and the forms will be available shortly.

Contact info [edens.family@sympatico.ca](mailto:edens.family@sympatico.ca) & [Philip.Edens@ottawa.ca](mailto:Philip.Edens@ottawa.ca) Tel 613-580-2424 ext 28924

**22 January 2012 - "Scouts Day with the 67's"**

We will be collecting food in support of The Ottawa Food Bank on that day, Scouts Canada will be getting publicity for this event. We will have one intermission activity on the ice as well (event to be confirmed). More information will be provided at next VAF.

Please remind your youth to attend JC in uniform. Our JC number for September was 67 youth with 44 in uniform.

**Scouts: Youth leadership Summit Camp:**

Camp at OPE September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2011

Registration Deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup>

Contact Eric Schmitt for more information email: [ericschmitt87@gmail.com](mailto:ericschmitt87@gmail.com)

Forms were emailed to advisors and can also be found on the voyageur council web site:

<http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/Default.aspx?alias=www.scouts.ca/dnn/voy>

More information about this event can be found on the link above aswell.

**The JC September Event:**

So the September event if you didn't already know is Mini Golf!

**When:** Saturday September 17th

**Time:** 2pm- 5pm

**Where:** Mini Golf Gardens

<http://minigolfgardens.com/>

**Cost:** 8\$

**Directions:**

<http://maps.google.ca/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

Please RSVP via email if you plan on attending so we get a rough idea for numbers, thank you

**A Heads Up About the October Event:**

The JC October event is going to be the Haunted Walk of Ottawa

Where: 73 Clarence Street

When: September 29<sup>th</sup> (Note: this is not a confirmed date yet)

Time: 6pm-ish ( Again, not a confirmed time yet)

RSVP: We need to know if you are coming by the October meeting (in person or via email)

**Training & Other Business/Announcements:**

**Program Review – National Project**

**By John Dougherty**

Program Review Team

Scouts Canada is about to embark on an exciting journey to review our existing programs. The purpose of this review is to ensure that our programs are based on the needs and aspirations of young people, and their parents, while respecting our great traditions. Our challenge will be to ensure our programs are attractive to new members and exciting, fun and challenging enough to keep them coming back. Also, we must be cognizant of the vital role of our Scouters in the delivery of these programs.

The formation of a Review Planning Team is the first step in this process. This team will establish a plan that results in broad collaboration and an objective approach to possible revisions and development of the Scouting program for the future. Further, this team will provide guidance and direction to Section specific work groups (to be appointed at a later date) who will be tasked with reviewing the current programs and making recommendations for changes.



**Are you ready to Push The Limits?**

“Teamwork”, “wilderness camping, “overcoming physical and mental limits”; these are just words talked about until you get out in nature and have the chance to experience them for yourself.

Our goal in the creation of the upcoming National Venturer Scout Event is to place a challenge before you that captures your collective imagination and no matter what the outcome, gives you an indelible memory of a very special place in Canada.

You will **love** it.

You will **hate** it.

You will feel **powerful**.

You will want it to end. Then, when it’s all over and you’re back to your regular day-to-day life the following week, you will **crave to do it again**.

We will do whatever we can to get your team to complete this experience. All we ask is that you come, face the experience with an open mind, and push like heck until the time is up. You’ll be glad you did, I promise you!

This event is limited to 1000 total! So get your paperwork in ASAP!

More information: <http://www.scouts.ca/adventure2012/>

\*\*Please ask your group if they are interested and bring proposed numbers as we need to decide if we want to do a council contingent at next meeting.\*\*

**Venturer Membership**

**By John Dougherty**

As many of you remember we were asked to weigh in on if there should be changes to the Venture’s ability to exclude members. Scouts Canada has issued the following policy change. Please relay and make sure your youth understand the change. Any questions can be directed to Doug Reid [doug.reid@scouts.ca](mailto:doug.reid@scouts.ca) or John Dougherty [doughjo@trytel.com](mailto:doughjo@trytel.com)

**Guidelines for Venturer Scout Company Membership**

*The Venturer Scout program is an inclusive program open to all young people aged 14-17 who accept and live by the Venturer Promise and the bylaws of the Company being joined.*

All Companies are encouraged to develop a set of By-laws to govern their operations. Where a company decides they will form under a specific vocation or special interest, they must develop and live by a set of Bylaws that are appropriate to their vocation or special interest.

Companies may only exclude new youth who accept the Venturer Promise from joining, if the applicant is demonstrably unable to meet any attendance, physical or skill requirements specific to the chosen vocation or interest that have been previously identified in their duly approved bylaws.

Should a candidate be declined due to not meeting the requirements stated in the bylaws, it is the responsibility of the Executive and the Advisor to make every effort to find a suitable placement with another Company.

**June 2012 Troop Council Camp (Offers of Service)** **By Tanya-Rae and Nolan**

The Voyager Council Scout Camp is looking for OOS. There are 2 different kinds that they are looking for (approx 50 volunteers who are just asked to show up no prep required, and then also the traditional volunteers are needed). This camp is a great camp for scouts and this year the theme is Survival. The camp is open to youth from all over Voyager Council and will take place on June 1-3 at Apple Hill. For more information and to be added to the OOS email for up and coming information please visit <http://www.nolansmith.ca/troopcamp2012/index.html>

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 4, 2011 at 7:30pm

*Venturer Advisors' Forum information is available at <http://web.ncf.ca/ad554/>*

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