

# **ONTARIO GILWELL REUNION**



**When: Sept.11 - 13th, 2009**

**Blue Springs Scout Reserve**

# What is a Gilwell Reunion?

Lord Baden-Powell organised and ran the first training course for Scouters at Gilwell Park in England in 1919. At the end of the course, to celebrate the fellowship of Scouting, he invested the Scouters as members of the 1st Gilwell Park Troop by presenting them with two each from a set of Zulu beads he had received as a gift when he was in Africa. The tradition has continued to this day around the world.

Today, Scouters who complete their Woodbadge Training are given the "Gilwell" Scarf and a leather thong containing two wooden beads. These are the mark of an individual who has invested the time needed to complete the Wood Badge training.

Each year, Gilwell Reunions are held as an opportunity for those who have completed their Woodbadge (aka Gilwellians) to meet together again. These Reunions are planned for and by Gilwellians.

In Ontario, one of these annual reunions takes place at Blue Springs Scout Reserve and all Gilwellians are invited to attend. Blue Springs Scout Reserve is located just west of the town of Acton. The first reunion of Gilwellians was held at Blue Springs in 1952 in Ebor Park. The Gilwell weekend has grown annually in attendance and now has almost 1400 participants.

Gilwellians are invited to attend the Ontario Gilwell Reunion to:

- Meet again with others that were on their Woodbadge training course
- Discover new program ideas
- Renew that spark in preparation for a new year of Scouting

Perhaps the best reasons to attend the Reunion can be summed up in the song written by Ralph Reader so many years ago: In my Dreams, I'm Going Back to Gilwell

In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell,  
To the joys and the happiness I found  
On those grand week-ends  
With my dear old friends and see the training ground.  
Oh the grass is greener back in Gilwell,  
And I breathe again that Scouting air,  
While in memory, I see B.P.  
Who never will be far from there.

*Hope we will see you at the Reunion ....*

## ***Who Can Attend?***

All participants attending the Reunion must have completed Wood Badge Part 2 (formerly Advanced) training in any section or service role and are current members in good standing of one of the following:

- Scouts Canada
- A member of an organization recognized by the World Organization Scouting Movements (WOSM) [e.g. Boy Scouts of America, The Scout Association (UK)]
- Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds

One alternative you might consider is forming a Contingent based B-P Guild.

[Click Here to See How to form a BP Guild for your Contingent.](#)

***The onus is on Contingents to ensure that each participant meets the criteria needed to attend the Reunion.***

### **For those who are members of Scouts Canada:**

It is left up to the Contingents as to how they ensure participants are members. Some suggestions are provided below:

Contingents should already collect emergency medical information for each participant. Participants should be providing their Contingent with a copy of their current signed and completed "Adult Application for Membership". This form now includes the participant's emergency medical information. It replaced the old "Physical Fitness Form" last year.

If the person is renewing their membership (by far the majority will be), a completed and signed copy of this form should be sufficient evidence of the membership in Scouts Canada.

Another possibility is to collect a copy of their Membership Summary / Membership Card from MMS).

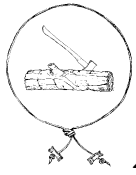
This information can be kept by the Contingent and be made available to the Reunion Committee only if necessary. When the Reunion is over, the Adult Application or the Membership Summary should be returned to the individual.

### **For members of Scouting outside of Canada:**

There is no change in the process for those who are members outside of Canada (such as those who are members of Boy Scouts America).

### **For members of the BP-Guild**

There is no change to the process outlined on the Reunion webpage.



## 2009 Spring Log n Beads

The Spring Edition of the Log n Beads provides information for Contingents & individuals who are planning to attend the Ontario Gilwell Reunion.

### *Log 'n' Beads wants to celebrate*

We want you to know that plans are well underway for the 58th Ontario Gilwell Reunion scheduled to be held at Blue Springs Scout Reserve from September 11<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Committee is working hard to ensure that this Reunion is the best one ever

*Log 'n' Beads is published twice a year by the Ontario Gilwell Reunion Committee. The Reunion Edition is made available to registered participants of the Ontario Gilwell Reunion. Opinions expressed in Log 'N' Beads are those of the authors however, everything is reviewed by the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any editorial or other material*

---

**Copyright © 2009 Ontario Gilwell Reunion Committee.** All rights reserved. **The Log 'n' Beads** is published twice a year by the Ontario Gilwell Reunion Committee. The Reunion Edition is made available to registered participants of the Ontario Gilwell Reunion.

### TABLE of CONTENTS

- Message from the Chair...
- 2009 Reunion Committee
- Accommodations
- Camping at the Reunion
- Booking Buildings at Blue Springs
- Blue Springs Emergency Procedures
- Directions to Blue Springs
- Camping at Camp Everton
- Campfire and other Ceremonies
- Buses
- CONTROL
- Fire Prevention
- First Aid
- Library
- Parking
- Sanitation
- Scout Shop
- Remembering Those Who Have Gone Home

## Message From the Chair

It was with great honour and humility that I was asked to return to the committee, effective with the February committee meeting, and take over as the 2009 Reunion Chair.

We wish Eric Peachman a continuing recovery and the committee will miss his expertise and good humour. I would also note my appreciation for Eric's continued interest and for being available for consultation or advice as well as several of the past presidents, who know who they are.

I would like to also express my appreciation to Eric's contingent **Peterborough/Queos** for its offer to continue to support the Chair role and for accepting me as an "honourary member" for the next reunion (2009) as Chair and the following one, as Past Chair as they fulfill their commitment. I am pleased to represent this contingent on the committee, in place of Eric.

At the time of writing this report, the world is facing, as usual many ongoing challenges, but some new critical ones as well.

The fellowship of Scouting, with its own issues, yet demonstrates well, that people of all races and creeds, can and do work together, for the better of all. The long friendships and strong leadership teams, that are built in scouting, across all gender and racial lines and in many countries of the world, demonstrates that, maybe ... no, in fact... the world would be better with the United Nations of Scouting and Guiding acting on its behalf. We I Scouting also demonstrate, that by following the Scouting way, we not only practice daily, but daily achieve, inclusiveness, effective leadership, and yet manage to serve the changing needs of the youth of each year or era, while having fun doing so.

I guess this becomes an obvious segway to announcing the theme for the year: **"The Game of Scouting, Growing Up is Optional"**.

As I mentioned, the world is now facing two other challenges. As I write the world Health Organization has moved to Level Five, for the first time in its history, I believe, with the fears of a world wide Pandemic.

The world is also in the midst of its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. With all of this facing us maybe some fellowship, renewal of old friendships and fun is exactly what the world and we need. I encourage all Gilwellians to return to a revitalized Gilwell this year, enjoy the games, renew your spirits and gather strength from your past and current fellowships and friends. For those among us who still actively lead or who perhaps are still near the beginning of their youth or adult leadership journey, this is will be a great start to your 2009-10 Scouting year.

### **2009 Gilwell Reunion Committee Report**

#### **Financial and Attendance**

While the Reunion's concerns are small in relation to the world issues, The Gilwell Reunion has its own challenges to face. Declining attendance, increasing costs and the seeming loss of relevance seriously challenge the ongoing viability of this reunion.

Last year a decline of about 200 to just above the 1200 registration level resulted in a charge to the small reserve accumulated over some years by former committees, wisely concerned about providing for the future of Gilwell. The prior year (2007) also saw a charge against the reserve. The problems facing us all for the current year, as discussed in the Chair's report, and other issues like the new passport rules at the America border, the price of gas and travel, may lead to a further decline in numbers, **unless** we all get out and promote and increase the value and relevance of attending the Gilwell Reunion.

The committee has reluctantly been forced by declining numbers and increasing costs to increase the registration fee this year in order to ensure that the start up reserve is not entirely wiped out and the future of Gilwell put at risk. A carry over of start up operating funds and a reserve against unforeseen circumstances is essential to operate the following Reunion as well as the current one on a fiscally sound basis. For example if a stage 6 pandemic was declared prior to holding a reunion then there would none the less be costs which would have to be paid.

The committee is also working very hard to reduce expenditures in any way possible that does not hurt the Reunion. We are reviewing every expenditure to determine what we can eliminate or reduce. Basically we are taking a zero budget approach to the budget. However, we as a committee must also be financially responsible and, realistic, and ensure that we do not operate at a deficit level. Therefore we have determined the necessary registration fee increase.

A financial report on last year's cost is presented elsewhere in this issue.

### **Gilwell Attendance and Promotion**

We are asking the contingents to work actively to recruit new members for their contingents and to ensure increased paid attendance at Gilwell Reunion. We will support them in this process and will gladly receive specific requests as to how we may do that.

We have developed a slideshow which is available on CD for any contingent wishing a copy to show others what Gilwell is about. We are in the process of developing a pamphlet as well. This will not be expensive glossy professional brochures, we do not have the budget for that, but the informational pamphlet could be printed and handed out locally. It will be available as a PDF file.

Further we are actively requesting and accepting requests to speak at any training sessions that are planned, at any other scouting events or at Contingent meetings. At these sessions we will actively promote Part II training, its assistance at the leadership level, and the right and benefits of then belonging to Gilwell contingents and attending Gilwell Reunion. We will address both Part I sessions, promoting part II completion and the at Part II session's promoting Gilwell contingent memberships and the Reunion). It is our goal to ensure that the benefits of belonging to a local Contingent coming to Gilwell reunion is introduced to all Gilwell bead recipients. We will work with any training teams to, either has the presentation made by a member of the committee, or to provide them with the CD and pamphlet for them to use. We have received already invitations to speak at some but need many more referrals.

## **Contingents Assistance**

Now comes to your part as Contingents. We are asking the contingents to actively promote attendance at Gilwell and to actively seek out the bead recipients and training teams in your area. In addition we are asking you to redouble your efforts to make the new or prospective member welcome and comfortable. Plan your activities to encourage the younger Gilwellians to come out, be a support to the work they are doing with their youth if active leaders. We are asking you to update contact information, meeting places and schedules so that we may include contingent contact information in the pamphlet and presentations. We are also asking if we may contact directly your members through direct email or mail regarding reunion matters and announcements as well as using the traditional process of using the contact which will continue for all administrative purposes such as registration packages etc.

### **HAZING: Not part of the Game of Scouting**

Part of the process of engaging new and younger Gilwellians and convincing them to attend and continue to attend Reunion must be to do away with the old concepts of “**hazing**” **newbies** at Gilwell reunions. The things that we old timers may have thought as fun, and not at all as hazing, are now not seen that way today. Let’s look for innovative ways to recognize and identify our new comers in a positive as well as fun way that in no way demeans them or there accomplishments.

### **We have received substantial negative comments re these practices and are aware that there is substantial feeling against attending because of this outdated practice.**

The concepts of babies in diapers or sucking on soothers simply are not justified in today’s world nor are any process that does not respect a person’s sense of body space, religious sensitivities or personal embarrassment. No one in scouting should be made to feel embarrassed or feel “peers’ pressure to perform any ritual which is discomforting to them or to the persons that they are approaching. Nor should anyone be subjective on the other end to receiving the results of such a process. Even the pinning of something onto someone bears risks, needs to be done with approval or offered to the individual for them to do themselves. We have had complaints of putting things on the breasts of our female members and some feeling their personal body space has not been respected. Some may take part because of “Peer Pressure” but never return again. Surely that is not our desire.-

The committee has decided that it will have a welcome area for new Gilwellians near the entrance to the field where there will be orientation, tours and where the new Gilwellians will receive a surprise gift identifying them in an appropriate manner as a first time attendee at Gilwell.

We are asking that you advise us at time of registration, or as soon before as possible, as to all members attending their very first reunion so that we may arrange sufficient quantities of our recognition surprise and adequately staff the Newbie welcome area.

We are hopeful that as a committee that we will see a **voluntary** change to the methods by which Newbies are identified so that we are not required to ban any practice. If groups wish to identify their own Newbie within their group in an appropriate manner, acceptable t-shirts, sashes, hats, etc., that respect one’s sensitivities as discussed above, as an addition to the formal Reunion

recognition., We would prefer not to have to limit same. Please keep in mind the principles of Scouting when doing so and be advised that the committee has a duty to respond to comments or concerns of any member attending.

## **Relevance and value**

In addition, it is vital that we all make the weekend once again a relevant, fun and enlightening experience. We have received substantial feedback that many consider the weekend to have become boring, not relevant both to new and to older members who fail to come and /or who fail to return.

We implore you to move away from the simple process of handing out trinkets, that we ourselves simply throw out when we get home. We ask that the **afternoon activity** be **made proactive and relevant** to those who are starting their new scouting year as well as to those who have retired from Scouting... The “old-timers” amongst us have many talents and ideas to present and the Younger Gilwellians also have ideas that would make the weekend a proactive learning and fun experience. GO to your ac=archives and dig out games, instructional information, seek out your members desires and needs and encourage input from new Gilwellians and find out what you can do to bring back you older members who may no longer attend.

We encourage you to have **night activities** that encourage people mingling, having fun and getting to make new relationships and finding new resources.

The committee will be having karaoke and dancing (not square dancing) on the parking lot of Friday, there will be a new friendship camp fire on the Friday as well, bring your tales and songs.

On Saturday there will be a karaoke/dance/pizza late night party after contingent activities are over to be held in the KIKI. Make sure your members are aware and put in their pizza orders as we will be keeping the Guelph Pizza Pizza very busy and would like them to have an idea in advance what to expect.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

We are hoping for main field activities, demonstrations, displays and need your ideas and contact information for presentations that you feel would be of interest to our Gilwellians.

Please send same to [dcouttsca@hotmail.com](mailto:dcouttsca@hotmail.com). Also invitations to training sessions, other adult scouting events, contingent meetings etc. where you would like someone to speak may be sent there as well. These may not involve the onsite selling of goods or fundraising.

This is YOUR REUNION. Lets make it the best attended and most worthwhile in years and set the stage for it to be the must attend starter for the Scout Year in the future. Those of you who have contacts with Gilwellians invite them to come whether from across Canada, the USA or elsewhere. Know someone who has not been for a while then get them to come, drag them back if you must, and remind them it is fun. (Registration with a World Scouting organization is required. In Canada special memberships at reasonable cost are available with the BP Guild in Canada which meets attendee insurance requirements.) {webmaster inserts links to Scouts Canada registration and BP Guild

If any one has some displays or presentations, ideas and contacts that could be presented on the main field please contact the committee through the Chair at [dcouttsca@hotmail.com](mailto:dcouttsca@hotmail.com)

**See you at a new, fun, active and relevant 2009 Gilwell reunion.**

Yours in Scouting  
David E Coutts  
2009 Gilwell Reunion Committee Chair.

## **2009 Ontario Reunion Committee**

### **Chair**

David Coutts, Peterborough / QEOS

### **Past Chair**

Cindy Burgetz, North Waterloo

### **Accommodation and First Aid**

Jackie French, Hamilton

### **Campfire, Program and Fire Prevention**

Rick Koohtow, Whitby

### **Control MAIN**

Sheila Fraser, Owasco

### **Control Ebor Park**

Jennifer Levitt Birdsall, Wellington

### **Elections and Scouts' Own**

Pat DeMarsh-Hudson, Niagara

### **Log 'N Beads**

Brian Powell, South Lake Simcoe

### **Meet and Greet**

Lloyd Clarke, Fruitbelt

### **Parking**

Sheila Bayne, BYGTWO

### **Registration**

Bruce Wannamaker, Mississauga

### **Sanitation**

Helen Scott, Canal Connection

### **Store**

Peter Nicholas, London

### **Young Gilwellian Representative**

Shawn Jones, Wellington

### **Canadian Fellowship of BP Guilds \*\***

Jane M Johnston, President

### **Blue Springs Camp \*\***

Mark Young, BSSR Camp Committee

### **Scouts Canada Liaison \*\***

Tony Copperthwaite - Central Escarpment Council

### **Secretary - Treasurer \*\***

Bob Prentice

### **Webmaster \*\***

Harry Niezen

(\*\* non-voting members)

# Accommodations

## INDOOR ACCOMMODATIONS

Indoor accommodations at Blue Springs are limited to Gilwell Reunion Committee Members. Those with medical conditions requiring indoor accommodations are invited to check the off-site indoor accommodations listed, or make other arrangements. Remember to check in early as the best beds go fast.

## TRAILERS

Trailers are allowed in Blue Heron. All Trailers must be "self-contained". There is NO EXTRA CHARGE. There are NO electrical outlets and no sanitation dumping stations in Blue Heron.

Special Sites with electrical outlets for medical or life support devices are available. THESE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE WITH THE BLUE SPRINGS CAMP COMMITTEE. A fee of \$10.00 is applicable, paid directly to the Camp Committee. To make arrangements, e-mail [bluesprings@sympatico.ca](mailto:bluesprings@sympatico.ca).

N.B. This service is not available through the Gilwell Registration Committee, the Blue Springs Camp Office, nor the Central Ontario Administration Centre in Toronto.

## OFF-SITE ACCOMMODATIONS

The following information (except for Camps) is from the Yellow Pages and Internet. It is offered without comment. We suggest you book early to avoid disappointment and get full details from the motels, hotels and parks that you contact.

GUELPH	Desert Inn 63 Woodlawn W. Guelph, Ont. N1H1G8 (519)-836-4351
Best Western Emerald Inn 106 Carden, Guelph, Ont. N1H3A3 (519)-836-1331	
Borg's Wayfare Motel (905)-875-3818 19 Woodlawn W., Guelph Ont. N1H1G8 (519)-822-3041	Manor Motor Hotel 501 Wellington W., Guelph, Ont. N1H 3K5 (519)-836-1360
College Inn Hotel & Conference Centre 716 Gordon, Guelph, Ont. (519)-836-1240	Maples Inn 25 Wellington W., Guelph, Ont. N1H 7T9 (519)-823-1090
Days Inn Guelph 785 Gordon, Guelph, Ont. N1G1Y8 519-822-9112	Parkview Motel 721 Woolwich, Guelph, Ont. N1H 3Z2 (519)-836-1410
	Super 8 Motel Guelph 281 Woodlawn W., Guelph, Ont. N1H7K7 519-836-5850

MILTON  
Fifth Wheel Truck Stop  
Hwy 25 & 401, Milton, Ont. L9T 3G9  
(905)-878-8441

Quality Inn  
161 Chisholm, Milton, Ont.  
905-875-3818

GEORGETOWN  
Georgetown Motor Inn  
365 Guelph, Georgetown, Ont. L7G4B6  
(905)-877-6986

Cedar Springs Motel  
RR1, Georgetown, Ont. L7G4S4  
905-877-8866

## **OFF-SITE OUTDOOR ACCOMMODATIONS**

CAMP EVERTON - Indoor and tenting accommodation

ACTON  
Smallwood Acres Trailer Park  
519-853-1849

Nor-Halton Campground  
519-853-2959

GUELPH  
Guelph Township Rec. Park  
519-824-4770

Maple Grove Trailer Park  
519-823-1793

## **Camping at the Reunion**

(General Guidelines for each Reunion Participant)

### **Guidelines for Participants**

- You must be a Gilwellian to attend Reunion
- Woodbadge beads must be worn at all times
- Day visitors must register at the Blue Heron Parking Lot
- No alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs
- Pets and children are not permitted
- Only hand moved wheeled vehicles allowed on the main field as directed by Control
- No selling of any article unless authorization has been obtained from Scouts Canada and the Reunion Committee at or before the Feb. meeting of Gilwell Committee
- Sleep areas are quiet from 11:00pm until 8:00am
- Sing songs and other fun activities are to be held on the Marquee Fields

The Committee wishes to remind our fellow Gilwellians that the Duty of Care applies to us in the way we treat our youth and the way we treat our adult volunteers. What you may think is fun, your newbies may find humiliating and embarrassing and we ask you to consider that before you dress them up or what ever you intend to do to/with them. We can't nor won't force you to do anything but we want attendance to go up and not down. The argument that "I had to go through it" does not make it right.**Registration**

- Registration packages can be downloaded from the Ontario Gilwell Reunion Website

### **Camp Layout**

- Goat Hill and Blue Heron are reserved for sleeping areas as identified
- All cooking and eating restricted to Whiskin & Ebor Park Field. Other areas of Blue Springs and Blue Heron may be assigned for special purposes during the week-end

### **Vehicles**

- No vehicles are allowed on the fields
- After unloading at the assigned area, vehicles are to be returned to the Parking area
- An area in the parking lot will be designated for Medical Parking

### **Waste**

- Keep your waste to a minimum
- Divide the wet and dry waste
- Provide plastic bags and seal each bag
- Take bagged waste to the collection area at the loop
- Gray water is to be deposited in bins provided

### **Sanitation**

- Outdoor toilets (KYBOS) are provided
- Toilets are designated Male - Female
- Ridley Lodge is OUT-OF-BOUNDS

### **Fire**

- Drop tent immediately
- Sound alarm (3 whistle blasts)

## **PROCESS FOR BOOKING BUILDINGS & ADIRONDAKS**

### **BY CONTINGENTS FOR THE REUNION WEEKEND**

1. A Communiqué will be issued after the February meeting to all Contingent Reps informing them of what is available, the fees and occupancy numbers. The Communiqué will include the deadline for the submission of a Request and the contact information for the Committee member who is managing the process - currently the Past-chair of the Reunion Committee.
2. To request a building, the Contingent should include: Contingent Name, Contact person and the Contingent's first and second choice.
3. All requests will be brought to the agenda of the May meeting of the Ontario Gilwell Reunion Committee under New Business.
4. If more than 1 (one) Contingent requests the same location, all names will be placed in a "Hat" and 1 (one) pulled. The remainders will be allocated to their alternate unless more than 1 (one) is again requested.
5. If more than 1 (one) Contingent requests the same alternate repeat Step 4 above, unless the Alternate went as a Primary Request.
6. If no alternate is listed, or in both draws the Contingent is unsuccessful, the "Luck of the Draw shall be final".
7. On Monday, immediately following the Saturday May meeting, the Past-Chair shall contact all "Requesting Contingents" and inform them as to the outcome of their request.
8. The Past-Chair will then call the Camping Department, at the Central Ontario Administration Centre and provide the name of the successful Contingent, including contact person and billing address information.
9. The Camping Department will then invoice accordingly and forward any accompanying Camp Rules poste haste.

N.B. Contingents will be made aware of the following:

1. This is a REQUEST ONLY, and not binding upon the Reunion Committee or Scouts Canada.
2. Only 1 (one) main and 1 (one) alternate request will be accepted, if there are more on the list only the first and second will be considered.
3. The decision of the Committee is final and non-negotiable.
4. All monies due are payable to the Central Ontario Administration Centre upon receipt. Failure to do so within 60 (sixty) calendar days negates a successful request, thus allowing the next Contingent "first right of refusal". If no other Contingent requested said building/adirondak, a Communiqué will be issued announcing availability and the process shall begin again, however with a much shorter turnaround time.
5. NSF cheques will precipitate the same results as 4. above. The only exception to this will be a Bank/Financial Institute acknowledged/rectified error.
6. The Camping Department will inform the Past-Chair of infractions 4. and 5. as soon as possible in order that the Past-Chair may re-book the space.
7. Refunds shall be in accordance with current Scout Canada policies.

## REQUEST FOR BOOKINGS AT REUNION 2009

The following is a list of on-site accommodations that may be available for request at 2009 Reunion. Included are: the number of occupants per site; what each offers and the fee.

<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Acton Hut	8			\$60
Radial Lodge	10	Fridge & Stove	Indoor Facilities	\$185
Adirondack #1	10		KYBOS	\$60
Adirondack #2	10		KYBOS	\$60
Adirondack #3	10		KYBOS	\$60
Chickadee Pavillion	10	Enclosed	Wood Stove	\$95
Mallard Nest Pavillion	10	Enclosed	Wood Stove	\$85
Crab Apple Pavillion	10	Enclosed	Wood Stove	\$85
Swallow Nest Pavillion	10	Enclosed		\$85

Please submit your request for accommodation indicating your Contingents first and second choice of buildings to Cindy Burgetz ([cindy\\_burgetz@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy_burgetz@yahoo.com)); Ontario Gilwell Reunion Past Chair no later than June 15th, 2009.

Contingent: \_\_\_\_\_

Coontingent Contact \_\_\_\_\_

First Building Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Building Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# Blue Springs Emergency Procedures

## Ambulance and Fire - Calling 911

All emergencies are handled by 911 services. When placing your call please give the emergency gate number (see below) to the 911 operator. If you do not have a cell phone or cannot get a signal with your cell phone you can use the payphone under the main balcony at the rear of Ridley lodge or go to the Ranger's house to make the 911 call.

- Main Camp Gate #1 - 14045 6th Line Nassagaweya
- Ranger Entrance Gate #2 - 14009 6th Line Nassagaweya
- Camp Blue Heron Gate #3 - 14014 6th Line Nassagaweya
- Ebor Park Gate #4 - 14175 6th Line Nassagaweya

*Please send someone to meet the ambulance or fire truck at the gate so they are able to find you quickly.*

Please notify the camp ranger or warden on duty that an ambulance has been called.

Fire protection systems that are in the lodges do not automatically communicate alarms to the fire department. You must call 911 in the event of a fire.

The designated group fire leader should evacuate the building and proceed to the evacuation location posted in the building and listed in the fire information you received at check in. Account for all participants. All groups will be notified by the ranger or warden on duty when it is safe to return to buildings.

In all other areas of the camp that do not have fire protection systems such as camping areas and pavilions please follow the same evacuation and emergency procedures. Inform neighboring campsites if possible without risk. Do not return to the area for any reason.

## Missing Persons

All missing persons should be reported to the Camp Ranger or warden on duty after 15 minutes has passed. Please be prepared to give a brief description of the missing person, clothing worn and last known location. If they are unable to be located quickly the Halton Regional Police will be called.

# Directions to Blue Springs

Blue Springs Scout Reserve is located 60km west of Toronto, Ontario, Canada at 14009 6th Line Nassagaweya, near Acton (Halton Hills), Ontario. Considered the "Hub of Ontario" Blue Springs is within easy driving distance to all that Southern Ontario has to offer. You can get to Blue Springs easily via these five major routes:

If you are coming from:

Toronto (GTA)

- Take the 401 West past Mississauga and past Oakville until you get to Milton.
- Take regional Hwy #25 north from Milton for about 10 minutes until you get to side road # 25
- Turn left on side road #25.
- Follow side road #25 west for about 5 minutes until you reach 6th Line Nassagaweya.
- Turn right and drive for about 3 minutes. Blue springs main gate #14014 will be on your right hand side

London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge

- Take the 401 East past Guelph until you get to the Guelph Line at Campbellville.
- Take Guelph Line north from Campbellville for about 10 minutes. Turn right at side road # 25.
- Take side road # 25 east for about 5 minutes until you reach 6th Line Nassagaweya.
- Turn left and go north for about 3 minutes. Blue springs main gate #14014 will be on your right hand side

Hamilton, Burlington, Niagara Region

- From the QEW/403 take the Guelph Line North.
- Continue north of the 401 on Guelph Line.
- After 10 minutes of driving north of the 401 on Guelph Line you will reach side road #25.
- Turn right on side road # 25. Drive east for about 5 minutes until you reach 6th Line Nassagaweya.
- Turn left and go north for about 3 minutes. Blue springs main gate #14014 will be on your right hand side.

Guelph

- Take Hwy. #7 east to Rockwood
- Turn right at the traffic light in Rockwood and proceed east on Hwy#7 for about 5 minutes until you get to 6th Line Nassagaweya.
- Turn right on 6th Line Nassagaweya and go south for 2 minutes. Blue springs main gate #14014 will be on your left hand side.

## Georgetown

- Take Hwy. #7 west through Acton.
- Turn right at the traffic light in Acton and follow the curve of the road left (you're still on Hwy#7).
- Drive for about 3 minutes until you get to 6th Line Nassagaweya.
- Turn left on 6th Line Nassagaweya and go south for 2 minutes. Blue springs main gate #14014 will be on your left hand side.

## Camping at Camp Everton

Camp Everton is conveniently located about 8 km from Blue Springs. The camp offers flush toilets, showers, indoor sleeping, Trailer/RV sites and Tent sites.

Pre-registration is required for the use of this facility. Upon arrival, before you set up, check in with the camp warden for site location.

Shuttle Bus Service is not being provided to Blue Springs Camp

Rules Include:

- no trace camping;
- no open fires;
- quiet after 11:00pm;
- no alcoholic beverages.
- No arrivals after 10:00pm.

Please Note: Ladies also stay in Wheeler Lodge

Cots/Mattresses WILL NOT be available. Sleeping bags and pads are each individual's responsibility.

Unheated indoor Facilities

\$25.00 per person per weekend (Friday and Saturday nights)

Trailer and RV

\$10.00 per person per night

Tents

\$5.00 per person per night

---

# Camp Everton Application must be received by August 21st, 2009

Please Complete this Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Application must include payment in full by cheque payable to Scouts Canada

Mail Application and Cheque to:

Scouts Canada  
Central Ontario Administration Centre  
265 Yorkland Blvd, 2nd Floor  
North York, Ontario M2J 5C7  
Attn: Ted Aylan-Parker

Indoor Accommodations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Male @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Female @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tents:

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$5.00 per person/per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trailers / RVs:

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons @ \$10.00 per person/per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Payable \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Reunion Program

There a number of Ceremonies that take place through the Reunion weekend. During these times, the road is closed and the Reunion Shuttle buses do not run. Participants should not miss:

## Saturday

10am Opening Ceremonies, Guest Speaker and Election Speeches

3pm Parade of Years, Tea on the Lawn, Elections (\*\*Please note the time change)

8pm Campfire

## Sunday

10am Flag Break and Scouts Own

11am Closing



## Buses

We have two shuttle buses this year from Denny's Bus Lines in Acton. They will run the loop during the following times:

Friday 1:00 PM – 12:30 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM – 1:00 AM

Sunday 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

*\*\* Remember the buses will not run during the ceremonies or during the dinner hour on Saturday.*



## CONTROL

OWASCO is in control again this year & we will endeavor to help you get "set-up" and "leave" as quickly and painlessly as possible so that everyone can spend as much time as possible enjoying the reunion. Here are a few things you can do to help us achieve this:

- If you have a preference of Whiskin Field or Ebor Park for your marquee, please let us know by indicating this on your registration form. We will do our best to accommodate your request.
- Please submit ACCURATE DIMENSIONS (canvas only) OF YOUR MARQUEE when registering. If you are using a rental company, please advise them that you will only be allotted the size you originally submitted. ALL marquees must meet CAN/ULC S-190-M "Standards for Flame Test of Flame Resistant Fabrics and Films".
- TRAILERS - it is imperative that if your contingent has a trailer that needs to stay with your marquee & is outside of the dimensions of your marquee you MUST include this on your registration form (include the size of the trailer), this will allow us to allot appropriate space for the trailer. If it is not included on your registration form the trailer will be removed & stored in the parking area for the weekend.
- No Cook Tents are allowed.
- Rental Marquees: please advise your rental company that they will only be permitted to set up marquees after 8:00 am on Thurs Sept 10, 2009.
- Committee Contingents are permitted to set up after 5:00 pm Thurs Sept 10, 2009.
- Non-working contingents may enter Blue Springs after 1:00 pm on Fri Sept 11, 2009, but prior to this date & time they may set up sleeping tents in Blue Heron.
- Trailers will be moved on/off Whiskin Field via the Ranger's tractor only. Please line up in the parking area to have your trailer moved.
- If you are asked by a member of the CONTROL TEAM to move your vehicle please do so immediately.

OWASCO thanks you for your co-operation in making this Gilwell reunion fun for everyone.

# Fire Prevention



We wish to address all contingents attending this year's reunion on the issue of safety and the reality of fire prevention prior to coming to this year's reunion.

Please ensure that all of the equipment that you intend to use at the reunion for cooking has already been pre-tested prior to setting up at the reunion. Last year we encountered several contingents that had very poorly maintained cooking equipment and this cost you time set backs on when you could start to cook. Some of you did not have any spare equipment and had to run into town to procure whatever you were required to get. This setback can be avoided by thoroughly checking your equipment first.

Each contingent is asked to appoint, or vote, or delegate a fire safety officer. Last year we ran into several contingents where they didn't even know who the person was, let alone was he/she there to sign off on the inspection.

Please ensure that your delegated fire officer is on the "first to arrive in crew". This helps to speed things up when getting your equipment checked out by us.

Please watch for our people wearing the red fireman's helmets.



# First Aid

First Aid is on the west side of Ridley Lodge - the entrance is by the paved loop

If someone requires assistance, we are available 24 hours a day.

First Aiders will transport your casualty safely - please do not carry someone to us if they are not well.

If you are a first aider, doctor or nurse and want to offer your assistance, stop by and you are welcome. We always appreciate extra help.

**A REMINDER TO EARLY BIRDS:** Working contingents should designate their own First Aid Personnel until the MedVents are on site. (Friday at 6:00 PM)



## **Library**

Located in the lower section of Ridley Lodge, entrance by the phone booth. Come, relax and enjoy a quiet moment reliving the memories from your Part II.

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

(Same as Store Hours)

#### **Friday**

7pm - 11pm,

#### **Saturday**

11:00am (*immediately after Opening ceremonies*) to 2pm

3:30pm - 5:00pm.

**NO SUNDAY HOURS**



## **Parking**

BYGTWO looks forward to greeting our fellow Gilwellians on their arrival at this year's reunion. We are seeking the help of any Gilwellian or Reunion Contingent who would like to assist us with parking duties. Please contact the Reunion Committee and mark the email subject line "Parking Assistance". We thank you for your support.

### **Available Parking Space.**

As anyone who has attended the Reunion in the past is aware, parking is limited. We encourage and request that you car pool wherever possible.

### **Arrival**

On arrival at the Reunion, you will be directed into the Blue Heron Camp Grounds. It is imperative that you follow the directions of the parking personnel. We must clear the side road as quickly as possible. To that end, you will proceed up the lane about 100 yards, where our smiling Gilwellians will give you further instructions and help you to fill out your parking pass which must be visible on your windshield at all times. This will help us to locate you, should the need arise.

### **Handicapped Parking**

There will be a very limited number of parking spaces reserved for those with an Ontario disabled parking permit. This permit must be displayed to park in the disabled area. We will be adding an extra row of disabled parking. If you are an able bodied driver, with a disabled passenger, PLEASE, drop your passenger at the gate and go and park in the back. This will save the spots in front for those vehicles, where the disabled person is the driver. The same protocols regarding handicapped permits, used by the Peterborough / QEOS contingents in 2007, will be administered again this year, and will be explained upon your arrival.

### **Shuttle Bus**

There will be a shuttle bus service provided between the parking lots (including the back lots), Whisken Field and Ebor Park, on a regular basis.

### **Day Visitors**

For those only attending Saturday, we request that you follow the directions of the parking personnel. We will be parking some of the day visitors in the staging area of the field. The staging area is the area used to line up contingents to get down to the field to retrieve their equipment. For day visitors parked in the staging area, it is IMPERATIVE that you move your vehicle before morning. This means that your vehicle must be moved before 5:00am.

### **Pets**

Under no circumstances are any pets to be brought to the reunion, nor will they be allowed to be left in the parking lot. Leave your pets at home.

# Sanitation

## KYBOS



This year there will be at least 25 portable Kybos in addition to the permanent ones. They will be set up in strategic locations throughout the camp. Markers on field will designate use, Male or Female. They have the usual amenities, except running water. Please DO NOT throw kitchen waste into the Kybos. Please make sure that only sanitary waste is discarded into the portables. Anything else makes pumping out difficult and costly.

The flush toilets and showers in Ridley Lodge (aka the H Hut or Training lodge) are out-of-bounds.

## WASTE WATER

Waste or Grey Water disposal is available for waste cooking and washing liquids only. Cutlery should be removed before dumping. Garbage should go into the appropriate disposal bins. Solid items clog up tank drains and suction hoses, delaying emptying the tanks and causing additional expense.

## GARBAGE

Items which do not fit into the above categories are `garbage'. These should be placed in tied garbage bags and deposited in the bin marked "GARBAGE". This year, consider taking any compost material home for your garden. You may start a trend.

## RECYCLING

You can recycle corrugated cardboard, tin cans, glass, plastic and newspapers in the bins marked "recycling". The same guidelines apply as in most Ontario towns with regard to what can be recycled.

## PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

Outdoor washing facilities for personal cleanliness are available as usual at Ebor Park and Blue Heron. Wet naps are available for personal use only at the Kybos. Showers and in-door facilities will be available this year.

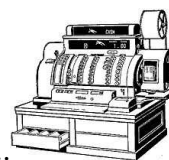
## COOKING & EATING

All cooking and eating will be done in kitchens on the main fields.

*Welcome back to Blue Springs Scout Reserve!*



Visit our Reunion Scout Shop...



... and check out all our new items,

too many to mention!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the 2009 - 10 Catalogue.

**Introducing new Scouts Canada products and Crests**

For the scouting wardrobe,

**A Golf Shirt with Scouts Canada Logo**

Very stylish and sleek with quick drying material - your choice of navy or black!

*For special delivery to the Reunion or mail orders....*

*please contact the Brampton Scout Shop at 905-451-3249 or email [bramptonshop@scouts.ca](mailto:bramptonshop@scouts.ca)*

**STORE HOURS**

**Friday**

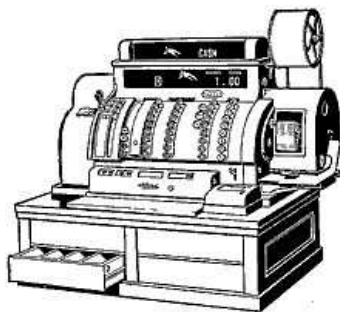
2- 4pm (*for Working Contingents only*),

7pm - 11pm,

**Saturday**

11:00am (*immediately after Opening ceremonies*) to 2pm

3:30pm - 5:00pm





**You're Invited !**

**Be a part of an Ontario Gilwell Reunion First.**

**Hosted by the Young Gilwellian Representative and Friends.**

ALL Gilwellians Welcome.

Late Night Pizza Parlor and Karaoke

in and around the Keke after Campfire.

Pizza provided fresh and HOT Courtesy of Domino's Pizza.

Pepperoni and Vegetarian Available.

Only \$2 per LARGE slice.



**Add your Contingents pizza order to your registration form.**

**(Below mug and pin order.)**

Pizza Tickets will be distributed with Mugs and Pins.

---

*Take a minute to visit the Ontario Gilwell Reunion's Young Gilwellian Blog.*

[www.younggilwellians.wordpress.com](http://www.younggilwellians.wordpress.com)



## Remembering Those Who Have Gone Home

*"Would you like to honour Gilwellians who have Gone Home?"*

Please consider adding a plaque to the Cairn (located near the entrance to BSSR). The costs are as follows

Initial plaque \$250.00

Additional names when added after Initial charge \$20

Names 2-? would be an additional \$5 each if added at the same time as name 1 In other words:

1 name = \$20

2 names = \$25

3 names = \$ 30.

If you are interested please contact:

Fred Whiskin [fwhiskin@cogeco.ca](mailto:fwhiskin@cogeco.ca) or Mark Young [bluesprings@sympatico.ca](mailto:bluesprings@sympatico.ca)