

An Evening to Remember

Early last November, Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, was on a tour through the interior of British Columbia. He found time to visit the Kootenay town of Castlegard where Conservative Party members of the Southern Interior were invited to an evening meeting.

Callum Mathieson, 10, has been active in Scouting for four years and knew that the Prime Minister had been in Scouting as a boy. Being interested in politics for some time, Callum bugged his grandpa for two days to wangle an invitation, as he "had something he wanted to give to the Prime Minister". (His grandfather is a member of MP Candidate Zandee's Conservative campaign team.)

Following the Prime Minister's speech, Callum was invited to come onstage to have his picture taken with Mr. Harper and Mr. Zandee. Callum asked the Prime Minister what he liked most about being a Cub. Mr. Harper replied, "Although my group didn't do a lot of camping ... I really liked the games they played." Callum then presented him with a wolf head leather coin purse he had made with his pack last year.

On the way home in the car, Callum mused that he might want to become a politician. Reminded that politicians have to be good talkers, Callum saw no problem there. "Grandpa, you know me. I really talk a lot all the time."
– Margie Mathieson, mother and Cub leader, 1st Oliver Scout Group, BC.



Photo: Jason Ransom, Official photographer for the Prime Minister

On Top of the World

Looking for a chance to stretch their backpacking skills, the 18th Red Deer Venturer Company set out one sunny October weekend to hike to Landslide Lake, west of Rocky Mountain House. Meeting Friday evening, they drove for 2.5 hours before setting up camp at the base of the mountain. Saturday saw them climb 12 km up and over the pass to camp at Landslide Lake. The snow and breezy conditions made them glad they were well prepared for the change in altitude. Sunday required an 18 km hike along a different trail through the woods along the Cline River and back to the vehicle. All in all it was a great adventure.

– Advisor Michael Corpe, 18th Red Deer Venturer Company, AB.



Photo: Michael Corpe

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SCOUTING MEMORIES

The East Braintree Manitoba Scout Group was started in 1931 by Bill Kelly. With no money for uniforms, each of the 12 youth had to cut two cords of wood, using a bucksaw and an axe, in the summer months while out of school. The parents helped get the wood out of the forest and loaded onto a flatcar for shipment to Winnipeg. The wood was then sold and the money purchased pants, a shirt, belt, hat and scarf for each youth.

In his letter to *The Leader*, Raymond wrote: "This picture shows James Davis (age 10), Bill Kelly (Scoutmaster) and myself, Raymond Barrett (age 10). James walked four miles to my home and then we walked two miles together to the "white house" for our meetings. When Bill Kelly moved away, we had to walk an extra mile to the new leader's home. At the start of each meeting, we had to do exercises, even after our long walk! Our meetings were held in his yard, under canvas shelters if it was raining."

– Raymond Barrett from Winnipeg, MB still recalls his Scouting days with enthusiasm.



Photo: Courtesy of Raymond Barrett

For Those who Serve

Those of you who attended CJ'07 may have seen the Chief of Security, Michel Berube, as he worked day and night to keep everyone and everything safe. A Scout leader within the Quebec Council, he is a Corporal and Assistant Coordinator of Emergency Services, "C" Division RCMP, Montreal, in his "real" job. Along with 53 others, Michel was awarded the Order of Merit of the Police last May at Rideau Hall by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada and Chief Scout.

The Order was created in October 2000 to recognize conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members and employees of the Canadian police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community. Congratulations Mike.

– Errol Feldman wanted to share Mike's success with the Scouting community.



Photo: MClJ/Issa Paré, Rideau Hall

Welcome Santa

Once again it was time for the Amherstburg Christmas Santa Claus parade. Floats were to be designed with a theme of Lighting Santa's Way. The 2nd Amherstburg Scout Group decorated their float as a winter camping scene with over 500 lights on it (plus a lot of very excited Beavers and young Cubs). What an awesome time!

– Tracey Bradwell, Group Administrator for 2nd Amherstburg Scout Group, ON.



Photo: Tracey Bradwell

Scout Memorial Park Dedicated

A crowd gathered at St. Joseph Street Park to cut the red ribbon last July, opening the Scout Memorial Park. It was a perfect time to celebrate 100 years of Scouting and the cooperation between Scouting and the community. Calling the park, "the perfect place for anyone ever involved in Scouting in any capacity to be recognized for their efforts", Mayor John Adams assisted Scouting youth with the ceremony. Trees have already been planted there in memory of several Scouting volunteers who have Gone Home. X

– Original article courtesy of the Leamington Post, ON.



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