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Happy December! As the weather turns colder, may your hearts be warmed by thoughts of family and friends, and your days filled with kindness and generosity toward others. We hope you continue to stay safe, avoid unnecessary personal risks and continue checking in on neighbors and each other. If you know of any families affected by the flooding and in need of a hand, please let us know.

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NOLB Participation Subsidy – Procedure Update Reminder

Scouts Canada is making an update to the application process for the NOLB Participation Subsidy, in order to make it easier for families to access the support they need to be able to participate in great Scouting adventures.

Parents can now apply for financial assistance to help pay for uniforms, equipment, and program activity fees directly through their MyScouts account by selecting the NOLB Fund Request option.

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Most applications will be assessed immediately, and the Group will be notified of any funds that are disbursed. Groups are responsible to allocate the funds appropriately for the intended purpose. For more information, please see the [No One Left Behind \(NOLB\) Participation Subsidy Procedure](#)

Strategic Plan and Annual Report

The Board of Governors launched Scouts Canada's new strategic plan which aims to strengthen Scouts Canada's impact and provide access to great, safe Scouting adventures to more youth across Canada during the Annual General Meeting on Nov 20th and 21st. You can access the plan on Scouts.ca:

<https://www.scouts.ca/about/strategic-plan.html>

You can also access Scouts Canada's 2020-2021 Annual Report at: <https://www.scouts.ca/annual-report-2020-21/>

Chief Scout

We are pleased to announce our new Chief Scout – Les Stroud. To learn more about the “Survivorman” please read Les Stroud's biography at [Leadership: Chief Scout](#)

Scout Seeds Fundraiser

Scout Seeds are back, and a very fun activity to do with your Sections. We will be launching the campaign in early February to coincide with early growing season for those avid gardeners. Keep an eye out for the material in January.

World Scout Jamboree 2023

The next World Scout Jamboree is confirmed for August 1st to 12th, 2023, and will be held in SaeManGeum, Republic of Korea. More than 50,000 Scouting participants from over 170 countries will gather together for WSJ 2023.

Canada is pleased to be sending a Canadian Contingent comprised of youth and adults from both Scouts Canada and L'Association des Scouts du Canada (ASC). Participants must have been born between 22 July 22, 2005 and July 31, 2009, and only Scouts are eligible to participate.

Registration for the Canadian Contingent opens on **December 1st, 2021**. If you are interested in learning more or registering for your ultimate adventure, you can visit www.scouts.ca/wj23.

On Sunday, December 5th at 4:30pm PDT, the Canadian Contingent team will be hosting an online Information. Everyone is invited to join us and get all the latest information regarding this amazing adventure! If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to join: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

You can also follow the CanadianWJ team on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadaWJ2023>

Or sign up to join their newsletter at:

https://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/85084_7801255/390727/

Winter Challenge

We are only 60 days away from our next youth challenge! This 4 week Claim the Flame: Scoutdoor Games winter challenge will focus on Outdoor Adventure Skills.

The youth challenges are designed to create program experience consistency across the country and are a great way for all Scouters to find new and innovative ways to implement great Scouting adventures.

Find out more about the Claim the Flame on our new webpage: <https://www.scouts.ca/claim-the-flame/home.html>.

Scouters' Guide coming soon!

Diversity & Inclusion Audit

If you are excited to provide input into where Scouts Canada programs, practices, policies, imagery, or areas of Scouting that should be examined more closely, and be more inclusive, we invite you to add your name to contribute to our 2022 audit process below:

 [AUDIT VOLUNTEER TEAM SIGN UP.xlsx](#)

Development Opportunities

Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge, check out our new upcoming learning opportunities coming soon!

Spotlight



The 1st Walnut Grove Scout Group participated in the “Thank you We Care” campaign at the end of October. Expressing their appreciation and gratitude to Health Care Workers and First Responders for all they have done and continue to do, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts delivered chocolate bars, framed posters, prints and thank you cards to their local fire halls, Respiratory center and Langley Memorial Hospital. “The youth said they were moved by the experience and glad to be able to do this.”

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- December 13, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Colony/Pack Scouter Mug Up – **CANCELLED**
- December 16, 7:00pm – Fraser Valley Council Troop Scouter Mug Up - **CANCELLED**
- December 16, 8:00pm – Fraser Valley Company and Crew Mug Up (for Venturers, Rovers & Company and Crew Scouters) - **CANCELLED**
- January 15th – Virtual Youth Recognition Event. Emails have been sent to Award Recipients and their Contact Scouters.
- January 19th, 7:00pm – GC Mug Up at Camp McLean (Erickson Fire Pit)
- January 30th – Surrey Eagles Scout Night – Surrey Eagles v. Alberni Valley Bulldogs. Contact Barb Taylor at barb.taylor@scouts.ca to purchase your "Group" tickets (no individual orders please). Deadline to purchase and pay for tickets is January 16th.