

TO: Group Commissioners

CC: Group Support Scouters, Resource Team, SRMs

Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 29 (please share with your team)

Good Morning,

As we enter the season of Scouting year-end wrap-ups, please extend our thanks and congratulations to all Scouters. This year has been challenging, from cohorts, online meetings, to multiple weather events, and you have stood up to it all gracefully, and have made Scouting the thriving and growing movement that it is. On behalf of the Fraser Valley Council team, Congratulations and THANK YOU so much for all you have done for the youth this year! Please remember to refresh with summer adventures (when summer finally arrives) and enjoy this wonderful, ever-changing world.

September is just around the corner.... Think of the possibilities!

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Removal of Vaccine Mandate

As communicated to members on Sunday June 12, the Board has made the decision to lift the mandatory vaccination requirement for members age 12+ as of **September 1, 2022**. Until that time, the policy remains in effect.

An email to parents notifying them of this policy change was sent on Tuesday June 14, along with updates to the News & Events page and the COVID-19 FAQ page. As stated in the email, the significant uptake of vaccinations across the country has contributed to the re-evaluation of the policy. This change is also in line with many private sector companies, other youth serving organizations, educational institutions, and health agencies.

Scouts Canada continues to strongly encourage our members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and will continue to follow all federal, provincial and local regulations as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes revisiting this policy should circumstances about the pandemic change once again.

Call for Volunteers: Pillar 1 Evaluation Team

Are you looking for an opportunity to join a new team at Scouts Canada and shape the future of Scouting through improved program quality and an enhanced volunteer experience. As part of the Pillar 1 Evaluation Team, you will help evaluate, design and implement core Scouting organizational changes in alignment with Scouts Canada's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. If you are an innovator and passionate about Scouting and ensuring youth from across the country can benefit from an outstanding outdoor program, this is the role for you.

Find out more on the volunteer opportunities page. Deadline for application has been extended to **Wednesday, June 22nd**.

Scholarships – Deadline Extended to July 1, 2022

Deadline for Scholarship submissions has been extended to **July 1, 2022**.

If you or someone you know are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the 2022-2023 school year and are currently an active and registered member of Scouts Canada, our Scholarship Program might be able to financially help you in your endeavors!

We see the Scholarship Program as a stepping-stone toward evolving the lives of today's youth into the well-rounded, motivated adults of tomorrow. Scholarships are awarded to Scouting youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, and a desire to create a better world. To learn more about the scholarships that are available — visit the Scouts Canada Scholarship page. Good luck!

Scout Coffee Crests – Now Available on ScoutShop

Scout Coffee crests are finally here – and available for purchase on ScoutShop! They are also available on the Scout Coffee website – but only as an add-on item at check-out when purchasing coffee.

Trello – Brand Centres & Brand Guidelines

With the recent changes made to the Resources pages within Scouts.ca - the main Brand Centre has been moved to Trello. Links on each of the Section Scouter pages are available and direct users to Trello. Users can either enter an email address to create an account or use their Google account to login.

We have been using Trello for the last 18 months and have separate Boards for items such as Fundraising, Social Media and the 2022 Editorial Calendar.

The Brand Centre items, including:

- Scout Canada logo,
- Letterhead and PowerPoint Templates
- Canadian Path graphics by Section
- OAS skills graphics
- SPICES graphics and
- Bring A Friend materials

Can all be found on the Brand & Strategy Board of Trello.

Brand Guidelines – the Scouts Canada Brand Guidelines, including the logo files, can be found on the red footer of Scouts.ca

WSJ 2023 – Canadian Contingent Registration Date Change

Due to changes from the World Jamboree organizing committee, we are having to push up our registration date to **September 15, 2022**, earlier than anticipated. Anyone wanting to register after September 15 will be added to a wait list. One of two things may happen. If there are withdrawals, youth will substitute for youth and ISTs for ISTs. If South Korea has additional openings, youth or ISTs from the waitlist will be added. Priority will be given to youth. There will be some late fees involved. Further information can be found on the website along with the requirement for catch up/balloon payments. A formal statement can also be found on the WJ 2023 Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CanadaWJ2023>.

CSA/QVA/CRSA Ceremony and Submission Deadline

Over the last 2.5 years we've made many adjustments to accommodate the constantly changing COVID restrictions. One of those adjustments was our Youth Award Ceremony, which for the last 2 years has been happening virtually in January. Now that things are a bit more predictable, we are working on moving our ceremony back to the end of the Scouting year. During this transition we are holding an awards ceremony October 22, 2022 to ensure all award recipients are recognized in a timely manner.

We have updated the paper form and created an easy to use and track online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/RkKkPSUPN3> Please send it to any youth that have completed their award in the 2021 / 2022 Scouting year. The deadline for submission is **August 31, 2022**.

An email was sent to all Contact Troop, Venturer, and Rover Scouters about this years CSA/QVA/CRSA ceremony and submission but please pass this information on again, just in case the email was missed.

Safe Scouting

May/early June [Safe Scouting Report Update](#)

Resources & Ideas

Uniform Sizing Kits Reminder

A reminder that if you have families that are looking to purchase Scouting uniforms, but are unsure of how the sizing works, there are section uniform sizing kits available for groups to borrow. The uniform sizing kits are available at Camp McLean. To access the kits, please contact Viki at vfanous@scouts.ca; Becca at becca.stephen@scouts.ca or Doug at doug.pearson@scouts.ca.

Scouts for Sustainability & Chilly Moose Contest Reminder

Three (3) Grand Prizes of \$1200 worth of Chilly Moose gear is up for grabs!

Take your environmental impact to the next level! We might not be able to change the world on our own, but we can certainly make a positive difference when we work together.

With the help of our partner, Chilly Moose, we want to encourage more Scouting sections to incorporate the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) into their weekly programming.

By submitting your activities and projects, your section will be eligible to win one of our Chilly Moose grand prizes. In addition, each section that submits will also be entered into a draw for more prizes!

Check out the Take Action page to find out how to participate and learn more!

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

2021-2022 Scouting Year

- July 3rd, 1:00pm, Langley Event Centre – Fraser Valley Bandits vs. Niagara River Lions Basketball. To purchase tickets: <http://show.ps/1/8037a1d6/>. For more information, please contact Coco Suave at csauve@thebandits.ca.

2022-2023 Scouting Year – SAVE THE DATES

- Sept. 10 - Venturer Kick Off (not the official name)
- Sept. 23-25 - CubStart Camp
- Oct 1 - Troop Kick Off
- Oct 8 - Beaver Blast Off
- Oct 15 - Scouting Skills (yes, Scouters and Rovers get a special day too!!)
- Oct 22 – CSA/QVA/CRSA Ceremony
- April 22 – Cuboree
- May 6 - Beaveree

Thank you for everything that you do. You are amazing! Scouting would not be possible without you and your teams!