

TO: Group Commissioners

CC: Group Support Scouters, Resource Team, SRMs

Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 31 (please share with your team)

Thank you, Scouters for facilitating an amazing Scouting year for the youth in Fraser Valley, despite all the many tough challenges we faced. Together you made it happen, and you should be proud! We look forward to working together to help make next year another fun filled year full of adventures and memories. Please take time to rest and recharge. Enjoy the summer and stay safe!

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Guidance from Member Services: Getting Ready for Registration

Please be reminded that membership renewal is already underway and early registration begins in August:

- Volunteer Membership Renewal began July 5th and is due by August 31st.
- Early Youth Registration (Returning) – August 15, 2022
- Early Youth Registration (New) – September 1, 2022
- Youth Registration continues (New & Returning) – January 1, 2023

Member Services has provided some guidance to help groups [Get Ready for Registration](#) this year, including Group and Individual To-Do Lists.

Emails to GCs and Scouters will also be deployed this week in advance of an early registration email reminder to parents, scheduled for **July 16th**.

***Please be aware that the **waitlist will reset on August 8th**, and as of July 22nd when registration closes for the 2022 year, no one will be able to add themselves to the waitlist. New families/participants will be able to add themselves to the waitlist when registration opens to the public on September 1st. If you would maintain a list of the families that are currently on your waitlist, we strongly encourage you to pull a waitlist report after July 22nd and before August 8th. ***

Event Support Team looking for Event Support Scouters

The Event Support Team is looking to recruit Event Support Scouters for most Councils to help support large events and provide guidance through the event planning and application process. The process to join the team is quick and simple, simply apply via this url: - <https://www.scouts.ca/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/event-support-scouters.html> or let your CK3 know that you are interested. There will be quick interview to make sure everyone is aligned.

Please help us by cascading this to your Scouters and if you know of anyone that would make a great Event Support Scouter, please reach out to your CK3 or email eventsupport@scouts.ca

National Fundraisers Update

We are excited to be continuing with our three main National Fundraisers this year: **Scout Popcorn**, **Scout Seeds** and our on-going campaign, **Scout Coffee**. Currently, we are experimenting with our approach to national fundraisers to empower Groups to fund more exciting adventures.

What we are trying this year:

- **Greater flexibility** in the choice of fundraisers: Scouts Canada coordinates three national campaigns annually, but we will also be sharing ideas of other local fundraisers that Groups have successfully implemented so other Groups/Section can fundraise based on a winning formula.
 - Additionally, we are currently building a portfolio of resources that can be used by Groups specifically for local fundraising campaigns; resources such as review sheets, scripts, customizable webpages and more!
- **Extending the Scout Popcorn** campaign so that it is available when it is convenient for Groups this fall.
- **Continuing Scout Coffee** as a year-round campaign.
- **Launching Scout Seeds earlier** than in previous years. Scouts Seeds will be available starting in mid-January to accommodate different growing seasons across the country.
- **Exploring use of mobile payment** – Still to be determined, but we are looking at the possibility of offering the ability to collect mobile payments in the field.

What we've worked on based on feedback we have received:

- **Increased coordination** between our vendors, Scouts Canada and Groups to ensure ability to deliver product in a timely matter.
- **Implementation of bulk order deadlines for Popcorn** that will enhance logistics and product delivery in a timely matter.
- **Increased capacity** by our popcorn vendor (new machines and night shifts).

What we have not been able to address yet:

- **Shipping costs** – with the increase in gas prices – this continues to be an on-going issue. We are currently evaluating possible solutions, but this will not be implemented for our fall campaigns.

As we experiment with a new approach – we hope to collect feedback throughout the year so that we can empower Groups to choose the best fundraising option for them while providing resources to support success.

Fundraising Coordinators – Townhall – July 21st

Open discussion with Fundraising Coordinators. Are you in charge of fundraising in your group or section? We invite you to join us for a discussion about fundraising and the upcoming changes regarding popcorn on Thursday, July 21st at 5pm PDT.

Please follow this link to register -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkc-2oqTMtHdSg7IIPCGYiQzR24NL3h5cM>

Scout Popcorn – Campaign Dates and New Bulk Ordering Deadline

The Scout Popcorn campaign is just around the corner, and we've made some changes to the campaign to provide more flexibility and to ensure orders are processed quickly and efficiently. We've also implemented new processes regarding bulk orders that we hope will make the process smoother. We are also delighted to share that our vendor has also implemented several new measures that will ensure product demand is met in a timely and efficient manner; this includes the addition of an evening production crew as well as new machines to accommodate larger volumes.

- Saddle-stitched booklet providing additional resources, suggested activities by age group and other activities that align with current Scouts Canada programming.

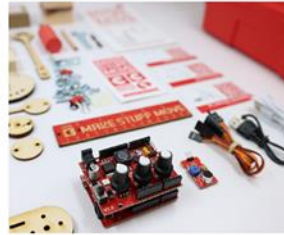
Different boxes are available for different age groups – which are aligned with the Scouting Section age groups.

Partner Connections: Make Stuff Move

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Development Opportunities

Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge, check out these upcoming learning opportunities.

Scouter Development Day - provided in partnership with Pacific Coast Council.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 15th

Location: Camp McLean – 20315 16th Avenue, Langley

Scouting Skills Sessions:

- Small Group Systems and Group Management
- Scouting Resources
- How to Run Effective Section Meetings
- Adventure Safety

The sessions are Ideal for 1st to 3rd year Colony and Pack Scouters, and is open to all Scouters, potential volunteers and interested parents.

Registration and more information to follow.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

2021-2022 Scout Year

- August 5-7 – Rover Moot: Winter Moot - Camp Bernard. Cost is \$60 and preregistration is required by **August 1**. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/UYkuP6A3i2nxLpso6> For additional information or questions, please visit the Rovers BC Discord Server: <https://discord.gg/qKhvx9nqe7> , the Rovers BC FB Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/463576724462676> or contact Kaiden at kaidencr@gmail.com

2022-2023 Scouting Year – SAVE THE DATES

- Sept. 10 - Venturer Event
- Sept. 23-25 - CubStart Camp
- Sept 30 – Oct 2 - Troop Kick Off (day and camp options available)
- Oct 8 - Beaver Blast Off
- Oct 15 - Scouting Skills (yes, Scouters and Rovers get a special day too!!)
- Oct 22 – CSA/QVA/CRSA Ceremony
- Nov 11-13 – Rainbucket – Camp McLean
- Feb 17- 20 – Rovent – Cambie Creek, Manning Park. A key social camp for Ventures and Rovers, this event is also open to 4th year Scouts to attend with a Venturer Company or Rover Crew. A great linking activity.
- April 22 – Cuboree
- May 6 - Beaveree

All of the dates are included in ScoutsTracker and can be easily found on the [Fraser Valley Website](#) Council Calendar. Please encourage your Section Scouters to check it out.

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

Yours in Scouting,

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People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel – Maya Angelou