

TO: Group Commissioners

CC: Group Support Scouters, Resource Team, SRMs

Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 32 (please share with your team)

As you enjoy the last few weeks of August and summer, we look forward to welcoming you back to another exciting year of Scouting. We hope you have had a refreshing, relaxing and restorative summer with many adventures, both large and small. Check out the [Upcoming Events](#) and [Resources & Ideas](#) section to help seed some ideas for great, safe Scouting adventures. We also have some training opportunities planned to help your Scouters get settled in and having fun.

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Registration

It's that time of year again. Fall registration is now open for renewing members!

Registration for new and lapsed members opens on September 1st, 2022 at 12:00am EST.

The [scouts.ca/join](#) page has been updated, and a registration reminder email has been sent to to all current parents. Current members who don't register before September 1st, will also receive a reminder email.

To support localized recruitment and parent reminders, the Trello Board will be kept up to date. Please find resources on our [Marketing Trello Board](#) (creative assets to be added early next week). Social Media captions and assets will be developed and added to the [Social Media Trello Board](#).

New Member Registration Preparation

Now is the time to start preparing for the next registration period - reviewing Group capacity, transferring participants, ensuring current members who haven't registered as part of early registration are aware of the September registration period, reaching out to lapsed members.

Please review the [Get Ready for Registration Guide](#) from Members Services guide and in particular the "Group To Do List" for a handy checklist of action items.

Scouter Renewal

Please be reminded that the Scouter renewal deadline is **August 31st**. Scouters that do not renew prior to the deadline will need to follow the [Registration Process – "Register as a Volunteer"](#)

To Renew: Register or accept the Code of Conduct, please log into your MyScouts account on or after the applicable start date.

- To renew, click the "Volunteer Renewal" link in the left side menu then indicate that you will be returning as a Scouter for 2022-23. (If you will not be returning as a Scouter, please choose that option.)
- To register – yourself or your child as a volunteer, click the "Register as Volunteer" button in the left side menu. This is also the option to choose to volunteer with a new/different Scout Group.
- To accept the Code of Conduct, you must first have a 2022-23 Scouter or a current Rover Scout role; the CoC will appear when you login on or after September 1. (If you renew on September 1, you may need to refresh your browser or logout then in again for the CoC to appear.) Review and click to "Accept" the Code of Conduct.

All Volunteer roles are created as "Pending" by default and require Commissioner approval of the appointment or reappointment (GCap).

**Note 1: Youth Volunteers under 18 must be registered annually by a parent.*

Program Support Manager – Becca Stephen

Please join me in congratulating Becca Stephen as she moves into her new role as Program Support Manager for BC. Becca has been an integral part of the Fraser Valley Team and will be greatly missed. However, she will continue to support Fraser Valley, along with Cascadia and Pacific Coast Councils from a program and Scouter development perspective. As we work to hire a new Scouter Relationship Manager, Becca will continue to work with us to ensure a smooth transition. Congratulations Becca and all the best in your new role!!

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- Sept. 9-11 – A New Adventure, A Day for Venturers
- 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.

A New Adventure! – A Day for Venturers

We've all felt how hard the past couple years have been and witnessed the toll it took on scouting. We got together and organized A New Adventure to help both new and old venturers connect, learn with and from each other and remove any barriers we may have encountered previously. Come meet new friends, say hi to friends from the past and get lots of information to start your venturer year.

Date: Saturday September 10, 2022

Location: Camp Mclean 20315 16th Ave Langley

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Open to all Venturers and Advisors from Fraser Valley Council, Cascadia Council and Pacific Coast Council to learn about:

- Social Camps – the when, the where, the with, and the what

- Camp Mardi Gras Camp Rainbucket Rovent Camp Skeeter
- Pacific Jamboree – the when, the fun
- Venturer Discord and other communication platforms
- Formal venturer companies, informal venturer companies, vocational venturer companies...
- what's the difference?
- Duke of Edinburgh program
- Food Safe and First Aid Course options
- Capstone Projects – what, how, when, ideas

Day also includes:

- Music – lots of music, fun, laughs
- Discussion panels
- Open social time around the campfire (propane – unless fire ban is lifted) for Venturers
- Venturer roundtable
- Venturer / Advisor (scouter) discussion panel
- Advisor (scouter) social time

This is a “lug a mug” event. Please bring a packed lunch. If coming from afar let us know, as we have areas you can set up your camp after the day's event. For additional information, contact Andrew at adallas@scouts.ca.

Cub Start

Calling all Cubs! Join us for the first large Pack event of the Season. Focus will be on Outdoor Adventure Skills such as fire-building, pioneering skills, survival skills and hiking. Day and full weekend camp options are available.

Date: September 23rd – September 25th

Location: Camp McLean 20315 16th Avenue, Langley

Time of Day Camp option: Saturday morning to after Campfire

Cost: Camp \$40.00/ Day option \$15.00

Registration Deadline: September 10th, 2022. Please note that due to capacity and timing of event, late registrations will not be accepted.

For more information about the event, please see the details in Scoutstracker or contact Barb at barb.taylor@scouts.ca.

Troop Kickoff

Calling all Scouts! All Troops are invited to join us to kickoff the Scouting year. Focus is on outdoor scouting skills. This is a day event with an option for Patrols to camp over the weekend.

Date: September 30th to October 2nd, with main event taking place on October 1st.

Time: Event starts 8:00am

Location: Camp McLean 20315 16th Avenue, Langley

Cost: \$20.00. Patrols choosing to camp over the weekend there is a \$10 additional fee per camper.

Registration Deadline: Interest needs to be expressed by August 31st and final numbers submitted by September 15th. To express interest, please email Tony Nathan at tonynathan@gmail.com or Jonathan Meads at meadsjonathan@gmail.com.

Please note that all Troops will need to provide their own meals and lunch for the day.

For more information about the event, please see the details in Scoutstracker or contact Tony or Jonathan.

Beaver Blast Off

Calling all Beavers! Join us for the first large Colony event of the Season. Focus will be on Outdoor Adventure Skills such as fire-building, pioneering skills, survival skills and hiking.

Date: October 8th, 2022

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Location: Camp McLean 20315 16th Avenue, Langley

Cost: \$15.00, includes lunch, snacks and crest

Registration Deadline: September 23rd, 2022. Please note that due to capacity and timing of event, late registrations will not be accepted.

For more information about the event, please see the details in Scoutstracker or contact Barb at barb.taylor@scouts.ca.

Resources & Ideas

Dragon Trail Quest: New Fall Program Challenge

Embark on a Scouting Quest to harness the Forces of Nature defeat the dragon! Unlock the Forces of Nature!

The dreaded Dragon has woken from its 100-year slumber is wreaking havoc in all the land. Only the Cosmo Crest can the Dragon back to sleep! Explore with fellow Scouters how to bring this adventure to life.

Traverse the mystical lands of a fantastical world to face challenges as a team, discover personal strengths and find a way to lull the Dragon back to sleep!

Join the quest on October 3rd!

Don't miss out on Info Sessions to help you navigate this Quest, along with fun Mug-Ups, kicking off this August! For dates and to register visit:

<https://www.scouts.ca/dragon-trail-quest/home.html>

Partner Connections: Desjardins

New and updated Fundraising resources will be available mid-September! These will include:

- fundraising templates
- Social Media assets
- ...and more

Thanks to our partnership with Desjardins.

Keep an eye out on the Trello Board: [Fundraising | Trello](#)

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.

Join us and discover some new secrets of running successful section meetings, meet new Scouters and sharpen existing skills.

Date: Saturday, October 15th

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Camp McLean – 20315 16th Avenue, Langley

Cost: \$17.00



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To Register: Email Bernie Delahaye with your name, group and section at eight_tengc@shaw.ca. Payment can be mailed to Bernie at 20071 43a Ave. Langley, B.C. V3A 4V4 or submitted via E-transfer to eight_tengc@shaw.ca

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 are open to all Scouters, potential volunteers and interested parents.

Please bring a packed lunch and mug. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Safe Scouting Toolkit – Positive Behaviour Management

As Scouting activities ramp up in the fall, some youth will be returning, others will be brand new members of Scouts Canada. Youth have a lot to gain as members of Scouts Canada, including youth who exhibit challenging behaviours.

To help address challenging behaviours before they escalate, set Groups and Sections up for success by setting expectations and creating a plan for managing behaviour.

- Set Expectations with a Section Code of Conduct, and stand by them
- Involve Parents
- Don't wait to address challenging behaviours
- Use tools like the [Behaviour Guide](#)

National Fundraisers Update

Welcome Ken Gorman - NEW Fundraising Manager

Born and raised in Ottawa, Ken has fond memories of his time growing up with both the Cub Scout and Scout programs. A fundraising professional for the past two decades, Ken is also married and the proud father to a daughter and a son. Please join us in welcoming Ken to his new role. Ken over the coming weeks is busy getting ready for the Popcorn campaign and for a busy and exciting Scouting fall. Ken can be reached at ken.gorman@scouts.ca

Scout Popcorn Update

As of next week, registration for Scout popcorn will open and resources will be available on the [Trello board](#). A link to the Townhall Fundraiser meetings can also be found [here](#).

Exciting news! For every \$2500 in popcorn orders, groups will receive one free case of the movie night kits (valued at \$240 each)! We hope this helps to offset some of the shipping costs.

Scout Coffee

Scouts Canada & Equator Coffee Roasters continue to team up to offer some really, truly good coffee. Available Year-Round, Equator's coffee is fair trade, certified organic, and roasted right here in Canada. Scouts Canada is very excited to continue our partnership with Equator Coffee to support you in your fundraising efforts.

Resources: [Trello: Fundraising Board](#)

Order info: <https://scout-coffee.ca/>

Volunteer Lifecycle – Calling all Scouters!

Do you have ideas to simplify the volunteer experience and share your Scouter knowledge?

Volunteer Life-Cycle Review is a Pillar 1 project that aims to determine updates needed to enhance the volunteer experience. By completing a holistic review of volunteer roles and lifecycles we plan to identify opportunities to simplify and reduce the administrative burden while ensuring that volunteer and group support approaches are effective.

In order to make meaningful objective changes we need to hear from you - new and seasoned Scouters in every Council.

To do this, we are building a contact list of Scouters called the Volunteer Reference Base.

We are looking for 3000 Section or Group Committee Scouters willing to:

1. Commit to one or more in-depth surveys that will probe different aspects of being a Scouter.
2. Respond to a series of spot / one-question surveys (these should take a few seconds each).
3. Take part in discussion and focus groups over the next 6-8 months.

If you would like to help make a difference in the volunteer experience and share your input and knowledge, we would love to hear from you and invite you to sign up at

[JOIN THE VOLUNTEER REFERENCE BASE](#)

Careers with Scouts Canada

As a Scouter, you're already passionate about making a difference in the lives of youth, but what if it was your full-time job? Scouts Canada has a number of open opportunities and offers a fun, adventurous, flexible and fast-paced work environment. Personal growth is extremely important to us, which is why we offer skills and professional development opportunities as well as a comprehensive benefits and dental package for most positions. Find out more about all the open positions by visiting the [Careers page](#).

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