

TO: Group Commissioners

CC: Group Support Scouters, Resource Team, SRMs

Subject: GC Communication and Updates - Issue 34 ([please share with your team](#))

Welcome 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.

We recognize that registration has gotten off on a bit of a rocky start with system capacity issues, and we would like to thank you for the patience you have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate as we work through them. Please be assured that the Help Centre is working hard at working through all the requests as quickly as possible. Thank you!

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Myscouts Tips & Reminders

Role Status: Volunteers - "Pending" Volunteer roles take up to an hour from when the last requirement has been met to become "Active".

Group Commissioners needing "GCap" - Please contact your Group's assigned Group Support Scouter, Scouting Relationship Manager, Camp Committee Chairs, or Property Support Manager to obtain their role approval

NEW Option - "Code of Conduct" option has been added to the left side menu for current Volunteers so they can accept if the Code of Conduct does not popup on screen. This option is not available for people who have not yet registered or renewed for 2022-23.

Role Status: Participants (excluding Rover Scouts) – "Pending" Participant roles are the result of incomplete registration; they do not count against Section capacity nor "hold a spot" for the new Membership year. Parents are notified after four hours and again after seven days if the registration has not been completed. After 30-days, "Pending" roles are cleaned-up automatically.

Welcoming 2023 registered youth early – If you have youth who have been registered only for 2023 who you can take early, please provide a complete list to Registration@scouts.ca including who the youth are and to what Section they should be added for 2022.

2023 Participant Transfers – Transfers for next year are not yet possible as a self-serve option via the “Transfer Participants” tab. If you have youth needing their 2023 role changed (move from Pack to Troop or to Colony, for example), please send lists to registration@scouts.ca including who the youth are and to what Section the 2023 role should be moved.

Waitlists – When a Section reaches its set “Max Participants” capacity for 2023, Waitlists will begin to generate. If space becomes available in the Section, the youth waiting the longest will be offered the space first. It is not possible to prioritize youth lower on the list nor to change the order.

Scouters Registering their own Youth – The exception to Waitlist is for “Active” Scouters in the Sections they support; they can register their own youth in those Sections regardless of capacity. Example: An “Active” Pack Scouter can register own youth to the Pack even if other parents (including “Pending” Pack Scouters and “Active” Colony/Troop/etc Scouters) see only the option to “Waitlist My Child...” “Active” Group Committee Members are viewed as supporting all Sections so can register their youth to any in the Group where they are “Active”.

Renewing your Respect in Sport - If a volunteer has renewed their Respect in Sport training but the new certification date isn't showing up in their MyScouts profile, please have them log in again and access the David Huestis Learning Centre to refresh their training record.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- 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
- Oct 22 – Family Fun Night
- Nov 11-13 – Rainbucket – Camp McLean
- Dec. 3 @ 7:00pm - Vancouver Canucks Scout Night. Cheer on the Vancouver Canucks as they play the Arizona Coyotes.
- 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.

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.

Family Fun Night

All sections are invited to take part in a Family Fun Night (formerly hosted by WestSurdel). Hike through the Delta Watershed while taking part in fun stations through the forest after dark. This event is open to Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Sparks, Brownies, friends, siblings, parents, Scouters and Guiders.

Bring a flashlight, lug-a-mug, and dress for the weather.

In order to facilitate everyone through the stations, patrols should include no more than 12 youth (Scouters, parents and guardians are in addition).

The planning team is also looking for Offers of Service (OOS) to run stations. OOS is open to Scouts, Venturers and Guides. Dinner will be provided for OOS and camping overnight is available if they would like to camp.

Date: Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

Time: 5:00pm – 8:30pm (stations run from 5:30pm-8:30pm)

Location: Delta Watershed, Pinewood Elementary Entrance

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Registration: Opens at 5:00pm. Please bring your completed registration form (included in Scoutstracker) along with your payment (cash or cheque made payable to Scouts Canada). Please be reminded that each group will need to complete their own Modified Adventure Application Form for approval by their Group Commissioner. (You are not required to bring a copy).

For more information or to sign up as an OOS, please contact Sarah Collier with 8th Surdel at sarah14collier@outlook.com or 604.613.6506

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!



[Watch \(& Share!\) the TeaserVideo](#)

Info-sessions are available in the National Calendar at:

<https://www.scouts.ca/news-and-events/national-calendar.html>

Find the Scouters Guide (and everything **Dragon Trail Quest**) at: <https://www.scouts.ca/dragon-trail-quest/home.html>

Skyview Outdoors Partnership – Group Gear Nights

Skyview Outdoors, Surrey's premier camping, kayaking and outdoor recreation store since 1998, is excited to offer tailored group gear nights, with content ranging from Newbie Nights for new Scouters to Cold Talks for the most seasoned Scout Troop, and everything in between. They can work with your group to design an info session that meets your unique needs!

Each gear night includes a hands-on demonstration of gear relevant to your chosen topic, followed by exclusive access to our entire 10,000-square-foot store. Our gear guides and sales team will be available to help find the gear that best fits and functions for every individual. For more information or to request a gear night for your group, please send an email to sales@skyviewcamping.com or check out skyviewcamping.com.

In addition, by mentioning you are a Scouts Canada member you will receive 10% off all regular-priced items with every in-store purchase!

Plan International - The Power Within

The Power Within program provides youth in Canada aged 10 - 17 years access to a free safe and inclusive virtual community where they can connect with one another! The Power Within Community is a place for youth to share resources, challenge appearance pressures together and become Body Confidence Champions. The community is moderated by Plan International Canada. [To Register](#).

Please note this community is not a place to access mental health support or services. If you are looking for help or someone to talk to please reach out to Kids Help Phone at 1 800 668-6868.

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

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.

Spotlight



This past weekend Venturers from across Fraser Valley and Pacific Coast Councils gathered together at Camp McLean for a day full of fun and networking. Venturers were able to connect with a variety of people to discuss some of the many opportunities available to them. Some of these included: all 4 social camps (Mardi Gras, Rainbucket, Rovent, Skeeter), PJ, Duke of Edinburgh, St John's First Aid, and the Foundry. They also had the opportunity to network with other venturers during 2 different roundtable sessions.

Huge Thank You to Kristen Ferridge for bringing this event to life as part of her Capstone Project and to Andrew Dallas for supporting her through the process!

Safe Scouting – Preparing for Safety

Safe Scouting has a wide variety of tools and tips to help you and youth plan for safe adventures.

Check out these resources for your safety "toolbox":

- Two-Scouter Rule - <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2019/05/two-scouter-rule.pdf>
- Incident Reporting Procedure - <https://www.scouts.ca/resources/bpp/procedures/incident-reporting-procedure.html>
- ScoutSafe App – Download the app to your phone to complete and submit incident reports in real time (no downloading forms!) <https://www.scouts.ca/safety/scoutsafe-app.html>
- Meeting Space Risk Assessment Checklist - <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2019/01/meeting-space-risk-assessment-checklist.pdf>
- Youth Protection Emergencies - To discuss and report urgent youth protection matters, call the Scouts Canada Emergency Reporting Line at 1-800-339-6643

- Promoting Positive Behaviour - <https://scoutscas3.amazonaws.com/2019/02/behaviour-guide-en.pdf>
- Scouts Canada's HUGE archive of Safety Tips based on lessons learned from previous incidents <https://www.scouts.ca/safety/safety-tips.html>

Paying Tribute to Her Majesty the Queen's Passing

How to honour her complex legacy with respect and understanding

Scouts Canada extends its deepest sympathy upon the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen devoted her life to public and voluntary service which she saw as one of the most important elements of her work. The Queen was the Royal Patron or President of over 600 charities, including Scouts.

Of Scouts, the Queen once said "Scouting is a global force for good. In this country and around the world, Scouts are helping others and making the most of their lives." Our Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, Bear Grylls, wrote a tribute to her extraordinary service.

As we honour Her Majesty's life of service, we recognize that current events are also met with mixed emotions. We encourage all members to pause and reflect upon the complexity of the Queen's legacy, who despite widespread popularity was also seen as a symbol of oppression in parts of the world where the British Empire once extended, including in Canada.

We thank those who are sharing the harmful impact that colonialism and the British monarchy have had on their lives. We humbly take this time to reflect upon our history as well as to work through our own complex and diverse reactions and how they relate to our ongoing commitments, commitments to be inclusive for all and to pursue Reconciliation with the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

[FAQs](#)

National Fundraisers Update

The Revenue Development team is pleased to announce the launch of the [Fundraising Trello Board](#). The new go to place for information regarding Scout Popcorn, ScoutSeeds, Scout Coffee and No One Left Behind. You can find information for the option of early Bulk Ordering for your Scout Popcorn campaign, link to register your group for fundraising campaigns, Popcorn pre-set pallet options, FAQs, and more.

All groups are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the Scout Popcorn campaign to ensure you are provided with immediate access to the Shopify site once it opens in October.

For questions or further information, please contact Ken Gorman, Fundraising Program Manager at ken.gorman@scouts.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](#)

Youth Media Spokespersons

Scouts Canada is looking for youth members (Scouts, Venturers, Rovers) and Scouters to participate in media interviews taking place in cities across Canada between Sept. 26-Oct. 31.

Scouts Canada's new PR campaign will distribute a press release on September 26.

As you know, recruitment and marketing is in full swing with our Fall Registration season. Scouting offers youth a world of opportunities to explore new skills and find out what they're great at. Kids discover their thing in Scouts. Expanding on this marketing theme, our NEW surveys to random Canadians and Scouts Canada members asked participants: What's your thing? How old were you when you discovered what you're great at? At what age can kids make a positive impact?

A list of Canadian public figures, whose achievements reflect Scouting values has been compiled, and the Scouting community has been asked to vote on the qualities that each celebrity should be celebrated for (with a custom, quirky badge). For example, Keanu Reeves is known for making Canadians look a little tougher with his stellar stunts—he's also got a heart of gold as a philanthropist supporting children's cancer centres.

The survey results are in—we can't wait to share the results and badges!

If you know of youth you think would speak well to the media (Radio, Television, Newspaper) contact Anissa Stambouli at anissa.stambouli@scouts.ca.

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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The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled - Plutarch