

Fraser Valley Council Scoop - December 15, 2023

(To all Active Volunteers, Rovers & Venturers)



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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

On behalf of Fraser Valley Council, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for you and for all you do for Scouting in the Fraser Valley. Your efforts and dedication to the youth have made for so many memorable adventures, life-lessons and services that build our communities, build the confidence and capabilities of the youth and better prepare them for success in this world. Without you none of it would be possible. THANK YOU!

Please take the time to fully celebrate this season in all the traditions of your families, and reflect with gratitude on how those who came before have prepared for what we have now, and how you can help build that better world for our youth and those to come.

From our families to yours, we wish for you to have a safe, relaxing and fulfilling holiday season.

Yours in Scouting
FVC Key 3 (Annabelle, Tom & Viki)



Information Night for Canadian Contingent - Australian Jamboree 2025

Planning for a Canadian contingent to the Australian Jamboree is well under way!

Expecting there to be a group of approx. 150 youth and scouters from across Canada to attend the 10 day Jamboree event in sunny Queensland, Jan 6-15, 2025 along with a precamp

Sunday, January 28th Virtual information session -

Fundraising ideas. Travel planning Crest & Necker design submissions,
8pm EST, 7pm CST and SK, 6pm AB, 5pm PST

[Canadian Contingent AJ2025](#)

Register below to attend the virtual information session and to get the zoom link or to receive more information.

[Register for Virtual Session](#)

Twilight Night Hike 2024

Join us for a non-competitive night hike that offers challenge stations along a set route at Mundy Park.

Open to all Sections!

Date: February 3rd, 2024

Time: 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Location: Mundy Park - Shelter at Hillcrest Avenue entrance

Registration Cost: \$5/participant (includes crest, hot chocolate and cookies)

Registration Deadline: January 26th, 2024.
Registration is limited so register quickly.

Contact: [Darren McCrabb](#)



Please note that participating groups are asked to help plan and run challenge stations. Youth/Scouters running stations will receive a free crest and snacks.

[For more Information and to Register](#)

ROVENT Winter Camp



Avalanche Awareness Opportunity

At ROVENT 2024, an Avalanche Canada youth education instructor will provide an introduction to companion avalanche rescue skills in a fun, outdoor learning environment. Please note: This is only an introductory session and is not a comprehensive avalanche course. Space will be limited to approx. 60 participants. Some space available for Scouters as well.

50th Anniversary!

Dates: February 16-19, 2024

Find us online at:

www.rovent.ca

facebook.com/CampRovent/

instagram.com/camp_rovent

twitter.com/camp_rovent

Location: Cambie Creek Group Campsite,
Manning Park, B.C.

Who: Ventures, Rovers, Rangers and Links (4th
year Troop Scouts are encouraged to attend as a
linking opportunity with a Venturer Company).

[To Register](#)



Vancouver Canucks Scout Night February 17, 2024

The Vancouver Canucks are thrilled to offer all Members of the Scouts Canada community a special offer to watch your Vancouver Canucks take on the Winnipeg Jets.

All Scouts who attend the game in uniform will be eligible to receive the 2023/24 Scouts Day Crest!

Purchase 400 tickets through the special Scouts Canada link below, and Scouting members, family and friends can unlock an exclusive Movie Night at Rogers Arena. More details to follow.

[For more information or to purchase tickets](#)

22nd Annual Victoria Klondike Derby



The Klondike Derby is a contest requiring teamwork and tests the "Scouting Skills" of Scouts. Teams of 4 to 8 members pull a wagon over a course of approximately 4 km through the woods around Camp

Barnard. The team visits ten Klondike "towns" where the "town mayor" assigns the team a particular task or activity. Points are awarded to the team based on how well it performs the task, the speed and the teamwork.

Date: March 9, 2024 with option to camp for the weekend

Time: 8:45am to 5:00pm

Location: Camp Barnard, Sooke BC

Cost: \$75.00/team. Includes 10 crests.

[For more information and to register](#)



DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES



ScoutsTracker Online Training

ScoutsTracker now includes built-in training, so you can develop your expertise and maximize the speed and efficiency with which you carry out both simple and complex section administration tasks.

As you carry out tasks in ScoutsTracker you'll automatically complete training skills, but you can come here to either look up how to do something, or you can let ScoutsTracker recommend some new skills for you to tackle.

As you complete more training skills, you'll automatically advance to the next Stage (just like an OAS!). Note: your stage is based on the total number of skills, which is changing as more training is added. So if you suddenly find you've dropped down a stage, don't worry... just come back here and see what's new!

[Go to Main Menu/Help/ScoutsTracker Training](#)

Note: these are just *virtual* awards... so you can't actually buy physical badges!

Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge while meeting other Scouters?

Discounts offered for Scout Groups



St. John Ambulance

Locations across Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland

[To Register and for more details for Standard First Aid Training](#)



Fraser Valley Council Community Learning Planning for Camp

Inviting all Scouters Venturers and Rovers!

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: Delta location TBC

Come out and learn how to plan a camp! We will be learning about using themes: incorporating scouting skills; tips and tricks for keeping camp on track; creating an itinerary and engaging youth in

the planning process. Walk away with a plan for camp!

Coffee and tea will be provided, we just ask that you please bring your own mug.

Please RSVP to: Dionne Kozak at dionne.kozak@scouts.ca

RESOURCES



World Jambowlree 2023

Want to take part in a world wide competition for scouts of all ages? Of course you do!

Here are the basics:

- All sections can take part, there's a separate competition for each section, including scouters.
- The competition will run from January 2023 to the end of December 2023. Entries for the 2023 competition will open in January 2023 and will close at the end of December 2023.
- We'll keep track of who has entered, and from where, put you all on a nice [Global](#) map, scouts love maps.
- You can enter one team, or twenty teams, we don't mind, all for one entry fee.
- At the end of the competition, we add up the scores, see who has won, and publish the results.
- Certificates emailed, and presented at your group with pride!
- **A Great end of year celebration!**

[For more information & to register](#)



SAFETY WEEK

Incident Reports...Learning Opportunities

When incident reports are submitted, they are valuable lessons learned. When we think about what we can do to prevent injuries, it would be nice to have a crystal ball to tell us what could happen. In a sense, the injuries from previous years are the metaphorical "crystal ball".

So what do we know about injuries sustained during the winter months, according to injury reports?

- The top three major injury types during winter months are fractures, cuts requiring stitches or glue, and concussions.
- Top three actions causing these injuries are result of:
 - "**Struck Against**" – this is consistent with many serious tobogganing injuries. We know youth will slide into stationary objects on toboggan hills.
 - "**Fall from Same Level**" – this is the action causing injury for all the slips, trips and falls.
 - "**Fall from Height**" – this is the action causing injury for the many falls from playground equipment and "catching air" on toboggan hills.

What are some preventative measures that Groups can take to reduce the risk of injury for these activities?

Preventing injuries caused by "Struck Against" – do site inspections, especially at toboggan hills. What can be done to reduce the risk? If the risk cannot be reduced, consider a safer toboggan hill.

- Check out this hazard identification activity for youth, complete with learning keys for Scouters to use. <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2022/12/youth-safety-activity-winter22.pdf>
- Safety Equipment Standards and Helmet Safety infographic <https://www.scouts.ca/resources/bpp/policies/safety-equipment-standards.html> and <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2019/02/safetytip-may2016-helmet-safety.pdf> •

Preventing injuries caused by "Fall at Same Level" – safety moments before hikes, removal of tripping hazards when indoors and playing games in the gym, proper footwear, and tied shoe laces are all great strategies to reduce the risk of slips, trips, and falls.

- Check out Footwear vs. Sockwear <https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2019/02/safetytip-april-2015.pdf>

• Preventing injuries caused by Fall from Height – playgrounds in the winter are far more risky than playgrounds in the summer months. It gets darker earlier in the winter and conditions can be icy and slippery, and mitts can reduce how effective a grip on a monkey bar is. Is there a safer alternative to a visit to a playground?

Safety first!



Career Opportunities

Enjoy making an impact in your career? If so, Scouts Canada might be the place for you. While working here you get the opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of youth in a fast-paced, fun environment.

Employee engagement is our priority to ensure employees' work-life balance and mental health. We offer flexible work arrangements. We believe in feedback to enable teams to work more effectively toward their goals.

Personal growth is important to us which is why we offer our employees skills and professional development opportunities.

Interested in a fun, adventurous, flexible and fast-paced opportunity in the non-profit sector? If so, apply at Scouts Canada today.

[View Opportunities](#)