

# Fraser Valley Council Scoop - February 2, 2024

(To all Active Volunteers, Rovers & Venturers)



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## 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

**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).

### Find us online at:

[www.rovent.ca](http://www.rovent.ca)

[facebook.com/CampRovent/](https://facebook.com/CampRovent/)

[instagram.com/camp\\_rovent](https://instagram.com/camp_rovent)

[twitter.com/camp\\_rovent](https://twitter.com/camp_rovent)

[To Register](#)



## Blue Heron Trail Night Hike

Inviting all Groups to join in a Night Hike at Jerry Sulina Park in Maple Ridge. All sections will begin at 210th Street & Old Dewdney Trunk Road, and loop around the Blue Heron Trail ending at the Dyke, Harris Road.

**Date:** March 30th, 2024

**Time:** 5:00pm (groups will be sent out in intervals until 7:00pm)

**Location:** Registration at 210th Street and Old Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge

**Cost:** \$10/participant includes snack and crest

For more information please contact Doug Pearson at 604.219.6913

[To Register](#)



## UBC NiteHike 2024!

*NiteHike Goes Adventuring (Fantasy/D & D)*

April 6th to 7th, 2024

NiteHike is a fun all night adventure which allows Cubs & Scouts (and energetic Beavers) to complete a series of fun and challenging Activity Stations throughout Pacific Spirit Park (Vancouver Point Grey).

Groups start off on the hike between 6pm to 8pm and have fun completing approximately 20-24 stations along the way that host games and challenges. The basic goal is to try to complete the entire NiteHike circuit while the more competitive groups also try to achieve high challenge scores at each of the stations in the shortest amount of time. Of course many groups simply like to take a slower pace, and enjoy the fun activities at each station and see just how long they can last into the night before heading home. Many groups do complete the entire circuit finishing by 6:00am the next morning.

The Activity Stations are created and run by Ventures and Rovers. Any Venturers or Rovers interested in running a station must plan and register their station on the website.

**Registration opens:** February 1st for Venturer/Rover Activity Stations & Mid March for hike Participants

[For More Information and to Register](#)



## Cuboree - Mini Jamboree April 20th, 2024

Calling all Cubs! Join in on a fun mini jamboree.

**Location:** Camp McLean

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$8.00/participant (includes snack and crest)

**Registration Deadline:** April 7th

For more information check our Scoutstracker or contact Barb Taylor [barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:barb.taylor@scouts.ca)



## Beaverree - 50th Birthday Party May 4th, 2024

Calling all Beavers! You are invited to share in a 50th Birthday party for Beavers.

**Location:** Camp McLean

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$8.00/participant (includes snack and crest)

**Registration Deadline:** April 21st

For more information check out Scoutstracker or contact Barb Taylor [barb.taylor@scouts.ca](mailto:barb.taylor@scouts.ca)

## Magical Adventure Save the Date

All Scouting families are invited to join us for a magical adventure at Camp McLean in the Summer of 2024.

More information to be revealed in time.





## **PJ Registration Reopening - February 1, 2024**

Due to the overwhelming demand for Participant registrations at Pacific Jamboree 2024, the Camp Chair and Organizing Committee are excited to announce additional registration capacity for Participant Patrols. With this added capacity comes a fourth Participant Subcamp.

Registration reopened on February 1st, 2024. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. There are still a few spots left.

Questions regarding the additional Patrol Spaces can be directed to the Camp Chair, Andrew Dallas at [adallas@scouts.ca](mailto:adallas@scouts.ca)

[Register Now](#)



## **Camp McLean Spring Clean Up**

March 16, 2024

"Free" Camping! Save the date!!!!

On March 16, 2024, Camp McLean will host a Camp Clean-up/Maintenance Day. Groups and individuals are invited to camp for free in exchange for a day of work. The Camp Committee will also supply lunch on the 16th and an informal campfire in the evening.

The Camp needs a lot of work, so please consider coming out to help.



RSVP to Greg Kear ([greg.kear@gmail.com](mailto:greg.kear@gmail.com)) with approximate numbers; we will harden up the headcount once we are closer to the event. Thank you!



In recognition of Safer Internet Day 2024, Trend Micro, a global cybersecurity leader and its 15-year-old Internet Safety for Kids & Families program, is proud to partner with Scouts Canada and Voyageur Council to offer a "Family Tech Talk" event to parents of youth members, volunteer Scouters and staff.

This free virtual event and live Q&A is hosted by an internet safety expert and covers a wide range of technology issues that every family is facing in some way today. It will cover tips on the latest popular apps and games, managing screen time, dealing with conflict online, using the camera wisely, and helping kids use the internet in safe and positive ways.

The presentation is in English, but French and possibly additional languages (including American Sign Language) may be available if there is sufficient demand according to registration responses. Please indicate any language during registration. Please note that only registered attendees will receive an invitation to the event (Zoom) and it's currently limited to Scouts Canada member families, volunteers and staff.

The event will be held on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 4:00 PM PST** and will last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Questions, please contact: Leo Caisse at [leo.caisse@scouts.ca](mailto:leo.caisse@scouts.ca)

[To Register](#)

**DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**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](#)



### Winter Skills for Winter Adventures

Are you looking for ideas to plan Winter Adventures? Do you want to add to your winter skills?

Join us on February 10th for a day of Winter Skills for Winter Adventures.

Sessions are specifically planned for Beaver and Cub Scouters, but all Scouters (14 years +) are welcome.

Cost: \$20 for the day.

For more information or to register:  
Email Bernie - [eightteng@gmail.com](mailto:eightteng@gmail.com)

## Fraser Valley Council Community Learning

### Planning for Camp & Volunteer Recruitment

Inviting all Scouters Venturers and Rovers!

**Date:** Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Location:** Camp McLean, Ericsson Lodge

#### Planning for Camp

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!

#### Volunteer Recruitment

Or join us for an engaging and collaborative evening where we'll collectively brainstorm and share best practices for recruiting new Scouters. Together, you'll explore creative ideas and proven strategies, providing you with valuable insights to elevate and strengthen your Scouter recruitment efforts.



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](mailto:dionne.kozak@scouts.ca)



Do you know of a youth or group of youth that have demonstrated initiative and leadership in the area of conservation of natural resources? This could include an education initiative, field work that protects or enhances habitat, or wildlife research. If you answered yes, they

## Frank Shannon Junior Conservation Award

Established in 1994, the Frank Shannon Junior Conservation Award was developed by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks in cooperation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation. It is designed to permanently enshrine the outstanding lifetime contribution of Frank Shannon in the protection and management of fish and wildlife and their habitats. This award is presented to a youth or youth organization for participating in activities aimed at the conservation of wild organisms in natural habitats.



could be eligible for the Frank Shannon Junior Conservation Award.

**Submission Deadline:** February 15, 2024

For more information  
visit: <https://bcwf.bc.ca/awards/>

## Nomination Submission



## **WINTER CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

### Sasquatch Seekers

In the deepest darkest Canadian wilderness lives an elusive creature known as the Sasquatch! Some people think that it is a mythical creature and others believe that it is real! Some hikers and campers have spotted clues from the creature; fur hanging from trees and bushes, footprints in the mud, half eaten fruit, berries and meat, and shadows in the twilight.

Over a 4 week period, your job is to confirm yes or no if the Sasquatch is mythical or not. Using your handy journal track the progress of your investigation. Sasquatch Seekers is a journey of discovery to examine the facts if the Sasquatch is real or mythical. Trudging through forests, tracking over snowy landscapes, or traversing through rivers, the hunt for the Sasquatch has begun.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to download the Scouter Guide.

Check out the Teaser Video!



## **Outdoor Learning Store**

### **Free Virtual Workshops for Educators and Leaders working with Youth**

**Indigenous Resources for Outdoor Learning**  
**With Publishers Qwultultun Robert Goldsmith & Sebacola Topher Beaton**

**Date:** February, 6th 2024 - 4:00 PM Pacific / 7:00 PM Eastern

Join Qultultun and Sebacola to learn about authentic Indigenous Learning Resources that connect educators with the Land from across Turtle Island. From traditional to modern stories, educational books and resources, this workshop will connect you with the wealth of authentic Indigenous resources available on The Outdoor Learning Store in partnership with Strong Nations – an Indigenous owned and operated publishing house.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

**Stories in the Wild: Animal Tracks & Traces**  
**With Wild Educators, Jill Jennings and Patty Kolesnichenko**

**Date:** February, 20th 2024 - 4:00 PM Pacific / 7:00 PM Eastern

Join Wildsight educators Patty Kolesnichenko and Jill Jennings as they dive into a world of mystery and intrigue, of tracks and traces, of clues left behind by creatures you often do not see – a world of animal signs. Animal tracks and signs create the perfect scaffolding to storytelling, investigation, imagination, and FUN – all found in nearby nature.

Patty and Jill will share Wildsight's "Stories in the Wild: Animal Tracks and Traces", a resource that will bring the stories of the snow (or mud) to life! A track sheet with lifesize tracks and accompanying lesson plan, activities, and natural history cards will help educators to teach their learners how to become nature detectives and solve the mysteries left behind by our wild neighbours.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

For those who are interested but unable to attend live, sessions are recorded and posted on their [Recordings Page](#) , along with many other free workshop recordings related to outdoor learning.



## Scouts Canada Fundraising & Webpage Tools

*At the Group Commissioners Orientation, there was a lot of discussion and questions regarding fundraising tools and social media to enhance programming and Scouting adventures. Sharing the following resource.*

Desjardins has partnered with Scouts Canada to help provide more fundraising support to Scouters and young members by developing a comprehensive Fundraising Toolkit. With more support and fundraising resources and tips, Scouters will be able to support youth in planning for a successful fundraising campaign to reach their goals and develop important skills along the way.

The Fundraising Toolkit includes useful budgeting tips and goal-setting templates, a year-round of fundraising infographic, as well as a personalised group fundraising webpage showcasing a groups' adventures, its fundraising goals and all the different ways to support the group in their fundraising efforts. Working together, we can offer better support to our Scouting groups and youth to enhance their fundraising experience and Scouting adventures.

The Fundraising Toolkit includes numerous resources available to Sections and Groups, including:

- [Fundraising Ideas](#)
- [Fundraising Planning and Goal Setting Sheet](#)
- [Fundraising Review templates](#)
- [Fundraising Safety Tips – for door-to-door campaigns](#)
- [Yearly Fundraising Cycle: How to incorporate local fundraising campaigns with Scouts Canada's](#)

### National Fundraisers

- [Group's Fundraising Custom Webpage](#)

***If you are looking to create a Group Webpage beyond just for fundraising, register for the Custom Webpage. It's easy to manage and easily personalized to your needs. Check out how the 8th Surdel Scout Group has personalized their site - [8surdelgroup.ca](#).***

If you have questions about personalizing the site, please feel free to contact Cameron Napier, 8th Surdel Group Commissioner, at [cn6709@gmail.com](mailto:cn6709@gmail.com). Thank you for sharing Cameron!



# 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.

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