



NOVA SCOUTER

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A Message From Your Council Key 2

As we come to the end of another year, we encourage you to spend some time reflecting on our mission: *To help develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.* This mission is carried out every day by you: our Volunteers who dedicate countless hours to ensure the Youth of Nova Scotia have the opportunity to lead, learn, have fun safe adventures and experience new things. As you reflect on your past year, please remember that what you do matters, and that you are making a difference in our Province, our Country and our World. **THANK YOU.**

We wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season.

We thank you for your continued dedication to Scouting in Nova Scotia and we are excited to work together in the New Year!!

Yours in Scouting,

Kate Larkin, Council Relationship Manager
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WELCOMING BACK THE **NOVA SCOUTER!**

What you can find in the Nova Scouter:

- Messages and Updates from Council
- Event details and updates
- Networking opportunities
- Program idea sharing and helpful tips
- Announcements

We have heard your feedback, and in light of the overwhelming call out for better communication, we have brought back the **Nova Scouter!** This quarterly newsletter is a way of opening up communications to all Active Scouters in Nova Scotia Council. **This is YOUR Newsletter!** As always, if you would like to share Events, Invitations, Networking opportunities, or have a few great ideas you would like to share with your fellow Scouters, please email NScouncilnews@scouts.ca to have them included in the upcoming Newsletter!

From the Camp Cook

What is for Supper? Canned beans and bread, again? Hey, let's change this up! How about:

Tacos in a Bag

Ingredients

- 6 individual bags of Doritos chips (more youth and scouters add more ingredients)
- 1 Lb. prepared ground beef or shredded chicken both work great
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- **Topping options (all to taste):**
 - shredded cheese
 - lettuce
 - diced tomatoes
 - diced onion
 - bottle of your favourite Salsa
 - Sour Cream

Instructions

1. Open each bag of Doritos.
2. You may crunch up the Doritos in the bag for easier eating or keep the chips big.
3. Add about 1/6 of the well-cooked taco ground beef or chicken meat (about 1/4 c.) directly to each of the bags
4. Youth to add additional toppings, all to taste.

All youth can help with this, with scouter direction they can cook the meat, shred the cheese, and dice the lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

Bring your spoon and enjoy!

Have a great camp recipe to share? Please send them to: NScouncilnews@scouts.ca to be featured in our From the Camp Cook section!

Scouter Meetups

We are undertaking a project to complement the Group Support Model programme that started September past (<https://bit.ly/2qA3MHH>) and for this project we are looking into setting up a forum for both Group and Section Scouters to meet up.

This will be on a fairly informal basis to discuss topics of mutual interest, as we often find ourselves independently tackling similar issues or seeking information on similar topics – the general idea is that a topic would be introduced, followed by plenty of discussion time to share experiences etc. There could also be scope for covering specific topics of interest. So we've set up a quick survey using google forms, to gauge interest and to find out what timings / frequency are preferred to give this the best chance of success. (There are 8 questions in total, and should take around 2 - 3 minutes to complete.)

<https://bit.ly/2s9fkCb>

We'd appreciate your input and ideas for subjects that you would be keen to have included. This will be hosted initially in Dartmouth at Woodlawn United Church so this meet up is probably of most interest to those in the Halifax Regional Municipality, but everyone is welcome, and we'd appreciate it if you could send this to other Scouters in your Group or anyone else you think might be interested.

Many thanks in advance

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Let's Go Camping!



Where can we go?

This month's featured Scout Camp is [Sunken Lake Scout Camp](#).

The Sunken Lake Scout Camp is a rustic camp, available for rent. Facilities include the main lodge (electricity, wood heater, fridge, gas stove, running water (May – October), tables & chairs, outfitted kitchen) and four cabins (8 bunks per cabin, no electricity). The camp is right on the lake, ideal for swimming and canoeing. Rental includes 7 fully equipped canoes.

The camp is conveniently located within a 15 minute drive of Wolfville and New Minas, on the South Mountain of the Annapolis Valley. The camp has been used by Scouting and other youth groups since 1920. We look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2020!

Several day hikes can be made from various points around the lake. There are more than a dozen active geocaches within walking distance of the camp.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), and visit our website <https://sites.google.com/site/wolfvillescouts/sunkenlakecamp>

Winter rental sale: 50% off rental rates for all scout groups, December 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

For more information contact Hugh Chipman (sunken.ns@scouts.ca) or Ian MacDonald idmac@eastlink.ca 542-9219

Every edition, we will feature another Scout Camp/Property. To have your favourite property featured, please send in a write up to: NScouncilnews@scouts.ca



1st Portland Estates: A Popcorn Success Story!

This year 1st Portland Estates increased their popcorn income per youth by approx. 100% (when compared to their previous two years), selling \$17.5K in popcorn, providing just under \$8K of income!

How did they do it?!

The Group Commissioner visited each section meeting and completed a Popcorn Kick-off, which was immediately followed by the youth and parents heading out to make their first sales.

One of their major successes was to create 2000 business cards for all their youth to write 'Thanks' and include their first name, which were given out to anyone who was nice to them!

All youth were also given designated streets to undertake their sales. All of their Popcorn fundraising material can be found at the following [link](#)

Great Work, 1st Portland Estates! Keep us posted on all the great Adventures your Popcorn money will fund!

Please join us in sending a big Thank You to our Popcorn Coordinator, Paul Savoie for all of his hard work this year. Thank you, Paul for all the time and effort you put in to making this Popcorn campaign a successful one. We really appreciate it!