



It starts with Scouts.



To: All 1st Bolton Scouts and Parents
Date: March 25, 2013

Note: Event invitations and additional information are available on the 1st Bolton Website (<http://www.boltonscouts.ca/>) under the Scout section. Please give us a days grace in getting information on the site after the hand-out is sent.

Duty Patrol: Sharks

This Week – Drama Night (March 25, 2013)

This week we will be at the BRYC. Each Patrol will pick a badge requirements from the Scout Handbook and act it out. This is a creative way to get some badge work done. So bring your books.

Next Meeting – Hike (April 1, 2013)

Next week we will be hiking. More detail to be released this week.

Badge Work

I would like to remind youth that you are responsible for presenting any badge work that you have accomplished. If we cover something in a meeting or a camp it will not be entered into Scout Tracker until you present it to a leader. Sometimes that can be as simple as saying you were there. Sometimes it will involve answering some questions, other times it will require some kind of presentation. There is a sign up sheet at our meetings. Sign in and we will do our best to get your badge work done that night. If you find you have a large backlog of work to present, let me know (preferably by email), and we will make some arrangements to get your work presented outside of a meeting.

Dues

Another reminder is that dues should be paid each week. If you forget one week try to pay the following week. Dues are payable even for weeks that you are not present. If you are not sure if you owe or know please check with your Patrol leader during Patrol time at the beginning of the meeting. It should be recorded in the Patrol folder.

Dues are used to fund our weekly program. Some weeks cost the Troop nothing and others cost us more than we collect in dues. This is why we need to collect them for each week.

Ongoing Fundraisers

A final reminder is about ongoing fundraisers. We have two that we use on an ongoing basis: pop cans and Zehrs tapes.

Pop cans are taken to a local recycler where we exchange them for cash. Please bring in the cans in a bag with the cans rinsed and crushed. If you have a large bag please let me know ahead of time so I can make sure I have room to take them.

Zehrs tapes are from the Bolton store only. Please hand them in to me and I will get them to those that sort them out for us. Every dollar helps so do not think that small totals are a waste.

Thank A Scouter

I wanted to make sure you were all aware of a program that Scouts Canada has to recognize Scouters for outstanding service. The program is called "Thank A Scouter". This is a simple way for you to commend a Scouter for their outstanding act or service to Scouting. Anyone (volunteers, youth, parents, or the community at large) can fill out the form.

To access the form you can use this link, <http://www.scouts.ca/thanks/>. There is also a link on the Troop page of the 1st Bolton website (lower right corner), or you can go to the Scouts Canada website main page and look for the "Thanks!" icon.

Archery

The second archery evening is this coming Tuesday. Those that signed up are as follows:

Tuesday, March 26, 2013:

Matthew Dunn

Jonathan Quintal

Christopher Quintal

Kevin Beauchamp

Nathan Mullan

Max Gunter

Jean-Luc DiLoreto

Tanner Krauter

Haliburton Scout Reserve (HSR)

The invitation for HSR was sent out last week. I have also attached it to this hand-out. This is a great event held by Yellow Briar every summer.

Meeting Plan

The following is a list of what we will be doing in upcoming meetings. Note that some changes may happen due to weather or other external factors:

Date	Theme	Location
March 25, 2013	Drama Night	BRYC
April 1, 2013	Hike	TBD
April 8, 2013	Canoe Training	BRYC
April 15, 2013	Orienteering	BRYC
April 22, 2013	Swim-Up	BRYC
April 29, 2013	Airship Night	BRYC
May 6, 2013	Dutch Oven/Fire Lighting	TBD

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Date	Theme	Location
May 13, 2013	Lashing	BRYC

Upcoming Events

Here is a list of some of the events and tentative dates that are planned for the year. More details will be provided as the events approach.

Event	Date	Location
Sportsman Hike	April 27-28, 2013	TBD
Scoutrees		TBD
D.I.B.C.	May 10-12, 2013	Camp BEL
S.C.O.P.E.	May 16-20, 2013	Pennsylvania
CJ13 Pre-Camp	June 7-9, 2013	Goodyear Memorial Scout Camp
Group Camp	June 21-23, 2013	TBD
CJ13	July 6-13, 2013	Lake Sylvain, Alberta
HSR	August 10-17, 2013	Haliburton Scout Reserve

Yours in scouting
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