



TROOP BULLETIN #3

19 September 2013

Next Meeting:Monday September 23rd Albion HillsDuty Patrol: SharksUniform Required:Activity with weather-appropriate outerwearWeekend Events:Fort George and Bolton Fall Fair this weekend

Week three – fire and smoke and charcoal (oh my)

This week we're going to Albion Hills Conservation Area to learn how to light fires and do some Dutch Oven cooking.

Never cooked with a Dutch Oven? Well, this is the meeting for you!

And they're not just for desserts... Scouter Steve and Scouter Erma will be showing you how to make all sorts of meals in Dutch Ovens... and you'll use these skills when we go to Adirondack Camp in November.

We'll be meeting at the **Pleasantview** group camp site. From Bolton, head north on Highway 50 until you cross under the railway bridge. Albion Hills will be on your left. Follow the main driveway past the gatehouse and past the driveway to the main camping area... the Pleasantview parking lot will be on your right.

Bring a mug and a mess kit as eating is definitely part of the menu!

Fort George

For those registered for Fort George, a couple of very important reminders.

1. The bus will be boarding at 5:30pm on Friday September 20th, at the Caledon Centre / BRYC parking lot. Only day packs (including rain gear and water bottle) should be brought on the bus.

Personal gear will go in the 1st Bolton Scout Trailer which will be parked at Scouter Blair's house, 31 Foxchase Drive, **tonight** (Thursday) before departure. Please ensure your gear is dropped off then, as the trailer will not be meeting us at the bus – we won't see it until we arrive at the Fort!

2. Packing List is on the website.

If you are <u>not</u> coming to Fort George... come to the Bolton Fall Fair instead (see below)

Bolton Fall Fair

This weekend is the Bolton Fall Fair. 1st Bolton Scout Group always helps out with Fall Fair cleanup, in exchange for assistance we receive from the Fair board.

Fall Fair Cleanup is both Saturday and Sunday, from 8:30 to 9:30am. Please come whichever day you are able to. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. **This gets you free entry into the fair!**

Also there is a tug of war Sunday at 1 p.m. - 1st Bolton Scouts is hoping to enter a team. For more information contact Brenda Newell at <u>brenda.newell@newellconsultants.com</u>

Parent Meeting

On Monday September 30th we will be holding a **parent meeting**, during the same time as our regular Scout meeting. While the youth are having their Troop meeting, I will be available to meet with the parents. I'll have a presentation on many aspects of our Scout programme, including weekly meetings, Troop structure, badges and awards, camping and outdoor activities, equipment, and much more. There will also be ample opportunity to have your questions answered.

I'd like to encourage all parents of our Scouts to attend this meeting, whether you are new to the Troop or have been here for years, and whether you have attended a parent meeting in the past or not. The parent meeting will be held downstairs at the Bolton Rotary Youth Center in the meeting room after opening and the investiture ceremony.

Scout Popcorn

1st Bolton is one the top selling groups in Canada. Starting in September, all the youth, leaders and parents in our group take orders for a wide range of popcorn products from friends, neighbours, family, colleagues and the general public. The popcorn is delivered a few weeks before Christmas, and after all the money is collected, as a group we retain almost 40% of the sale price of the popcorn, with another 20% helping to fund Scouting at the National level. This is the best fund-raiser I have ever seen and is the biggest reason 1st Bolton has such great camping and outdoor equipment and is able to fund the phenomenal range of camps, trips and activities each year.

If you didn't get your popcorn selling kit, need extra forms, or have any questions... please ask!

Upcoming Meetings

Here is the schedule for the next few weekly meetings. Please note this is subject to change as external circumstances dictate, so please check the weekly handout and the website each week for any updates.

Date	Theme	Location
Monday September 23 rd	Dutch Oven Cooking, Fire Lighting, Patrol Leader Nominations	Albion Hills Conservation Area
Monday September 30 th	Investiture Ceremony and Parent Meeting	BRYC Gym <i>and</i> Downstairs Board Room
Monday October 7 th	Fall Hike	Humber Valley Trail
Monday October 14 th	No Meeting – have a happy Thanksgiving!	

Upcoming Events

Throughout the year we have many activities scheduled, including hikes, camps and special events. We'll post information on these as soon as we know the dates, but please check the handout and website weekly as sometimes circumstances force us to change a date or location. There will be more activities added throughout the year! These are the ones already on the schedule:

Event	Date	Location
Camp: Scout Brigade of Fort George	September 20 th - 22 nd	Niagara-on-the-Lake
Bolton Fall Fair Cleanup	September 21 st & 22 nd	Bolton Fairgrounds
Apple Day, Jamboree on the Air	October 19 th	BRYC and around Bolton
Bolton Remembrance Parade	November 10 th	Downtown Bolton
Camp: Adirondack Adventure	November 15 th - 17 th	Everton Scout Camp
Yellow Briar Rain Gutter Regatta	November 23 rd	
Fun Active Scout Training (F.A.S.T.)	December 1 st	
Bolton Santa Claus Parade	December 7 th	Downtown Bolton
Winter Pre-Camp	December 14 th - 15 th	BRYC
Winter Camp	January 17 th - 19 th	
Yellow Briar LaserQuest Lockdown	January 31 st	LaserQuest in Brampton
1 st Bolton Annual Scouting Banquet	February 8 th or 22 nd	Humberview S.S., Bolton
1 st Bolton KubKar/Scout Truck Rally	February 8 th or 22 nd	Humberview S.S., Bolton
Yellow Briar KubKar/Scout Truck	March 1 st	
Camp: D.I.B.C.	May 9 th - 11 th	Camp BEL, Dorchester
Yellow Briar HSR Composite Camp	July 26 th – August 2 nd	Haliburton Scout Reserve

Weekly Reminders

Don't forget **\$1 dues** are due each week, whether you attend the meeting or not (so if you miss, catch up next week). Also, for meetings in the gym, don't forget non-marking, clean indoor shoes.

Most of the information throughout the year will also be posted on our group website at

http://www.boltonscouts.ca

and then on the left, click on the green "Scouts" tab.

Yours in Scouting,

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