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**Canadian Boy Scout Organization**



When the Boy Scout Movement was inaugurated by Sir Robert Baden-Powell in the beginning of 1908, it was intended that it should be used by existing boys' organizations,\* while in some cases Troops and Patrols might be formed by individuals which would be unattached to any of these. The rapid spread of the Movement outside existing organizations has made it absolutely necessary that some plan of control should be evolved which, while not in any way hampering the growth and freedom of the scheme, will at the same time ensure uniformity on broad lines among the various bodies of Scouts throughout the country, and for this purpose a Headquarters Council is being formed, with an Executive Committee, under the direction of His Excellency the Governor General, Chief Scout, to whom the general management of the Movement has been entrusted, and by whose authority the following scheme is circulated for general guidance.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

If it is desired to raise Boy Scouts in any centre of population where nothing has been previously done, the first step to be taken is the formation of a local "Boy Scout Association," and a meeting should be arranged at which some leading gentleman might be invited to take the chair. Any Scoutmasters already appointed and representatives from the different Boys' Organizations working in the district should be invited to attend, as well as the schoolmasters, clergy of the different denominations, and other gentlemen who are interested in work among boys. Particulars should be sent to the Secretary at the Provincial Headquarters before the date is fixed, in order that one of the Provincial Headquarters Staff may attend, if possible.

The Association when formed should be constituted as follows: —

- (a) A President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer elected annually in October.

MEMBERS

- (b) Scoutmasters, Representatives from existing Boys' Organizations and gentlemen interested in the Movement who are willing to serve, on invitation.

THE DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE: —

- (a) To nominate suitable persons to act as Scoutmasters, and recommend them to the Provincial Commissioner for the Chief Scout's Warrant.

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\* The term "Boys' Organization" in these instructions is defined as including: —  
Y.M.C.A.  
Boys' Brigade  
Church Lads' Brigade  
Public Schools, Preparatory Schools and other Schools  
Cadet Corps.

- (b) To register all Scoutmasters, Troops and Patrols in the district. No Scoutmaster, Troop or Patrol shall be recognized which is not so registered.
- (c) To generally supervise and encourage the Movement in the district with the least amount of interference with the independence and initiative of the Troops and Patrols.
- (d) To work in cordial co-operation with other Boys' Organizations in the District.
- (e) To be responsible for the granting of all Scout Badges and Awards in its district. Applications for these shall be made to the Hon. Secretary, to whom alone they will be issued on application to the Secretary of the Provincial Council.
- (f) The Local Association has the power to suspend any Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, or to withhold recognition from any Troop, Patrol or Scout within its area for grave dereliction of duty or for disloyalty to the rules of the Scout Movement. Any case of suspension must be at once reported to the Secretary at Headquarters in his Province.
- (g) Periodical meetings should be held. A suitable quorum should be arranged, according to local conditions.
- (h) If local By-laws are adopted, two copies must be sent to Provincial Headquarters, the one for filing, the other for approval and return.

The Boy Scout Scheme is for boys of every denomination and creed; and in order to enlist the sympathy of persons of all shades of opinion, the Association should be one which is representative of all parties and denominations, but at the same time Troops may be raised and managed by any recognized existing organizations and the membership may, if desired, be confined to boys connected with that organization. Such Troops are affiliated to the Local Scout Association and agree to conform generally to the principles laid down in the handbook "Scouting for Boys," including the tests for badges, and the Scoutmasters require only to have their appointment confirmed by the Local Scout Association, who are not empowered to interfere with the internal working of these Troops provided that they conform to the general principles of the Movement.

#### PROVINCIAL SCOUT COUNCIL.

It is hoped eventually to form in each Province a Provincial Scout Council, which shall consist of two representatives from each Local Association, and gentlemen willing to serve on invitation, with the following officers: —

Patron: His Honour the Lieut.-Governor.  
Commissioner:  
President:  
Two Vice-Presidents:  
Hon. Secretary } or may be combined.  
Hon. Treasurer }

Council (from which is selected an Executive Committee.)

THE DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL SCOUT COUNCIL WILL BE: —

- (a) To promote generally the welfare of the Boy Scout Movement in the Province, and to arrange for harmonious co-operation with all the existing organizations for boys, and to organize local Associations.
- (b) To co-ordinate the policy of the Local Associations so as to secure uniformity on broad lines throughout the area as regards methods and ideals without interference with the independence and initiative of such Associations and the Troops under them. Where necessary, the Provincial Scout Council may appoint an Executive Committee from amongst its members, to whom the above duties may generally be delegated.
- (c) To appoint District Commissioners, who will work under the direction of the Provincial Commissioner.

NOTE — All local Associations in Districts, Cities, Towns, Villages, etc., will register through the Council in their Province, all Troops in their locality, and all applications for warrants, badges and books shall be made through the Provincial office.

The Provincial Council shall keep on hand, a supply of books and badges pertaining to the work, and should be in a position to give advice as to the most suitable uniforms and where obtainable in their territory, or elsewhere. The Provincial Association should have on its Council, representatives from all important cities or towns in the Province.

THE DOMINION COUNCIL.

Dominion Council will be composed of representative men from all over Canada. A Tentative Council has already been formed, but at the Annual Meeting, which will be held in Ottawa in February, the Council for 1911 will be chosen. The Provincial Councils will elect five representatives to serve on the Dominion Council, and others per Province will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Dominion Commissioner and Provincial Commissioners will be ex-officio members of the Council. At the meeting of Council, held later, a Chairman of Council and a Secretary will be chosen, and an Executive Committee named. This Committee will select its own Chairman and appoint Finance and other Committees thought necessary.

The Dominion Council will determine the General line of Policy as best for the Dominion and ensure the welfare of the Movement generally. It shall issue Scoutmaster's warrants, signed by the Chief Scout. It shall receive reports from time to time as determined by the Council, from Provincial Councils, showing Local Associations organized within the Province, and the strength of each. It shall keep on sale for Provincial Associations, literature of the work such as "Scouting for Boys," etc., and also proficiency badges.

COMMISSIONERS.

The Dominion Commissioner, appointed by the Chief Scout, will be the Chief Commissioner for Canada. For each Province, a Provincial Commissioner will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Headquarters Council, and where necessary, District Commissioners, under the Provincial Commissioner will be selected by the Provincial Council. All Provincial and District Commissioners will be ex-officio members of the Scout Council of the Province to which they are appointed.

Warrants to Provincial and District Commissioners over the signature of the Chief Scout will be issued on application.

THE DUTIES OF A SCOUT COMMISSIONER: —

- (a) To inspect Troops and Patrols and advise how to conduct them on the lines laid down in "Scouting for Boys."
- (b) To secure the harmonious co-operation of all Associations and Scoutmasters in the District.
- (c) To be the concurring authority for the recommendation of Local Associations for the issue and withdrawal of Scoutmasters' Warrants before transmission to Headquarters.
- (d) To foster and encourage the Movement generally throughout the District.

SCOUTMASTERS.

All Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must have Warrants signed by the Chief Scout. They must be nominated by the Local Association and recommended by the Provincial Council or Commissioner.

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCOUTMASTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: —

- (a) A general knowledge of the Handbook "Scouting for Boys," especially the "Scout Law."
- (b) A full appreciation of the religious and moral aim underlying the practical instruction all through the scheme of Scouting.
- (c) Personal standing and character such as will ensure a good moral influence over boys, and sufficient steadfastness of purpose to carry out the work with energy and perseverance.
- (d) Age, not less than twenty.
- (e) Ability to obtain the use of some sort of club-room for Scout Meetings.

Scoutmasters must have at least one Assistant Scoutmaster to work with them, to insure continuity, and must have trained their Troops for at least three months before Warrants will be issued to them.

These qualifications apply equally to Assistant Scoutmasters, except that the age may be from 18 years.

ISSUE OF BADGES.

Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and Cyclist Badges are granted by the Association on the recommendation of Scoutmasters. Tests for other Badges must be passed before two qualified and, if possible, independent examiners approved by the Association.

Applications for Badges will be made by Secretaries of Local Associations direct to the Secretary of the Provincial Council.

FINANCE.

The spirit of the Movement is that on the part of the boys themselves money should be earned and not solicited.

Local Associations will *not* be required to contribute towards the Central or Headquarters Funds, but they should be self-supporting, the small sums of money necessary for working expenses and for obtaining camp and equipment for the boys being raised by local subscriptions.

All subscriptions and donations should be paid in to the Treasurer of the Local Association, and not to any individual Scoutmaster. There is no objection to Troops paying a small registration fee to their Local Association, if so desired.

REPORTS.

Secretaries of Associations will send in to the Provincial Secretaries, on the 1st November, brief reports made up to the 30th September of the number of Scouts and the progress made generally in the District, and these reports will be forwarded to Headquarters, at Ottawa, on or before the 30th of November.

The use of titles and terms denoting naval or military rank, such as Captain, Lieutenant, Commander, &c., &c., are not authorized in the Handbook and should not be used.

Approved for issue by the Executive Committee of Headquarters Council.

R. J. Bindewistle, Capt

*Dominion Secretary.*

SECOND EDITION

A second edition of this pamphlet will be issued shortly. Advertisers desiring space should apply at once to the Dominion Secretary, Room 15, Castle Building, Ottawa.



## **Boy Scouts.**

Information as to Joining the Boy Scouts.

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### **TO BECOME A BOY SCOUT YOU CAN**

- (1) Apply to the address given at the end of this Circular.
- (2) Join a "Patrol" or Troop raised by any gentleman in your neighbourhood.
- (3) Join one of the other organizations for boys who use the Boy Scouts' scheme as part of their instruction.

### **AGES.**

Any boys between the ages of eleven and eighteen can become Boy Scouts or Patrol Leaders. Officers (Scout Masters) must be over twenty.

### **PATROLS AND TROOPS.**

The "Unit" is a Patrol of six to nine boys; three or more Patrols form a Troop.

### **REGISTRATION.**

Registration is effected through the Local Association, whose Secretary's address is given at the end of this Circular, and who will report to the Provincial Secretary.

### **HOW TO START WORK.**

The Scout Master will prepare to train the Patrol, as explained in the pamphlet called "Scheme for Boy Scouts' Training," and he will, if possible, get the use of a room as a Club Room for the Troop. He will order Parades on convenient days weekly, and go through the course of training with the Patrol, as given in the Handbook called "Scouting for Boys." This course of training will take about six weeks or two months, and the Handbook shows you everything that need be done.

### **HOW TO GAIN SCOUTS' BADGES**

After completing a course of instruction the boy will be examined as laid down in "Scouting for Boys," and if the boy passes the tests therein given, the Scout Master will apply to the Local Association, who will award him the rank and Badge of second-class or first-class Scout, according to the tests which he passes.

### **UNIFORM.**

No special uniform is laid down, but each Provincial Council is expected to consider this question and advise Local Associations in their Province of the most suitable uniform, and where obtainable.

(See suggestion, page 11-12).

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CAMPS.

Camps are arranged for in the summer in certain Districts to which Boy Scouts can go for as many days as they agree to arrange. Each boy will have to pay his daily expense of feeding in Camp, and should, therefore, begin to save money for it directly he joins a Patrol. Where there is no Camp in the neighbourhood a Patrol or Troop can make their own Cam either with huts or tents (see "Scouting for Boys"), or get the use of a barn or hayloft and carry out the course of Campaigning and Camp Life suggested in the Handbook.

FUNDS.

Each Patrol must manage its own subscriptions, &c. Several ways of obtaining funds for the Patrol are given in the Handbook "Scouting for Boys," so that a Patrol can raise money for itself by dint of work should it require funds. It is very desirable that the Boy Scouts should be self-supporting, and begging for money for their own benefit is forbidden. They should earn what funds they require by means of work or performances which deserve money in return.

CLUB ROOM.

Try and arrange for a Club Room either for hire or loan. If a room cannot be got, possibly some friend will give the use of a barn or loft, in which case the Troop should be careful to do no harm, and to repay the owner's kindness by doing odd jobs for him.

TRESPASSING.

The fact of being a Boy Scout does not entitle you to carry a gun or to trespass. When leave is given you to scout over private property you should be particularly careful to avoid damaging fences or crops, to close all gates behind you, and not to frighten animals or game, etc.

COMMITTEE.

No Troop or Patrol will be allowed to be formed unless steps are taken to first form a Representative and Responsible Committee for the management of the proposed Troop and any others which may be formed in the immediate neighbourhood.

Hon. Secretary of the Local Association or Scoutmaster,

*Name.* .....

*Address.* .....

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*Headquarters Address:*

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## Scout Uniform

(Subject to weather conditions).

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HAT.— Khaki colour, flat brim, strap round crown, and chin-strap.

NECKERCHIEF.— Of one colour for the Troop. The neckerchief is worn loosely knotted at the throat and also at the ends.

SHIRT.— Blue, khaki or grey, two patch pockets (buttoned), shoulder straps. In winter a jersey or sweater of same colour, if preferred.

SHORTS.— Blue or khaki.

BELT.— Brown leather. Swivels, coat straps, pouch and axe optional. Buckles, &c., should be of dull metal.

STOCKINGS.— Dark colour or khaki, coloured tops optional, green garters with tabs showing on outside of leg. Stockings are worn turned down below the knee.

SHOES OR BOOTS.— Brown or black.

STAFF.— Marked in feet and inches.

HAVERSACK.— Worn as a knapsack.

SHOULDER-KNOT.— Six inches, colour as for Patrols.

WHISTLE AND KNIFE.— On lanyards, and hitched to swivel on belt.

*Nothing but the above should be worn visibly. All extras to be carried in haversack. A Scout's clothing should be of flannel or wool, as much as possible; cotton next to the skin should be avoided, as it does not absorb the perspiration, and is likely to give a chill.*

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### SCOUTMASTER'S UNIFORM.

*Any extraordinary "get-up" is much to be deprecated. It is not allowable for military uniforms to be copied. Those Scoutmasters who are entitled to wear military uniforms should not adopt this dress when scouting with or drilling troops of Boy Scouts.*

### UNIFORM FOR CAMP, GAMES, &c.

HAT.— Flat brimmed (khaki) with the appropriate badge on left side.

SHIRT.— Flannel "Scout's" shirt with collar and green tie, short sleeves. Or the coloured neckerchief may be worn. If needs, a white sweater may be worn over the shirt.

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SCOUTMASTERS' UNIFORM — *continued.*

SHOULDER-KNOT.— White, on left shoulder.

BELTS, SHORTS, STOCKINGS AND SHOES.— As for Scouts.

UNIFORM FOR DRILLS AND PARADES.

Hat, shirt (with coloured collar and tie), belt as above, knicker breeches, stockings, puttees or leather gaiters, walking-stick, whistle and lanyard.

If a coat is needed, it should be of the Norfolk variety, and *not an* imitation of a military tunic. Aigulets, spurs, swords, revolvers, gauntlets and riding crops must not be used.



ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS.

The uniforms should be the same as Scoutmasters except that the shoulder knot is bright scarlet. The buttonhole badge is white metal.



COMMISSIONER'S UNIFORM.

HAT.— As for Scoutmasters. Badge with purple plume at side.

TIE.— Green necktie (Scouts' colour).

COAT.— Norfolk jacket pattern, but without cloth belt. Colour — Khaki or military active service dress. Roll collar. Four patch pockets, buttoned. Leather buttons. No shoulder straps. Plain sleeves. The coat is worn open at the neck, with the Commissioner's small badge on the left top buttonhole.

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