

The Value of Scouting in My Life

The June/July **Leader** launched our first *Scouting Works!* column. It featured two Scouting youths who benefited greatly from their Scouting involvement, and who were awarded with a Scouts Canada Foundation Scholarship.

Scouting Works! will renew your vision and build enthusiasm. After reading these brief snapshots

Scouting Builds Confidence in Youth

by Robert Pollock

Scouting has had many beneficial effects on my life. It has helped me do my best and be responsible. It has provided me with life skills and survival skills. Through Scouting, I have been challenged to attempt things that I otherwise would have avoided. It has given me new opportunities and experiences. As a result, I am a more rounded individual because of my Scouting involvement.

Scouting has helped teach me how to set goals and develop a useful plan for reaching them by dividing them up into small, attainable steps.

Scouting is fun. It has provided me with enjoyment. I have also become more aware of nature and the peace it has to offer.

Scouting has increased my confidence immensely. I believe I have developed into a better person and citizen because of Scouting. As I grow older and become more aware of Scouting's principles, I see the value of this program for myself and others. I believe that these goals and principles offer a desirable direction for me to lead my life.

— Robert Pollock lives in Saskatoon, SK.



Scouting Helps Youth Develop Socially

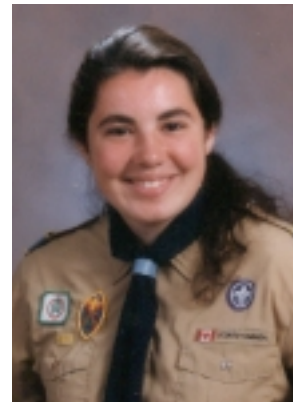
by Amanda McGuire

I have been a member of the 2nd St. Stephen Venturer Company (New Brunswick) since 1992, and I honestly feel that in these past five years I have grown stronger, not only physically, but also mentally and socially. During this time I have learned how to organize and run a meeting; I have successfully held Scouting executive positions of vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Furthermore, having participated in several outdoor camping trips and competitions, I have acquired various significant skills, such as knot tying, first aid, orienteering, camp organization, and others.

The most important part of Scouting for me has been the social interaction. I have learned to work as a member of a team, and to trust and depend on others when emergencies arrive. I have also learned that the most important part of competition is having fun, not constantly striving to be the best.

The part of Scouting that I will never let go of and can never lose is stored in my heart. It consists of the friends I have made and all of the memories which will never fade.

— Amanda McGuire lives in St. Stephen, NB.



What's Amanda Doing Now?

Recently, Amanda McGuire provided a description of her life during and after university. Here's what she told us...

I went to Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS), and majored in biology. My favourite area of this field proved to be genetics, which led me to write a thesis in my fourth and final year on fruit flies.

I graduated with honours in May 2001 and have been employed by the Huntsman Marine Centre in St. Andrews, NB, since. Here I have been researching almost every aspect of the marine world and am preparing to publish my first paper. I am still interested in genetics, and have applied to begin a Masters in Genetic Counselling in September 2003. I am now living in Waweig, NB, with my duck (Zack).

It would have been financially difficult for me to go to university had Scouts Canada not supported me. Thank you.



Amanda and Zack share a cozy moment for the camera.