

The Value of Scouting in My Life

Did you see our first *Scouting Works!* column in the June/July **Leader**? It featured two Scouting youths who benefited greatly from their involvement in the Movement. Both received a Scouts Canada Foundation Scholarship.

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

shots written by two Scouting youths, you'll have a better understanding how your weekly efforts build up young people into vibrant, contributing Canadians.

This month we feature two more recipients of the Scouts Canada Foundation Scholarship: Katherine Burns and Liam O'Hare.

Scouting Has Helped Me in Amazing Ways

Scouting has been of immense value to my life. The program transformed me into a person with higher self-esteem and a desire to always do my best.

Scouting has opened me up to many new challenges as both a youth and a leader. It has always given me something to look forward to in the week, and it has filled my weekends with outdoor fun. Scouting has prepared me to meet the demands of the world around me.

The highlights of my Scouting career include the challenge of receiving my Chief Scout and Queen's Venturer Awards, and attending CJ'93. These activities and many more have added a unique excitement to my life that few of my friends have experienced. I love the times spent having fun with others. The personal experiences and the great people I met have made me more outgoing and talkative.

As I reach adulthood, I hope to still find a place for Scouting in my life. Scouting has motivated me to become a more active member of my school and community. It has been a rewarding experience.

— Katherine Burns lives in Maitland, NS.



Scouting: A Very Positive Influence

Scouting has been one of the most positive influences in my life – more than any other organization of which I have been a part. Scouting has helped me to build strong friendships, and fostered a love of the outdoors. Scouting has also developed my leadership skills.

The kind of friendship that is formed in Scouting is the sort that can only be formed at jamborees and other special events, by sharing a meal at camp, or by sitting around a campfire at the end of a long day. Also, I get a great sense of satisfaction knowing that I belong to a larger, universal organization.

In addition to these benefits, Scouting has given me valuable leadership experience. In my eight years of Scouting, I have served for two years as a Patrol Leader with the Second Sherwood Scout Troop. Currently, I also serve as the co-chair of the First West Royalty Venturer Company, and as a member of the Provincial Youth Committee. These experiences have helped me develop valuable skills that I hope will stay with me for the rest of my life.

The combination of leadership experience, outdoor adventure, and friendship has been a powerful influence on my life. Scouting experience has been invaluable to my development, and I know that it will serve me well in the future. ^

—Liam O'Hare lives in Charlottetown, PE.



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