

The Value of Scouting in My Life

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A Positive Impact in My Life

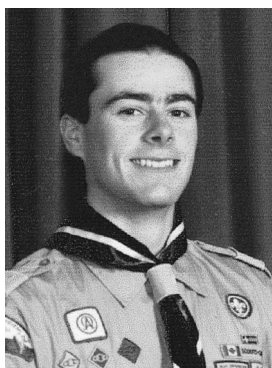
by *Shaun Donald*

Scouting has had a substantial positive impact on my life. So many things that I do and know are a result of the many varied experiences in my Scouting years. It has enhanced my appreciation and admiration of the outdoors. I have learned respect for my environment, and the people around me. I have gained great leadership and people skills that have allowed me to excel in my community and school environments. Scouting has allowed me to grow up in a safe environment among caring friends. I have met some really great people, and acquired several life-long friends.

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Scouting has given me a chance to find my true self. Challenges that I have faced in Scouting have allowed me to learn a great deal about myself, and how to work better with others. I have also had the chance to travel across Canada and around the world with Scouting. This has opened my eyes and allowed me to experience different cultures and ways of life, and enabled me to appreciate my own country in new ways.

— *Shaun Donald lives in Midland, ON.*



Scouting Has Given Me Confidence

by *Christina Ashmore*

The value of Scouting in my life can be summarized by the three main principles:

- Duty to God
- Duty to Others
- Duty to Self

Since the time when I was 11 years old, Scouting has been a part of my life. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of individuals. These experiences (positive and negative) have made me a better person, and have helped develop my beliefs and values.

The Duty to God Principle holds special meaning to me. I am an active member in my church, and believe that experience in Scouting has helped develop my sense of duty to my fellow man.

Duty to others: all of us have a responsibility to use our talents to better society. Whether it is involving ourselves as a volunteer or just being courteous, all of us can help make this world a better place.

Scouting's third Principle is Duty to Self. Scouting has helped build not only my respect for others, but for myself as an individual. We are all unique creatures with our own special talents. Scouting has given me the confidence to make my own decisions and not be pressured by peers or other group members.

— *Christina Ashmore lives in Lombardy, ON.*



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