



CJ'07 Program

Activities to Challenge

Scouts and Venturers by Gary Thurston

Hopefully, your long-term Scouting calendar reads the same as mine: July 25th to August 1st, 2007, 11th Scouts Canada National Jamboree, Tamaracouta, Quebec.

Over the next 18 months, a team of experienced, enthusiastic and creative Scouters will be recruited. They will be responsible for planning and sourcing the core program activities. Their challenge is to deliver a variety of quality activities, which are safe, fun and challenging, contributing to a “once-in-a-lifetime experience” for participating youth.

What can participants expect?

Program periods will run in two blocks each day; 9am to 12pm and 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

In recognition of the sharply rising costs of gasoline/transportation services, and the underlying objective of keeping the participant's fee as reasonable as possible, the majority of the program will be delivered on site utilizing the unique and rich, natural resources of the Tamaracouta Scout Reserve. Hills, fields, lakes and forest; Tamaracouta offers them all. These will be supplemented by a few off-site opportunities within the adjacent area.

Land and water activities identified as being popular by youth participants at recent national jamborees will be there, plus some exciting new ones offering fresh challenges and experiences. Program leadership teams are being challenged to design activities that will require more traditional Scouting skills and knowledge, providing

more opportunity for friendly competition between units. A special activity to mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting is being explored, in which all units will participate on the final Wednesday of CJ'07. Have you ever celebrated a Sunrise Ceremony, woken up to cocoa and biscuits, or undertaken ‘physical drill’ recently? This will be your chance.

An opportunity for Venturers and Rovers to join program activity teams as Offers of Service through the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) initiative will again be available. YLT participants made significant contributions to the success of CJ'01 and gained invaluable leadership experience. Of course, they accomplished this while having a blast and making many new friends.

The popular Indaba evening training sessions will again be offered for unit leaders and Offers of Service, to enrich troop and company programming back home. This also provides an opportunity to escape from the rigors of the jamboree, rekindle old friendships and make new acquaintances – while exchanging personal experiences and ideas on session subjects.

Program activity leaders are required for various programs. If you are interested in an outdoor, active leadership role, please feel free to contact me (scoutergary@ns.sympatico.ca) indicating a specific area of interest (i.e. water activity; pioneering; cooking; etc.).

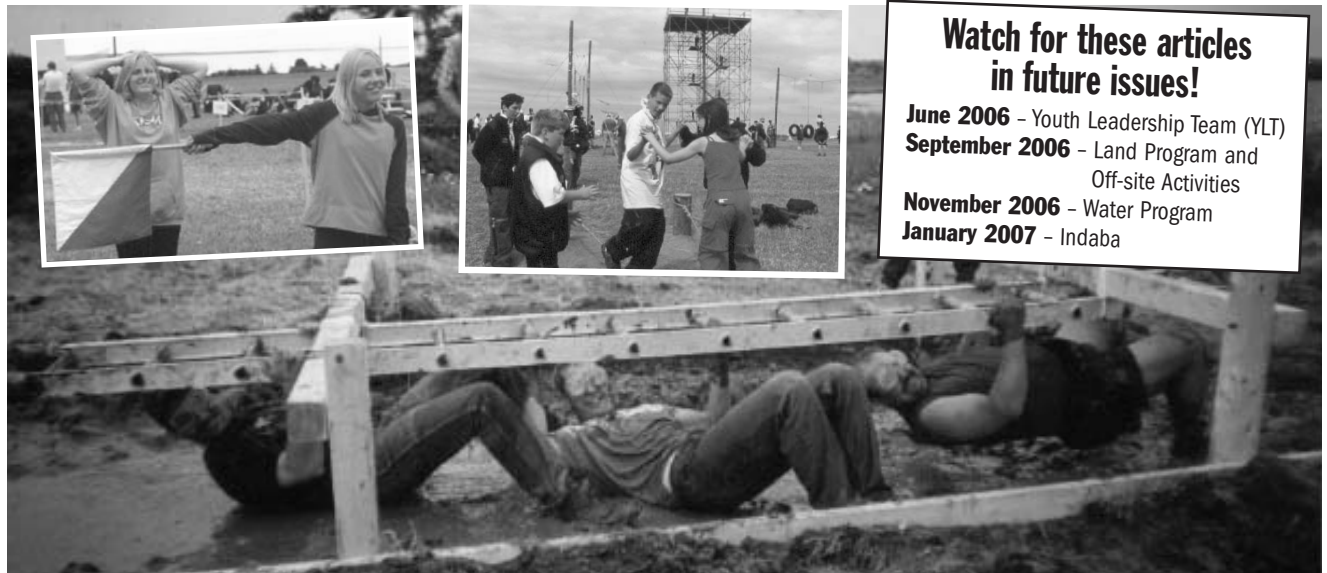
Details on programming for the jamboree will be provided in future editions of the *Leader Magazine*, as well as on the CJ'07 web site (www.scouts.ca/cj07).

Looking forward to seeing you at CJ'07.

CJ ROCKS!!!!!!

– Gary Thurston is the Program Manager for CJ'07 and enjoys going to Jamborees.

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Watch for these articles in future issues!

June 2006 – Youth Leadership Team (YLT)

September 2006 – Land Program and Off-site Activities

November 2006 – Water Program

January 2007 – Indaba

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