



CJ'07

Your Adventure Awaits

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Warning: Reading the following article has the potential to increase your heart rate, cause you to sweat in anticipation and inhibit your daily thought process as you are driven to distraction waiting for CJ'07.

If you made it past the disclaimer above, you are one step closer to the event of the century. The Centenary Canadian Jamboree is only a year away and program events are now in place.

Land program activities at Camp Tamaracouta will be concentrated in two areas; Gilwell Fields and B.-P. Hill. With dozens of activities, there is definitely something for everybody.

For those Scouts and Venturers interested in testing their brains, consider *Canadian Investigative Scouting (CIS)*, in which teams solve the mysteries of Scouting using Crime Scene Investigation. Troops will be given a simulated crime scene with the challenge to figure out "who done it". DNA testing, blood tests, footprints, and other clues will be taken to the lab for processing, where further investigative tools will help you unlock the mystery.

Or how about an activity with the theme of our founder in mind in *The Search for Mafeking*? Your patrol or company are new Scouts joining B.-P.'s regiment. Prepared with backpack and water, you will trek the hidden trails in the dense wilderness of Tamaracouta looking for the lost town of Mafeking. On your way you will learn about the use of compass, GPS units, water purification and other camping skills. Arriving later that day, you will have to find the geo-cache where your food is hidden, purify your water and make camp to spend the night. The next morning you will hike back to find your next assignment.

For those looking for a physical challenge, try the *Gun Run*. Over the



years, all military strategists have known that those that control the upper ground have the upper hand. The goal is to use ropes, pulleys, strength and know how to get your "cannon" (in pieces), up the cliffs of the Laurentians to claim the heights far above Lake Tamaracouta. The unit that has their cannon at the top and operational first, shall endure.

Something For Everyone

The Program team hasn't forgotten the traditionalists, either. There is an element of pioneering skills or woodcraft in almost every activity, following the theme of the Jamboree.

Perhaps your group is planning on coming out for the rush, the thrill, the excitement. We have you covered there as well with some of the favourites from past Jamborees coming back — the *Spiderman Climbing Wall*, with eight climbing stations or *Snakes and Ladders* with zipline after zipline. There is also the chance to see Tamaracouta as no one else has before with the *Canopy Cruise*. Ride boson chairs through the canopy of the forest; high in the trees where one can look a bird right in the eye as it sits in the highest branches.

Maybe your interest is traditional Scouting such as *1907 Badge Work*, which, as it sounds, involves earning some of the first badges Baden-Powell introduced to Scouting. Perhaps you

will partake in an obstacle course of rope ladders, crossings and fencing representing the *Siege of Mafeking*, take part in *Zulu Spear Craft*, or build your own working telegraph at *Beside the Rail*. You'll see that the Land Program team has traditional Scouting covered.

But wait; the team is offering modern programming as well. One of the quickest growing outdoor sports in recent times is *Geo-caching*. Find your own treasures in this fast paced and thought provoking sport. For riders, try mountain biking in *Handle Bars and Wheels* or BMX'ing with *B.-P.'s Pony Express*.

And of course, what Canadian Jamboree could run without the fan favourite for many...*Mud Mayhem*? While waist deep in mud, can your group complete the entire list of tasks in the time given to you?

The Land Program Team has worked hard to provide a wide range of activities and are positive that both Scouts and Venturers alike will walk or crawl away exhausted from each day's events; tired but with a smile as big as Lake Tamaracouta in eager anticipation of the next morning and a whole new set of challenges. X

— *As Chair of the Land Program Team, Rob Ridley and his crew can't wait to see you experience all the fun and excitement at CJ'07. See you there!*

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