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Registration fees are still only \$40 for youth and adult leaders for the coming year! Reminder to try and get your registration numbers to the Treasurer (email rri14@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have sufficient insurance coverage for everyone, so the sooner you can get us those numbers...!

Mail your registration fees to BPSA Treasurer, 157 Brears Road South, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 4G3. Cheques are made out to "**BP Service Association**" or simply "**BPSA**". Registration forms are mailed or emailed to your Provincial Commissioner. Thanks and have a wonderful scouting year!

From the Chief Commissioner's Desk

Greetings to all returning Scouters and a huge Welcome to all you new leaders. We are looking forward to an exciting year of Scouting and my goal this year is to visit each group at least twice.

Up until this year we have not had too much to do with WFIS North America, that is changing, we have three members from British Columbia on the Executive, myself as Vice President, Ric Raynor of Quesnel is the Wood Beads co-ordinator and Ron Long of CISA was elected to the position of Secretary. Dan'l Adams of BPSA USA from California is our regional president. We have had some worthwhile discussions which will lead to us participating in Regional Events in the near future.

On a Provincial level we are reworking our Constitution and Bylaws in order to make them more easily understood and applied. Also, several other pieces of material are under review to remove things that are already printed elsewhere. The language is also being cleaned up to make it more easily understood.

Nothing is being changed that will affect the application of the Scout Laws or programming.

Should you have any suggestions for changes you would like to see in our handbooks or badge

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requirements, please drop me an e-mail to: prov.comm@gmail.com and your ideas and suggestions will be immediately forwarded to our review committee for consideration.

Not only are the BC Bylaws, Constitution and handbooks being reviewed but we have also been charged with sending suggestions to WFIS North America for changes to their Bylaws and Constitution. As much as we try to impart Traditional Scouting basic principles, methods and programs, certain administrative items must be updated in order to keep things current.

I ask that you be patient as we undergo these reviews as they are for the betterment of our movement.

Till next time.

Cheers and Good Scouting

PLANNING AN OUTING FOR OTTERS

Outings and visits are an important part of the Otter Program. The Raft Leadership team is encouraged to offer at least one day or evening visit in each two to three month planning cycle, and a variety of types of visit during the year. Some ideas could include:

- Leisure centre
- Camp Site
- Country Walk
- Theme Park
- Museum
- Farm
- Wildlife Park
- Coast Guard Station
- Countryside Park
- Nature Trail
- Town Trail
- Science Centre
- Zoo
- Fire/Police/Ambulance Stations
- Craft Workshop

Otter outings are strongly recommended to have one adult to every Otter Den (four Otters), and for each Otter to know which is their particular adult for the day. Please remember that all adult helpers require an acceptable Police Record Check to be submitted.

THE QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

Email the Quartermaster at qm.bpsa@gmail.com

Place your uniform order at <http://www.bpsa-bc.org/qm.htm>

Or for BPSA-Ontario <http://www.bpsa-on.ca/qm.htm>

Email the Badge Secretary at badges.bpsa@gmail.com

Place your badge order at <http://www.bpsa-bc.org/b-order.htm>

Technology is probably an oxymoron for Traditional Scouting, but there are ways to make your "job" easier without costing an arm and a leg. Microsoft has a software donation program through a non-profit organization called Tech Soup and through them we can obtain very reasonably priced Microsoft products. Visit <http://www.techsoupcanada.ca/> and see if there is anything you are interested in. If so, let the Quartermaster know and we can gather an order together.

On another note, we do have some spreadsheets that have been created to track your enrolment, revenue and expenses and are working on some to track the progress of Otters, Timberwolves and Explorers. Let us know if you are interested or if you have something you would like to share.

Neckerchief Sizes:

We have had many inquiries regarding the proper size for neckerchiefs. So, here they are:

Otters:.....24" x 24" x 33"

Timber Wolves: ...28' x 28" x 39

Explorers:..... 31" x 31" x 46"

Leaders:.....40" x 40" x 56"

Cut on the bias along the long edge of the neckerchief. With the exception of the Otter Neckerchief the max allowed for a hem is 1/2" - Otters 1/4"



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SCOUTER'S FIVE

E. E. Reynolds, Boy Scouts, 1944

CITIZENSHIP

It has already been noted that one of the chief purposes of the Scout Movement is the training of boys to be good citizens. B.-P.'s own definition was, "A school of citizenship through woodcraft." When he wrote that in 1908 he was talking a language which few people understood. Since then—and in some degree through his teaching—the notion of training for citizenship has become almost a commonplace. Unfortunately, the idea is often so limited as to mean chiefly having a knowledge of the machinery of local and central government. B.-P.'s notion was something much wider and more human—he thought of a citizen as one who is able to look after himself and to live happily with others, and, at the same time, able, as well as willing, to help where help is needed for the good of the community; and, finally, if called upon, willing to sacrifice much, indeed life itself, for the common good.

The code of behaviour set out in the Scout Law is a social code; reference to it will show how the central idea is applied to the benefit of others; although we are told "a Scout is so-and-so" this positive statement is by no means self-centred. Thus throughout there runs the general theme of making oneself a better individual in order to be a better neighbour.

Such a series of precepts is far from original; where B.-P. broke new ground was in giving a more direct practical, everyday, application.

Thus—if "A Scout's duty is to be useful, and help others"—then he will begin straight away with a daily Good Deed; nothing spectacular, but just something which otherwise he would probably not do. Also he will learn how to give First Aid to the injured, and he will learn to swim and to do rescue work in the water. So one could go on illustrating how B.-P. in his scheme of training skillfully linked up ideals with actions, and over all threw the cloak of romance.

Another aspect of citizenship training is the development of right qualities of character, for the good citizen is first and foremost a man of sound character. The quality above all others developed in Scouting as proved time and time again in war, is self-reliance. This is of growing importance when more and more is being done for the boy and less and less by him. So in camp he learns to make his own bed (and lie on it), to cook his food (and eat it), and to take his share in the community chores (and put up with it). He learns further to make a little go a long way and to improvise. This is one of the benefits of Scouting which is in constant danger of being smothered by the production by enterprising manufacturers of all kinds of gadgets for camp. But that patent cooker is a danger; far better for the boy to turn a cocoa tin into a billy and the lid of a biscuit box into a frying pan, as indeed the early Scouts had to do. So, Scouting too has its little war against the encroaching "amenities" of civilisation."

TIMBER WOLVES

We have a new (old) Timber Wolf Program and Manual! The Tenderpad to Second Star is based on the pre-1960 program and focuses more on physical health and development.

The program has been simplified in many ways. There are only five requirements for Investiture. The Story of B.-P. is still included as is the Jungle Book, but they do not form part of the requirements.

Much of what was a first and second star has been continued

so there is some continuity, but there is more focus on activities rather than memorization.

There is also an accompanying Handbook to assist Leaders to implement the program. An additional four proficiency badges have been approved, Artist, Gardener, Homecraft and Team Player along with an updated manual of Proficiency Badges and How to Qualify For Them.

Those groups using the existing



program are strongly encouraged to review this new program. We do want to eventually only have one Timber Wolf program and new groups will receive only this one.

Copies are available from the training committee training.bpsa@gmail.com or your Provincial Commissioner. We would appreciate your comments and feedback as well!

Boating Safety Laws and You

It may seem a bit out of place to speak about boating and water safety just as we are winding up our summer activities. However, because our motto is Be Prepared, this is just about the right time to start planning for the next boating season.

Under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, all operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor are required as of September 15, 2009, to carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). This is the final stage of a safety program being phased in by the federal government over the last 10 years. The program has been developed in response to senseless tragedies repeated every summer on our waters, particularly our lakes and rivers. About 100 to 150 Canadians die each year in nearly 4,000 recreational boating accidents that require the response by Search and Rescue.

This program imposes several restrictions on operators. Persons under 16 years of age are allowed to operate motor boat but not personal watercraft (SeaDoo, etc). Other restrictions are according to the size of the engine as follows:

Under 12 years of age	10 hp
Between 12 and under 16 years of age	40 hp
16 years of age and over	No power restrictions

Regardless of the above restrictions, every operator regardless of age must have the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). The PCOC is good for life. There is no need to renew it later as is the case with driver's licences.

At the moment there are three different PCOC exam classes depending on age. 8 - 12, 13 - 15 16 and over

Not all course providers offer age appropriate exams. Aqua Safe does.

How do your Timber Wolves and Explorers Qualify for this card?

The licensing process consists of an in class safety course and a written, multiple question test which the candidate must pass with at least 75%

Currently any scouting group can organize a

course. The total course material is online at <http://redfox.its.queensu.ca/> A CD-ROM copy of the same material is available on request. Any number of copies may be made for distribution to your boat course members.

A Scouter takes the material, gets his group up to a suitable knowledge level, then contacts Scouter Lorne at dudleyl@queensu.ca for exam materials for the required number of students (by age category).



The Scouter acts as a proctor for the exam after agreeing to adhere to and enforce the Transport Canada exam protocol.

The complete exam package is then returned to Scouter Lorne for mark verification and production of the PCOC. The PCOC is mailed directly to the exam candidate.

Currently the total cost, including mailing of PCOC, is \$15 per scout member on successful completion. Cost for a member of the general public is \$20.

The course may be delivered during your regular meetings, in short portions of about 20 minutes each. It is recommended that every week you spend a little time on recapping the previously covered material. In order to ensure your troop's or pack's success, it would be a good idea to devote one meeting entirely to reviewing the course material. Allow in your planning enough time at the end of the meeting for your kids to write the exam. Most candidates will complete the exam in 30 - 45 minutes.

There is a program of financial grants to assist non-profit organizations with promoting water safety. You will find all the required details on the Transport Canada website:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/contrib-prgm/menu.htm>, under Boating Safety Class Contribution Program.

Please visit the website and review it carefully to see if you can qualify your group for the subsidy which would cover the cost of the licensing. Just another way your association delivers value and keeps traditional Scouting at an affordable cost.



PATROL CORNER

A Patrol Leader has a lot of responsibilities, but that doesn't make the job hard. Sure, it'll be difficult until you learn how to do the job and your Patrol learns to trust your leadership. But, after a while a good Patrol Leader won't have to work very hard. Most of the hard work will almost take care of itself as the Patrol learns to work together. If you want your Patrol to be the right kind of Patrol, then it's up to you to be the right kind of leader. Let's take a look at what it takes to be the right kind of leader:

The right kind of Patrol Leader believes absolutely in their Patrol.

The PL truly believes their Patrol is the best Patrol in the troop, made up of the best Explorers, living by the Scout Promise and Law better and better.

The right kind of Patrol Leader knows how to get the job done.

They know that no one likes to be bossed around, and that it's up to the PL to keep the patrol together and moving in the right direction.

The right kind of Patrol Leader is a leader in Scout Spirit.

The Patrol Leader sets the tone. They are an example to the other Patrol members. If the PL isn't trustworthy, they won't be trustworthy either.

The right kind of Patrol Leader stays ahead of their Patrol.

The patrol leader knows most people prefer to hear the words "come on," rather than "go on."

The right kind of Patrol Leader understands.

You can't lead a Patrol if you don't know where and who they are. Getting to know the Explorers in your Patrol is vitally important.

The right kind of Patrol Leader keeps the Patrol active.

The Patrol needs to remain active to stay alive. It must have plenty of things to do, and a plan for getting them done. The job of making sure that happens falls to the Patrol Leader.

The right kind of Patrol Leader shares the leadership.

Your Patrol looks to you for leadership, but that doesn't mean they stand around watching you. They should be right by your side, as much involved in the Patrol as you are.

The right kind of Patrol Leader represents their Patrol and the troop.

The Patrol Leader has responsibilities beyond their Patrol as well. They are a leader in the troop, along with all of the other Patrol Leaders.

That sounds like an awful lot to remember, but don't worry. You've got plenty of help. There are other Explorers in your troop who have been Patrol Leader, and you'll be able to count on them for help and advice when you need it. You also have the Explorer Leader to turn to. They are there to help as well, giving you advice and a kind word to boost your confidence. You're not alone, but the job is all yours.



SCOUTMASTER'S NOTES

Organization of the Troop

A troop will not be likely to have a successful beginning if organized in hasty, haphazard fashion, by those who have little understanding of what Scouting really is, and the foundation necessary for a new Troop. Many Troops have been started only to dissolve within a few months because of an unwise beginning.

Practical experience in Canada has produced the following general rules for the organization of a Troop that will live, and that will realize for the boys and the Explorer Leader the real intent and possibilities of the Explorer training: —

- (a) The selection of a Group Committee of capable people who are really interested in the youth work of the community, or of the church or other organization with which the Troop is to be connected.
- (b) A suitable meeting place for the Troop.
- (c) Study by the Explorer Leader as soon as possible of *Tenderfoot to Queen's Scout*; *Scouting for Boys*; *Boy Scouts*, by Gilcraft; *Working the Patrol System* and *Scout Games*, by Gilcraft, in conjunction with the reading of *The Scoutmaster's First Year* (all of which are available in The Dump <http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/>)
- (d) If at all practicable, the taking by the Leaders of the Wood Beads Training Course.
- (e) Holding firmly to a small beginning, made by



selecting three or four natural youth leaders as Patrol Leaders; and the selection by these youth of their Seconds.

- (f) The training of Patrol Leaders and Seconds by the Explorer Leader until they have passed their Tenderfoot tests; then
- (g) Selection and addition to the Patrols, two by two, of Tenderfoot candidates, and their training by the Patrol Leaders and Seconds.

Building the New Troop

The Steps

- (a) General meeting of youth desirous of becoming Explorers. Election of prospective Patrol Leaders by ballot.
- (b) Patrol Leaders (later) choose Seconds.
- (c) Patrol Leaders, Seconds and Explorer Leader study and pass Tenderfoot tests.
- (d) Weekly hikes for all youth interested.
- (e) Patrol Leaders and Seconds invested.
- (f) Patrol Leaders and Seconds choose and add individual youth to their patrols, and train them to pass Tenderfoot tests; Patrol Leaders and Seconds meanwhile working with Explorer Leader on Second Class tests.
- (g) Weekly meetings started on Patrol System.
- (h) Court of Honour formed.

We will publish more from the Scoutmasters First Year in the next issue.

THE GAZETTE NEEDS YOU !

Send us news from your Group. We would like to tell everyone what your members have achieved and what interesting things you have done lately.

Let us know what you would like to see in the Gazette – you could even write a story for us!

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Don't be shy – drop us a line!





News from BPSA British Columbia

BPSA British Columbia held its Annual General Meeting on the weekend of September 12, 2009 at Camp N'kwala near Merritt, BC.

Annual General Meeting

The meeting re-elected Mike Maloney for another 3 year term as its Chief Commissioner. Michel Robert was elected as the Provincial Secretary, also for a 3 year term.

A number of other important items had been discussed, such as financial statements, issues regarding establishment of new groups and reports from the British Columbia groups.

Although the prospect of Gaming Grants looks rather bleak, we will be applying anyway. We are still looking for grants and funds to fix up Camp Puntchesakut and we will be asking the owners if they are willing to make some of the applications on our behalf. The Otter Manual has been rewritten to simplify it and that was adopted as well as the Tenderpad to Second Star program for the Timber Wolves. The existing program will remain in place for now.

There was a lengthy discussion about changes to the PO&R and the problem with the BC Society Act Bylaws. Briefly, the problem is that in many instances our Bylaws that under the BC Society Act must be filed with the provincial government did not correspond with our POR. Some passages in the POR had long been the subject of discussion as they were not clear or allowed for different interpretations.

In the end, it was unanimously approved to delete the "unalterable" clauses of the BC Constitution and Bylaws and to form a Bylaw Review Committee to completely rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws and meld them in with a rewritten PO&R. This report is due at the 2010 AGM.

Long service awards will also be changed to recognize each 5 years of dedicated service, starting with 5 years. Currently only 10 and 25 years are recognized.

Next year's AGM will likely be held two weeks after Labour Day due to a host of activities happening the first two weekends in September 2010.

Review of our Constitution, Bylaws and PO&R

The Founder called the first set of rules 'Rules for Playing the Game of Scouting'. Although it has a serious purpose, Scouting is still a game; and if other games have rules so that the players know who wins, Scouting needs its rules so that the game can be played safely and well.

These Rules have become known as the "Policy, Organization and Rules" or, more usually, 'PO&R' and they establish the structure of the organization, define its training and provide for its administration.

Like society, Scouting evolves. As it evolves, so its rules must be amended from time to time. At our AGM, it was resolved that an Ad Hoc Committee should be formed with a view to having a fresh look of and updating the PO&R. This new edition of Policy, Organization and Rules will be presented at the 2010 Annual General Meeting for a vote by the membership. The

work of the Ad Hoc Committee will be done entirely on line through a discussion group. We hope to have wide ranging discussions.

Our fundamental values are unchanged. Nothing in the Association's overall attitude has changed over the years and there is no plan to change it in the future.

Although we are all integral parts of the Scout Movement, we also have our own individuality. Because of this, our structure, operation and standards must be organized and run along common, but clearly defined lines. We are a "grass roots" organization and we want everyone's input to make our Association stronger and better.

Our PO&R is the foundation on which this is built. Any BPSA member anywhere in the country who is interested in participating in this project is more than welcome. Please visit <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/bylaw-review/> and request membership stating clearly who you are and to which group you belong.

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TRAINING NOTES

WHY TRAIN ?

Time spent in training is never wasted. Everyone benefits from a chance to develop him or herself. Part of the training offered to Leaders deals with their skills to mix and work with other adults.

That's the kind of training that stands to you both at work and in your own local community, never mind Scouting.

Training comes in bite-sizes. Most Courses are held over a weekend so that it can fit in with most people's working week or when you can get someone to look after your family.

Those attending Courses are leaders just like you - with similar problems and resources - and you will find their solutions and approaches to Scouting a great help. Most participants say that meeting other Leaders and exchanging ideas is the most valuable part of a Course.

The Trainers are experienced Leaders who are trained to bring the most important aspects of Scouting to you in an entertaining and practical manner. Their experience adds depth and understanding to the Courses.

At the end of your successful training comes the presentation of the Wood Beads. Since 1919 this has been the sign of trained Leaders in Scouting throughout the world.

Remember training is not only good for you. It enables you to bring the best in Scouting to those young people that you lead and are in your care. Don't they deserve trained Leaders?

We will be holding a Wood Beads 1 course in the Cariboo this Fall, date to be determined by the participants. Questions and requests for training should be emailed to training.bpsa@gmail.com



CAMP COOKING RECIPES

Wowie Maui Chicken

From the recipe book of Camporee '09



- 6 – 8.....boneless chicken breasts, cut into cubes (after cooking)
- 2 ½ cups..... chicken broth
- 1 can.....pineapple tidbits, undrained
- 1 ½ cups..... rice
- ¾ cup.....chopped carrots
- ½ cup.....chopped red or green pepper
- 1/3 cup..... ketchup
- 2 tablespoons..... brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons..... soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons..... white vinegar
- 2 cloves..... garlic, minced



In large pot cook chicken until no longer pink. Cut into cubes and return to pot. Add remaining ingredients. Stir well. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 25 minutes, until rice is tender. Stir occasionally.

Serve immediately.