



# **THE BROWNSEA GAZETTE**

## **The Newsletter of Independent Scouting, and the Voice of the BPSA**

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### **Governance....**

#### **Warrants of Appointment**

The following BPSA Warrants of Appointment have been cancelled:

- 1) Cyrus Matzner – 14<sup>th</sup> Dragon Lake

The following BPSA Warrants of Appointment have been issued:

- 1) Terry Blaker – Provincial Commissioner – BPSA-BC
- 2) William J. Nangle – BPSA-BC Badge Secretary

#### **Annual Registration:**

Groups are reminded that Annual Registration packages must be returned to the Provincial Secretary no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **BPSA Supplies:**

The Badge Supply web site is now operational. It is hoped that this will help speed up our ordering and distribution system. The new URL is: [http://www.geocities.com/bpsa\\_supplies](http://www.geocities.com/bpsa_supplies)

#### **CD Roms:**

Those Groups that do not have the most up-to-date handbooks and leader manuals should please contact their local DC's to receive a copy.



## WFIS NEWS

Planning for the WFIS 2007 Centenary Jamboree is well under way. While it had been decided at the WFIS World Conference that this Jamboree would be in Chile, the WFIS – South America Regional Council has moved the Jamboree to Columbia.

The Jamboree website can be found at: <http://www.wfisjamboree2007.scoutsace.org/>

The Jamboree will be held in the city of Medellín from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of July of 2007. We hope to see a large contingent from Canada attend the Jamboree.



Most of you will be aware of the devastation in Guatemala and Pakistan during the recent weeks. Both of those countries are WFIS members.

The Chief Commissioner, of The Independent Scout Association of Pakistan, Naveed Faisal, tells me that all of their Scouts and Rovers have gone to the City of Muzafar Abad to help in the rescue efforts there.

I hope that Naveed and the members of the Independent Scouts of Pakistan remain safe while they help with the rescue efforts. I know that they will do their very best to help their fellow citizens, who so desperately need help at this time. I'm sure it will be a moral booster for the people to see the Independent Scouts of Pakistan in action, helping out as best they can.

We have also been made aware that the Association of Ecological Scouting Baden Powell of Guatemala, has been given to the task by their Government of working directly with the children that have suffered the loss of their houses or families. They have been working during the last few days in 12 hostels where they have assisted the children by offering them activities such as crafts, games, and songs.

Let us all pray that things get back to normal in both of these countries as fast as possible.



## The Timber Wolf Pack

### Timber Wolf Recruitment Ideas

How to recruit new Timber Wolves? Many other leaders face this question each year. Here are some ideas:

- Have the existing Timber Wolves go to school in uniform. At this age many boys and girls really want to get a uniform and will be drawn into the game.
- Try to get permission to do a presentation to the grade(s) of youth in the age group where you need members - sort of a mini-rally. It helps sometimes to do this during lunch or recess times.
- Put up a display in the school, the community library, neighborhood churches and the area grocery stores showing the uniform, badges, pictures, and critical who to contact information.
- Announce a backyard cook-out and invite target age boys, girls and parents.
- Have a fun activity after school on a Friday night and invite other boys and girls to join. Get really creative. And make sure it really is fun, visibly fun so that other youth want to join in. Have a balloon fair with a dozen balloon popping and other type games. Lots of bang & laughing. Heck, maybe you could get a teacher or the like to sit in a dunk tank and have the Timber Wolves sell tickets - raise money and attract interest. Well maybe that isn't a good idea, but you get the picture.
- Try this one out! Display a uniform at the School or chartered organization. Put up a sign - WIN A UNIFORM! First new Timber Wolves to complete the Tenderpad requirements (list 'em) and recruit at least one other youth gets a free uniform with all badges sewn on! Now if a youth comes from a financially hard hit family, here's their chance to earn the uniform without it being a handout. You can almost always find enough used parts to have a good quality uniform or two or three anyway.
- Do some parent visible activities - flag ceremony at PTA, service project at School, etc.
- Follow-up each with the parents of each youth that showed interest.
- Ask for help - anyone in sight is a target! Use your resources - people, their talents, places, etc.



## The Otter Den

### Mini Music Shakers For Otters



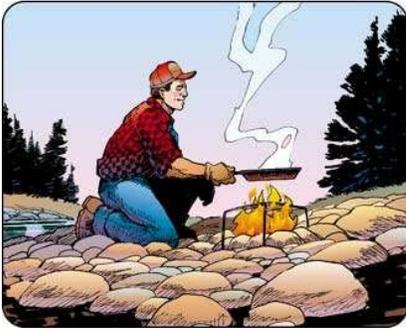
#### **Supplies:**

2 empty film canisters;  
2 Craft sticks;  
Colored vinyl tape;  
Black marker or paint;  
Rice, beans or beads;  
Scissors

#### **Directions:**

1. Paint the craft sticks black.
2. Decorate the sticks and the containers using colored vinyl tape.
3. Cut a slit in the tops to hold the craft sticks securely.
4. Fill containers half full with rice, beans or beads.
5. Replace the tops.
6. Push in the crafts sticks.





## Camp Recipe Corner

### **FOOD and WATER For Winter Camping**

This month, instead of the usual recipes we thought we would look at winter food and water requirements, after all.....'tis the season.

Include plenty of carbohydrates in your diet to provide fuel for hiking and for simply keeping your body warm.

One-pot meals for supper are the easiest way to cook in the winter. Food should be easy to fix and tasty enough to be appetizing.

Drink plenty of water, even though you don't think you are thirsty. Dry winter air will dehydrate you quickly without you noticing until it is too late. Water is necessary for your body to generate heat. A good rule of thumb for checking hydration is the color of your urine. Urine will be light colored or clear if you are properly hydrated.

Keep your water bottles from freezing in your pack by putting them in a wool sock or insulated bottle cover. You can make bottle covers by taping closed cell foam around your bottles.

Water mixed with something such as Gatorade, lemonade, etc will freeze at a lower temperature than plain water.

Water filters are not suited to below freezing weather. Water left in the filter matrix can freeze and split the internal seals, destroying the effectiveness of the filter.

Chemical water treatments take longer to work in colder water. Give the chemical time to work if you are treating cold water.

When melting snow for water, put a small amount of water in the pot first to keep from "scorching" the pot before the snow starts to melt.

Carry a few coffee filters to strain water melted from snow. Snow invariably contains bits of dirt, leaves, bugs etc that you might not want in your drinking water.

In below-freezing weather, turn your water bottles upside down so that the ice forms at the bottom of the bottle instead of in the opening.

The extra time needed for cooking and/or melting snow for water will require you to carry more stove fuel than for summer trips.

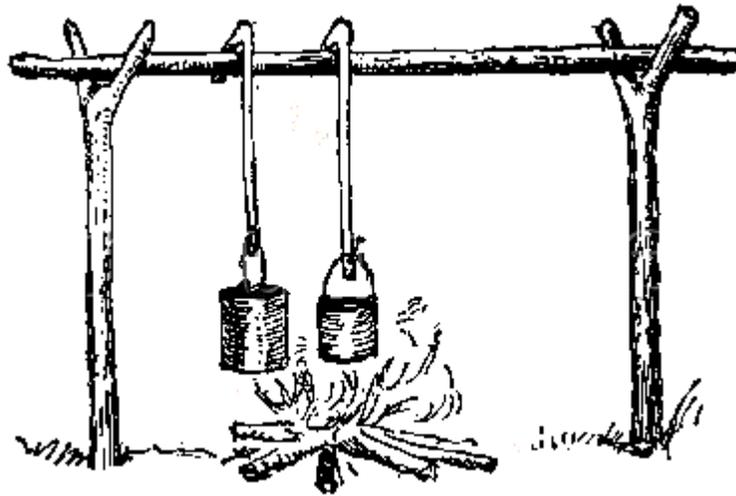
### **The Winter Kitchen**

While some are setting up the tent, others can be constructing the kitchen.

The kitchen area can vary in size depending on how much time you have and how energetic you feel after skiing or snow shoeing all day. Ideal kitchen areas are three to four feet deep rectangular holes shoveled in the snow. The length should be five to eight feet and the width three to four feet. A shelf should be made in the snow approximately one foot below the top the hole where a stove can be set and all cooking is done. If you are tired, a kitchen may consist of a small hole deep enough to stand in and to keep the stove out of the wind. The nice thing about such kitchens is their convenience. If deep enough, you can work with the stove and do all of the cooking without bending or kneeling. Most importantly, the stove is protected from the wind. Like kitchens at home, they're places where everyone from the party congregates and chats about the day's activities.

The most ambitious kitchen I've ever seen was about eight feet deep and covered with a tarp. It had shelves, a cooking area, and storage.

When the kitchen is constructed, get the stove out, fill it up, and start melting water right away. A small insulate pad placed under the stove will help insulate it from the snow and keep it working more efficiently.





## Backpacker's Corner

From the "Outdoor Action Guide to Winter Camping" by Rick Curtis

### Tent use in Winter

In many cases you will be traveling to areas without shelters, so you need to bring your own. There are a range of tents available. The key factors are:

**Strength** - to withstand both wind and snow. In general it is recommended that you use a tent specifically rated to be a 4-season tent. Four season tents typically have stronger poles (to hold snow loads).

**Ability to shed snow** - the tent must have a roof-line that allows snow to fall off. Otherwise the tent will load up and the weight will cause it to collapse. (Four season tents are designed this way).

**Room** - you need *lots* of internal space on a winter trip for all the bulky gear you are carrying. Also you may get snowed in and need to stay in the tent for an extended period of time. Being snowbound in a cramped tent with several other people can be unpleasant.

**Rain fly** - the tent must have a rain fly. Having a breathable inner tent wall with a waterproof fly outside helps reduce condensation in the tent (see below). It also helps provide better insulation by increasing (relatively) unmoving air space layers. Typically a tent will be 10-20 degrees warmer than the outside air (once your body is inside heating it up).

Free standing tents (dome type) are recommended because they shed snow fairly well and they provide efficient interior space. *Make sure* that the manufacturer recommends the tent for winter use. Many dome tents are designed for three-season use only and the stitching and the poles are not designed to take the weight of snow.

Another issue with tents is condensation. During the night your breathing pumps a great deal of humid air into the tent. This air rises and hits the inner tent wall where the moisture condenses into ice. These fine particles can get all over you and your gear. It is best to brush the ice particles off the tent in the morning and sweep them outside. A frost liner, hung inside the tent, allows the moisture to pass through and provides a layer between you and the ice.

## Tips for Tents

Make sure you bring extra poles with you and pole splints in case a pole breaks. A ground sheet (like a space blanket or tarp) can help protect your tent floor (the ground underneath usually turns to ice from your weight and body heat. Sharp ice can tear the floor) Always stake you tent down if you are going to be in windy areas or leaving your tents during day excursions. Bring stakes or know how to stake using "dead men."

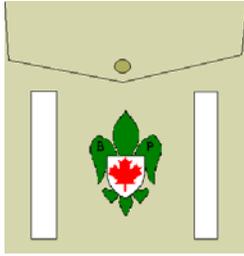
Wisk Broom - is an important addition to *every* tent. You should brush all the snow off your clothes and boots before getting into the tent at night. This helps reduce condensation and water build-up in the tent keeping you and your belongings dryer. Also when snow gets into the tent at night it often melts from your body temperature, and then freezes during the day when you are not in the tent.

Cooking - *Do not* cook in a tent. It is possible to asphyxiate yourself from accumulated carbon monoxide and the water vapour leads to extensive condensation.



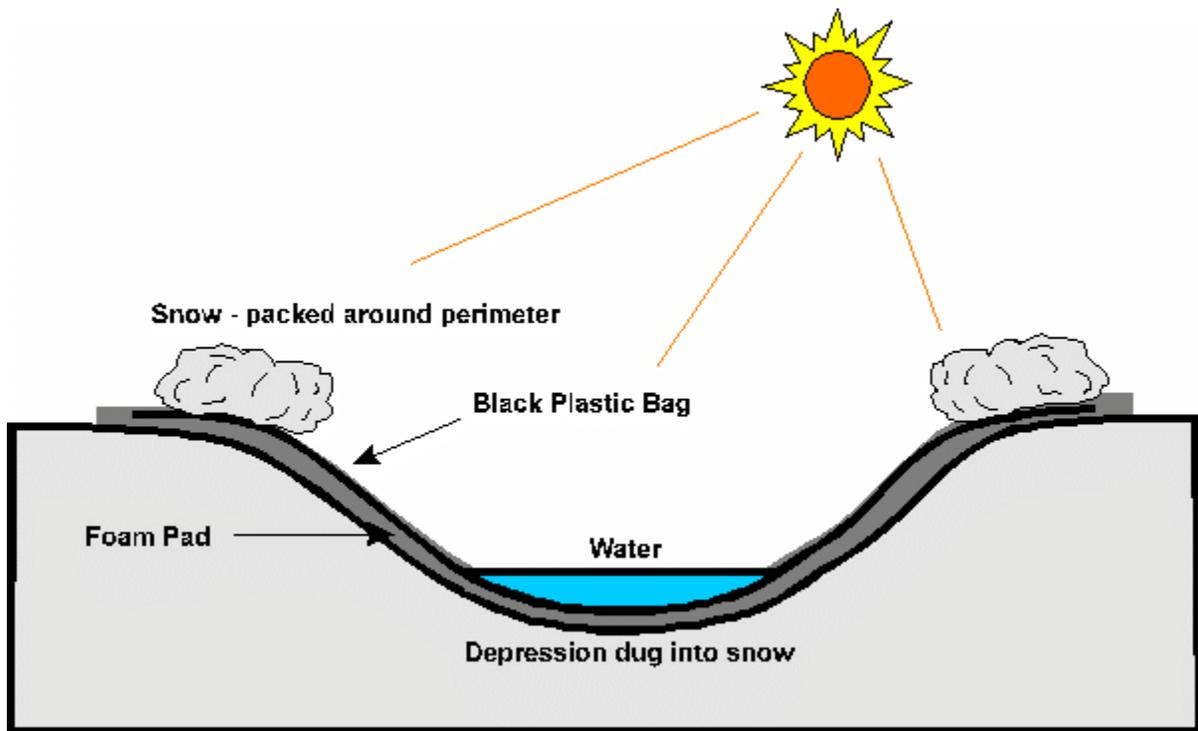
"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond."

Lord Baden-Powell



## Patrol Leaders Corner

Continuing with our winter theme - have your Patrol build a Winter Solar Water Collector - In a spot that will remain sunny for several hours, dig out a depression in the snow about 2 feet across and 1 foot deep. If possible, line this depression with a foam pad or other insulation (not essential but it speeds the process). Then spread a dark plastic bag (trash bag) over the depression forming a shallow dish pan. All over the raised margins pack *clean* snow. Drawn by the dark plastic the sun's energy will melt the snow and water will collect in the depression. Now you will have clean and fresh water to use.



A good thing to remember is that water in a pot can be stored overnight by placing the pot lid on and burying the pot under a foot of snow. Snow is such a good insulator that it will keep the water from completely freezing even in sub-zero temperatures.



## MORE WFIS NEWS

### **WFIS Activities, Expeditions and Camps**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Eurocamp 2006



Eurocamp 2006 will be held in Switzerland and hosted by the Feuerkreis Niklaus von Flüe Scout Association.

The cost will be about Euro 70, and does not include food.

Pre-registration should be in to Feuerkreis Niklaus von Flüe by 30 November 2005.

For more information you can email them at: [eurocamp@feuerkreis.ch](mailto:eurocamp@feuerkreis.ch) , or you can visit their website at: [www.feuerkreir.ch/eurocamp](http://www.feuerkreir.ch/eurocamp)

**We would ask any Association that has events, camps or expeditions that are available for others to attend to please let us know so we can list them here.**



Dear brothers and sisters of the WFIS:

It is an honour to send you article in response to the kind invitation of the Vice President of the WFIS-WC. From BPSA Argentina, we also encourage and welcome this initiative, that will improve the communication and exchange among our Associations, it is a way to keep us all in touch, like a big family, around the campfire.

We are a young association officially founded on July 21 2001, in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. For our organization, both the encouragement of our brothers of the Chilean Association of Boy Scouts -to whom we extend our acknowledgment, especially to Mr. Claudio Cea Cánepa, as well as the support of Mr. Ivan Brentnall, from BPSA-UK, who provided us with the necessary material to establish our Association, were decisive.



Our proposal was created to give a solution for the groups and leaders that sought an alternative for those who wanted to keep alive the spirit of Baden Powell, and to observe the principles of Scouting laid down in 1907, which had been subsequently developed for over 100 years by Scout Associations worldwide, for the benefit of the youth.

Taking into account the socioeconomic situation of our country, we keep our fees at the minimum, and we prefer to carry out our activities among the children and youth that do not have access to other Scout Groups, in the most needy environments. Therefore, we do not have an official headquarter, because we prefer that this money should be destined to the Groups that are located throughout our wide territory:

#### LIST OF AFFILIATED GROUPS.

##### Federal District

Scout Group San José de Calasanz - Federal Capital

Scout Group Lord Baden Powell - Federal Capital

##### Province of Buenos Aires

Scout Group Libertador General don José de San Martín - San Martín, Province of Buenos Aires

Scout Group San Francisco de Asís - San Francisco Solano, Province of Buenos Aires

Scout Group Madre Teresa de Calcuta - San Francisco Solano, Province of Buenos Aires

Scout Group "Teniente de Navío Marcelo Marquez"- Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires

##### Province of Santa Cruz

Scout Group Monseñor Miguel Ángel Alemán - Río Gallegos, Province of Santa Cruz

##### Province of Santa Fe

Scout Group San Jorge - Las Toscas, Province of Santa Fe

As regards the Youth Program, the activities are available for boys and girls from 5 years on; we have Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scout Troop and Community (for girls), and Raider Troop and Community (for girls), as well as Rover Clan and Community (for girls).

For our Leader's Training, we follow the original 4-course Gilwell Program to achieve the highest recognition "Scout Master" (Wood Beads Course).

So far, we have organized more than ten training courses, which are available to our leaders and to other people who are interested in our Association.

We have always felt that in some way or the other, you were always with us, giving support and assistance, by internet, mail messages, and sending us vital material for the establishment and support of our Association.



Unfortunately, due to budgetary problems, we are not able to attend to your Meetings and Jamborees, to which we are kindly invited. Nevertheless, we will keep in contact and work hard so that our contribution to our big family may reach you all, in spite of the distance.

From the bottom of our hearts we send you our best wishes,

Yours in traditional Scouting

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