



THE BROWNSEA GAZETTE

The Newsletter of Independent Scouting

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Governance....

Welcome back to the 2007 – 2008 Scouting year. We have seen huge growth to our association over the summer. It's great to see people, of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, recognize that traditional Scouting is the place to be!

Now is the time to ensure that the Police Record Checks of your Scouters are up-to-date, please remember that they need to be renewed every five years. Group Secretaries are requested to get their annual registration paperwork off to their respective Provincial Secretaries as soon as possible.

Youth and adult registration forms may be downloaded directly from:
http://www.geocities.com/bpsa_canada/management.html

Annual Registration fees should be sent to the Federation Treasurer no later than 1st October. Cheques should be made payable to "BPSA" and sent to:

BPSA Treasurer
157 Brears Road
Quesnel, BC
V2J 4G3

Please include a note with your cheque advising the Treasurer how many youth and adults you are registering.

Have a fun and safe Scouting year, and please remember, let us know what you're doing so we can get it into the Newsletter for others to read.

Warrants of Appointment

The following leader has been granted a Warrant of Appointment:

Karl Pollak – BPSA BC Council



WFIS News

New WFIS Region formed.....

The WFIS South East Asia Council (WFIS SEA) has been formed and Naveed Faisal of Pakistan has been appointed Chairman. New independent associations have been formed over the past two years in Pakistan, Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Western Australia, and more recently interest has been expressed from Cambodia.

This is all new and uncharted territory for the WFIS, and we wish Naveed and his member much luck and success in getting independent Scouting established in South East Asia.

WFIS World Jamboree...

The World Jamboree, held in Columbia during August 2007, was a great success. Klaus Tedeger, our World council President attended as did 3000 other Scouts, mainly from South America. The next WFIS Jamboree will be held in Mexico in 2011.



WFIS Scouts from Guatemala holding Patrol Pennants representing the original four Patrols at the first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island, 100 years ago. The Wolves, Curlews, Bulls, and Ravens.

International Scout Fellowship...

The WFIS World Council has recently authorized the formation of the WFIS International Scout Fellowship (ISF). The ISF is comprised of former, and some current members of the WFIS recognized Scout associations.

The ISF is an international group of adults who have one thing in common – a wish to support Scouting. All that is required is a willingness to give some of your time to Scouting. Each local chapter of the ISF has its own social and activity program.

Members share a common bond of experience with the Scouting and Guiding Movements and wish to continue associating with like-minded people; serve as resource persons to active Groups, and to lend assistance to, and promote traditional Scouting when and as they are able. It could be as a badge examiner, a Training Adviser to new leaders, catering for District events, running pioneering courses, assisting with hiking or other adventurous activities. There will be something that you will be able to offer as far as supporting Scouting is concerned whatever your age or ability.

We hope that the ISF will be a large part of the backbone of the Independent Scout Movement – supporting the young people and voluntary leaders whenever help is required.

The aim of the ISF is to provide active support with the emphasis being very much on supporting the youth program in an active manner, at all levels of the Association from Scout Group level to the International level.



ISF Tenderfoot Badge



Camp Recipe Corner

This month's recipe comes to us once again from the dusty archives of the 77th York County Rovers...this month's backpacking gourmets.....yet again.....

Baked Pinto Beans

Ingredients:

4 cups water
1 lb dried pinto beans(about 2 1/2 cups)
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup water
1 tsp vinegar
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp celery seed
1/2 cup strong cold coffee
2 Tbsp brandy
1 medium onion. sliced
4 slices bacon

How to prepare:

Heat 4 cups water and the beans to boiling in 3 quart saucepan. Boil 2 minutes; remove from heat. Cover and let stand 1 hour. Add enough water to beans to cover if necessary. Heat to boiling: reduce heat. cover and simmer until tender, about 1 1/2 hours (do not boil or beans will burst)

Drain beans, reserving liquid. Heat brown sugar, 1/4 cup water, the vinegar, salt, cloves, pepper and celery seed to boiling, stirring occasionally.
Stir in coffee and brandy.

Place half of the beans in ungreased 2 quart dutch oven; arrange onion on top: Pour half of coffee mixture over onions; top with remaining beans; pour remaining coffee mixture and the bean liquid over beans. Cover and bake for 1 1/2 hours. Stir beans. Arrange bacon on top and bake 45 minutes longer.



BPSA British Columbia Provincial Council Summer Camporee

Saturday July 7 started in the peace and quiet of Pioneer Park, just south of Quesnel, B.C. on beautiful Dragon Lake under sunny skies. Explorers started to arrive at 1:00pm and the Park soon became home to five Patrol Camps spread from one end of the park to the other. Timber Wolves and Leaders set up camp in the middle and the peace and quiet was quickly shattered with the sounds of laughter and anticipation of the week long camp to come. The Burnaby Group was picked up from the bus depot just after 6pm and was the last of the Groups to arrive. A hamburger BBQ with salad was the perfect ice breaker before the formal opening and campfire. Although quiet time was called (several times) at 11pm, it took some time for everyone to fall asleep.

The next morning was cloudy with intermittent showers throughout the day, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits. After a group breakfast of French toast and sausages, the Explorers made their way to their camps to construct their kitchens and shelters. Meanwhile, the Timber Wolves explored the park with a guided hike finding and tasting wild strawberries, identifying various plants and trees and finding a fairly fresh bear scat as well as an occupied Bald Eagle's nest. Everyone gathered back at 11am for Scouts Own, led by the Alexander Mackenzie Patrol. Lunch was served for the Timber Wolves and Leaders and supplies handed out to the Explorers to take back to their camps for them to make their own lunches. After lunch and a rest period, the afternoon sessions of archery, rifle shoot, canoeing and pioneering began with each Patrol assigned one activity. Patrols would rotate throughout the week so everyone has a chance at each activity. At 5pm, Patrol Quartermasters arrived to pick up their dinner supplies while the Leaders and other adults started making Chicken Quesadillas for the Timber Wolves and themselves. Each Patrol was given a recipe booklet and the "store" offered chicken or ground beef each day. The Patrols chose from a selection of menus and then requested their supplies from the "store", returning their unused supplies at the end of each day to the secure storage area.

After a resounding game of "capture the flag", everyone gathered back at the campfire for a sing song and flag down. The Patrol Leaders silently excused themselves for the first camp Court of Honour meeting to discuss some issues that had arisen that day and to plan the next morning's activities. Everyone was in bed and asleep by eleven. It was a good first full day despite the occasional showers. The wind picked up overnight and with it, the last of the clouds we would see for the next week.

Monday morning awoke to a cloudless sky with several sleepyheads that needed persuading from the comforts of their tents. After breakfast, flag break and announcements, it was time for inspection. Scouters visited the Rabbit and Lynx Patrols and found a camp table lashed with a full kitchen assembled under a tarp fly. The Alexander Mackenzie, Beavers and Falcons Patrols had found an old wood pallet and fashioned a table, but had yet to hoist their fly or arrange their kitchen. After inspection, a Game of Life was organized by the Duty Patrol. "Food" was scattered in a specified area and the "animals" had to find three food items before the "predators" found them. It was enjoyed by all, but the brush and the mosquitoes were not kind to those in short pants. By lunchtime, the temperature had risen to 30°C. The afternoon sessions of archery, shooting, pioneering and canoeing started after rest period and by then, Skip has set up a table in Karl's "Knotty Korner" having found that there was not enough room in front of his tent for all the campers that wanted to make Turk's Heads, Ocean Plaits and Monkey's Fists as well as other traditional knots. The heat of the day took a lot of the energy away and after dinner we all gathered around the campfire to keep the mosquitoes at bay, sang songs and Scouter Tammy brought out her "Good Turn" tickets. Each camper was permitted to make one nomination for someone that they thought did a good turn that day and that person received a ticket from Scouter Tammy that could be exchanged for a "reward" of various candies. After flag down, the Court of Honour met and discussed the day and another problem that had come up and planned the next day's activities. It was time then to retire and again peace and quiet fell over the camp by eleven.

Tuesday was another cloudless day with more sunshine and heat in the forecast. After breakfast it was time for flag break and announcements, which included singing Happy Birthday to two campers, one song in English and the other in French. This was followed by inspection and then a game of "Jail Break" was organized for the remainder of the morning. Lunch and rest period followed with Karl's Korner receiving more visitors. The afternoon sessions of archery, shooting, pioneering and canoeing continued and it was decided afterwards that everyone should go jump in the lake to cool off before dinner. Everyone gathered back at the campfire for birthday cake, flag down and singing. The Court of Honour decided to include the Patrol Seconds for planning the next day activities and most of the problems of the previous days had all been resolved.

Wednesday morning arrived as cloudless as before with temperatures forecast for the mid 30's. After breakfast and flag break, it was time to sing Happy Birthday to yet another camper at the morning announcements along with warnings to keep hydrated, cover up and don't forget the sunscreen. After inspection it was time for the Patrol Challenges. Working in Patrols and groups of three, a chariot was constructed using three staves and three square lashings with one member standing on the crossbar of the completed structure and the other two dragging the "chariot" 25 meters to the finish line. Demerit points in the form of a time penalty was added for each incorrect lashing or hitch found by the judges. The best time was recorded by the Rabbit Patrol with just over 3 minutes, followed by the Lynx Patrol and the Alexander Mackenzie Patrol. The next challenge was to construct a catapult using either a supplied drawing or the design of their choice to propel a tennis ball the furthest distance. Patrols joined forces with the girls challenging the boys and the race was on.

The boys completed their catapult first but it collapsed after the first launch. The girls catapult launched ball after ball. Two of the Leaders, seeing the boys give in so early, designed and built a catapult that launched the balls the furthest distance of the day, until the launch arm broke and had to be repaired. The boys forfeited the challenge and accepted their defeat. After lunch and rest period, it was decided that it was too hot for the planned challenges to continue, so it was back to the lake to cool off for the afternoon! After a late dinner, the group was assembled for another birthday cake, followed by flag down and campfire. The Court of Honour met and decided on advancement training for the next morning.

Thursday morning promised another scorcher with not a cloud in the sky. After breakfast, flag break, announcements and inspection, the group was handed Record Cards which they completed and were examined on. Several tests were conducted, including a kilometre of devious Woodcraft Trail Signs. Six of the Explorers had completed their Second Class hike prior to camp and met their remaining requirements that morning. Some of the Timberwolves worked on Proficiency badges and some worked on Star requirements while three worked on becoming invested. After a late lunch, it was back to the lake to cool off and escape the heat.

By 4pm we regrouped and started the scheduled afternoon sessions of archery, shooting, pioneering and canoeing. As it was getting on in the evening, we decided on a group dinner to speed things up as this was awards night. One Otter had arrived back at camp to swim up to Timberwolves, three Timberwolves were invested and one Timber Wolf leapt up to Explorers. Two Timber Wolves each earned three badges, getting them very close to their Leaping Wolf Badge and six Explorers earned their Second Class Badge. Karl distributed a "special pocket edition" of Knotting for Scouts for everyone there. It was past sundown when we lowered the flag and sang Jamaican Taps and Taps for the last time at this location.

The invested Explorers and Leaders then excused themselves for a very special ceremony to invest Karl Pollak as an Explorer Leader. A quiet location had been scouted out earlier and Karl was escorted into the horseshoe and made his promise on the 14th Dragon Lake Troop flag. He was provided with his green and yellow necker, his Stetson, staff and badges and welcomed back to the Worldwide Brotherhood of Scouting. The Troop was dismissed and we retired to the campfire for the remainder of the evening for a number of skits. Every Patrol, the Timberwolves and even the Leaders presented various performances to the laughter and sometimes embarrassment of the participants. There were some old favourites, some new skits and some nonsensical skits, but all were well received with various "cheers". Good Turn tickets were handed out and it was time to retire.

Friday morning was heating up fast, but with light cloud overhead. After breakfast it was time to pack up and Leave No Trace. After the entire camp was disassembled and packed into vehicles for transportation down the lake, a light lunch was served and everyone headed to the canoes for the paddle to the other end of Dragon Lake. Twelve full canoes, a row boat and a power boat headed out just after noon on a windless lake that was as flat as glass. It was the calmest it had been all week. Just under two hours later, the first canoes beached at the other end as the thunderstorm clouds started to form in the south. All the canoes were off the lake and the new camp was partially set up when the first winds and rain hit. Nobody hid from the rain, it was a welcome relief to a week of stifling heat.

The storm quickly passed and camp was completed and dinner served. As the sun slowly set for the last time on this Camporee, the flag was lowered and everyone headed to the campfire for smors. Most everyone was too tired to sing and it was an early night.

Saturday morning was clear and warm, although not as hot as before, finally! We did flag break before breakfast to get everyone assembled and to start packing up this camp. A pancake breakfast was served and closing conducted with our traditional closing song "Say When". Scouter Mario presented a carving he made during camp and in return received a flag for his group to take home. The Burnaby group then reluctantly had to depart for the bus depot. By Saturday afternoon, everyone had headed back to their homes and the peace and quiet returned but the friendships made and renewed and the memories of Camporee 2007 will always remain!

A huge 14th Dragon Lake Thank You to our out-of-towners that travelled here just for camp:

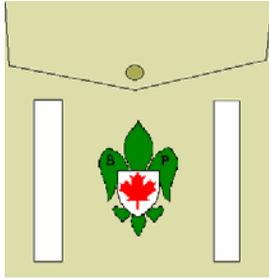
Scouter Blaine and Louanna (Mum) and almost Rover Todd, Scouter Mario and Scouter Luzzarra, Scouter Karl (Skip) and Cyrus (former Akela),

And to our locals:

Wayne (Burger King) and Zoe, Brian (Gramps), Scouter James and Char, Scouter Michel, and Scouter Tammy, and to the parents that helped make camp a little easier, for everything you did to make this Camporee a huge success. Without you, and your dedication, this could not have been possible.



Scouter Karl teaching knots



Patrol Leaders Corner

Calling for Help

Accidents can happen to anybody. So even if you do everything right — plan well, take the 10 essentials, tell someone where you're going, and bring a first-aid kit — you still might find yourself, or your Patrol, in a situation where you need to get help.

Phone or radio. More and more people are carrying cell phones in the backcountry. No matter what your personal opinion on this trend, the fact is cell phones can save lives — and even if you're not carrying one, another hiker might be. So before you go, always know the local emergency number. (IMPORTANT: In some remote areas, cell phones do not work with 911. Always check with the local management agency before you hike.) To get help, you'll also need to know where you are, so if you've got a GPS, get your coordinates. If you have a map, know how to use it. Know how to use Grid references.

Three of anything is a generally recognized sign of distress. Blow on a whistle three times, then wait, then do it again. That'll alert anyone within earshot that you need help, and will help any rescuers who are looking for you to find you.

If you have to walk out to get help for a partner, tell everyone you meet that you need help, and give them a piece of paper containing your name, your partner's name, the coordinates of where your partner is waiting, and a description of what's wrong, including the time of the injury and vital signs. Try to have someone agree to stand watch over your partner while you go for help.

Build a fire. A smoky one is more visible from the air. A series of three fires might be recognized as a sign that you need help.

The color orange is also recognized as a plea for help. Many space blankets have orange backsides. Waving an orange hunter's hat or vest can also attract attention. But consider the background: If you are standing on orange sandstone, an orange hat might not be visible. You'd be better off with a contrasting color, like white.

Be sure that your position is visible from all directions. People have died waiting for help while sitting beneath trees that blocked the view of rescuers!

For using mirrors — and other ways to attract the attention of aircraft — check out Ground-to-Air Signals on the internet.



BPSA - Ontario NEWS

What a summer we have had!! It seems to me that it wasn't as humid as the past two years have been.....or am I just getting used to it, and didn't notice ??

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard the BPSA Ontario Provincial Council the **1st Ottawa**, **10th Brant County** and the **17th Belleville**. Their Leaders bring a wealth of knowledge to our Council.

1st Mariposa



1st Mariposa have announced that they will be opening an Explorer Troop at the start of this year. This will fill a great need in the Oakwood – Little Britain area of their District.

77th Toronto - York County



The 77th hiked and camped the summer away with trips along the Bruce Trail. They also carried out several service projects for their local Royal Canadian Legion Branch. This month they are working hard helping get another new group get off the ground, the 60th Toronto.

1st Bayridge Seafarers



1st Bayridge Seafarers have spent the summer months floating around on Lake Ontario. Skipper Lorne had the boys out each week over the summer and did a weeklong trip around the Bay of Quinte under sail. I'm sure it will be a bit of a let down to have to return to the school gym after all their time on the water this summer, but there is a need to hone up on other Scouting skills, that's all part of Scouting.



Scouters Notes

August 1st 2007 marked the 100th Birthday of Scouting. On that day in 1907, Lord Baden-Powell began an experimental camp, on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour in the South of England, for 21 young boys from different social backgrounds.

This experimental camp saw the start of what has become the largest youth organization in the world with more than 28 million scouts in 216 countries and territories.

By 2007 it is estimated that more than 500 million women and men from most countries and cultures in the world will have promised to live by the Scout Promise and Law.

2007 is an opportunity for us, the current members of Scouting, to demonstrate the unique value of Scouting to the world as we celebrate the first 100 years of Scouting. It is also the dawn of a new century of Scouting. We should celebrate the future and look how we can make Scouting meet the needs of even more young people, their families and communities.

2007 also marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of our founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell who was born on 22 February 1857.



Ric Raynor of the 14th Dragon Lake sent the following. It was written in 1912, and is as valid today as it was back then:

WANTED – A MAN TO LEAD

There isn't a lad but wants to grow
Manly and true at heart,
And every lad would like to know
The secret we impart.
He doesn't desire to slack or shirk,
Oh, haven't you heard him plead?
He'll follow a man at play or work
If only the men will lead.
Where are the men to lead to-day?
Sparing an hour or two,
Teaching the lads the game to play
Just as a man should do,
Village and slums are calling "Come!"
Here are the boys, indeed,
Who can tell what they might become
If only the men will lead?
Motor and golf, and winter sport,
Fill up the time a lot.
But wouldn't you like to feel you'd taught
Even a boy a knot?
Country and home depend on you,
Character most we need,
How can a lad know what to do,
If there isn't a man to lead?
Where are the men to lend a hand?
Echo it far and wide,
Men who will rise in every land,
Bridging the "Great Divide,"
Nation and flag and tongue unite
Joining each class and creed,
Here are the boys who would do right,
But where are the men to lead?

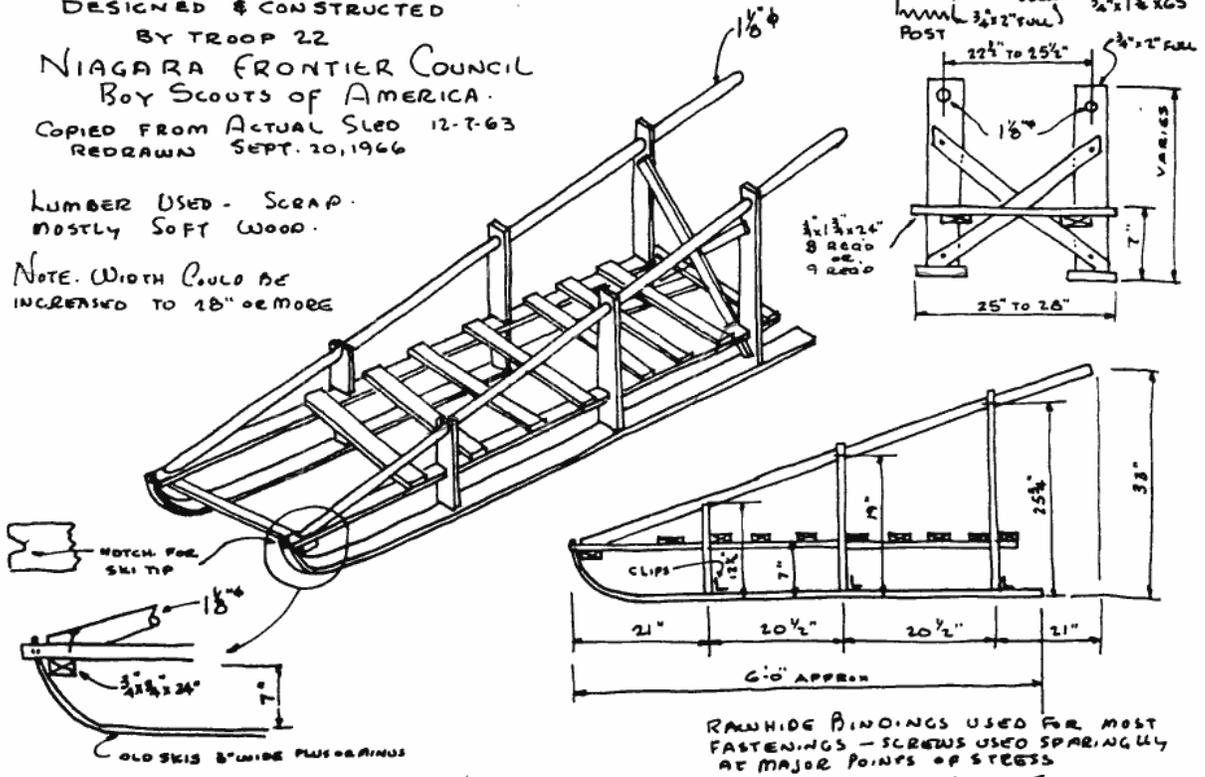
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DO YOU HAVE ANY GOOD CAMP RECIPES? SEND THEM TO US AS WELL!!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAMPS OR HIKES.....WE WANT TO READ ABOUT THEM!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS THAT WILL HELP OTHER LEADERS WITH THEIR PROGRAMS? SEND THEM ALONG!!

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