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9TH WHITBY VENTURER SCOUTS ENJOYING THEIR VIEW OF THE ADIRONDACKS



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It starts with Scouts.



Long Point Provincial Park

By: Tessa Shelvey

Looking for somewhere to take your Group this summer? I recently had the chance to spend the day at Long Point with non-other than your editor John McCuaig this past spring. Long Point is a unique park to be enjoyed in all seasons. It is a slim strip of land about 40km's in length that juts out into Lake Erie. If you like birds this is the place to go and see them, especially in the spring and fall. The park is located about a ½ hour west of the town of Port Dover, Ontario. John and I visited the park this past April. Binoculars in hand, we decided to start by exploring the beach for birds. It didn't take long before we spotted some turkey vultures flying overhead that had recently come back from their migration down south.



If you go to Long Point in the summer be sure to bring your swim suit as the beach is sandy and the water warm for swimming. You might also enjoy camping in the park. There are lots of camping sites to rent for a night or more.

After a while we decided to go inland as there weren't many birds hanging out along the beach that day. To our

surprise there were lots of birds taking shelter within the park. We spotted a yellow bellied sapsucker high up in a pine tree. As we meandered through the park we observed killdeer, northern flickers, tree swallows, chickadees, eastern pewee, dark-eyed junco, robins, a great blue heron, cardinals and **numerous** red winged blackbirds (RWB's). The highlight was seeing a northern harrier flying over the marsh.

The inland side of the park is quite a different landscape from the outside perimeter. I was shocked at how much of the shoreline was overgrown with Phragmites (also called Reed Grass). Phragmites is an invasive species of grass that is literally taking over many shorelines in the Province of Ontario. Where it grows nothing else does. It chokes out all native vegetation and is very hard to get rid of. Reed grass is an ornamental grass and does not offer any food value for birds and other wildlife so the area where it invades becomes a sterile landscape lacking in the native plants like bulrushes, high bush cranberry, goldenrod and milkweed.



On the inland side of the park, we were lucky to see a number of waterfowl including bufflehead, horned grebes, and surprisingly a couple of common loons.



If you go to Long Point make sure to check out the Old Cut Research Station and Visitor Centre located just outside of the park on Old Cut Boulevard.

The centre is open to the public in the spring and fall. From April-June and August-November you can watch bird banding demonstrations from 9-12 and it's a nice spot to eat your lunch and watch the variety of birds coming to the nearby feeders.



Editor's Note: Yes there were **numerous** "RWB's" and after **numerous** sightings; this amateur bird watcher is **no longer allowed** to point them out or speak their name. Last word goes to the Editor, sorry Tessa.

Whitby 9th “Wilderness Tripping Venturers” love mountain hiking and ice climbing in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York.



For several years, thanks to the organization of Senior Sections Scouting groups in eastern Ontario, we have been hiking up mountains in February, wearing snowshoes or micro spikes, fully equipped to sleep out overnight if unusual circumstances dictate it. So far we haven't needed to. Following this exciting all-day mountain hike with

stunning views from the summit, we engage with a superb local climbing company, get instruction and do multiple climbs of an ice with ice axes, helmets and crampons.



Our youth love it. You can see the enjoyment, the focus and the determination of our youth as they accept the challenge and grab their goals!

Lewis Williams
Advisor – 9th Whitby Venturer Scouts

Photo Journal – Camelot Moot 2018



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Music Moot: For Those Who Gave Us Rock

It seems only fitting that on the 40th anniversary of the concert and video The Last Waltz by the Band, that Music Moot plays its last Encore. For our Crew and Company the notice that it was the last, made it a must trip. Cobourg and Baltimore Ontario is the longest trip for our group travelled to attend a moot from Toronto, but being a part of the end of an era made the trip down the 401 worth out while.

Our Venturers arrived first and of course they set our tents up next to the stage which hosted the afternoon jam session. We listened the quiet and mellow sound of Black Sabbath at the jam on Saturday afternoon and participated in the events throughout the day. Of course the off-sight dance was a must, Music Moot after all.

The weekend's surprise was waking up to snow on Sunday morning. Totally unexpected.

Thank you Music Moot, Good Luck Auto Moot.

Music Moot We SALUTE You, Yes We Do!!

J. Kirby McCuaig
6th Willowdale Venturer/Rover Scouts

Out & About

Number 50

50 Columns over 3 Magazines and a new Journey

Rovering and now Venturing has had a number of magazines over my time associated with the senior sections. My first connection with a magazine was delivering our crew's moot flyers to the editor of Rovering Magazine in the 1970's when a print magazine was mailed out to Ontario crew's. I began writing this column with The Canadian Rover Eh! continued with Rovering to Excess, and now with Rover Venturer Magazine.

Over the 50 columns there has always been the pressure to have something to write about. That need to have a topic for the next issue has pushed me to be more active, to explore more of the world outside of my front door. As a result I've done more hiking, cycling, canoeing, etc. Simply said I've spent more time outdoors. In other words brought me the "Out" in Scouts.

Writing and involvement with these magazines has introduced me to many more of you with a dedication to Scouting. Especially to those of you have been volunteering your time to bring activities and events to our movement. It been my pleasure to meet you all.

The Bruce Trail:



In recent columns I promised to focus on bringing you information on trials other than the Bruce Trial, and I will continue on this quest, but a new promise will divert me from this occasionally. In June my hiking partner Tessa Shelvey declared (after her birthday) that she would like to complete the Bruce Trail from Queston to Tobermory and I promised to complete the journey with her. So on August 11th we began a journey that will take us many years to complete.

We took our mandatory photos at the southern terminus. Ironically taken by a gentlemen named Loris who had been at the northern terminus the weekend before with his family and had parked in front the southern cairn in Queston Heights Park without being aware of it.

A journey of this nature will require help from friends of course. We were lucky enough to get a ride back to our car by a long-time friends Janice and Roger, who live in St. Catherines after our hike. Organizing this type of trips goes beyond ensuring your pack has all the necessities, each trip requires a plan to eliminate the need to walk back.



(Screaming Tunnel)

See you out on the trail and if you would like to share our journey and/or can could provide a ride back to our car, we would be glad to share our journey with you.

“Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down”

**John Kirby McCuaig
6th Willowdale Venturer/Rover Scouts**

Ontario Events

Scout Brigade Fort George Scouts/Venturer Scouts

Fort George
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
September 14-16, 2018
info@sbfscouter.ca

Rovent – Medieval Journey

Perth, Ontario
October 12-14, 2018
Rovent.voyageur@gmail.com

Outdoor Skills

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
Clarington, Ontario
October 19-21, 2018
www.whitbyscouts.org

Zoo Moot – Saga 10 N.E.W.T.

Camp Samac
Oshawa, Ontario
November 2-4, 2018
Facebook: Zoo Moot

Genesis Ventmoot

Camp Bel
Dorchester, Ontario
November 9-11, 2018
joel@genesiscamp.ca

International Moot – Brazil

Camp Shegaraynou
Princeton, Ontario
November 30 – December 2, 2018
International.moot@gmail.com

Focus Youth Leadership Training Workshop

Camp Samac
Oshawa, Ontario
December 7-9, 2018
Brian.wick@hotmail.com

Rube Goldberg Machine Contest (S.T.E.M.)

Bruce Sprigs Scout Reserve
Video Deadline December 31, 2018
wiebedavid66@gmail.com

Scouters Con

Bowmanville High School
Bowmanville, Ontario
January 19, 2019
Brian.wick@axouts.ca

Snow Moot – Mardi Gras

Mount Nemo Scout Reserve
February 15-17, 2019
www.1sthamiltonrovers.ca

Llama Moot 2019

Escape from Alpaca-traz
Barber Scout Camp
Guelph, Ontario
March 22-24, 2019
llamamoot@hotmail.com

Auto Moot

Cobourg Scout Reserve
Cobourg, Ontario
April 26-28, 2019
automoot@outlook.com

JOTT

May 11, 2019
Hike Anywhere You Want!
jotthikechief@gmail.com

100th Anniversary Rover Moot

Camp Opemikon
Perth, Ontario
May 17-20, 2019
tricouncilmoot@gmail.com

Redneck County Venturee

Everton Scout Camo
Rockwood, Ontario
May 31 – June 2, 2019
Facebook: Redneck County Venturee

The Scout Brigade of Fort George



Fort George

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

September 14-16, 2018

info@sbfscouter.ca

Zoo Moot Saga

Episode 10: N.E.W.T.

November 2-4, 2018

Open to Rovers, Venturers, TREX and Rangers

Facebook Group [Zoo Moot](#), join now

Facebook event:



Register Now at: [Zoo Moot 10: Nov 2-4, 2018](#)

What: Theme is **Numberphiles Evolving Whitby's Timeline**

When: November 2-4, 2018 (one week earlier)

Where: Kitchie Lodge & Camping Area, Scouts Canada Camp Samac, 275 Conlin Road East, Oshawa, Ontario.

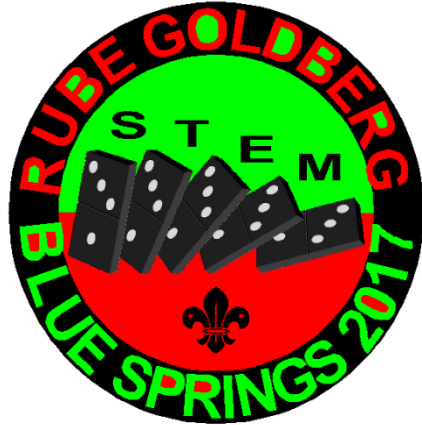
Why: You will be dazzled by the prizes at closing, accumulated by participation in a wide range of theme activities and scavenger hunt. The pot luck Saturday dinner (bring double the quantity for your group) with BBQ lamb morsels marinated with Dijon mustard. Followed by musical social at Council Hall, are not to be missed for any better reason!

How Much: Pre-Register for \$22.00 and pay a deposit online, or after Friday Oct 5th for \$25 at the gate. Dance only (no camping or dinner), \$5 at the door.

Indoor bunks: reserve now \$15.00 per person, space limited. (Kitchie Lodge, heated cabin, showers, for 80 people.)

***NEW Meal Plan:** Quartermaster Dianne Harrison has been working on a great menu for those Rovers who don't cook or have the equipment to prepare decent meals for the weekend. For \$20 she will take very good care of your coffee breaks, mug-up, two hot Breakfasts, lunch and contribution to the Saturday pot luck dinner. Sign up on the registration form.

John Wettstone, Camp Chief John.Wettstone@gmail.com



Attention Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts

Blue Springs Scout Reserve is hosting its annual (free) Rube Goldberg Machine Contest as a S.T.E.M. event

Register: Send an email to David Wiebe wiebedavid66@gmail.com by November 1st 2018 and then send a video of your machine in action to wiebedavid66@gmail.com by midnight 12/31/2018 Eastern Time (all submissions will receive a confirmation email)

Bonus Points if your machine includes

- 1) Base Ball
- 2) screwdriver
- 3) painting of a river
- 4) car jack
- 5) Popcorn Machine
- 6) The Avengers

Super extra bonus points if your machine includes a Swiss Army Knife

The video/machine must be at least 2 minutes long and must end with a balloon popping.

Find inspiration anywhere but all video must be 100% created by contestant team.

Judging will take place in January of 2019 and prizes will be awarded by January 31st 2019

If you have any questions feel free to email wiebedavid66@gmail.com

or text or call 289-439-1024



Planning for the Tri-Council, 100th Anniversary Rover Moot to be held at Camp Opemikon in May 17-20, 2019 is underway. We are looking for Youth interested in joining the planning committee. Positions are now open

If you are interested in helping us plan this Moot, please email tricouncilmoot@gmail.com

Thanks

John Buffman

Canada Wide

JOTT

May 11, 2019

Hike Anywhere you want!

jotthikechief@gmail.com

Eastern Canada

Operation Alert- Scouting Around the World
(Scout/Venturer Scout)

Camp Nadooae

Middle Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia

September 28-0, 2018

Nsoffice@scouts.ca

GO ! Change (Venturer Scouts)

Tamaracouta Scout Reserve

Milles-Iles, Québec

sharte@videotron.ca

Western Canada

Mardi Gras and the Chocolate Factory

Camp Bing

Roberts Creek, British Columbia

September 28 – 30, 2018

info@mgcamp.com

Rainbucket

Popkum Nature Reserve

Bridal Falls, British Columbia

November 16-18, 2018

rainbucketcamp@gmail.com

Pie Iron Challenge

Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park

Strasbourg, Saskatchewan

November 24-26, 2018

Tyson Goebel at 306-526-5805



Highway to the Danger Zone

Where - Popkum Native Reserve

When - November 16, 17 and 18, 2018

Off Site Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt List:

Dog tags

Missiles

Jet fuel

Mini gun

Volleyball

The light thingies that airstrip ground crews have (need to find actual name)

Goose

Aviators

Mardi Gras' R

Munt from Rovent

Contact: rainbucketcamp@gmail.com

Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)



World Wide Scouting Hike
On Saturday, May 12th 2018

*Jamboree on the Trail is a world hiking event held every year for ALL
scouting sections at <http://jamboreonthetrail.org>

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For more information contact:
Dave Wiebe: jotthikechief@gmail.com
Twitter - @jotthike #jott2018
Instagram - @jotthike
Facebook – Jamboree on the Trail

THE FIVE-PIECE CAMP AROUND NOVA SCOTIA AWARD



Purpose:

To encourage the exploration of NS, as well as the better utilization of our Scout Camps. Though it is not a requirement to camp on a Scouts Canada property, the NS Council has a number of really great camps!

Requirements For Each Piece:

- Camp for at least one night within the area with your section or group (Camps before Feb 1, 2017 don't count);
- Take a picture of participants earning the crest, with a landmark of the sight, i.e. a sign, lodge, lake or cabin;
- Send this photo into the Maritime Service Centre along with the quantity of crests you'd like. It's important to note that multiple sections of the crest cannot be ordered at one time.

Scouting Properties Within Each Piece:

Southern Camper:

Mush-a-Mush, Pierce Park *[Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, Lunenburg]*

Valley Camper:

Connell Lake, Lower Lake 60/Camp Hiawatha, Sunken Lake *[Annapolis, Kings, West Hants]*

Central Camper:

Scout Island, Harold T. Barrett, Camp Lone Cloud, Camp Harris, Camp Nedooae, Malagash, Camp Impeeza *[East Hants, HRM, Colchester, Cumberland]*

Northern Camper:

Camp Rodrick *[Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough]*

Cape Breton Camper:

Camp Carter *[All of Cape Breton Island]*

Cost & Size:

Each section of the crest will be sold for \$2.50 from the Maritime Service Centre and will be a whopping 12" by 4" in size.

For more information visit: <http://nsc.scouts.ca/youth-awards>

International Events

Illuminate 2019 – 14th New Zealand Venture

Kaiwaka, Northland, New Zealand
December 31, 2018 – January 11th, 2019
admin@illuminate2019.com

24th World Scout Jamboree

Hosted by US, Mexico & Canada
Summit Bechtel Family Nat'l Scout Reserve
Beckley, West Virginia, U.S.A.
August 2019
www.2019wsj.org

13th Asia-Pacific Region Moot & 21st Australian Rover Moot

Camp Cottermouth
Canberra, ACT, Australia
December 30, 2019 – January 10, 2020
Facebook: CBR Moot

16th World Scout Moot

Larch Hill, Ireland
July 22 – August 1, 2021
Worldscoutmoot2021@scouts.ie

30 Dec - 10 Jan

Canberra, ACT



Looking for another summer adventure? Enjoy the next major Australian Rover event - [CBR Moot](#) in 2020!

Join the 21st Australian Rover Moot in the Nation's capital as [CBR Moot](#) takes you on a journey to expand your horizons, challenge yourself, and encourages you to experience new and fun activities.

Your adventure begins on Monday 30th December 2019 with the opening ceremony. Embark on expeditions from 1st – 5th January 2020, and enjoy onsite and offsite activities until closing ceremony on the 10th January 2020. Participants will depart on Saturday 11th January 2020.

Facebook: [CBR Moot](#)



World Scout Moot 2021, July 22 – August 1, 2021, Larch Hill, Ireland