

ROVER VENTURER MAGAZINE

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It starts with Scouts.

Hiking in Transitional Weather

By: Tessa Shelvey, 6th Willowdale Rovers



March has got to be the most challenging month to hike in, especially this year. After hiking in very cold temperatures this winter with a lot of snow on the ground we now find ourselves in situations with ice on the trail combined with flooding and now mud. This makes for very challenging conditions.

A couple of weeks ago in mid-March I had plans to lead a hike for the Toronto Bruce Trail club on the Humber Valley Heritage Trail in Bolton along with hike leader in training Kirby McCuaig (your magazine editor). As I was getting ready I received a frantic call from Kirby telling me that downtown Bolton was flooded. There had been a major ice jam along the Humber River. This was right where our hike was supposed to start from. We rushed out to Bolton and found out that in fact the flooding was not right in the centre of town but about a block east. Our hike could go ahead as planned. We had done a pre-hike of the trail a few weeks prior but had not had a chance to check out the trail in the past couple of days. We were in for a surprise. Our group of 10 hikers started out along the trail which turned

out to be sheer ice. Incredibly only one person did not have icers. Kirby had a spare in his pack and happily lent them to the one hiker who did not have a pair. Those of us who had Micro-spikes had no problem trekking along the icy trail. Unfortunately those who did not have the spikes but less expensive versions of icers didn't fare so well slipping and sliding around. After about an hour we decided that it was too dangerous to continue so we turned around and went back. As we had shortened the hike we decided to go into the town and check out the ice jam. 5 excavators were being used to remove huge chunks of ice from the Humber River. Around 200 people were forced to evacuate their homes and find temporary shelter in a nearby community centre.

If you are thinking of hiking in March or April a good pair of traction devices is essential! These can be purchased at any number of outdoor stores. There are many different styles to choose from but the best ones have spikes underneath. Icers with spikes are not cheap but well worth it if it prevents you from experiencing a fall. In March the days are getting longer but it's not summertime yet. Remember to bring your flashlight with you in case you get caught out after dark. Dress in layers as it can still get cold in March, especially if you are hiking in the late afternoon. It's better to take off a couple of layers and put them in your backpack if you get too warm than to find yourself getting cold and not have anything to put on. Have a couple of hand warmers in your pack. You can use one and switch it back and forth between your two hands to warm them up. Don't forget to put other essentials like a compass, whistle, matches, first aid kit, pocket knife, small cushion, snacks and water in your pack. Spring is a great time of the year to hike without the mosquitos or the summer heat so get out there!





12th Whitby Venturer Scout's Spring Backpacking Trip to Leslie Frost Centre in Haliburton, Ontario

12th Whitby Venturers challenging but rewarding backpacking camping trip this weekend (*March 30-31*) in the Frost Centre area of the Haliburton Highlands of Ontario. We initially encountered about 3' of snow and it was about 0C degrees and it was snowing. And it snowed all day and all night.

Will we soon forget the wet snow, melting and soaking into our clothes? How many pairs of socks and mitts did you go through? I'm sure we'll remember for a long time the silence of nature and the beauty of lake and forest with everything dressed in white. All told this was a challenge worth the effort.

Lewis Williams, Advisor 6th Whitby Venturer Scouts
Wood Smoke and Paddle Song Inc.
www.paddlesong.ca

Photo Journal – 12th Whitby Venturer Scouts



Photos by Lewis Williams, 12th Whitby Venturer Scouts

Keeping It Fresh, Engaging and Fun



With 5 years under our belt working with the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) making Bluebird and Wood Duck Nesting Boxes, it was time for a new service project. This time we partnered with the BTC to re-supply the Mason Bee Tubes for their native bee project.

The Toronto Section of the BTC has been putting up Mason Bee Tubes throughout the properties it manages. Ontario has over 400 species of native bees, but the most well-known bee is the Honey Bee which originates in Europe and it's not a native bee. A major portion of our domestic bees don't congregate in a hive, but are solitary bees. For many species, the Female is looking for the right location to lay her eggs and leave them food made from nectar, which she seals in a chamber she builds.

With the help of our guest speaker, George Lennon from the BTC, our Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts worked together to roll paper tubes to be placed in the BTC Mason Bee Tube PVC pipes in the field. We turned old newspaper with the help of wooden dowels and glue sticks into environmental action. BTC volunteers will now replace the last year's tubes with ours in May on the property they are managing.

Whereas the bird nesting boxes were a project for our Venturer Company and then with our returning Rovers, the Bee Tubes were a project for all four sections of our group. An opportunity for all to work together on a Service Project for our environment. This allowed our Venturer and Rover Scouts to mentor the Cub Scouts and Scouts and the younger sections to bond with our older members.

Consider partnering with other organizations to improve your group impact of the projects in your program.

Share your ideas for [keeping it fresh, engaging and fun](#) and help improve the Venturer/Rover Scout program.

What has made your program Outstanding!

John Kirby McCuaig
Venturer/Rover Scout Advisor
6th Willowdale

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Out & About

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Grassi Lakes Trail, Canmore, Alberta – Bike and Hike



Traditional thinking leads to planning a trip and packing the car and heading off to the trail. Back in 2016 when I was visiting my nephew in Canmore, Alberta there wasn't a car rental available, so it was time to think outside of the box. Previously that week I had ridden to from Canmore to Banff and back, so riding to the trail head seemed like the right solution.

The Good news, the Grassi Lakes Trail offers a spectacular view of Canmore, the Bad news, spectacular views are offered from the top of a mountain and I was planning to ride up to the park's parking lot.



The trip began by simply riding through the town of Canmore, then the ascending started. The plan included a mid-way stop at the site of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics Cross-country Skiing Facility. The current facility is a legacy of the games. Now the park has a dual personality, Cross-country skiing in the winter months and mountain biking in the rest of the year.

Within the Day Lodge are displays of memorabilia both donated and loaned from various Winter Olympic Games, including a torch used during the relay of the 2010 Vancouver Games

After resting up at the Nordic Centre, I continued the climb to the parking lot of the Grassi Lakes Trail Head where I locked up the rented bike and started my hike.

For the hike itself you have two choices, following the access road to the top or a traditional trail. Either way you do it the result is the same. A spectacular view of the Canmore and the mountains that surround it.



When planning your next trip spice it up a little and leave the car at home. A number of years ago I challenged our Venturer Company to take the bus to Zoo Moot. Years later they still take the bus to camp, it provides them a sense of independence and they arrive at the moot earlier than when their parents would be able to drop them off. My next challenge for them is this summer to take the GO Train to the start of our loaded cycle tour of the Niagara Region.

Back in the 70's the mate of my crew Marty Lalonde of 3rd Newtonbrook told us of his experience called Ringing Rails where Rovers took the train to a Canadian National Moot. The contingent organized the trip with Rovers joining the train along the way to the moot. As a member of the crew I flew to the 1976 Canadian National Moot in Pincer Creek, Alberta. An incredible experience for the members of our crew.

By the way what goals have you set for yourself? Let us know. Send us your story.

See you out on the trail!

“Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down”

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

Ontario Events

Auto Moot

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

RSVP Camp 2019

Camp Opemikon
Maberly, Ontario
May 3-5, 2019
Rsvp.narc@gmail.com

Camelot Moot

Camp Samac
Oshawa, Ontario
May 3-5, 2019
John.wettstone@gmail.com

Vertical Skills Camp 2019

Camp Opemikon
Maberly, Ontario
May 31 – June 2, 2019
scouteralex@gmail.com

Vent Company-Toronto Scavenger Race

Toronto, Ontario
May 4, 2019
Companyrace.weebly.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

Zoo Moot Episode 11: Wererat

Camp Samac
Oshawa, Ontario
November 1-3, 2019
John.wettstone@gmail.com

International Moot: Australia/New Zealand

Camp Shergardaynou
Princeton, Ontario
November 29 – December 1, 2019
International.moot@gmail.com



Cobourg Scout Reserve
Cobourg, Ontario
April 26-28, 2019

automoot@outlook.com

Nepean Area Rover Crew

presents

RSVP CAMP 2019

Bring your own theme!

When: May 3 - 5, 2019

Where: Camp Opemikon, 530 Hanna Rd., Maberly, ON

Who: Rangers, Scouts, Venturers & Pathfinders

How Much: \$35 for Youth, \$15 for Scouters / Guiders

\$5 off for Early Registration (closes 5PM EST January 18, 2019)

What can we do?

Archery

High & low ropes

Tug 'o War

Canoeing

Badge Trading

Tomahawk

Rope Bridge

Slackline

Field Games

such as

Giant Jenga,

Kubb tournament

& Lawn Darts



**Saturday night activities include a
Campfire, Dance & Chocolate Fondue.**

We provide the melted chocolate, you provide the fruit.

For more information, or to request a registration package,
please email: RSVP.NARC@gmail.com

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Camelot Moot



Camp Samac

Oshawa, Ontario

May 3-5, 2019

Contact John Wettstone for details:

John.wettstone@gmail.com

Vent Company - Toronto Scavenger Race

6 HOURS - 200+ POSSIBLE CHALLENGES
MAY 4 – 2019 (MAY 25 RAIN DATE)
COURTESY OF... THE OSHAWA ADVENTURE GROUP



- Phone App Based** (about 400Mb data used per team)
- Scoring & Leaderboard – REAL TIME
- Videos & Photos on the fly
- Text & GPS challenges. REAL TIME
- Teams of 3 to 6
- \$25 per team entry fee + transit passes
- Plan your strategy
- Stay together as a team
- Compete against other teams in an all out race that is won using strategy and the willingness to take on the craziest of challenges.

All challenges take place in major Toronto Landmarks
Kensington Market, St. Lawrence Market, Toronto Island, The Necropolis and
more....

BONUS POINTS AWARDED LIVE
FOR TRULY EPIC VIDEO AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

CURIOUS...
companyrace.weebly.com
or text Steve Lines
Oshawa Adventure Group
905-706-1183

ZOO MOOT 11

WEREWOLF

Theme? **EEEEEEccccEEccccvill**

Who?

All Scouts and Girl Guides aged 14-26

Contact:

john.wettstone@gmail.com

When?

Nov 1st, 2019 to Nov 3rd, 2019

Where?

Camp Samac, Oshawa

Visit our website for more info:

<http://zoomoot.ca>

Canada Wide**JOTT-Jamboree On The Trail**

May 11, 2019
Hike Anywhere you want!
jotthikechief@gmail.com

CBR Moot
Canadian Contingency Leader
John Wettstone
john.wettstone@gmail.com

Eastern Canada**The Denis Charbonneau Memorial
Swamp Meet and Auction**

Quality Suites Ponte Claire, Quebec
April 26 & 27, 2019
ibcbadger@aol.com

**PJ 2019 - "Stranded at Camp Nor Wes"
Newfoundland and Labrador Jamboree
Request for Offers of Service**

July 5-8, 2019
contact@nljamb.ca

**Atlantic Jamboree 2020
Volunteers Needed!**

Camp Nedooae
Elderbank, Nova Scotia
Aj2020@scuts.ca

Western Canada**Nite Hike 2019**

Pacific Spirit Park
Vancouver, British Columbia
April 13-14, 2019 TBD
www.nitethike.org

All Sections Rally

Assiniboia Downs
Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 27, 2019

Camp California
Chili Cook Off Competition
Lost Lake (Water Valley), Alberta
April 26-28, 2019
Tom.skinner@telus.net

2019 Hike for Hunger

Kwantlen Park
Surrey, British Columbia
April 27, 2019
di-saw@shaw.ca

**Pacific Jamboree – Myths & Legends
Offers of Service**

Camp Barnard
Sooke, British Columbia
July 6 -19, 2019
oosregistrar@scouts.ca



2019 HIKE FOR HUNGER

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Everyone is welcome. Bring your Unit, Group Troop or Pack, Troop. FAMILIES WELCOME. Join together to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in your community by supporting the Surrey Food Bank **BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR A CASH DONATION**. The Surrey Food Bank will be open for tours. Tour the facility and see how you are helping to **SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**.

Wear your Uniform
Bring your Flags, Bring a Friend!
Bring your non perishable food items

- 9:00 – 9:30 am - Registration at Kwantlen Park (104th Ave & Old Yale Rd)
 - 9:00 – 9:45 am – Clowns, Face painting, Mascots, Surrey Volunteer Fire Department
 - 9:45 am - Opening Ceremony and fun stretch with Mascots
 - 10:15 am – Closing Ceremony
 - 10:30 am - Hike to the Surrey Food Bank
 - 11:00 am to noon – Pancake Breakfast/ Tours at the Surrey Food Bank
- “THIS A LUG-A-MUG EVENT”**

Hike for Hunger Badge and Pancake Breakfast Order Form

Section/Unit: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

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|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Badges | _____ | x \$2.00 = | _____ |
| Pancake Breakfast | _____ | x \$3.00 = | _____ |
| Total | | = | _____ |

Dianne Sawatzky
14773 84 Ave, Surrey, BC, V3S 2M4
Phone: 604-596-0884 email: di-saw@shaw.ca

Badge Order deadline March 22, 2019
Cheques payable to **HIKE FOR HUNGER**
Payments can be made on the day of the Hike at Registration when you pick up your badges



Camp California 2019



WHEN: April 26-28, 2018
WHERE: Lost Lake Camp (near
Water Valley)
WHAT: A weekend of fun and frolic
for Venturers and Rovers
HOSTS: ***Knights of Artemis
Rover Crew***
COST: \$25 per participant (under
review)

REMEMBER:
**Come completely self-
contained! Yes this
means bringing food and
water and yes it includes
hauling all garbage
home.**

**Camp Uniform:
California Beachwear**

Schedule *(All times are set on R.S.T. - Rover Standard Time)*

Friday April 26, 2019
6:00 p.m. Arrive, check-in and set-up camp
9:30 p.m. Meeting with Venturer Company
Presidents and Vice-presidents (Various activities which
continue throughout the camp will be explained)

Saturday April 27, 2019
9:00 a.m. Opening
9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Challenge Events
Assault Course (as scheduled)
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (No Events Running)
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Challenge Events Continue
Assault Course (as scheduled)
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Chili Cooking
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Chili Judging
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Coconut Chuck
8:00 p.m. Informal Campfire

Sunday April 28, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Team Events
The "Watermelon" Eating Contest
11:00 a.m. Presentations
Mr. And Mrs. Camp California
Tacky Tourist
Camp California Challenge Contests
Winners
Overall Company Winner
11:30 a.m. Scouts' Own
2:00 p.m. Departure

Chili Cook Off Challenge

Basic premise

Each Company is to create a chili dish that best uses tools and equipment that they can ordinarily bring to camp. Fitting to the theme of "Camp California" is encouraged.

Rules

- No preparation cooking is allowed. That is: no marinating, pre-cooking, or chopping is to be done before the official start.
- Any and all garbage must be disposed of (including hauling it home from camp)
- Food prepared should be considered something you would cook for a normal camp meal.
- Alcohol - even for cooking purposes - is prohibited.
- Interference with other teams is highly ill-advised.

Tasting rules

- Food offered should be in quantities only enough for the judges to get a good idea of overall taste. You are not feeding the judges; you are teaching yourselves to cook better food at camp.
- Bribes will be accepted.
- Naturally you should cook enough for both tasting and enough for your own dinners. Portions to be shared among other teams are encouraged (think "mini potluck").
- Judges will be presented with the Chili by the team at their scheduled time.

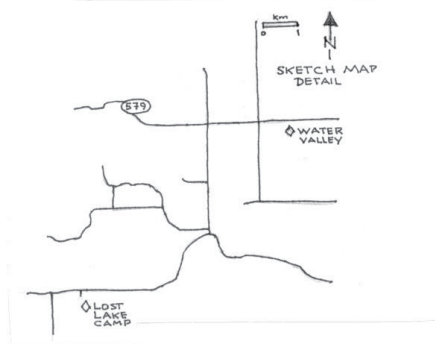
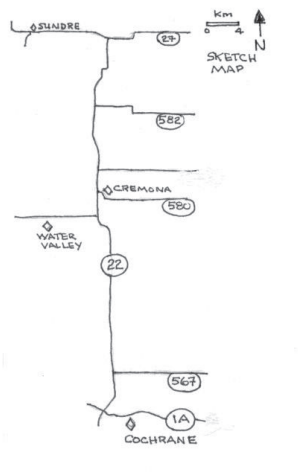
Judges' decisions are final.

To the winner go the spoils

(a.k.a. "The prizes are...")

- The winning team will be named the camp's "Chili Cook Off Champs" and will receive a prize befitting their new title. But the best prize is that they will get to lord their victory over the losers.
- The winners will be expected to return next year to defend their title.

Lost Lake Camp



Coconut Chuck

Basic premise

Each Company will be given one coconut when they check into camp. They will be given one day to modify the coconut as desired. The goal is to achieve the greatest distance traveled over Lost Lake.

Rules

- Any device used must be assembled at camp
- Any device used must rely on muscle power only. No chemical, electrical, magnetic, psycho-kinetic or nuclear energy sources are permitted. The judges may allow stored or potential energy gained by use of muscle power only.

To register or for more information:

Tom Skinner, Advisor
Knights of Artemis Rover Crew,
5108 Whitehorn Drive NE,
Calgary, AB
T1Y 1V1
tom.skinner@telus.net

Or check the website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/knightsofartemisrovers/Home/camp-california>



International Events

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

International Rover Week

Kandersteg, Switzerland
August 11 – 19, 2019
reception@kisc.ch

13th Asia-Pacific Region Moot &

21st Australian Rover Moot

CBR Moot

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

CBR Moot

Canadian Contingency Leader
John Wettstone
john.wettstone@gmail.com

16th World Scout Moot

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

Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)



Join the World Wide Scouting Hike

On Saturday, May 11th 2019

Cost of badge is \$2.00

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

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For more information contact:

Dave Wiebe: jotthikechief@gmail.com

Twitter - @jotthike #jott2019

Instagram - @jotthike

Facebook – Jamboree on the Trail

JOTT - Night Hike



Cost of badges is \$5.00 and this is geared toward Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts

We suggest that you do a night hike on Friday night May 10th

Contact jotthikechief@gmail.com

For more details

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KEEP CALM AND WEAR SCOUT SCARF

#ScoutScarfDay



International Rover Week

August 11-19, 2019

Take a chance to experience the Permanent Mini Jamboree together with Rovers from all over the World!

Between the 11th and 19th August, Rovers from all around the world will gather at the World Scout Centre for one single reason: to experience the International Friendship that only Scouting can offer. During the event, you will have the chance to experience the Permanent Mini Jamboree and participate in a wide range of KISC's best summer activities. You will also have the opportunity to look beyond borders and, together with like-minded Rover address global issues and create projects which will create a positive impact in our society!

Who can participate?

All Rovers, Rangers and Leaders, 18 to 26 years old, who are members of a National Scout Organization recognized by WOSM or WAGGGS. You can participate individually or together.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Wagetiweg 7
3718 Kandersteg
Switzerland

reception@kisc.ch

30 Dec - 10 Jan

Canberra, ACT



Sign up for the 2020 CBR Australia National Moot/13th Asia- Pacific Regional Moot!

What: a collection of international rovers that meet in Australia to make friends, explore the country, and go on expeditions to places they've never been before

Where: Canberra, Australia

When: December 30th, 2019 - January 10th 2020

Who: Scouts/Girl Guides aged 18-25 (the day you show up)

How Much: \$1000-\$1800 Australian for Registration (based on expeditions)

~\$100 Contingent fees (TBD).

~\$2000 for plane flights

Sign up through the main website: <http://cbrmoot.scouts.com.au/>

Check out the Canadian Contingent Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2330335210521038/>

Contact the Canadian Contingent leader:

John Wettstone: john.wettstone@gmail.com