

ROVER VENTURER MAGAZINE

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ZOO MOOT 2018



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It starts with Scouts.

Letters to the Editor: send them in by e-mail or by pen, pencil or crayon

Recent E-mail

Thanks Chris and hi John!

I thoroughly enjoyed the magazine. I have shared it with all my Venturers and families. Thanks so much for your hard work. I would love to be on the mailing list and appreciate any suggestions you might have.

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68th Toronto Venturer Company

On behalf of the staff at Ro Vent Mag, thank you for the encouraging words.

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor – Ro Vent Mag

Congratulations to one of our own at the magazine, Helen Ho received her Queen's Venturer Award on October 27th at Queens Park (Ontario's Provincial Legislature).

J Kirby McCuaig
Editor-Ro Vent Mag



Don't Get Caught in the Dark

Have you ever been out hiking and suddenly found yourself caught out in the dark? Well it happened to me and my hiking partner. We were hiking on the Owl Lookout Trail in the Adirondacks. We had hiked Baxter Mountain in the morning and after doing some sightseeing in the area started out on the Owl Lookout Trail after 3 pm. This was a trail neither of us knew anything about except that it was supposed to be short at only a mile in length. We foolishly didn't bring a map with us as it was a T&B trail (there and back) so we didn't think we needed one. This trail was all up hill. It was a gradual and we took our time taking in the scenery. After about 1 ½ hours there was no sign of the look out ahead. I started wondering how much further. My hiking partner and I were starting to get tired as we had done another fairly challenging hike up Baxter Mountain in the morning. It was starting to get dark. I was tempted to keep going to the lookout but my hiking partner suggested in 10 minutes we turn around as it was not safe to keep going, especially as we were in the mountains. The trail wasn't well marked and was quite rocky. If one of us fell and became injured we might have had to spend the night in the woods. A scary thought! Luckily my partner had a flash light in case we needed it. We turned around and quickly hiked back to our car. 15 minutes later it was pitch black.



A couple of months later my hiking partner and I were hiking on the Bruce trail in the Niagara section. This was our third hike towards completing an end to end of the Bruce trail. It was November, a time of the year when it gets dark quite early. It had been a busy week for the both of us so we were a bit late getting out on the trail. I had made an ambitious goal of doing 13 km's that day which in hindsight was too ambitious considering the time we got started. When you hike on a linear trail you need to park at the end of the hike and get a lift to the start. We drove to Brock University and got a taxi to Woodend Conservation Area where we left off our end to end hike last time. By then it was 12:30. We enjoyed ourselves on the hike. My hiking partner stopped frequently to take photos of the Welland canal and other interesting historical features along the way. Before we knew it was starting to get dark. Oh no!! Luckily we were hiking through the St. Catherines area and passed by a Canadian Tire. After warming up inside my partner decided to purchase a flashlight. We were about to need it. The end of our hike took us through a woodlot. As we were entering the woods it became dark. Unfortunately there was no full moon that night. Luckily we had the flashlight. It was an LED. I couldn't believe how well it lit up the way. We

accidentally missed a turn blaze and left the trail for about 500 metres. When we realized our mistake we turned back and luckily found where we had gone wrong. Finally we got to our car at Brock University where we enjoyed a much deserved rest.



Lesson learned. Ensure your pack has the essentials when hiking in the winter months. A flashlight, whistle, map & compass, first aid kit, Swiss army knife, and matches or flint and steel, all good things to have with you.

See you on the trail!

Tessa Shelvey
6th Willowdale Rovers

Editor and Hiking Partner Notes: 1) Yes we agreed to turn around after 10 more minutes as we calculated how long we had been hiking and when nightfall was expected. 2) Tessa while being an extremely experienced hike leader, normally she is involved in hikes of less than 4 hours that usually begin at 10:00 am per Bruce Trail standard and 3) BTC hikes are pre-hiked by the Hiker Leaders to ensure they know what to expect when later leading their hike.

Finally the Six Essentials from my Humber College Outdoor Program: Whistle (Signalling), Compass (Navigation), Flint (Fire Starting), Metal Cup (Water Purification), Knife (Tool) and Flashlight (Illumination).

What are the Essentials you carry?

John Kirby McCuaig
Editor – [Ro Vent Mag](#)

Photo Journal – Genesis Moot 2018



Photos by Eric Boymans, 6th Willowdale Rovers

The Welland Canal

By: Tessa Shelvey, 6th Willowdale Rovers

Looking for somewhere to ride your bike this spring? How about along the Welland Ship Canal down in The City of Thorold? It's fairly flat for riding and if you are into history there is a lot to learn in this southerly part of Ontario. The Welland Canal is part of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The seaway connects the Great Lakes all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. You may be aware of the existing Welland Canal built in 1932 which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March until Christmas but did you know this is actually the fourth Welland canal. There have been three previous canals used to ferry ships from Lake Erie into Lake Ontario.

The first canal was built in 1824 and opened in 1829. This canal was 44km's long, had 40 locks and was made entirely of wood. You won't find much evidence of the first canal left as it has pretty much disintegrated or been buried. In 1841 work began to deepen the 1st canal and reduce the number of locks to 27. In 1848 the deep path was extended to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence Seaway. In 1859 the Welland railway opened which ran parallel to the canal with the same start and end points. The trains that ran alongside the canal were used to carry cargo which was too big to be taken through the canal. In 1887 the canal was deepened again to 4.3 metres with 26 stone locks. This third canal had a tunnel built beneath it called the Merritton tunnel.



By 1913 it was realized that the 3rd Welland Canal was too small to accommodate the increasingly larger ships that needed to pass from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. The 4th Welland

canal was completed in August 1932. It is 43.13km's in length. The average time for a ship to pass through the canal is 8-12 hours. In bad weather it can take as long as 15 hours. This canal has 8 locks. Lock 8 in Port Colbourne is the longest lock in the world at 420.6 metres. It takes about 33minutes for a ship to enter a lock, be raised up or down and then leave the lock. The cost to take a ship through the canal can vary from \$19,000 to \$38,000 for a single trip. Pleasure boats pay \$80.00 to go through the canal. Sailboats are allowed through the canal but only under power because it is difficult for a person to steer a sailing boat straight in such a small space. They also don't have any brakes. Many ships carry a flag on the sternpost of the ship or on the main mast. The flag will always be of the country which the ship is registered.



You can get to the Welland Canal by the following highways.

- QEW to St. Catharines
- HWY 58 to Thorold, Welland and Port Colborne
- HWY 20 to Thorold
- HWY 3 to Port Colborne
- HWY 406 to St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland

References:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welland_Canal#Second_Welland_Canal

<http://www.thorold.com/content/frequently-asked-questions-about-welland-canal>

Out & About

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The Long Trail – Vermont



In North America there are now many long distance trails. In Canada the Trans Canada Trail, the Bruce Trail, West and East Coast Trails. In the U.S. The Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Coast Trail and the John Muir Trail. The Long Trail is considered the oldest long distance trail in the U.S. and is also considered the inspiration for the Appalachian Trail (a continuous trail from the state of Georgia to the state of Maine)

Construction began in 1910 on the Long Trail and was completed in 1930 by the Green Mountain Club. Whereas the Bruce Trail isn't designed to provide overnight camping, the Long Trail has over 60 cabins, shelters and tent sites along the 272 miles of path for backpackers.

Tessa and I travelled to Vermont from New York, crossing Lake Champlain by ferry to hike part of divisions 5 and 6 of the trail east of Rutland, Vermont. The Appalachian Trail shares the path with the Long Trail from the Massachusetts border until division 6, where it heads east to New Hampshire. We wanted to hike the trail to the area in which the trails diverge and the Long Trail heads north to the Canadian Border. We couldn't resist the opportunity to hike part of these historic trails after hiking in the Adirondacks of New York.

On our hike in September we met one couple who had been hiking the Appalachian Trail from the southern terminus in Georgia since April. This really took us back when we considered our modest goal of hiking the Bruce Trail over several years.

Trails like the Long Trail have volunteer groups/organizations ensuring their continual existence and maintenance. The trails are an opportunity to add outdoor activity to your group's program, a source for service hours and an opportunity to show your commitment to our environment. In southern Ontario Scout Groups have planted milkweed plants for Monarch Butterflies and built nesting boxes for Bluebirds for the Bruce Trail Conservancy.



Update on our progress of our end to end hiking of the Bruce Trail? We are still in the Niagara section. Our thanks to the organizers of the Alders Challenge for allowing us to sweep on this year's hike which began at Brock University. Especially for the ride back to our car on Saturday. Our current goal is to complete the Niagara Section by the spring of 2019.

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

67's Scout Night

TD Place
Ottawa, Ontario
February 2, 2019
Fevo.me/scout67

**1st Aylmer Fireside Gala
100th Anniversary of Scouting**

Centre Aydelu
Aylmer, Ontario
February 2, 2019

Snow Moot – Mardi Gras

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

Outdoor Adventure Show

The International Centre
Toronto, Ontario
February 22-24, 2019

**2019 Eastern Ontario
Memorabilia and Badge Trading**

Scout Canada Headquarters
Ottawa, Ontario
March 8-9, 2019
Ottawa.area.badgers@gmail.com

Llama Moot 2019

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

Brant Venturer Assembly

Camp Impessa
Paris, Ontario
April 5-7, 2019
www.veturerassembly.com

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

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



67's SCOUTS NIGHT

SAT FEB 2

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PUCK DROP 7 PM

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February 15 -17, 2019

Camp Nemo

snowmoot@hotmail.com

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CAMP NEMO FUNDRAISER This year instead of the annual food drive we will be hosting a fundraiser. All weekend long you are welcome to come to Confederation Lodge make a donation and receive some nice hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

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Fireside Gala

100 ans de scoutisme à Aylmer
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Samedi 23 février 2019, 18h
Saturday, February 23, 2019, 6pm
Centre Aydelu, Aylmer
Billets : 50 \$ chacun
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FOR ALUMNI, SCOUTING VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF SCOUTING! (13+)

LLAMIA MOOT
ESCAPE FROM ALPACATRAZ

March 22-24, 2019 **Barber Memorial Scout Camp**



2019 EASTERN ONTARIO "MARCH BREAK" SCOUTING MEMORABILIA & BADGE TRADING EVENT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8th (6 PM - 9 PM)
SATURDAY, MARCH 9th (9 AM - 2 PM)
SCOUTS CANADA HEADQUARTERS
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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ottawa West-Nepean, Bells Corners - 613-690-0100

Days Inn by Wyndham Ottawa West, Bells Corners - 613-726-1717

TABLE RESERVATIONS

TABLE + 2 CHAIRS - \$15 (Includes Pizza and 1 drink on Friday)

NAME: _____

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EMAIL: _____

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payment is only required at the event

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Marc Couturier 2-855 Grenon Ave, Ottawa, ON
Email: ottawa.area.badgers@gmail.com



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<http://www.venturerassembly.com>

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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

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We provide the melted chocolate, you provide the fruit.

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jotthikechief@gmail.com

Eastern Canada

Outdoor Adventure Show

Palais des Congress
Montreal, Quebec
March 16-17, 2019

Atlantic Jamboree 2020

Volunteers Needed!
Camp Nedooae
Elderbank, Nova Scotia
Aj2020@scouts.ca

Western Canada

Rovent 2019

E C Manning Provincial Park, Alberta
February 15-28, 2019
www.Rovent.ca

Venturers Artic Challenge

Camp Alloway, Manitoba
February 16-18, 2019

Outdoor Adventure Show

BMO Centre
Calgary, Alberta
February 22-24, 2019

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

Pacific Jamboree – Myths & Legends

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

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

International Events

24th World Scout Jamboree

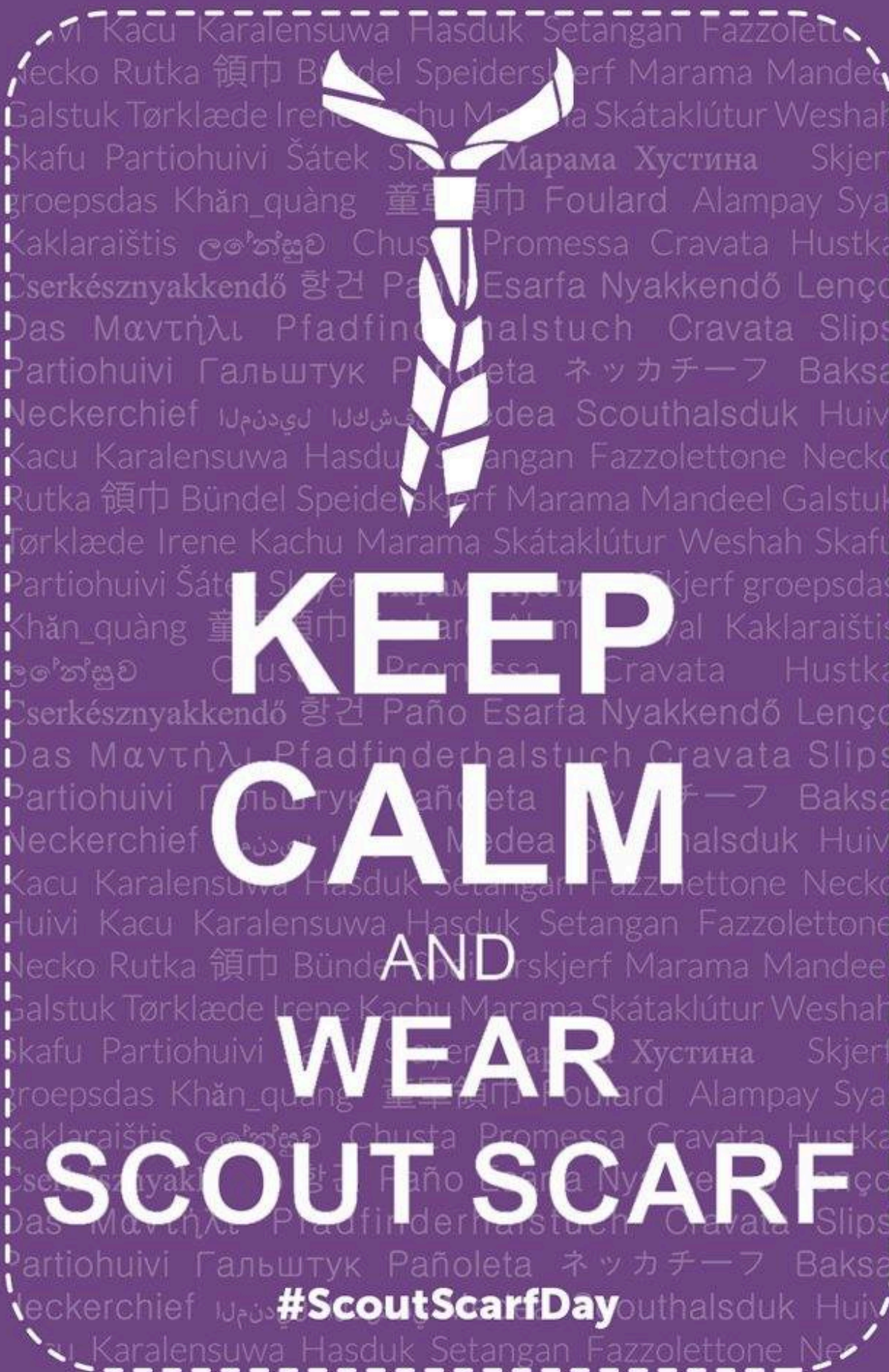
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Summit Bechtel Family Nat'l Scout Reserve
Beckley, West Virginia, U.S.A.
August 2019
www.2019wsj.org

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



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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](#)