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It starts with Scouts.

Hiking in Waterton Lakes National Park after the 2017 fire

By Tessa Shelvey, 6th Willowdale Rovers

In June of this year my hiking partner Kirby and I had the opportunity to hike in Waterton Lakes National Park in southern Alberta. This was a very different hiking experience for us as Waterton Lakes had a major forest fire in September 2017 resulting in 70% of the forested area being lost. The fire was caused by a lightning strike. The park had been hit by fires in the past but none were quite the scale of this one. The fire burned 38,000 hectares including 20,000 hectares in Waterton Lakes Park. Over 80% of Waterton's hiking trail network was damaged. The federal government invested \$29.9 million to help restore the park. When Kirby and I decided to explore the park in June of this year (2019) we weren't aware of the devastating fire the park was recovering from. Tourism had been at its peak in 2017 at 569,000 visitors. Some local residents said the fire was nature's way of slowing things down because they felt there were too many tourists in the park which were having a negative impact on the environment.



Many of the hiking trails in the park have been permanently closed due to the fire. We decided to hike a 12km trail called the Lakeshore trail which would take us 6km south to the U.S. border of Montana and then we would hike back the same way. The trail was described as fairly easy. We had gotten a late start that day and made our way to the trail head around noon. The trail climbed up to a scenic lookout over Upper Waterton Lake. To our surprise the wildflowers were in full bloom. Passing hikers who lived in the area told us that the park was experiencing an explosion of plant growth underneath the dead trees since the fire occurred two years ago. It was a scene I had never experienced before. All of the trees looked like black matchsticks but underneath the dead trees was a carpet of green interspersed with beautiful spring flowers. It was a unique experience.



The trail turned out to be anything but easy. It was up and down all the way to the U.S. border of Montana. I made the mistake of saying how bug free it was until we got close to the border and the mosquitos came out in full force. We made it to the border and took a few pictures. A large sign indicated that if we chose to go any farther, we would have to call the border control and let them know that we were entering the U.S. As it was very buggy, we decided to head back. Along the way we saw a lot of bear scat on the trail but much to my dismay no actual bears. We finally made it back to our car at 6:30.

The lakeshore trail had been much more challenging than we had thought it would be but the problem of course is that we are comparing the trails in Alberta to the trails in Ontario. A fairly easy trail in Alberta is comparable to a moderate hike in Ontario. To our delight we did see an actual bear on the road the next day when we were driving out of the park.

Waterton Lakes National Park is located in the southwest corner of Alberta, Canada. It borders Glacier National Park in Montana, Unites States.



Editor's Note: Tessa has a list of animals she wants to see in the wild, thankfully we saw the Black Bear from the safety of our rental vehicle. From the amount of scat, we saw on the trail, that was close enough. Remember your Bear Bell and Spray. In case you're wondering, I'm standing in Canada and Tessa's in the U.S. in the photo above. Hiking from one country to another is now off my bucket list as is cycling from one country to another (completed previously in Europe)

Out & About

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Wapta Falls, Yoho National Park, British Columbia



Wapta Falls is located in Yoho National Park approximately 26 km west of Field, British Columbia and 36 km East of Golden, British Columbia on the southside of the Trans Canada Highway. Careful if you are coming from Field as there is no left-hand turning lane, Parks Canada recommends "Continue 3 km to the park west boundary, turn and come back".

Yoho and Glacier National Parks share the distinction of being Canada's second oldest National Parks as they were established on the same day, in 1886, one year after Banff National Park was established in 1885.

It's considered a short hike at 4.6 km (return), but the walk in from the parking lot doesn't prepare you for the ferocity of the water fall. The Kicking Horse River roars over the falls here. It is the highest falls on the Kicking Horse River at 30 metres. It made a great lunch stop for Tessa and I after a short stop in Field. 1.5 hours plus anytime you spend having lunch or taking photos.

different views of the falls: above (photo above), at and below (photo below) along the trail.

What is amazing is how calm the river is directly below the roaring falls. A great location to have a lunch with a spectacular view. Pull up a log, pass out the sandwiches and relax.

It is important to check the Parks Canada website for park and trail closures. On the day we hiked Wapta Falls the nearby Takakkaw Falls trail was closed. Do your research and don't be disappointed as snow melts late in some areas in the mountains and then comes early in others and then there are bears on the trails which can also lead to closures.

See you out on the trail!

"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"

John Kirby McCuaig 6th Willowdale Rover Scouts



Out & About

Number 56



The Grand River, South-western Ontario

Ever have an item stay on your bucket list longer than it should? For me it's paddling the Grand River. I have a VHS tape done by Channel 12 years ago. Yes, Virginia there really were video tapes prior to DVD's. Always thought it would be a nice summer activity, but it never progressed to an item on my calendar.

Finally, I can take it off my list as Tessa and I, plus friends took the plunge, well not really, we made will swamping the canoe!

We put in in Paris and canoed down river to the Brant Conservation Area. For those planning the trip, I recommend the book: Paddling the Grand River by the Grand River Conservation Authority with Jamie Kent. Its now in its Sixth Edition. It has been "Revised and Updated" so it probably more of an essential guide than my old VHS tape.

The river height is controlled by a number of dams along its length, but I still found it a little shallow for my liking early on from Paris. There are lots of rocks just below the surface. Our canoe received a few more scratches along the way, so I don't recommend cedar strip canoes for this trip. Good communication between the bow and stern is essential at least for your pride's sake (if not for your canoe's health).

Camping can be done from the 1st of May to the 15th of October at the conservation area.

Oh, and one more reason for me to do the Grand River this year, I'll be able to tell Kevin Callan next time I see him at the Outdoor Show, I paddled more than just the lake at my cottage.

The Grand River is a great introduction to Canoeing for those in your Company or Crew with little experience. It will enable them to practice with their canoeing partner. A great outing of the water on a warm day.

Tessa is already planning for next year and has a new route in mind.



See you out on the trail!

"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down" "We Did!"

John Kirby McCuaig 6th Willowdale Rover Scouts

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Ontario Events

RoVent 2019 Camp Opemikon Maberly, Ontario October 18-20, 2019 Rovent.voyageur@gmail.com

Zoo Moot Episode 11: Wererat Camp Samac Oshawa, Ontario November 1-3, 2019 John.wettstone@gmail.com

Genesis Ventmoot-Comic Con Camp BEL Dorchester, Ontario November 8-10, 2019 joel@genesiscamp.ca

ScoutCon – Voyageur Council Nepean, High School Ottawa, Ontario November 23, 2019 Nick.wise@scouts.ca

International Moot: Australia/New Zealand Camp Shergardaynou Princeton, Ontario November 29 – December 1, 2019 International.moot@gmail.com

All Night Laser Quest (Scouts, Venturers & Rovers) Laser Quest Whitby, Ontario December 14-15, 2019 June.fry@scouts.ca

Scout Con - White Pines Council Bowmanville High School Bowmanville, Ontario January 18, 2020 Brian.wick@scouts.ca Snow Moot

Mount Nemo Scout Camp Burlington, Ontario February 14-16, 2020

Llama Moot 2020 – The Musical Barber Memorial Scout Camp Guelph, Ontario March 20-22,2020 Ilamamoot@hotmail.com

Auto Moot Cobourg Scout Camp Cobourg, Ontario April 24-26, 2020 Automoot@outlook.ca

JOTT 2020 Hike any where you want May 9, 2020 www.jamboreeonthetrail.org



Outdoor Skills for Volunteers (Scoutcraft)

Training for Section Scouters and Volunteers aged 14 + Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Service Team Emphasis on the Canadian Path – model for Scouting Add completed cards to your Wood Badge II designation



It starts with Scouts.

Date:October 25-27, 2019Location:Camp Samac Scout Centre, 275 Conlin Rd EastOshawa, OntarioCost:Cost:\$48.00Times:Teaching Sat & Sunday from 8:30 amCourse lead:Wil CornealFee includes:training card, course materials, indooraccommodations, or tenting, lunch each day.Modules will be set up to easily match Wood Badge 2 trainingcards with expectation of "I Can" upon competition

Outdoor Skill for Day Activities:

Learn what you need to prepare yourself and your youth for an evening out, day out, Beaveree, trees planning and so on. Planning, preparing, paperwork, communication to parents, etc. Researching, testing and planning day hikes, picnics or canoe orientation activities Setting up a shelter, using a camp stove, menu planning for a hot lunch, etc.

Outdoor Skills for Overnight and Longer Activities:

SAFETY PREPARATION, FIRST AID, OUTDOOR SKILLS and THE ENVIRONMENT: Understand how to read many references, contours, how to orient a map and how to follow tent. Understand layout of campsites and describe proper camp hygiene. Prepare list for individual kit group equipment and a menu for an overnight camp. Scouting in all weather conditions; clothing & equipment; emergency kit and emergency procedures. Explain "no trace" camping methods. Bearings. Show how to choose a campsite, pitch and care for a

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Who?Contact:All Scouts and Girl Guides aged 14-26john.wettstone@gmail.comWhen?yohn st, 2019 to Nov 3rd, 2019Where?Visit our website for more info:Camp Samac, Oshawahttp://zoomoot.ca



The Camp Wetaskiwin Camp Committee are hosting a photo contest.

To enter the contest, please submit a photo of your favourite memories at Camp Wetaskiwin to the Camp Wetaskiwin Facebook page by direct message (or email them to courtneytaylorue@gmail.com). Photos posted on the page will not be considered for the contest. In the message, please include the approximate date of the photo and 2-4 sentences about the picture.

These photos will be posted on the Camp Wetaskiwin Facebook Page at the end of October. The photo with the most "likes" by the set deadline will be awarded a framed set of our 75th Anniversary Crests!!

Please submit your photos by 11:59 pm on October 30th.

Please like your favourite photos (and get your friends to like them) by 11:59 on November 30th. The winner will be notified by private message and by announcement on the Facebook page.

*Please be sure all people in the photo have photo consent.



Camp Cataraqui, Muirkirk Ontario

Come on out Ventures for a great survival camp. November 1 at 4pm to November 3 at 1pm. Age 13-18. Watches and compass are mandatory. Start at the gate with what you can carry and find a place to camp in the bush. Be prepared to be chased by leaders and possibly lose an item to a leader if caught. Find money hidden all over and visit the Survival shop to buy your items back or something we are selling you might need to make it through the weekend. Lunch provided on Saturday only so make sure you bring food to Survive. (will have campfire going to cook meals). Top Survivor will win plaque and prize. \$25.00 per person.



It starts with Scouts. Tout commence avec les Scouts.



ROAD, TRAIL AND RAVINE CLEANUP

Saturday November 2nd, 2019

10:00 am – 11:00 am

IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY!



Help keep Whitby Streets and Paths Clean!

Suggested clean up locations, as well as your meeting space or local park:

Beavers	Broughton Public School & Anderson CVI yard, Crawforth St., Whitby
<u>Cubs</u>	Cubs may wish to go to the Scout Trails along Pringle Creek. Parking at Pringle Street Public School
<u>Scouts</u>	Take on the Waterfront trail or Cullen Park Trail north to Heber Down
<u>Venturers</u>	Meet at Julie Payette School (400 Garden Street, Whitby) Community Service School hours for all attendees

Please bring your own sturdy work gloves. Volunteers on site will have plastic bags and vinyl gloves provided by the Town of Whitby and the Region of Durham. Thank you for participating in our Community Outreach Project!

Thank you, Yours in Scouting April Cooper aprilcooper17@gmail.com



Save the Date for the Exclusive Scout Show!

See the annual animal presentation, and experience the new show!

Scout Show: Sat, Nov 2 2019 - 1:30pm

For more information, contact Group Sales at 416-260-1170 ext. 2619 or email toronto.groups@medievaltimes.com



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White Pine Council Presents



Enrich your understanding of the Scouting Program by attending section specific sessions incorporated throughout the weekend. Spend time with other Scouters, build relationships, share ideas and challenge each other to find new and exciting program ideas. Our objective is to ensure you are comfortable working with the youth, and you will go away with a bag of program ideas, resources and energy, so you can take on the weekly program with renewed enthusiasm.

Some of the things you will gain include:

- Hands On Section Specific Learning
- ✓ Ceremonies
- ✓ Path Maps
- Campfires and Camping
- Working with Section Aged Youth
- Program Ideas and Plans
- Incorporating Youth Led
- ✓ How to Use SPICES
- ✓ Networking and Sharing Opportunities
- 🗸 Team Building

By bringing together a group of Support Scouters, this weekend is designed to help Scouters cover the competencies for Wood Badge I from the Scouter Development Map.

Course fee \$80.00 includes Indoor Accommodation - Bunks, All Meals, Course Materials FRI NOV 15 - Optional Arrival (Networking) SAT NOV 16 - Program begins at 8:00am SUN NOV 17 - Program runs until 2:00pm

FULL DETAILS & REGISTRATION ONLINE AT wpc.scouts.ca

Training Page under the Scouters menu

For more information or registration assistance, please contact Course Coordinator: Clare Ford <u>clare.mike.ford@sympatico.ca</u> Course Administrator: Brenda Swain <u>drkagl@rogers.com</u> 905-410-0758

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Dorchester, Ontario

November 8-10, 2019

www.genesiscamp.ca

Dress up as your Favourite:

Movie, Comic Book, Video Game, Manga or Anime Character



Canada Wide

CBR Moot 2019-2020 Canadian Contingency Leader John Wettstone john.wettstone@gmail.com

JOTT 2020 Hike any where you want May 9, 2020 www.jamboreeonthetrail.org

World Scout Moot 2021 Canadian Contingency Leader Carey Benson Carey.benson@scouts.ca

Western Canada

Camp Kaboom – Venturers Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park Strasbourg, Saskatchewan October 25-27, 2019 <u>assiniboiascouts@gmail.com</u>

Rovent 2020 Manning Park Cambie Creek, British Columbia February 14-17, 2020 rovent@rovent.ca

Eastern Canada

Scout Camp Otter Lake Annual Fall Service Day Otter Lake, Quebec October 26, 2019

Atlantic Jamboree 2020 Volunteers Needed! Camp Nedooae Elderbank, Nova Scotia Aj2020@scuts.ca



Signups for CBR in Australia are closed for Canadians!!

Thanks to the 20 Rovers that signed up from coast to coast to escape our winter and visit our very southern neighbors.

Here's a peak at what our crest will look like.

John Wettstone

Canadian Contingent Leader

john.wettstone@gmail.com



Hi folks - the Camp Linley committee is looking for members to assist oversite and direction of the camp, with the support of the wonderful Guild members. Please message me or email naomi.mcaleer@scouts.ca if you're interested in being involved with this project.



The World's Largest Digital Scout Event promoting friendship and global citizenship! 18 - 20 October 2019

Camp McLean

Langley, British Columbia

October 18-20, 2019

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We are going to have a **BLAST** of a good time This camp is open to all Venture age youth.

October 25-27, 2019 Rowan's Ravine Cost: \$30.00 per youth This includes all food for the weekend and crest (Friday mug up, Saturday meals and Sunday Breakfast) {Please bring all personal gear ie; clothing, bedding and tents...}

Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)



Join the World Wide Scouting Hike On Saturday, May 9th 2020 Cost of badge is \$2.00

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

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For more information contact: Dave Wiebe: jotthikechief@gmail.com Twitter - @jotthike #jott2020 Instagram - @jotthike Facebook – Jamboree on the Trail

JOTT - Night Hike



Cost of badges is \$2.00 and this is geared toward Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts We suggest that you do a night hike on Friday night May 8th Contact jotthikechief@gmail.com For more details

International Events

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

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VenturingFest 2020

Summit Bechtel Glen Jean, West Virginia, USA June 28 – July 3, 2020 venturingfest@scouting.org

FLOW – Vienna International Jamborette Vienna, Austria August 3-12, 2020 www.jamboree.at

16th World Scout Moot Larch Hill, Ireland July 22 – August 1, 2021 Worldscoutmoot2021@scouts.ie

16th World Scout Mott Canadian Contingency Leader Carey Benson Carey.benson@scouts.ca

15th New Zealand Venture January 2022



CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE



Find trash and clean it up!

Share photos/video on social media.



Use #Scouts #MakeItHappen in your caption.

Go to scoutsmakeithappen.com and share your project.







In 2020, the world is calling...it's calling YOU!

Scouts Canada members ages 14-18 will be called-upon to ACT alongside up to 10,000 of the world's other WOSM youth! The European Jamboree 2020 organizational team has created a great program filled with opportunities to: 1) "Look Around", and find real, impactful global goals; 2) " Wake Up" and discover one's skills and interact with the greater world around them; and 3) "ACT", and use those skills and identified global goals to make a REAL difference in the REAL world. Of course, the regular jamboree fun and games, cultural discovery, sports, adventure, nature, and friendships are part of the program too!

It's going to be an amazing time and a lot of fun. One of the neat things about this particular jamboree is that a lot of it is "youth led" just like our program here, in Canada. Youth (and Scouters to some degree) can have a lot of input into what you'd like to share about Canada, and Scouts Canada, with other Scouts and Guides from all over the world. We can even request that we ship your favourite Canadian food to Poland so you can share our "Distinctly Canadian" meals or snack foods with everyone else. We'd do this by opening an onsite store, set-up by the youth, and staffed by the ISTs (adult volunteers). How cool is that?

To participate as a Patrol, as an individual youth, or as an adult volunteer, please register at: <u>https://www.scouterresources.ca/eurojam-registration</u>

More information: <u>https://www.scouterresources.ca/downloads</u>

New feed: https://www.scouterresources.ca/blog

Contingent Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Canada.EuroJam2020/

Questions? Email Heather: scouterresources@gmail.com

Hope you can join the Canadian Contingent: it's going to be AMAZING !!!

YIS, Scouter Heather White Luckow Head of Contingent for European Jamboree 2020 ACC Onboarding/Scouter Development, Quebec Council



VenturingFest 2020 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve June 28 to July 3, 2020. Here you can make a unit reservation for your entire crew, or sign-up as an individual youth to be put into a provisional unit. Both staff and participants must sign up via this form. (Any adults age 21+ must sign up to attend as staff if they are not attending as adult leadership with their unit.)

Important Information for all Applicants:

 Deposit is due at the time this form is completed. Reservations that do not have a paid deposit will not be processed. (Registration is a multiple step process.)

- The participant cost is \$525 per youth member and \$425 per adult for reservations made prior to April 30, 2020.
- Late participant reservations (after April 30, 2020) are \$625 per youth member and \$525 per adult.
- Staff reservations are \$275.
- Final payment is due April 30, 2020. Reservations made after April 30, 2020 require payment in full at time of reservation.
- All paid fees are non-refundable.
- All participants must be currently registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, or Scouts BSA.
- Tents, cots and all program equipment are provided.
- There are additional fees for white water rafting and Kodiak training.
- Participant meals include dinner Sunday night through breakfast on Friday (departure day). Lunch on arrival day is not provided.
- Staff arrival day varies depending upon position.

Rules for Unit Reservations:

- The unit contact must complete the registration for everyone in their unit. This contact must be a current member of the BSA and have a valid BSA membership number.
- There is no minimum or maximum group size, but all Youth Protection and Guide to Safe Scouting standards must be met. <u>https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/</u>.

Payment Schedule:

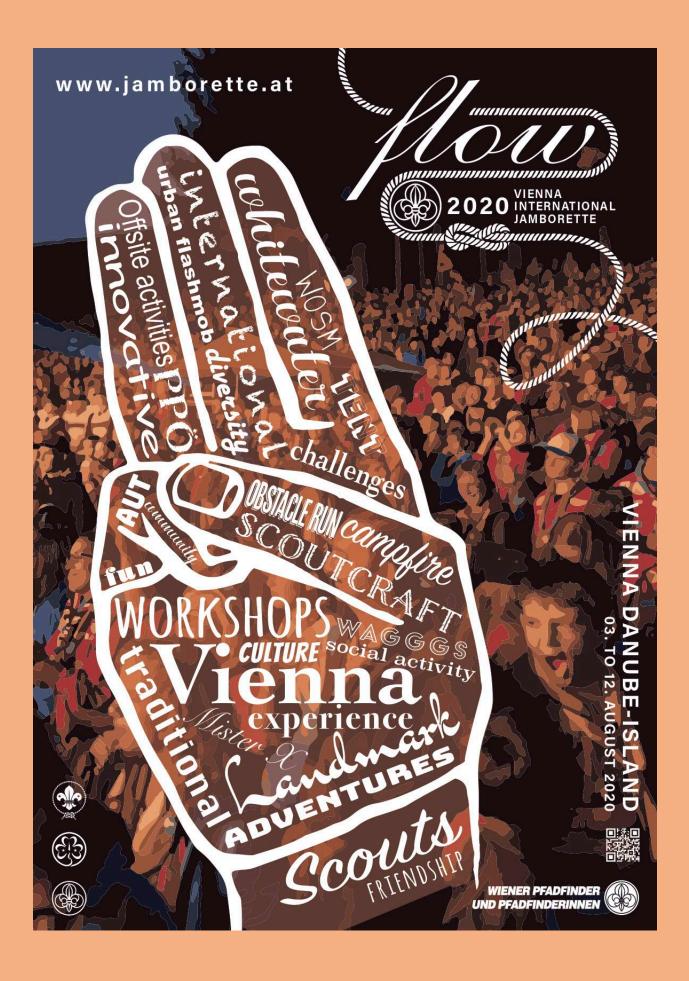
- Non-refundable deposit required during initial registration
 - \$500 for unit reservation

- \$100 for individual (provisional) reservation
- 1/2 Balance by February 28, 2020
- Final balance by April 30, 2020
- Registration closes May 31, 2020

For participants outside the USA the registration link is coming soon! (Check back in late September 2019!)

For participants inside the USA, click "Continue" below to reserve your space.







Ranger and Rover (16-21 years)

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Be there and get the maximum FLOW for you, we look forward to seeing you!

Contact

 You would like to stay connected? Just send us an E-Mail to: <u>raro@jamborette.at</u>!

