## ROVER VENTURER MAGAZINE

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It starts with Scouts.

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



This Bush Fire Appeal Badge (National Badge) is now in production and will be available through the online Scout Shop at a cost of \$5 per badge shortly. \$30,000 had been donated already to assist with production so that 100% of funds can go towards the fire appeal to support victims.

Purchase here: <a href="https://scoutshop.com.au/products/bushfire-badge">https://scoutshop.com.au/products/bushfire-badge</a>

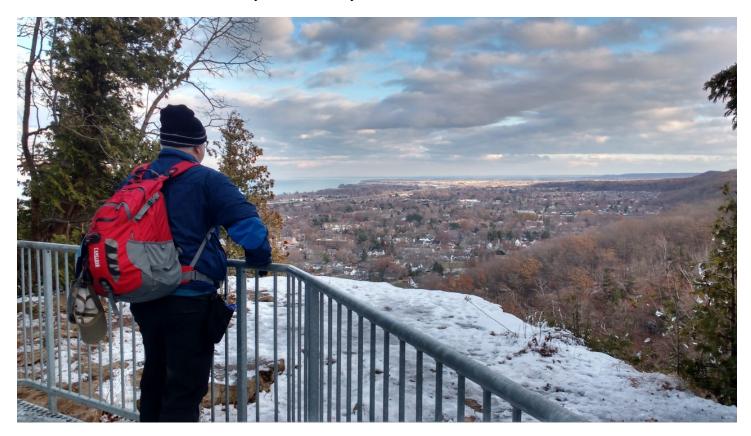
The badge can be worn on the uniform where special even badges are worn. Please support this appeal and support those impacted by the devastating fires across Australia. (Note: Australia's Scout Shop Ad)(Scout Shop Canada is arranging bulk purchase)

Editor's Note: I was lucky enough to visit Australia 2014 and to be hosted by fellow Rovers. It's an amazing country let's support their Rebuild Efforts!

J Kirby McCuaig

#### Interested in Raptor's??

By Tessa Shelvey, 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rovers



Look no further! Within an hour's drive of the GTA you will find Beamer's Memorial Conservation Area. Beamer's is the best place to view the annual hawk migration in spring and fall. My hiking partner Kirby and I hiked through Beamer's in December of 2019 as we continued on our quest to complete the 900km Bruce Trail. There weren't any Raptors flying overhead as it was December but we took in beautiful views of the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario from one of the many viewing platforms.

Beamer's Conservation Area is located in the Iroquoia section of the Bruce trail. Kirby and I recently completed the 80km Niagara section in November. Iroquoia is a bit longer at 120km's and so far just as rocky. If you are interested in seeing Raptor's head out to Beamer's in late March to early April when species such as Red-shouldered Hawks, Turkey Vultures, Broad-winged Hawks and Tundra Swans are likely to be spotted. In the summer keep your eyes peeled for Pileated Woodpeckers and Eastern Wood-Pewee in the surrounding forest. If you are coming to see the Raptors make sure to bring a good pair of binoculars, a lawn chair and pack a lunch, blanket and a hot drink. Seeing the birds takes patience. You may sit for an hour or two without seeing any birds and then look up and see hundreds flying over. The best days to see the hawks flying are ones which follow a warm front when there is a southerly wind.

Although Red-shouldered hawks are not often seen around the GTA in December you have a good chance of spotting Red-tailed Hawks along Ontario's highways. Red-tailed Hawks are often seen beside the 401, QEW, 427 and 400 highways perched in trees, on the tops of hydro poles, lamps and fences as there are lots of mice and voles living underground beside these freeways. Red-tailed hawks have an amazing way of catching prey. When they spot a potential meal, they hover overhead like a helicopter and then quickly drop down to catch a tasty mice or vole. Almost every time I drive along one of our highways, I have spotted Red-tailed Hawks.

To get to Beamer's exit the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) at exit 71 and turn right (south) onto Christie St. Follow this street "up the mountain" and then turn right onto Ridge Road. Drive another 1.6km (1mile) until you reach Quarry Road and turn right. There is a small parking lot ahead on the right.

### Out & About

#### Number 57

### Zoo Moot Rocked Once Again with Bribery Scandal!!



Only a short two years ago, Zoo Moot was first **rocked** with a Bribery Scandal, and on the eve of Impeachment hearings for Donald Trump, this magazine breaks the story on new SCANDAL! John "*Need a Sugar Fix*" Wettstone career as a Moot Event Judge may be nearing its end. Sad news for John, once a young upcoming moot event judge, now a career stained with sticky fingers and piles of candy wrappers!

6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rovers once again travelled down the 401 to Camp Samac in Oshawa to attend Zoo Moot and partake in the events at the moot. While I am just kidding again about the Bribery Scandal (sorry John) our crew was impressed by the event John designed and ran. The crew quite enjoyed the milk carton stacking challenge.

Our crew enjoys indoor climbing and we are improving our skills set in preparation for outdoor climbing in the future. John's event was one of the highlights of attending Zoo Moot for us. The objective to beat the current record and establish a new record. **Result record splashed and new record set!** 

Thanks John, you made our weekend!



"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"

John Kirby McCuaig 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rover Scouts

### Photo Journal - Zoo Moot 2019





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#### The Niagara Section of the Bruce Trail



Tessa and I began a Quest in August of 2018 to hike the entire length of the Bruce Trail. We did so knowing this would be a very long project lasting many years. It's not just the length of the trail at approximately 900km that makes it an enormous challenge, it's also the logistics of planning all the hikes and dealing with the transportation issues. It's the commitment to include in your monthly schedule a hike or hikes for a number of years as in our case. That all said we hit a milestone in our quest,

#### We finished the Niagara Section!!!

Yes, we completed the 80.4 km section of the Bruce Trail from Queenston to Grimsby, Ontario! While Tessa had completed the Niagara Section previously years ago, this was my first section of the trail that I have completed **End to End**. Venturer Scouts have Challenges, Rover Scouts have Quests and we Advisors/Scouters have Bucket Lists. It felt incredible to finish the section with the friends who helped us throughout the challenge.

Unless you want to walk the trail twice, you have to deal with how to get back to your car once you've hiked the trail and finished your walk for the day. The easiest way of course is to have two cars with one at each end of your hike, but this isn't always possible. Our solutions ranged from having a friend pick us up, to take a taxi to the start and hike to our car, to drop of our bicycles off at the end and ride back. With so many hikes required to complete a long trail, you have to use all the weapons in your arsenal and then invent more. Including hiking with the Alders Challenge, hiking competition for Scouts and Venturer Scouts and getting a ride back to our car with the event staff.

During a hike for the Caledon Club of the Bruce Trail Club in November, I ran into a member who had run the trail. He started by running the trail out and back, then ran the trail and ran back along adjacent roads, then started running the trail and cycling back. He finished the final section by joining a Bruce Trail bus program which did the

northern most Peninsula Section End to End. By running the trail, it took him a year and a half to complete, much shorter than our plan.

When I was a member of 3<sup>rd</sup> Newtonbrook and now as the advisor for 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale, a Vigil was and now is a requirement of investiture. A requirement that have Rover Scouts take time to review their lives, their current accomplishments and future goals. An opportunity to set new goals and focus on their future aspirations. Take time in your life whether you're a Venturer, Rover or Advisor to give yourself a Bucket List, goals to achieve in the short and long term. Achievement of personal goals can be amazing!

#### I've hiked an entire section of the Bruce Trail!



For me the first section of the trail through the Niagara Region was a treasure hunt. When you least expect it, history jumps out at you from before we were even a country. We were just walking next to a small creek and then we were next to one of the old locks of the Welland Canal. Around the corner and through the bushes and we were transported back in time. Come seeking an adventure, its out there waiting for you.

What are your Challenges or Quests, and what's on your Bucket List?

Send us your list or just your achievements. <a href="mailto:ikmccuaig@hotmail.com">ikmccuaig@hotmail.com</a> Tell us your story!

Iroquoia here we come!

See you out on the trail!

"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"

John Kirby McCuaig 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rover Scouts

#### **Ontario Events**

#### **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

#### **Earth Hour Campfire (All Sections)**

Bryson Centre London, Ontario March 28, 2020 Tsc.scouts.ca

Shining Waters Council Scouter Development Workshop Wood Badge II April 3-5, 2020

#### ScOUTer Con - White Pines Council

Cobourg Scout Camp Harwood, Ontario April 18, 2020 Wpc.scouts.ca

#### **Brant Area Venturer Assembly - Medieval**

Camp Impessa Drumbo, Ontario <u>www.venturerassembly.com</u>

#### **Auto Moot**

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

#### 10,000 Trees for the Rouge

Rouge Valley Watershed Toronto/Markham, Ontario May 3, 2020 publicoutreach@10000trees.com

#### **JOTT 2020**

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

#### **Dragon Jamborette 2020**

(Venturer Scouts and younger sections)
Blue Springs Scout Reserve
Acton, Ontario
July 31 to August 4, 2020
Contact: William Wong
Wong5650770@gmail.com

#### **Scouter Skills Day**

Blue Springs Scout Reserve Acton, Ontario September 19, 2020 www.blue-springs-scout-reserve.ca



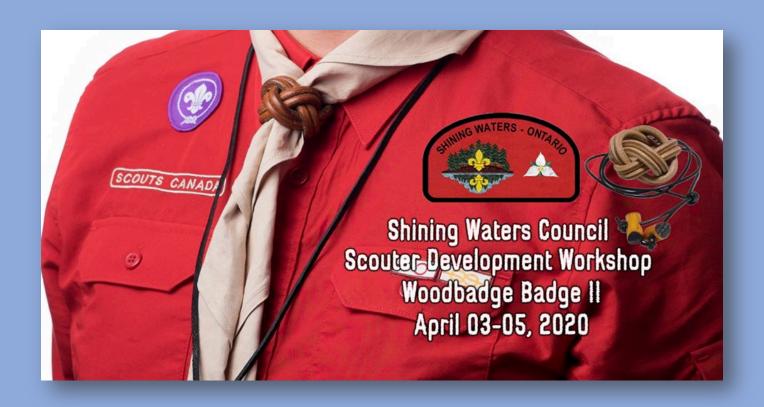
Brian.wick@scouts.ca

facebook.com/snowmootsnowball Feb 14th - 16th Open to all Venturers, Rangers and Rovers 15 and up

THE MUSICAL

MARCH 20-22<sub>8</sub>







# WOOD BADGE II ON THE CANADIAN PATH

April 3 -5 & May 29 - 31, 2020 2 Weekends at Camp Samac (Oshawa, ON) All Sections

COLONY Beaver Scouts











#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION & PREREQUISITE**

This course will provide you with the advanced skills necessary to plan and run Scouts Canada's youth programs in compliance with Program Standards and By-Laws Policies and Procedures. Wood Badge II looks to increase Volunteer Support and Program Quality. Wood Badge II focuses on the practical application of the program facilitation and safety concepts learned in Wood Badge I, while introducing basic outdoor and Scouter support skills.

In addition you will get the opportunity to meet and network with other Scouters from across Ontario.

To receive accreditation participants must complete the two weekends, self-directed and team learning assignments, and prerequisites listed below. If unable to complete by the end of the course participants can continue to work on any outstanding requirements through their self-directed learning plan.

1. Completed Wood Badge I for The Canadian Path

2. Completed or will complete the Outdoor Skills requirement

3. Have experience working with the section your are registering for

4. Are able to work with the section your are taking training for in between the 2 course weekend

#### **COURSE FEES**

#### Early Bird \$195

Deadline Early Bird - Feb. 15, 2020

Regular Fee \$220 Deadline – March 15, 2020

If you have already taken a Wood Badge II, you may elect to not receive an additional necker and beads and will receive a \$25 discount on your registration fee. Identify this on the registration form online.

# FULL DETAILS & REGISTRATION ONLINE AT www.woodbadge2.ca

For more information or registration assistance, please contact
Course Coordinator: Clare Ford clare.mike.ford@sympatico.ca 905-431-3561
Course Administrator: Brenda Swain drkagl@rogers.com 905-410-0758







#### Canada Wide

#### **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

#### **Eastern Canada**

Winter Outdoor Skills Lake Lovering Scout Reserve

Magog, Quebec January 17, 2020 www.quescouts.ca

#### Quebec Council 2020 – Winter Great Trail Event Snowshoeing and Hiking

Montreal, Quebec February 9, 2020 www.quescouts.ca

#### A Very Potter Moot

Camp Harris
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
April 17 – 19, 2020
kotccrs@gmail.com

### Atlantic Jamboree 2020 Volunteers Needed!

Camp Nedooae Elderbank, Nova Scotia July 11 – 17, 2020 Aj2020@scuts.ca

#### Western Canada

#### Rovent 2020

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

#### Venturer/Rover Ice Climbing & Cross-Country Skiing Weekend

Nordegg, Alberta February 21 – 23, 2020 mckinneyhm@gmail.com

#### Winter Survival Camp Scouts/Ventuers/Rovers

Good Spirit Lake Scout Camp Canora, Saskatchewan February 28 – March 1, 2020 Millerpoint1@hotmail.com

#### **All Sections Rally**

Assiniboia Downs Winnipeg, Manitoba April 23, 2020

#### NiteHike 2020

Vancouver, British Columbia April 2020 nitehike@scouts.ca

### Wilderness Rendez-vous Scouts/Ventuers/Rovers

Cypress Hills Inter-Provincial Park West Block Elkwater, Alberta July 4 – 12, 2020 wildernessrendezvous@gmail.com



### **OOS Registration**

Do you want to participate in the Cub Jamboree July 2020?

All registered Venturers, Rovers and Scouters can apply as an Offer of Service. Sign up is for full a week of service. Exceptions are those who are specifically recruited for opening or closing day. Cost – full week OOS – \$125

All Adult OOS must complete WB 1 for Canadian Path (Pack stream suggested) and be an active member of Scouts Canada in order to attend the camp.

OOS for Youth: We are offering a YLT program Saturday to Sunday morning prior to the jamboree. All Youth Offer of Service will have the opportunity to participate in the Youth Leadership Training for their section while at camp.

#### Submit your Registration Form to:

**Scouts Canada** 

c/o Scouter Kelly 411 Pine Cove Road Burlington, ON L7N 1W4 Canada



Lake Lovering Scout Reserve, Magog, Quebec



Quebec Council 2020 – Winter Great Trail Event Snowshoe – Hiking, February 9, 2020 20097 Boul. Gouin Quest, Montreal, Quebec www.quescouts.ca



# Get your wands ready, something has gotten loose...

Something has escaped and is roaming the grounds at the Harris School of Wizards and Witches (Camp Harris, Dartmouth Area). We need your help to find out what it is and that no one gets hurt. On the 17th to 19th of the month of April of 2020, we will gather to investigate.

We will meet at the Harris School for Registration on the 17th between 19h00 and 21h00. On the 18th, we have secured transport on the Knight Bus to the city where groups will spend the day investigating. Upon return to camp we will have a feast and if we have solved this mystery, we may even have a guidditch match.

The Moot is open to Venturers and Rovers. The cost this year is \$40 for camp and food (Saturday Breakfast and Supper, and Sunday Breakfast are included). Participants will be on their own for lunch in the city.

New this year, we are having a contest to design the camp crest. Submissions should be emailed to <a href="mailto:kotccrs@gmail.com">kotccrs@gmail.com</a> with the subject Moot Crest by 13 February, 2020 to be eligible. There will be a prize for the winning design.

If your group would like to come but is worried that your scouter being able to make it, have no fear, we always have extra scouters from other groups who are willing to help out. Just get in touch and we can connect you to another group.

Link to registration can be found here: <a href="https://forms.gle/ndxpDQfk9yeRmiV68">https://forms.gle/ndxpDQfk9yeRmiV68</a>

Adirondacks are first come first serve, as this event has been growing over the past we are getting close to capacity in the adirondacks, if you wish to tent or hammock you are welcome to.

Costumes are encouraged, and there will be a prize for best costume and best group costume (feel free to make a house flag for your team/company).

Any questions or something we missed? Drop us an email kotccrs@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Sandy Chase, A Very Potter Moot Coordinator

#### **International Events**

**78<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Moot Déjà Vu Moot**Waikato, New Zealand
April 9 – 1, 2020

info@moot.nz

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VenturingFest 2020

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

Muslim Scout Jamboree

Scouts & Venturer Scouts
Camp Turrell
Cuddlebackville, New York, USA
July 12-18, 2020
scouterashfaque@hotmail.ca

**Essex International Jamboree** 

Scouts/Venturer Scouts (Aged 10-17)
Boyton Cross Chemsford, United Kingdom
August 1 – 8, 2020
www.Bookings.eij.org.uk

FLOW - Vienna International Jamborette

Vienna, Austria August 3-12, 2020 www.jamboree.at

14<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt September 14 – 17, 2020 Conference2020@scout.org Oz Venture 2021

Sydney, Australia January 5 – 10, 2021 info@oz2021.com.au

16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot

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

16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Mott Canadian Contingency Leader Carey Benson

Carey.benson@scouts.ca

15<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Venture January 2022



### **CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE**



Find trash and clean it up!



Share photos/video on social media.





Use #Scouts #MakeltHappen in your caption.



Go to scoutsmakeithappen.com and share your project.









### Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)



#### Join the World Wide Scouting Hike

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Contact jotthikechief@gmail.com

For more details



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. <a href="https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/">https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/</a>.

#### **Payment Schedule:**

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

- \$100 for individual (provisional) reservation
- ½ 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.







# MUSLIM SCOUT JAMBOREE



**FEES** 

Scouts/Venturers: \$430 US Scouters: \$150 US

CONTACT MSJ 2020 SCOUTS CANADA CONTINGENT

SOUTER ASHFAOUE NALIM -ScouterAshfaque@hotmail.ca

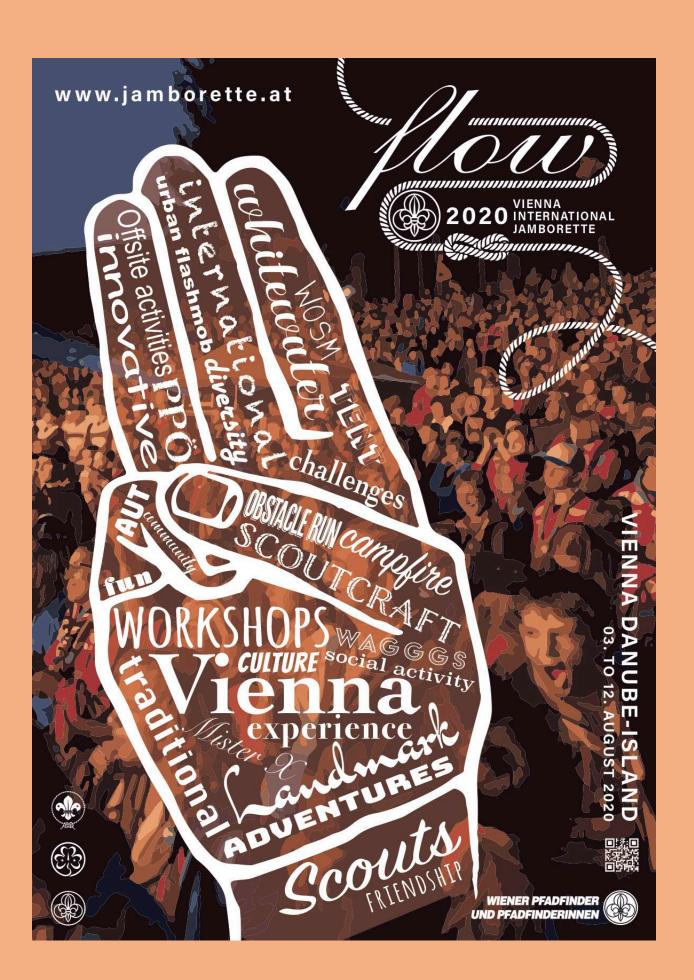
### FEATURING

Zip Lines, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Log Rolling, Canoeing, Hiking, Camp Craft, Pioneering, Networking and Fellowship, Team Building and Much More.

### CAMP SITE

**Camp Turrell** 









### Ranger and Rover (16-21 years)



#### RaRo

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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: raro@jamborette.at!

