



1ST PORT NELSON SCOUT GROUP



Dear Parents & Guardians and Scouting youth members:

We are looking forward to an exciting year of Scouts ahead! We have many returning members and many new Scouts joining our group this year. Please join us in welcoming the new Scouts and their families to 1st Port Nelson.

My apology in the delay getting this welcome letter sent out to everyone. We had a last minute challenge placed upon us two weeks ago. As you know, our church hall is currently being renovated and we just learned that the rooms will not be ready for us to use in time for the start of our programming year. The good news is we have secured temporary accommodations while the work at the church is completed! (*Yeah*)

Please note the following for our fall meeting schedule.

Meetings begin the week of Sept 10th

- **Wednesday night Beavers:**
 - Freeman Hall [2366 Hazel St.](#) Burlington: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- **Thursday night Beavers:**
 - [Burlington East Presbyterian](#) Upper meeting room: 6:45 – 7:45 pm
- **Cubs – Thursday night**
 - [Roseland Tennis Club](#) – Clubhouse (just across from the church): 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- **Scouts – Thursday night**
 - [Burlington East Presbyterian](#) Lower gym: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- **Venturers – Thursday night**
 - [Village of Tansley Woods](#) Room TBA: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

For more parent information please refer to our website and social pages for updates, packing lists and more:

Website: www.portnelsonscouts.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/1stPortNelsonScouts
Instagram: www.instagram.com/1stportnelson

To get meetings off to the right start, please help your Scout prepare and arrive on time. They should:

- Arrive with their Scout uniform on with a T-shirt on under their uniform
- Have \$2.00 for their weekly dues handy
- Separate pair of running shoes in wet or snowy weather
- Any items to share or activities to complete for badges
- A water bottle
- **Please** be sure to put their name on **Everything!** *Things do get left behind or mixed up with others*

New this year - Scouts Canada program outline is called [The Canadian Path](#). Our program and objectives are available online vs. through a handbook and we will work with youth to help identify new adventures and challenges “along the path.”

During the first few evenings, the groups will get to know the new members and work with them to teach some of the important things about Scouting. Our section leaders will be informing you on when we will invest the new Scouts into the sections. We welcome parents and family members to join us for the Investiture Ceremony when the youth will officially join 1st Port Nelson.

Lots of exciting activities:

This year will be full of lots of activities at regular meetings and there will be lots of weekend camps and outdoor activities where they will have fun while learning and developing new skills. You can expect to

receive a calendar of events from your sections leaders to help families plan out the calendars and determine what events their youth can make.

Our leaders will provide emails with updated program schedule and more information about each of these activities, as they get a little closer. Your participation and support; particularly for transportation to camps, Apple Day, Scout Popcorn and other fundraisers; is always most welcome and appreciated.

A few important notes

Uniform

The current Scout uniform can be purchased at our local Scout shops. Our group will provide the members with woggles, badges, insignia and a new necker (if required) at investiture.

All youth must wear the uniform during our weekly opening and closing ceremonies, and when traveling to and from camps and other formal activities. For hikes and camps, a full brimmed hat is a required (no baseball caps please). A Tilley style or bucket hat is recommended.

Uniforms, and other equipment are available through our local Scout Shops.

Oakville Scout Shop
165 Randall Street
Oakville, ON
905-338-9135

Hamilton Scout Shop
375 James Street South
Hamilton, ON
905-528-4662

Registration and activity fees

We try to keep registration and activity fees as low to provide the widest range of experience for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. One way you can help is to assist in the various fund raising activities.

Our key fundraisers are: Apple Day (October 11th-14th), Scout Popcorn (Sept - Oct), Maple Syrup (February/March) and with the success of the Eco-Sort at the Sound of Music Festival (June), *we may do that again too.*

We have tentatively planned our activities and program for the year along with forecast costs. We expect all other program and equipment costs will be covered from our "budget" funded by our Group Committee based on successful fund raising efforts. Your participation in each of the fund raising programs will ensure that we have the resources we need to fund the overall program.

Our camp fees can range from \$0 hikes and outings, to fees based on the cost to cover cabin rentals and food for weekend camps ranging from \$25 - \$45 +. We will provide you this information in advance to help with planning and do note that we run our activities at cost to keep fees as low as possible.

Dues

Each Scout should bring "dues" of \$2 each week. The dues will be managed by the groups and used to pay for activities, crafting materials, snacks, badges and other shared activities that the youth will help to plan.

Online Registration

Scouts Canada provides a facility for online registration through www.myscouts.ca. Use your postal code search for Wednesday or Thursday night programs and select 1st Port Nelson

We look forward to seeing new members at our open house or for our first meetings next week.

Should you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact your sections leaders or our Group Commissioner Scouter Colin.