

## ORCA Training



Ontario Recreational  
Canoeing and Kayaking  
Association

by Mark Bromhall

Looking to prepare the Scouts for some safe summer activities we are enrolling them all into ORCA Canoe training come this spring. The course is designed to prepare the Scouts mentally and physically on how to paddle and handle a canoe correctly. There are two in class sessions, one in pool session and the final session that is held outside on flat water. The instructor Mike McMahon has been trained as a qualified ORCA instructor and carries many years of canoeing experience. He delivers the course in such a way that the Scouts are attentive to the class work, pool and open water instruction. The Scouts thoroughly enjoy the course which is why this is the second consecutive year.

Class room sessions is:

March 25 & April 1st at 7:00 to 9:00

The pool session is on April 4 at Westpark pool at 11:00 am to 1:00pm

The open flat water to be arranged at a later date

Cost is \$50.00 each for each person.

This course is open to all leaders and to all Scouts and if you wish to attend this course you may contact me at [startrek@vaxxine.com](mailto:startrek@vaxxine.com).



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# ST.CATHARINES AREA NEWSLETTER

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## A Cherokee Legend

by Brian Helstrom

Campfire stories can be a fun thing to share. I have always found that Indian Legends make for very interesting tales to tell that can also provide the youth with something to ponder upon. Here is one Indian legend that I have shared at a campfire that also helps a young mind think about how they behave.



*An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.*

*"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."*

*The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"*

*The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one that is fed."*



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 2009**

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1 ..... KLONDIKE DAYS

**February 2009**

FEBRUARY 7 ..... KUBKAR WEIGH-IN  
FEBRUARY 15 ..... NATIONAL FLAG DAY  
FEBRUARY 18 ..... AREA TEAM MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21 ..... KUBKAR RALLY  
FEBRUARY 15-22 ..... SCOUT/GUIDE WEEK  
FEBRUARY 21 ..... MALL DISPLAY

**March 2009**

MARCH 18 ..... AREA TEAM MEETING  
MARCH 16-20 ..... MARCH BREAK CAMP  
MARCH 28 ..... REGIONAL KUBKAR RALLY

**April 2009**

APRIL 10 ..... SIXERS' CAMPFIRE  
APRIL 15 ..... AREA TEAM MEETING  
APRIL 23 ..... AREA APPRECIATION DINNER  
APRIL 24-26 ..... TENDERPAD CAMP

**May 2009**

MAY 1 ..... REGIONAL CHIEF SCOUTS AWARD CER.  
MAY 9 ..... JOTT  
MAY 20 ..... AREA TEAM MEETING  
MAY 29-31 ..... SCOUT CHALLENGE CAMP

**June 2009**

JUNE 5-7 ..... BEAVEREE/CUBOREE CAMP  
JUNE 17 ..... AREA TEAM BBQ / POTLUCK  
JUN 25-26 ..... SCOUT ABOUT PA DAY

**August 2009**

AUGUST 5-12 ..... CCJAM2009



Spring is coming... Get your outdoor gear at the Scout Shop. The hours of operation are every Saturday **only** from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Come in and get your Scouting and Camping Supplies.

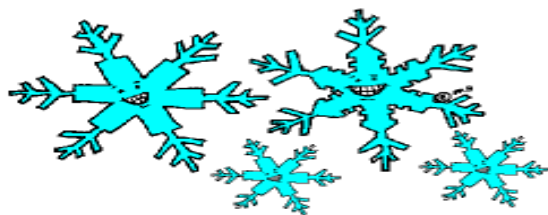


**Big Rig Run**



**2009**

Merritt Trail - March 7



## International Klondike days 2009 Weekend agenda January 30- February 1

<b>Friday:</b>	5:30 - 9:00	Arrival and registration
	9:30 - 9:45	Patrol Leader and
Leader		meeting
	11:00	Lights out!!!!
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:00	Opening ceremonies
	9:30 - 11:30	Activities
	11:30 - 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 - 4:00	Activities
	4:30	Great Sled Race
	5:00 - 7:30	Supper on sites
	7:30	Scouts Own
	8:00	Main Campfire
	9:00	Mug-Up and badge
trading		
	11:00	Lights Out
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00	Closing Ceremonies
	9:30 - 1:00	Site inspection and departure

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## Come on and **ABOUT** join us at **CCJam'09 !**

**5th—12th August 2009  
Camp Samac, Oshawa,  
Ontario**



CCJam'09 is the premier Scouting event of 2009, with up to 4,000 Scouts and Guides from Canada and across the world coming together for an incredible eight day adventure. With tremendous programs and activities specially designed for youth aged 11-17 years old (and adults of 17+ years young) from World Scouting and Guiding Movements, CCJam'09 will provide a rich experience of personal adventure and exploration.

### **Be Prepared.....for non stop action and fun.**

From the choice of 40 different programs; the numerous activities located within "Samac Village"; Stage events; entertainment; action; sub-camp activities; meeting old friends, creating new — CCJam09 offers dawn to late night fun and adventure that you will not want to miss. Space is limited to 4,000 participants, and we've already got groups registered from across Canada, USA, Europe and Africa.

**We'll accept registrations only until we reach our limit, so register now to avoid disappointment.**



### **Scouting About Contribution Deadlines**

**Issue 2008/2009 Due Date Schedule**

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# BEAVER SHIVER 2009

By Scott Taylor



5th Thorold and 6th St. Catharines playing cat and mouse on the parachute.

On Saturday, January 10th, the St. Catharines Area held its annual Beaver Shiver at Camp Wetaskiwin. We had 112 youth and 60 leaders and volunteers enjoying different outdoor activities...in the snow!! Lots of activity and a little hot soup helped keep everyone warm. After participating in the outdoor activities, we all went into the Lodge for lunch and a craft.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's event a success. I would also like to thank the 1st, 6th, 31st Niagara & 1st Stevensville for coming out and enjoying our Shiver with us.

We hope to see everyone again next year!



1st Stevensville and 31st Niagara warming up at the cup-of-soup stop.



40th and 33rd St. Catharines tubing and sledding on site #2, with a lot of leader power.



1st and 6th Niagara playing soccer with 2 exercise balls.



# Camp Update – 2009

by Vince Goldsworthy, Property Manager



There are lots of things happening at your Camp and here is a brief summary of some of them that hopefully will interest you. Please read them and seriously consider how you might help or contribute. We are running out of options and with many items being required (i.e. we have no choice) help in making them happen is very much needed.

- Our United Way funding is coming up for renewal and the complicated/detailed application is being completed for a March deadline.
- Two projects are being actively considered – a new bridge over the creek to Campsites 5-7 and a shower facility in the Lodge. Thanks to Brad Green and Brad Busch for their efforts. Other alternate projects are a picnic shelter(s) and a climbing wall but these are not the priority. Funding these can only be done by raising funds from the community and we have some definite possibilities but could use additional sources to partner. Know any?
- A summer program is being developed for startup this year with Cheryl Fitcyk and Grant Ferron coordinating it. This will be designed to help us realize revenue to offset our operating deficit.
- A recycling program is being considered but it is difficult to implement because pick up cannot be arranged. As an alternative we hope to provide bins for collection that groups will take home for recycling. Got any ideas?
- We are looking at advertising our Camp more but the new B P and P has some limitations as to usage (primarily for Scouting but related similar users can rent camps with proper insurance, indemnification and completion of a questionnaire). Make sure you know what the new B P and P policy is. We need help

developing an advertising program – any takers?

- New members are needed on the Camp Committee to help with the many tasks. Please consider helping – it's needed!
- Remarketing/improving/resigning the hiking trails in the Camp are needed and John Branderhorst has already begun to look at this. But we will need a work party at some point to make it happen.
- A new furnace is needed in the bunkhouse and will be costly. Not sure how that is going to happen.
- New fridges are needed in the Lodge and Potlatch. We may have a possible source for them but it will have to be confirmed.
- Improvements to/replacement of the stove in the Lodge kitchen are needed.
- The roof of the Lodge needs to be repaired to prevent ice buildup under the shingles.
- Piping repair is needed in (under) the Lodge kitchen – the Wednesday morning crew will be looking at that in the warmer weather – any volunteers to go under the Lodge?
- The camp road has been re-stoned and graded thanks to the efforts of Scouter Derek Boal, the Niagara Region Public Works Department and Walker Industries. However, at the parking lot rain and runoff continue to seriously erode the edges.
- Camp usage fees will be reviewed this year and a new schedule instituted in the Fall. Volunteers are needed to form a task group to assess the fees. Help out!
- The new B P and P sets out a revised policy for animals on the property. Read it. We are assessing how it affects our Camp.
- The check-in and check-out procedures MUST be reviewed. Groups must be made aware of what is needed upon arrival and what they must do upon check-out. New, more detailed procedures must be set out and a manual started. Why? To make sure we comply with safety and other regulations.
- Although not the Camp, the office needs some serious attention. We could use a work party to complete the various tasks at the office.

Not a small or insignificant list is it? But the times, Scouts Canada policy and, in some cases, legislation require that these and other matters must be addressed. Please consider helping the Area out by participating in the Camp Committee activities.



## ABOUT Election Information

By Bob Miller

The election deadlines are fast approaching. Many groups have not yet submitted the names of their Voting Reps as well as some Areas have not yet submitted the names of their Voting Reps. This is very important! If you have difficulty sending the names of your Voting Reps, please email Bob Miller at [battlefields2009@mountaincable.net](mailto:battlefields2009@mountaincable.net) or phone Bob at 905-388-0162. If you need access to the forms then please visit the council website <http://scouting.niagara.com/battlefields/> or <http://www.hwscouting.ca/> and go to the election page to download a copy of the Voting Reps form. The deadline for submission is February 6! The names and a short Scouting biography will be available after nominations close.



## Brock's Monument

We are pleased to announce that Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights will re-open in May, 2009, after a long 4 year closure. Restoration work will be complete and The Friends of Fort George will again offer an interpretive program for the season (May to September). Tours applies for all independent non-school groups and individuals who visit the site.



The Friends of Fort George are advising that once again groups have the opportunity to take guided tours of the Queenston Heights battlefield, learn more about Brock's Monument and enjoy the spectacular view from the top. As the bicentennial of the War of 1812 quickly approaches, we are pleased to be able to once again offer tours and stir the interest of youth and the general public about this significant historic site and our Canadian hero - General Sir Isaac Brock.

## Tour of Toronto Weekend 2009



Two great days of fun + excitement for Cubs-Scouts-Venturers & Scouting Families March 14 & 15, 2009  
 Estimated Costs is \$65 per Person which includes:

- Sleep-Over and three meals
- Admittance to Toronto Marlies Hockey Game
- Tour of the CN tower
- And a Movie

This is a great way to connect with other Scout Groups so watch for more details on the GTC website at [www.gtc.scouts.ca](http://www.gtc.scouts.ca) or request more information from [touroftoronto@scouts.ca](mailto:touroftoronto@scouts.ca)

This event is Sponsored by Greater Toronto Council



Call The Friends of Fort George at 905-468-6621 now to book your group program time. Programs include a guided tour of the Queenston Heights battlefield by a costumed interpreter, as well as a monitored climb of Brock's Monument. Cost is \$3/youth; \$4/ adult for the guided tour and/or climb. We offer one complimentary adult fee for every ten youth. We also have a small shop which offers books and souvenirs related to this historic site and the War of 1812. Leaders and chaperones are offered a 15% discount for resource material.

Please visit our website at [www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca](http://www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca) to stay in touch about our 2009 events and activities.

