

# 1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson/20<sup>th</sup> Burlington Scouting Newsletter

## Welcome to the new Scouting year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our returning members and extend a warm welcome to all the new parents and youth.

I hope that despite the cooler and wetter summer that all of you managed to get outside and enjoy the warm dry September we have had to date. The Scouts and Venturers have just returned from our annual Co-op Camp weekend and despite the rain rolling in on Saturday afternoon we all had a great time at the events and dance.

There is something different this year that you may not know, 2010 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in Burlington and that is something to celebrate. To mark the occasion there will be special events and camps held this year to celebrate. In addition, Scouts has issued a new Burlington Area Badge for our uniforms that better represents our local history. Joseph Brant has replaced the planes Indian head on our crest.

We will make arrangements for all the youth and leaders to receive this new badge.

Now that our registration drive is nearly over I am happy to let everyone know that we have re-kindled the 1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson Beaver Colony, and like our senior sections will now operate jointly with 20<sup>th</sup> Burlington.



We are very happy to create programs that serve our local youth and give them an opportunity to learn leadership skills, gain self confidence, meet new friends, get outdoors and have fun. If you know of any other families, friends or you yourself would be interested in helping out with one of the sections or behind the scenes with group committee please talk to your section leader or give me a shout.

I hope you all have a wonderful fall and I hope to see you out at Apple Day or perhaps at one of our meetings.

YIS,  
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# Fundraising

Our groups operate on a budget managed by our Group Committees. The cost of operating our programs is covered solely by fundraising activities and fees paid by the event participants. The membership fee that was paid at registration does not support our group operation but goes directly to Scouts Canada to provide insurance for its membership, among other things.

We have attempted to maintain affordable program fees by subsidizing them with group funds generated from fundraising activities. For this reason, it is very important that all members participate in fundraising as actively as possible.



## Burlington Apple Drive

October 1 – 3

Thursday 5:40pm - 9:10pm

Friday 5:40pm - 9:10pm

Saturday 8:40am - 3:10pm

Come when you can for as long as you can! We will meet at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline Street, between Brant and Drury Lane. For those that come out on Saturday, there will be hot dogs and drinks for lunch.

This is a national fund raiser for Scouts Canada and 1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson / 20<sup>th</sup> Burlington work to cover the south central area of Burlington. The groups share the funds raised according to their hours worked. For this reason it is very important that all members make themselves available to help at this fund raiser for as many hours as possible over the three days. This three day activity represents the largest single source of income from which we run our programs!

## Popcorn Sales

By this time all members should have received their Popcorn sales packages. This is another national program in which it is mandatory for all groups to participate. Our return on sales is approximately 60% of the funds raised. The popcorn is very popular and well received. It is not difficult to sell a couple of hundred dollars worth of popcorn to friends, neighbours and colleagues.



## A little housekeeping to close:

Our aim this year was to increase our registration numbers across the board. As a result of the Fall recruitment drive I would like to welcome 14 new Beavers to the 1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson/20<sup>th</sup> Burlington Scouting family! If your child has friends that may be interested in joining they are welcome to attend up to three meetings to decide if it is for them.

*Guests are always welcome & we'd love to help more youth in our community.*

For the most part we have good leader coverage, but we could use more help with our newly increased beaver Colony, the Cub Pack and Scout Troup levels. If you're interested please talk to myself or Colin.

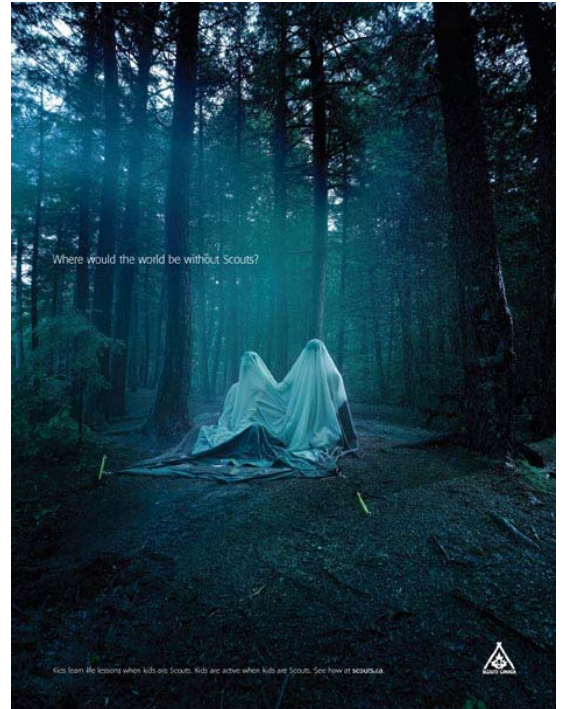
Let me close by wishing everyone a fantastic Scouting year!

Yours In Scouting,

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**You can find more information on camps & about the group at our website:  
1<sup>st</sup> Port Nelson/20<sup>th</sup> Burlington**

**<http://portnelson20thburlingtonscouts.com>  
& [Burlington Area Scouts](#)**



## What's Happening...

**Mistletoe Mart** - Port Nelson United Church runs their annual artisan fair on November 14<sup>th</sup> at which the Scout & Venturers help with setup and tear down. This support is highly appreciated by the Church. *Many hands make short work...* All are asked to help out in this activity.

**Remembrance Day** - One of the ways that we show our appreciation of our sponsors support is to attend church services at special times of the year where we parade our flags into the Church. All sections are invited to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony at our sponsor Church on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**All Sections Camp weekend** - December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> is our annual camp where all registered members are invited to attend a weekend of fun and activity. Our senior sections will be organizing events and activities for the younger members and a great turkey feast is planned for the Saturday evening. More will be going out about this weekend in the near future and we look forward to meeting everyone at camp.

*There are many other activities planned within each section, your leaders will be sharing the plans with you and your families, we are sure that an exciting scouting year is ahead for you all.*

