

# Scouttrails

1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Troop

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## 2006-2007 Leadership Team

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## Scouting & the Family

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Scouting is a family-based organization. We provide values and skills and offer activities that we hope will help parents in their efforts to teach their children to become well-rounded people. We encourage parents to get involved and reinforce the lessons that the Scouts learn.

Here are some things that parents can do to be involved in scouting:

1. Look through the Scout Handbook with your child. Can you work some of these activities into your schedule?
2. Help plan an activity with your child's patrol.
3. Know who the leaders are. They are truly interested in your child's welfare. Help them out, if you can.
4. Share your talents, hobbies and interests with the Troop.
5. Become a leader. Scouts Canada offers up-to-date training and resource materials.

Leadership is fun and exciting. You will be with your Scout during a special time and see him/her develop and grow before your eyes. As well, the friendship and camaraderie you'll share with other parents can lead to long-lasting relationships and memories.

Contributions to your newsletter can be sent to <a href="mailto:mclat.rozon@sympatico.ca">mclat.rozon@sympatico.ca</a>
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## Troop Meetings

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*Day:* Thursday evenings

*Time:* 18:15 to 20:00

*Place:* St. Francis Xavier, top half of the gym

1. By pre-assignment, two scouts will be required to set up the flags and equipment, and shall remain following the meeting to put things away. The remaining scouts will be involved in a gathering activity such as knots, pioneering or games.
2. Any Scout unable to attend a Troop meeting is to let his/her Patrol Leader know that he/she is not coming, and the Patrol Leader is to inform the Scout Counselor.
3. No Scout will be allowed to leave a Troop meeting early without a written note or personal telephone call from a parent or guardian.
4. All meetings that require us to leave our regular meeting place will be planned in advance. If you have any questions regarding these outings, please contact a Scouter before the day of the event. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent and we encourage car-pooling for environmental reasons. The Troop Scouter will require Health Cards for each Scout for camps.
5. Meetings between the parents and the Troop Scouter or the assistant can be scheduled at any time throughout the year. A parent who wishes to discuss a special situation is encouraged to schedule such a meeting with the Troop Scouter.
6. Scouts must bring their Scout Handbook, pencil and paper to each meeting.

## Dues

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Dues this year are \$1.00 per week. You can however prepay for the month or the year. There will be 37 weeks in our scouting year and the Scouts are expected to pay even if they miss a meeting. Dues are used to cover the cost of badges as well as resource materials required for the Troop program. Each Scout should be encouraged to earn their dues.

## Mess Kit

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You are expected to bring your mess kit anytime you are expecting to eat a meal. It should include an unbreakable plate, bowl, cup, fork, knife and spoon. Please put it in a ditty bag. This is a cloth or mesh bag with a draw string. You can take an old dishtowel, fold it in half, sew the bottom and the side and make a casing at the top for the draw string.

## Communications

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We like to keep Scouts and parents well informed of our activities. One of our methods of communications is the Scoutrails newsletter. The newsletter will feature long-term planning information to help you in scheduling your time. In addition, we will be sending notes and emails dealing with specific camps and activities. Please take the time to read these. The due dates for activity costs are critical. Most of the camp we attend have very strict due dates, after which we will be unable to register. If you have any problems, please contact one of the Scouters.

Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.geocities.com/firstclarence/">www.geocities.com/firstclarence/</a>
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## Knives & Matches

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The use of pocket knives is a traditional part of the Scout program, however certain rules need to be followed for safety. No large sheath knives will be allowed. Smaller pocket knives with a locking blade are recommended. Knives are not allowed unless the bearer has received the proper training and is carrying his "Knife Permit" card. **The "Knife Permit" will be retested and renewed annually.** Violations of the safety rules will result in confiscation of the knife and suspension of the "Knife Permit". Intentional dangerous acts using a knife with another person will result in disciplinary action.



Dangerous and irresponsible use of fire starting materials will not be tolerated and disciplinary action will be taken. A fire of any sort may not be commenced without the expressed consent of a Scouter or designate responsible at camp. All Scouts working with matches, lighters and other fire source materials should have the proper training. Violations of the safety rules will result in confiscations of any fire starting materials.

## Upcoming Events

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**September 30, 10:00 to 12:00:** Apple Day is a National fundraiser for Scouts. Youth and leaders meet at several locations in our community to greet people and offer them an apple. We welcome people to give donations to 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Scout Group for the purchase of equipment and to help us with activity costs. Scouts may have the opportunity to meet leaders from the Beavers and Cubs section.

**October 12, 18:30 to 20:00:** The investiture ceremony formally welcomes new members into our Scout Troop. We will be holding it during our ceremonial campfire. Family members of Scouts being invested are invited to attend this important event. Thank you for coming out and showing your support!

**October 13 to 15:** Medic Alert is good camp to start the year. Scouts participate in the Woodsman program, build a huge pioneering project, or take a leadership or first aid course. This year the camp will be held at the YMCA camp in Dunrobin, west of Ottawa. This is approximately a 1 hour and 15 minute drive. The first night is for setting up camp and then programming will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Although the meals are prepared for the Scouts by the camp staff, they should eat Friday supper at home.

**November 5, 10:00 to 16:00:** We will meet at Sacre-Coeur Church in Bourget and march down to the cenotaph for the remembrance day ceremony. We will have lunch and go for a hike after the ceremony.



## What you will need to wear as a Scout

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The traditional Scout uniform is a tan shirt, group neckerchief and navy blue pants. You also wear a sash. This is where you will put most of your badges. Activity wear is the orange Scout t-shirt and this should be worn under your tan shirt. If needed, you can remove your tan shirt for some activities and games. Your uniform should be well cared for and you should wear it neatly.

Items than can be found at the Scout Shop  
1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa, (613) 224-0139

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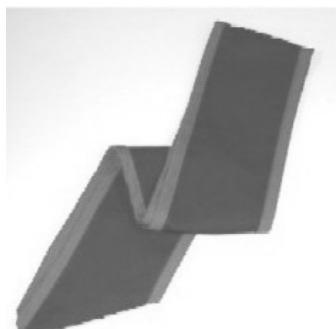
Tan Shirt  
\$29.99-\$32.99 + tax

Navy Pants  
\$34.99-\$39.99 + tax

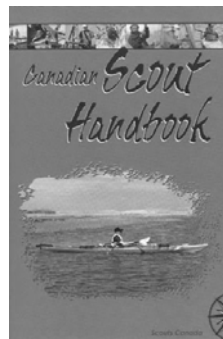
T-shirt  
\$9.99 + tax



Sash with green border  
\$6.99 + tax



Canadian Scout Handbook  
\$9.99 + tax



## Items that you will get from 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence

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Each scout group has their own neckerchief that is unique to them. Ours is burgundy with a grey border. The cost for the neckerchief is \$10.

At investiture, you will receive a slide that will hold your neckerchief, and epaulettes that identify you as a scout. Please do not purchase these. You must earn them.