



The Woggler

1st Clarence Scout Group

2005-6:1

From the Secretary-Treasurer

You don't need me to tell you that it's been a busy Scouting year, but I still can't believe that spring is upon us already and that most of the year is done. However, the good news is that there are still lots of Scouting activities to go before the end of the year. Even though you don't see us, Group members have been busy this year ensuring the Group functions as smoothly as possible.

Over the past two years I've been responsible for the positions of Secretary-Treasurer. It was agreed to by Group that for next year we would like to divide this position into the following two positions:
Secretary-Registrar and Treasurer-Fundraising.

The role of Registrar has been filled by Scouter Christine over the past number of years while, at the same time, taking on a full plate of Scouting duties with the Troop level youth. We have never had anyone responsible for organizing the Group fundraising events so this has fallen to whom ever thought they would have the time to get it done - not the most efficient or effective way of doing things!

This spring we will be looking for parents who will be interested in filling one of these roles for our Group next year. If you're interested in participating in the Group, but not as a Leader, please let me know! I'll be happy to let you know about the responsibilities of these positions.

Upcoming Group Activities

Scout Trees - Saturday, April 29th, 1 p.m., Scouter Christine's house. More information will be out soon on this. Scout Trees is a fundraiser where a percentage of the money raised goes to the World Scouting Brotherhood Fund which supports Scouting in developing countries. It's a great time to get together with the whole Group, plant some trees, help the environment, and help Scouts in other parts of the world - not many activities give

you so many great reasons to participate! We go rain or shine (thunder and lightning excluded!) and quite honestly, some of the most memorial have been when we've planted trees in the pouring rain! Hope to see you there.

Annual Fundraising BBQ and raffle - Saturday May 27th, Renaud Valu-Mart, Bourget. The Troop are taking this one over this year to raise funds for their annual trip to the Haliburton Scout Reserve (see the Troop page for information on this). Although we won't be asking for your help to organize or run this BBQ, it would be great if you came out and supported the Troop by buying your lunch at the BBQ and bought some tickets for the new BBQ that will be raffled off at this event.

Odawa Area Camp, Friday June 9th to Sunday June 11th, Voyageur Provincial Park. A great weekend camping with lots of other youth from the Odawa Scouting Area. This year's camp is all about Pirates which should be a blast. Each section will provide you with information about this camp.

Year end Potluck dinner, usually held the Thursday after the Odawa Camp, this is the where we send our White-tails to Cubs, and the third year Cubs to Scouts. The whole family is invited and it's a great place to meet with friends and other parents who have children in our Scout Group. We'll have more information about this in early May.

Leader's year end Party. Like our Annual Christmas Party, this is a time for the Leaders to get together (without any kids I might add) to have some fun, toast to our successes this year and say goodbye for the summer.

Each Section still has lots going on before the end of the year, so grab your sunhat, sunscreen and water bottle and join in the fun.

YIS (yours in Scouting)
Rosemary

Registrar's Report

Well this year has certainly brought us lots of excitement and challenges with the explosion of our membership numbers. 1st Clarence has been a leader in the Odawa Area where membership growth is concerned and I think that congratulations are in order to all the dedicated leaders who contribute much of their time and energy towards delivering an excellent program to the youth of our community.

As some of you are aware, the springtime usually brings pre-registration for the next scouting season. As an incentive to register your youth early, we give a discount off the amount we will be charging in September. In early May, I will be sending out an invitation to all currently registered members. Keep your eyes peeled for a great deal!

Yours in scouting,

Christine Rozon

1 st Clarence Membership Comparison					
	Colony	Pack	Troop	Scouters	Total
2005-2006	33	17	12	14	76
2004-2005	16	13	6	11	46
2003-2004	12	7	4	10	33

*numbers in the above chart were taken from Membership Management System.

Leader Training

As a first year Beaver leader, I found that being with other experienced leaders at weekly meetings is a great learning experience. Every week, I would learn a little more about planning activities and how to open and close meetings. Recently, I completed the Woodbadge I course at Scouts Canada. At the beginning, I did not think that taking the course would be that exciting, having learned most of the skills required at regular meetings from other leaders. Many other leaders from various groups were present, along with the trainers at Scout HQ. I was pleasantly surprised at how many new ideas on crafts, meetings, ceremonies, and games that we could share with each other. The trainers would put us in groups to come up with ideas on how to plan activities and meetings. This taught us how to run meetings efficiently. We learned how important it was to plan ahead to keep each meeting different and interesting to young Beavers with short attention spans.

I also completed the Outdoor Skills course, which taught us about safety when camping. We learned how to use different camping equipment properly around young children. Most of this is common sense, but a lot of the course covered things to do in emergencies when being outdoors and things that have to be done in a professional way. Remember that we are in charge of keeping our Beavers safe at all times.

We all have to remember that we are representing Scouts Canada and every leader should have a basic knowledge of these skills. Parents are relying on us to keep their kids happy and excited about coming to weekly meetings and enjoying different outdoor activities safely.

Scouter Rick "Malack" Lepage

From the Sections

Beavers, Beavers, Beavers!!! Sharing, Sharing, Sharing!!!

This is the chant that revs up our colony at the 1st Clarence pond. After a big jumping tail slap and a short intro to the night's activity or theme, our Beavers get busy. Whether it's playing a favorite game like dodge ball or transformers, or doing a sticky, gooey craft, the 5 to 7 year olds in our group do every activity with the boundless energy and enthusiasm that comes with their age.

Beavers learn the basics of Scouting, starting with sharing and team interaction, and get a taste of what's to come in the higher levels during linking activities. We have had demonstrations of varying levels as well. The more involved one on geology, courtesy of an Ottawa University Professor/Geologist, was a real hit, with prizes and goody bags for the kids to take home. On the other hand, simpler demonstrations like Yoga with Sunshine, or an intro to Magnetism with Ringtail keep the kids involved and interested.

One of our group's favorite activities is the sleepovers. Our first one of the year was a great success, and the camp prep sleepover in April should prove just as fun. The kids really get a charge out of sleeping in their tents in the gym.

Recent activities include a "Box Car" building night, which will be followed by a drive-in movie night. We have Easter and Mother's Day crafts with Bubbles, as well as a nature hike with Chip and Chatter.

Also, the year wouldn't be complete without our annual school yard clean up, a thank-you to the school for allowing us to use their facilities.

As Beaver Leaders, we do our best to show the youth the basics of what can prove to be an extremely rewarding and enjoyable experience, and hopefully give them some skills they can take with them on their journey to adulthood.

Scouter Marc "Ringtail" Rozon

Cubs Go Outdoors

As the last pockets of snow melt and the green of grass and leaves starts to take over where white had been, ones thoughts turn to hiking, biking and other outdoor activities. That's where the Cubs will be for the rest of the Scouting year – Outdoors!

In April the Pack will be building bluebird houses, cleaning up the school year, going on a bike rally, hiking through Mer Bleu Bog and, of course going to Odawa Camp. There will be no moss growing on us as we learn about planting and caring for trees and work on our World Conservation Badge.

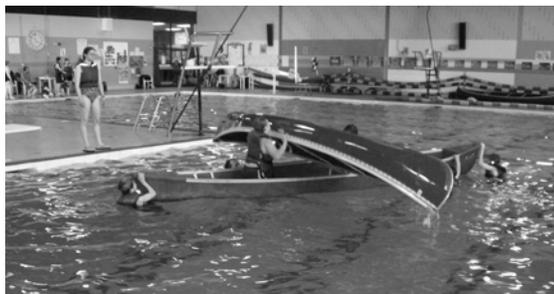
For the ten year old Cubs, the plate is fuller yet. In April there is the Senior Cub Camp at Charette Maple Farm and one more canoeing exercise in June in preparation for Haliburton Scout Camp in July. The last year of Cubbing for each one of them has readied them to step into the Scout program next year.

Mang, the Pack and I welcome Bagheera (Mike Desormeaux) to our leadership team. We are looking forward to finishing the year with strong emphasis on the 'out' in Scouting. Let's get 'out' there, learn and have fun!

Scouter Francis "Akela" Scholten

Linking

A part of the scouting program is for the younger kids to spend time with the older youth. We call this linking and whether it's the Whitetail Beavers joining the Cubs for an activity, or the Cubs getting together with the Scouts, it provides an exciting opportunity for some youth to participate in more challenging activities and the others to practice their leadership skills.



This year has brought some amazing opportunities for linking, with more to come by the end of the year. Our Pack has performed canoe rescues and paddling techniques with some of the Scouts and Scouters providing leadership. It is amazing to see a team of 8 to 10 year olds flip a swamped canoe over and then help the victims get settled back into their canoe. When they promise to do their best, they mean it.

The Cubs and Scouts also learned that scouting is not just about camping and survival. To earn their Cultural Awareness Badge, the scouts organized a night of Scottish dancing and food. Ardbrae Dancers of Ottawa teachers, Craig and Jody Williams, along with some of their students, came to our meeting place with great Scottish music to show 1st Clarence Pack and Troop how to Scottish Country Dance and have lots of fun. Haggis, Scotch eggs, Cream Crowdie and Shortbread were some of the items on the menu.

The Whitetails have gotten a good idea of what to expect next September after they swim up to Cubs. They had great fun winter hiking with the Cubs and then participating in a fire building challenge. This is where they start learning about survival and that's a good skill that builds lots of confidence.

I also know that these senior eager Beavers are looking forward to crafting their very own Kub Kar next year. They had the privilege of front row viewing of the 1st Clarence Kub Kar Race in the Pope John Paul school gym. You can start thinking about your car design, Whitetails, and next winter I'll be there to help you build it.

Scouter Mario "Mang" Lessard

Leaderless Camping

Well, we tried something new this year. Actually, several new things really. This is the first year that 1st Clarence Troop stays overnight in snow shelters and our first leaderless camp. Leaderless, you say? That might be a little misleading. Even though Scout aged youth can go camping without adult supervision as long as they have the appropriate training, this camp did boast two Scouters on site. What I mean by leaderless camping is that the scouts were in charge of everything.

Now you're wondering if that can be, right? These are eleven to fourteen year olds. Did we eat, were shelters set up, how did the equipment get to camp, who made the decisions? They cooked, they built shelters, they lugged equipment and yes, they made decisions. And Scouter Dave and I sat back in the beautiful, warm sun and watched all those busy bodies, digging and cooking and playing and digging. Oh, and did I forget digging?

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After the trench shelters were built, we went hiking, tracked a bit, identified some trees and climbed a very steep incline. Well, they did the climbing, and I lay down in the snow and had heart palpitations after Thomas Stewart slid half-way down the hill.

Joking aside though, it is a very rewarding experience to see these kids who have a true love of the nature, playing and learning and showing curiosity about everything in our natural world.

Meals were interesting to say the least. To make a comparison to home life, imagine sitting down at the dinner table with your family for a meal. That is how previous camps have been run. Now, think of your teenager coming home from school, opening the refrigerator and eating standing there with the door open. That is more like how our winter camp went! We'll have to work on that, won't we Troop?

On a last note, I'd like to congratulate Austin Desormeaux, Thomas Stewart, Nicholas Lessard and Scouter David Stewart for earning a place in my heart. Oops, did I say that? I meant a place in the Odawa Sub-Zero Club. Way to go, guys!

Scouter Christine Rozon

From the Youth

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Zachary Hupé
2nd year Scout

Last year, in July, our scout troop went to Haliburton Scout Reserve. This is a week-long camp that is very, very, very FUN! You learn a whole lot of stuff and do lot's of fun activities. It is a camp where you can meet a lot of new friends. Some of the activities that we do at camp are: kayaking, sailing, wall climbing, rappelling, archery, riflery, star hike, trapper's cabin, survival instruction, snorkeling, overnight hike and a regatta. Oh, and of course, canoeing. If you want to go anywhere, you need to take your canoe!

Scout Truck Rodeo

On Saturday April 1st, two 1st Clarence Scouts participated in the Scout Truck Rodeo that is held every year at the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa. Amanda Thurston and Thomas Stewart had built trucks and raced them along with 50 other scouts from troops all over the Odawa Area. Sadly, 1st Clarence did not win any awards, but Thomas did win a compass as a door prize. We did leave a little disappointed but are willing to participate again next year.



Amanda Thurston
2nd year Scout

Cubs Are Busy Builders

One of the things that we do lots of, is building things with wood. So far this year, we have helped Akela and Mang build the walls of a shed, we built our own Kub Kar to race, and we just built Blue Bird houses at a meeting in April.

My favorite thing about making things with wood is that my projects are useful in many ways. The shed will help to store our group's camping equipment and the birdhouses will give birds a nice home to live in. The Kub Kars gave our Pack the opportunity to meet other Cubs from other Packs and to have lots of fun. Also, last year we built bat houses and I learned that bats eat mosquitoes and that is a very good thing.

As Cubs, we are taught to treat the environment kindly. I learned that reusing old materials can be interesting, fun and useful. The bat and bird houses were built with old wood. I wonder what else we could build with old things.

Liam Rozon
1st year Cub

Word Search

Why would a scout go camping in April?

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Challenge	Outdoors	Why
Cold	Play	Wildlife
Fire	Rain	Wind
Food	Scout	
Frozen	Shelter	
Great	Showers	
Kybo	Sleeping	
Lantern	Spring	
Leadership	Team	
Matches	Tent	
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Fundraising

The Can-Can

We would like to thank everyone who has given us their pop cans. We appreciate it a lot and we would ask you to continue encouraging us by continuing to put them aside for our Troop. We will be collecting them all year-round in an effort to reduce our big camp during the summer.

1st Clarence Troop

Annual BBQ

On Saturday May 27th, we will be holding our annual fundraiser BBQ at the Renaud Valu-mart in Bourget. This event will be run by our Troop and the Senior Cubs who will be attending Haliburton camp. Please come and support us. We make a mean hamburger!

1st Clarence Troop and Senior Cubs

Answer to the Word Search: To earn the Spring and Fall Camper Award.

Scouting Survey

In an effort to get feedback to improve our program we need the honest feedback of everyone. This includes those who are leaving the program at year end as well as those who are staying. We would appreciate hearing from both youth and parents or guardians. All comments will be kept anonymous but the input will be used to try and improve our programs and give the youth the experiences that they want and deserve.

Please fill in the attached survey, place it in an envelope and return it to a leader. You may sign the form if you wish but this is not required. There will be a drop box for envelopes to be deposited into at both PJP and SFX schools during scouting meetings. Please return the filled out questionnaires by Thursday, May 11, 2006.

Thank you,

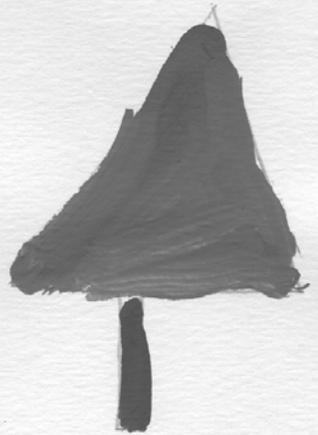
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<p>Contributions to your newsletter can be sent to holmesr@irsr-rqpi.gc.ca Please visit our website at www.geocities.com/firstclarence/</p>
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Scout Program (Parent Survey)

1. My child is in: Beaver Colony Wolf Cub Pack Scout Troop
(If more than one child in different sections, make multiple copies and fill one for each section you have a child in).
2. Were you made welcome to stay and take part in the program with your child/children?
Y or N
3. Were you asked about your interest in becoming a leader or group member? Did you see the job descriptions in "The Woggler"? Y or N
4. Would this be something you would consider for next year? Y or N
(If yes, please talk to one of the leaders about this possibility).
5. Do you feel that the program provided this past year was:
Excellent / Very Good / Average / Below Average / Poor.
6. Did you receive a copy of the program calendar for each month? Y or N
7. Was this useful for you? Y or N
8. Fundraising, such as Apple Day, Spaghetti Supper, and the ticket draws were methods that were chosen to assist our group to acquire funds to offset the cost of our programs and to help pay membership fees, training and uniforms for our adult volunteers. It was also put towards purchase of needed equipment, and supplies. Did you take part in these fundraisers? Y or N
Did you feel there were too many/ too few / just enough fundraisers?
9. Were you aware that by taking part in some of the *optional* fundraisers (Scout Popcorn, Vessey Bulbs, CAN / CAN collection and bottle drives for example), that your child could accumulate credits that would lower the cost of their camps? Did you take advantage of these?
10. Would you prefer to continue with fundraisers or to pay full price for activities and a higher registration fee? Fundraisers / full price activities / Higher annual registration fees
11. Do you feel that the quality of the leaders was:
Excellent / Very Good / Average / Below Average / Poor
12. Any additional Comments?

Scouting Survey (Youth Form)

Gender: M or F

Please rate the importance of each area on why you are in Scouting or why you enjoy Scouting.

	Very Important	Kind of Important	A Lot	Some	Not Much
1. Camping and field trip					
2. Personal Recognition (Training awards, district award of merit, etc.)					
3. Community service, helping others					
4. Learning new skills					
5. Being with other youth & leaders					
6. Learning skills that help me in areas other than scouting.					
7. Big Events and Activities with youth from other units (Camporees, trappers, Cub Days)					
8. Day Camp and/or Summer Camp					
9. Weekly meetings					
10. Getting to try new things					
11. Crafts					
12. Hikes					
13. Campfires					
14. Orienteering					
15. Other (specify)					

What are the top three things in the program that you would not change?

- a)
- b)
- c)

What are the three things in the program that you would like to see change?

- a)
- b)
- c)