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This email is being sent to all volunteers in Cascadia, Fraser Valley and Pacific Coast Councils for whom we have an email address. Please share this information with those who do not have email. Thank you.

BCY Bits & Bytes E-Newsletter – Vol. 6 No. 3, December 22, 2009.

Have you surfed to the following websites lately?

www.cascadia.scouts.ca
www.fraservalley.scouts.ca
www.pacificcoast.scouts.ca
www.scouts.ca

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At the Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to all volunteers who have contributed to the Cascadia, Fraser Valley and Pacific Coast Councils. It is in the Spirit of Scouting we say... Thank You and Best Wishes For a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**From,
BCY Operations Centre, Field and Shop Staff**



BC- Yukon Operations Centre and Scout Shop Holiday Closures

The **BCY Operations Centre** will be closed from December 24, 2009 at 12 PM, and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2010.

The **Vancouver Scout Shop** will be closed from December 24, 2009, and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2010.

Phone: 604-879-5724 or Toll Free: 1-866-879-5724

E-mail: vancouvershop@scouts.ca

The **Victoria Scout Shop** will be closed as of December 12, 2009 at 1 PM, and will reopen on January 7th, 2010.

Phone: 250-727-3329 or Toll Free: 1-866-535-6556

Visit of the Chief Commissioner

Scouts Canada's Chief Commissioner, Steve Kent, has been listening to youth and volunteers across the country. The result, an ambitious **Action Plan** that challenges Scouts Canada and its members to step up and help make the changes they asked for. The Action Plan is a first step. **More needs to be done.**

Meet Steve and discover the new vision for the future. Share your ideas. Ask questions. Get answers. Help build a stronger Scouts Canada.

Please mark your calendars as Steve will be visiting the three Councils in BC-Yukon in early January 2010 as follows:

Friday January 8th, 2010

Cascadia Council – Vancouver Islands

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 701 Mann Avenue, Victoria

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, January 9th, 2010

Pacific Coast Council

Highlands United Church, 3255 Edgemont Blvd, North Vancouver

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sunday, January 10th, 2010

Cascadia Council – Thompson-Okanagan-Kootenays

Rotary Centre for the Arts, 421 Cawston Avenue, Kelowna,

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday, January 12th, 2010

Fraser Valley Council

West Langley Hall, 9400-208th Street, Langley

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Staff Vacancy – Scouts Canada, Cascadia Council - Northern BC and the Yukon

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Don MacDonald to the role of Council Executive Director for Central Canada, servicing the Saskatchewan and Manitoba councils.

Scouts Canada, Cascadia Council, is therefore seeking a Council Field Executive. We invite you to consider joining our select team of employees and help improve communities in Northern BC and the Yukon through delivering Scouts Canada's mission of youth development, social awareness and environmental stewardship. For more information, please see: <http://scouts.ca/dnn/AboutUs/Careers/tabid/67/Default.aspx>.

Queen's Venturer Award

Please note that the deadline for submissions for the Queen's Venturer Award is January 4, 2010. The application form is posted on the respective Council websites.

Warrant of Appointment

A Warrant of Appointment is signed by the Chief Scout and can be used as an optional form of recognition to signify that an adult volunteer has been invested as a Scouter. Warrants of Appointment are issued by Councils at their discretion.

Please be reminded that Warrant of Appointments are available to be presented to Leaders in recognition of membership, once they have completed the Volunteer Screening Process – a registration form has been submitted, a "Clean" PRC has been received, and they have passed the interview and reference checks.

To obtain "**Warrant of Appointment**" certificates, please contact Michelle Yu at (604) 879-5721 ext. 226 at the BCY Operations Centre or by email at myu@scouts.ca

Once the current supply of certificates are exhausted, a Warrant of Appointment template will be distributed via email for printing on parchment paper by the Group. This will enable groups to access Warrant of Appointments as soon as they are required and save costs.

ROVENT 2010 - A Mysterious Rovent - January 15 - 17, 2010

It's a Mystery - come and be surprised. Try and unravel the scavenger hunt list! Why are those boats bottomless anyway?

ROVENT was moved to January for 2010 to avoid conflicts with the Olympics. It will be back in February for 2011!

Visit the ROVENT website to learn more about ROVENT 2010. The Registration can be down-loaded from the website - www.rovent.ca

Registration Deadlines: Fees are: Early Reg. - \$25 Afterwards - \$30. Take advantage of the early registration fee before December 31st and save \$5 per person. Please try and register early this year!

Science World Camp-Ins for Beavers, Cubs & Scouts 2010

Registration for the 2010 Science World Camp-Ins is now open. These events are very popular each year. The dates for each section are as follows:

Beavers: Friday, April 16th or Saturday, April 24th;

Cubs: Friday, March 26th or Saturday, April 3rd;

Scouts Saturday, March 20th

The Science World events are loads of fun for everyone and are open to youth and leaders in the Pacific Coast, Fraser Valley and Cascadia Councils (and these events are easy for leaders - the activities are all done for you).

The activities include the following:

- Science World Omnimax Movie;
- Interaction with all the exhibits;
- Science shows with youth participation activities;
- Night Walk around the outside of the Science World Dome;
- Snacks;
- Sleeping around and under the exhibits;
- Morning Breakfast.

We will also continue **CELEBRATING OVER "100 YEARS OF SCOUTING"** with cake for everyone.

The registration deadline is FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 2010

For registration details, please visit the Pacific Coast Website (click on the following link: www.pcc.scouts.ca).

Note that there is limited space and registration can fill up before the registration deadline (early group registration is recommended).

If you have any questions, you can email us at scoutsscwld@gmail.com .

Carriage House

Quartermaster Gord Tilley and his team will see that you get all those extra things you need to make your next camp perfect.

The Carriage House is open every Tuesday evening from 6:30 PM to 8 PM and is located in Deer Lake Park at 6344 Deer Lake Ave, Burnaby.

Gord Tilley can be reached at 604-291-1319 after 6:30 pm

Meet the Dream Team!

In 2019, Scouts Canada, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America and the Asociación de Scouts de México, is hoping to host the 24th World Jamboree. Four youth members from all across Canada have been selected to represent Scouts Canada's "Dream Team" in the bid for our chance to host this event. The four youth that make up our "Dream Team" are Anton Fredriksson of Vancouver, BC, Lauren Creighton Avery of Ilderton, ON, Philip Gazaleh of Ottawa, ON and Kate Adams of Victoria BC.

Anton will also represent Scouts Canada and the Dream Team at the Danish Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark between December 14 and 20th, 2009.

Congratulations to both Anton Fredriksson of the 25th Dunbar Point Grey Venturer Company of Vancouver, BC in Pacific Coast Council and Kate Adams of 9th Juan De Fuca A Venturer Company of Victoria BC in Cascadia Council for being selected on the Dream Team.

Announcing Scouts Canada's 1st Annual "Good Turn" Week

As part of the Scouting Now Action Plan, Scouts Canada will be promoting a week in early March as "Good Turn" week. During this week, we will encourage all members to complete at least one "Good Turn." Each member will be provided with a "Good Turn" bracelet which they will be asked to pass on to the recipient of their "Good Turn."

These "Good Turns" can be as simple as a Beaver holding the door for someone or as involved as a Venturer Company helping at the Food Bank or Rovers visiting a Retirement Home. Once the "Good Turn" has been completed by our member, and the bracelet passed on, it is hoped that the recipient then does a "Good Turn" and passes the bracelet on to another. In this way, we take the "Good Turns" beyond the Scouting Movement. Imagine: 100,000 Good Turns with the potential for many, many more. Watch the next issue of Scouting Life for all the details.

PBO (Program Builder Online): Let's grow!

Don't miss your opportunity to win. That's right, simply by submitting your favorite activity, game, song, skit, etc. through the Program Builder Online (log on and use the "Submit to Program Builder Online" button) you could win one of six \$100 Scout Shop Gift Certificates. Each month one lucky winner will be selected from all those who have submitted that month so be sure to enter often.

What a way to share your favorite activities, games or songs with Scouters from across the country.

So what are you waiting for? To take part in PBO; Let's Grow, simply log on to Program Builder Online (<http://pbo.scouts.ca/pol/login.do>) and begin the winning.

E-Learning

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to our online learning system. We will have additional E-learning modules 2 & 3 (Part I, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) ready for launch on March 15th. Please keep the feedback coming.

Sears and Scoutrees

The three BCY Councils have confirmed their participation in the Sears Scoutrees promotion next spring. This year's promotional activities will look a little different than last year. More information will be available by the end of January.

Scoutrees

Scoutrees is a Canada-wide environmental program designed to give all members of Scouts Canada the opportunity to demonstrate, through the planting of trees, their concern for the environment.

Scoutrees is a program concerned with tomorrow — a tomorrow which will be better because communities supported Scouts in this program today!

Scout Brotherhood Fund

But wait! Scoutrees is also a fundraising project. Although most of the funds stay in the community, a very important 15% is forwarded to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. These funds assist Scouting members in developing countries run self-help and community betterment programs that are adapted to local needs and conditions. Brotherhood monies contributed to these projects only pay for construction materials or equipment costs; no payments for travel by visitors are considered.

For more information on Scoutrees please click

<http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/ProgramResources/Scoutrees/tabid/751/Default.aspx>

Get Your Scoutrees Materials

Scouts Canada also provides kits to help in the planning and PR aspects of the program. Materials include: council kit, clipart, appreciation certificates, and enough Scoutrees crests for each participating youth and adult. As well, councils order Planters Kits (one per youth participant) which will help prepare members for dig day. These Kits also provide a place to record donations received from family and friends.

To participate in this program and to receive your kits, please contact Michelle Yu at the BCY Operations Centre 604-879-5721 ext 226 or by email at myu@scouts.ca.

Calling all Artists and Filmmakers...

Citizenship and Immigration Canada host two competitions annually geared towards youth across the country promoting multiculturalism.

The **Mathieu Da Costa Challenge** encourages young Canadians between the ages of **9 and 18** to embark on their own personal voyage of discovery by learning about the contributions that Canadians of different backgrounds have made in building our country through writing and artwork. Contest deadline is February 19, 2010.

The ***Racism. Stop It!* National Video Competition (NVC)** mobilizes thousands of youth across Canada, between the ages of **12 and 20**, to take a stand and express their feelings about eliminating racism through video. Contest deadline is January 15, 2010.

Each winner in both competitions will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa in April 2010 as well as other exciting prizes that are up for grabs!

Groups interested in promoting these great opportunities for youth can pick up a full package at the office with further information, posters and pins.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/mathieudacosta/index.asp>

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/march21/index.asp>

4th Annual Barnard Club Breakfast

May 19th, 2010

Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel

Pacific Ballroom

728 Humboldt Street, Victoria, BC

Doors Open at 7:00 AM Breakfast at 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Keynote Speaker: Dan Gunn, Executive Director of VIATeC (Victoria Advanced Technology Council)

Topic: "Innovation and How it is Changing the World"

For more information please click: Check Great Victoria Area website:

<http://www.victoria.cascadia.scouts.ca/>

8th Annual Byng Club Breakfast 2010

Friday, May 28th, 2010

Vancouver Convention Centre (East Building)

Parkview Terrace

1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC

Doors Open at 7:00 AM; Breakfast at 7:30 AM – 8:55 AM

Keynote Speaker: Tamara Vrooman, Chief Executive Officer, Vancity

For more information please click:

<http://www.scouts.ca/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=j200YM6FZFA%3d&tabid=505>

Scouts Canada Fights Hunger in South Africa!

This August, Scouts Canada has the opportunity to partner with the South African Scout Association to once again defend the city of Mafikeng (formerly Mafeking). This time though, instead of defending against siege, we are defending against poverty and hunger. To find out how you can get involved in this international development opportunity Click:

<http://scouts.ca/dnn/International/InternationalEvents/DefendingMafikeng/tabid/1947/Default.aspx>

Gone Home - Ismail Khan

Ismail Khan, 1937-2009

Long time treasurer for the 27th Richmond Ismaili Scout Group passed away on December 1, 2009.

We pray for his soul to rest in eternal peace.

