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2010-11 Scouting Year

The 169th Glen Allan Parent Association, Group Committee welcomes back all returning members and their families. For the new members we welcome you and are sure you and your youth will have a great time this scouting year.

This booklet will explain what is expected of the youth member and their families. We strive to have the best possible program (Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer and Rover) which will keep the youth involved and wanting to return each week and year.

Leadership

The 169th Glen Allan scouting group has been around for over 35 years. We have had a number of committed Leaders who have moved through the Scouting sections with their youth and remained with the group after the youth were no longer involved with the program. We are always looking for new Leaders. **Being a Leader is lots of fun.** To become a Leader you don't need to have experience in the Scouting movement, dealing with youth is a definite asset but you already have that experience as a Parent. Training is offered to all Leaders and paid for by the group. Training ranges from one evening, one day, weekend in formal training sessions. The benefit to you is that you are helping your own youth as well as others, plus the whole experience really is rewarding and fun. Please think of the future of all our youth and either contact one of the Leaders in your child's section or call Pat for details. We hope you will join our Leaders and provide the adults of tomorrow with a strong base from Scouting.

Meeting Nights

The sections meet weekly at Jean Vanier School Gymnasium (109 Georgian Way) as follows:

Beavers	Monday	6:00 – 7:00 pm
	Thursday	6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cubs	Monday	7:15 - 8:45 pm
	Thursday	7:15 - 8:45 pm

Scouts	Tuesday	7:15 - 9:15 pm
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Venturers Meet as required. The youth set the meetings.

Registration

Registration Fees are \$155.00 for Beavers; \$165.00 for Cubs and \$175.00 for Scouts and Ventures. This registration fee covers the following: \$180.00 per youth member goes to Scouts Canada for the youth registration; leader and group committee registration; and includes insurance for all members. As you can see we don't charge the \$180, however, we do rely on youth and parents to participate in our fundraisers.

Fundraisers

All youth in the 169th participate in three fundraisers: selling Trail's End Popcorn and Bottle Drives. These fundraisers ensure we have adequate funds to provide the badges and other awards, craft supplies, some of the camping and outing funds, leadership training and uniforms, insurance for the group's assets, school rentals, and other items required to ensure the group gives the youth the best possible program.

Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn

Popcorn is our largest of fundraisers and we continue to increase our sales, an average of \$300 of sales per youth. Northern Lights Council might continue with the Scout Bucks as a reward for each youth we are unsure at the moment. If they continue with the Scout Bucks they are issued directly to the youth and can be spent at the Scout Shop, applied to registration fees for next year, used for any camps the youth attends and other ideas which we are still coming up with. The 169th Glen Allan also awards prizes to sellers, more details on Popcorn Kick Off night. Sales dates – October 1st to October 22nd. Last year the 169th Glen Allan group sold over \$50,000, several of our youth sold over \$2,500 which continues or starts their Trails End Scholarship. There were a large number of youth who sold over \$250 and this allowed them to throw a pie into the face of one of the leaders at the BP Banquet in February. We wish all youth luck in doing this again.

Lucette Labrie, our Popcorn Coordinator, will provide each youth with a route or two and all the information required for the sale. Additional routes are available on request. If you have any questions, please contact Lucette 417-0368.

Bottle Drives

The Group will be doing three (3) Saturday morning Bottle Drives. Our Venturers do the sorting and all other sections do the pick-ups. The Bottle Drive start at 9:30 am in the Glen Allan School Parking Lot. During cold weather we will be using the Bottle Depot as the sorting area rather than Glen Allan School Parking Lot. The dates are:

October 2, 2010

January 8, 2011

March 19, 2011

We will continue to have the “Big Bottle Award” for the Section that has the best attendance at a Bottle Drive (based on percentage of total membership in each Section). The Big Bottle Award is a container of candy and \$25 for the Section to use as the youth see fit.

In order to ensure we get the youth attendance needed, we request a \$50.00 cheque for every youth (to be post-dated for February 1st, 2011). Your cheque will be returned to you or destroyed once your youth has attended two of the three Bottle Drives. Last year we collected \$6,000 at the Bottle Drives to help with program activities.

Remember we do Fundraising for three equally important reasons:

1. It is a principle of the Scouting movement that members learn the importance of working together to earn money for the things that they do.
2. It gives the youth the opportunity to meet with other members of our group as well as their own section members in a different setting serving a different purpose.
3. It brings funds to our youth for the program during the season keeping the registration costs reasonable.

Group Events

The 169th Group has a number of events which all sections are requested to participate in. When all sections get together the youth see what the other sections are doing and what they will be doing when they get a little older.

Rick Pearson All Section Camp

Rick Pearson All Section Camp has been moved from June to September to help with the scouting year end activities. The camp will be at Bar Harbour (Buffalo Lake) on Friday September 24th to Sunday September 26th. This will be the first camp for all sections Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers as well as any family members wishing to come along. We always have a great time and will get to know each other really quickly. Please contact your section leader as soon as possible to confirm attendance. Cost for food to be determined.

BP Banquet

This annual event will take place on **Wednesday February 23rd**, 2011 which is just before Baden Powell's Birthday February 22nd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Banquet Room in the Basement). This is a family event and we invite all family members to attend. Unfortunately, we need to charge a portion of the dinner back to the families and the group subsidizes the balance. All sections provide the entertainment. This is the night the youth who sold over \$250 worth of Popcorn get to throw a whipped cream pie in the face of the leader of their choice. It is lots of fun and we hope to have all families there.

Yearend BBQ

Friday, **April 29th, 2011** we will be having the swim-up (the ceremony which moves the Beavers up to Cubs), walk-up (the ceremony which moves the Cubs up to Scouts and Scouts up to Venturers). This is a very special time for all the youth members moving up to the next section.

All family members are invited to attend. There will be games for all, water rockets to play with and usually something special is planned. The food is a BBQ which is usually done by the Venturers.

Tree Planting

The 169th Glen Allan has a treed area in Greengrove Park which we planted a number of years ago and we need to take a look at planting some new seedlings. Anticipate doing this **Saturday, May 14th, 2011**. Everyone attending will get their Scout Tree Badge and hot dogs.

Area Events (website - nlc.scouts.ca/area/beaverhills or Albertascoutingevents.ca)

We belong to Beaverhills Area. The Area provides events for each of the sections, the following are a few which your section might want to attend:

KubKar Rally – March, 2011
Beaver Sleepover – May, 2011
Cuboree – May 27, 28 & 29, 2011

Council Events (website – nlc.scouts.ca)

Northern Lights Council provides events for each of the sections as well. Your section will need to determine if you will be attending their events:

Beaveree – Leduc – May 28, 2011
Fort Edmonton Camp - Fort Edmonton Park (Scout & 3rd Year Cub) – May 6th, 7th & 8th, 2011
Spring Thaw – Pigeon Lake (Scout) – June 3, 4, & 5, 2011

