

# The Woggler

1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Scout Group

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Hey there!

Well another year is all but over and the youth are looking forward to a summer of fun and frolic. Our senior beavers, cubs and scouts are excited about moving up to the next level while sad to leave old friends behind.

I'd like to remind those who have not yet filled in their surveys to please do so. It is only through this important feedback that we can improve our program.

I'd also like to let you know that we are again looking for volunteers for next fall. Give it a thought over the summer and let us know if you are interested. Perhaps you can't do the Thursday night program but you can do weekend adventures or maybe working with the youth is not for you but you don't mind giving a hand with the administration role. There are all sorts of roles that a parent can fill to help out the program. The only stipulation is that if you sign on as a leader you must take the Gateway and Woodbadge I training in your first year. That means one evening for Gateway and one weekend or four weekday evenings to get the Woodbadge training. These are required to ensure you have the understanding of what is required of you as a leader as well a some tricks and hints on how to run meetings, what needs to be done before you take the youth out

"on the road", and shows you some of the skills you are expected to teach to the youth. There is nothing like trying to teach knots or compass work when you have never learned it yourself.

I've truly enjoyed every minute of working with the youth. To meet then in the fall when they are first year beavers, venturing out for the first time or new cubs who have never slept out overnight without their parents is always an exciting time. Sure there are fears and perhaps even some tears but we soon get over these as the youth help one another learn new skills, tell tall tales, gather round the campfire and sing songs or put on skits. There is always time for cookies and hot chocolate as we mug up before bed. And don't forget the games and races. Even those who fall and skin a knee, get back up and try again. Scouting is about having fun! It's not about who's the fastest or who's the best, its about sharing good times, helping others, and lending a hand when needed. To see the changes in the youth over the years as they progress through the program taking on more responsibility to the point where they can have leaderless camps and can be depend upon to ensure they have everything they need at camp without the leaders having to remind them to bring this or don't forget that is wonderful. I am certain if you are at all interested you will find scouting very rewarding.

Once again I'd like to thank not only the leaders but their families as well who have loaned us their parents to take kids on hikes and camp out with us. I look forward to meeting all of you at the next scouting event!

YIS,

Betty Way Group Commissioner

#### From the Sections

#### AAARRGHHH Matey!

From our summer safety night we learned how to be careful about many of the things that can happen during the active hours of the summer. During Odawa camp, we found out first hand that the threat of hypothermia is alive and well, even in June! It was a great time, with crafts fit for our active youngsters, like making our own treasure chests, then building the biggest, baddest Pirate ship that camp has ever seen! Even though the weather turned out to be too cold and wet for our littlest of adventurers, the booty brought home was well worth the trip. What a great end to the year.

Ringtail a.k.a. Scouter Marc Rozon



# Aye Capt'n! Err...Akela



The month of May brought the Cubs outside in great numbers. I hear that the Bike Rally was a lot of fun though one Cub had to head home

because he wasn't feeling well. The youth were very pleased to receive yet another badge for their efforts: the Cycling Badge. The hike at the Mer Bleue Bog was a learning experience. The youth were very interested to learn that walking in a bog is very dangerous since you can sink into it and not be able to get out again. For the pirate crafts we made eye patches and sashes for the Pirates of Odawa camp. The last meeting was held the first week of June and we put up tents and talked about our camp equipment list and the menu for the weekend. The camp was a success although the second night one of the tents got swamped and I had to make alternate arrangements for the rest of the night. Overall, what a great spring! Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you all next September.

Bagheera a.k.a. Scouter Michael Desormeaux

### Troop: Where We've Been, Where We're Going

The last couple of months have been very active for out Troop. They provided a service to our community by spending a few hours picking up garbage in Larose Forest and then spending the afternoon planting almost 400 trees along with the Beavers and Cubs. They also participated in some exciting outings at Thunderbird Go-Karting and Mini-Golf and at Lazer Quest. Our "Pirates of Odawa" area camp at Voyageur Park was a great success in survival and fellowship.

Our biggest event is coming up, a week-long camp at Haliburton Scout Reserve. We leave on July 8 which is not even a month away. This year we are looking forward to welcoming Mike Desormeaux, who will be coming to camp with us and will also be joining our Troop leadership team. Four senior cubs will also be joining us at HSR and will have the

option of being invested at our camp.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the 2005-2006 scouting year however large or small the contribution. I must mention that we couldn't have had the year that we have had without the energy that David Stewart brought to our Troop. I look forward to working with both Scouter David and Scouter Mike next year.

Congratulations are in order for Nicholas Lessard. Nick has been with Troop for four years now and has completed all the steps necessary to earn the Chief Scouts Award. It was a pleasure working with you Nick and I'm very proud of you. Congrats!

Scouter Christine Troop Scouter

#### From the Youth

#### Pirates of Odawa

We went camping for two nights in the rain. It was fun even though it was raining. We shot elastics at pop cans and made a pirate flag. At night we watched a movie called Pirates of the Caribbean. We got wet but it was still a good movie. My favourite part was the treasure hunt. I want to go back to Odawa camp next year because I like sleeping in a tent with my friends.

Samuel Lessard 1<sup>st</sup> year Cub

#### Have Fun without the Sun

"Rain, Rain, go away, come again another day..." That's what we were singing all weekend because it was pouring rain. Even though it was raining we still had a lot of fun. We told jokes and laughed in our tent for 5 hours. There was a treasure that supposed to be fun, but my group, well, we took four wrong trails. Other that the rain and the treasure hunt, I would say it was a very successful camp.

Thomas Stewart Pioneer Scout



## Community Service

On a weekend in April, the Scouts, two Cubs and I went to the Larose Forest to clean-up. We found some really disgusting stuff, like used adult diapers and animal bones in a garbage bag. We also found a bag of wild onions that smelled really bad, dishes, boots, shoes, and socks. And lots of beer cans and bottles. We ended up picking up about twelve bags of garbage!

In the afternoon of the same day, we planted 380 white spruce trees. It was a lot of fun and work. Scouter Rosemary brought snacks and when we finished planting the trees we had a snack and a drink. That felt good. It's good to plant trees because we breathe out carbon dioxide and the trees change that to oxygen. Plus birds can make nests in them and they make good shade.

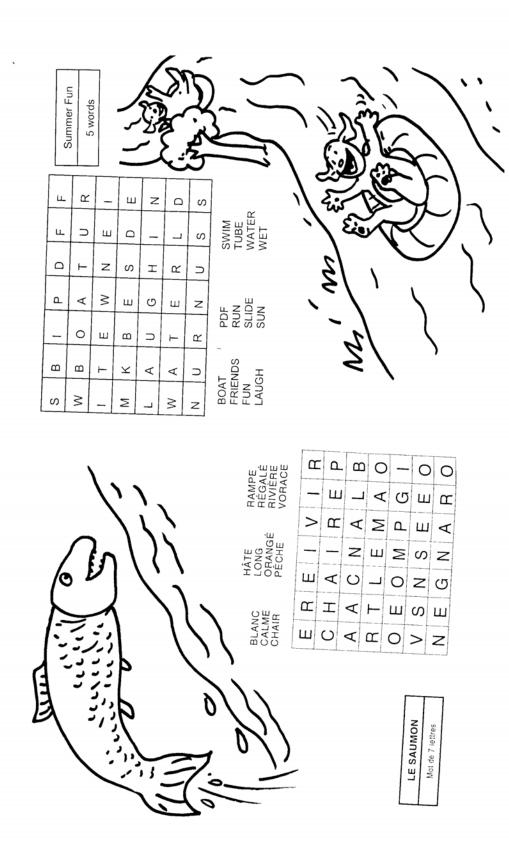
Liam Rozon 1<sup>st</sup> year Cub

#### A Wet Weekend

From June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Scout troop went camping at the Odawa camp held at the Voyageur provincial park near Hawkesbury. Even though the weather wasn't cooperative and a little discouraging at times, we managed to have a lot of fun. The schedule was full of activities but because of the weather it was shortened. We went on a long journey searching for buried treasure. After an hour or two (...or three) it was found! The rest of the time was spent either laughing in the tents or spending time with our friends in the Taj Mahal. Despite the cold rainy weather we will have many interesting memories of another successful camp.

Benjamin Lessard Pioneer Scout







The youngest of the four Stewart lads celebrated his fifth birthday at camp last weekend. Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> was a very special day for him and we were all glad to be a part of it. Happy Birthday, Jesse!





#### A Special Thanks to All Our Scouters

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