

All Volunteers Meeting

Thursday Sept 25, 2008 7:30 pm at Barber Scout Camp



Chaired by: Virginia Peebles, DAC Area Support -Wellington

Attendees:

Paul Schadenberg	26 th Guelph, 7 th Guelph
Martin Kellmans	3 rd Guelph
Diane Hilborn	9 th Guelph
Norman Storey	1 st Erin
Cindy Storey	1 st Erin
Shawn Jones	6 th Guelph
Brian Peebles	DAC Communications
Douglas Lemke	27 th Guelph
Len Wiley	2 nd Guelph
Harold Lee	DAC Program & Special Events
Lawrence Folland	2 nd Guelph
Alisa Kuemmling	Registrar, Climate Change Ambassador

Reading: An Important Job – lead by Virginia

AC's Report: read by Virginia, see attached pdf

Group Reports:

1st Elora: Registration is going well, Beaver registration is very high and they may have to close the section. They will be participating in Apple Day, Remembrance Day and are planning a trip to Guelph Lake for a Nature Study.

1st Guelph Firefighters: Registration is currently at 5 Rovers and 9 Venturers. They are planning a Fix Up the Trailer Day, going to CEC Fall Camporee. On Oct 25th, they are going to the Toronto Fire Academy, and will be using gear and doing training with the Toronto Firefighters

2nd Guelph: Registration is proceeding. They have a strong Cub Pack, but are lower on Beavers, Scouts and Venturers are solid. They could use another Beaver Leader. They are going to the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum. Last year the scouts bought kayaks, and have already been out to Rockwood with them this year.

27th Guelph: Recruitment going well, and preparation for Apple Day is going well. The 27th is developing a new program for popcorn. The Beavers have had all outdoor meetings in September. Sections have been to the Donkey Sanctuary. The scouts are doing preparation for the upcoming camp, and practicing their outdoor skills.

6th Guelph: Beaver Colony is in rough shape, with no leaders. All other sections are fine for leaders. Shawn reported that there was a problem with retention, as the gained as many new members as they lost, and are at the same level for membership.

1st Erin: They are expecting about the same registration numbers as last year. They have lots of new leaders that will need Part 1 training. The Scouts are going to the CEC Fall Camporee, and probably Pioneer Camp.

3rd Guelph: The Scouts are going to CEC Fall Camporee, the Cubs are going to CJOY, Schneiders and a Pumpkin Night. Their Fun Night got a great response, which included a couple of crafts and a couple of games for each section. The 3rd Guelph put flyers in the schools and got a poor response. But they got a great response from the advertisement in the Pennysaver – cost \$80 for 3 ads, and they were able to redirect some kids to other groups.

9th Guelph: Beavers registration is at 17 and they plan to close the section due to a leader leaving. Cubs has lots of leaders – with 15 youth and 7 leaders, Troop has 10 youth and 6 leaders, and Venturers had 15 youth out to their BBQ meeting. The group was disappointed with the response from the ad they placed in the Guelph Activity Guide. Diane got on-line approval for distribution to Paisley, Central and Victory for distribution of flyers. They are planning linking camps, kids wanting Focus training, Apple Day, Sixer & Seconder camps, and Diane wanted to know about PL/APL camp possibilities (none right now). The 9th completed a bottle drive in September, with great results - \$820 from the bottles, \$160 in Zehrs tapes, and \$100 in Canadian Tire money. The Scouts, Venturers and Rovers will be going to the CEC Fall Camporee.

26th Guelph: Paul reported that the Beavers and the Venturers will have the same registration numbers as last year.

7th Guelph: Registration will be about the same as last year, while a large number are not returning, many new ones have signed up. Still meeting at Sir Isaac Brock.

Registration: For most groups, registration is proceeding on schedule. Sheets were passed to gather information for the Wellington Area Directory. The 2007-2008 Directory files are missing, so the 2008-2009 version will require some extra work to get it finished this year. Alisa reported that some members were asking for an expanded version of the directory with leaders in addition to the contact leaders. There were also some requests to add email information, to improve communication in Wellington. Everyone in the directory will have to be contacted to confirm they want to be included, for privacy law conformance (100% opt in). Virginia is going to check with Conrad as to what is possible, before anything is done.

Training: The Group Commissioner training is proceeding at Trinity. Woodbadge II is set for April 3-5, and May 1-3 2-009 at Blue Springs

Honors & Awards: Diane indicated that the Group Commissioners are the first line of defense for Honors & Awards and that she is the second line of defense. Awards were presented to 1st Guelph Firefighters and 1st Elora for 2006-2007 for reaching 100% registration over the previous year.

Youth Rep – Absent

Communications – Brian said that he needs photos. He is redeveloping the website and is looking for new ideas. The Woggle is going to become a web based format, with a PDF version for those that want to print it. If individuals want a copy mailed to them, they can opt in.

Wellington Area will be partnering with Dominos Pizza and Dairy Queen to distribute flyers in the fall (examples were shown). Brian developed the flyer, with permission through Scouts Canada.

Program

Special Events Apple Day – Len Wiley reported that he is sorting out the areas assigned to the groups, and there will be reduction in areas available for Apple Days this year. He has had difficulty in gaining permission to Stone Road Mall, the LCBO and Willow West Mall, among other locations. He will inform the groups of their locations when the permissions are finalized, and is still working on gaining access to the Stone Road Mall location.

Popcorn

Popcorn has kicked off, and the forms have been handed out to the groups. The product line up is expanded and the rewards package is improved.

Membership & Growth

Shawn Jones encouraged groups to sign up for “Bag Signs” to advertise Apple Days, that are similar to the political signs currently at the road sign. The bag sign is a two sided flexible plastic sleeve over a metal wire, that would be re-usable, space efficient and durable in weather conditions. The bag sign would read “Scouting Apple Days Here” with an arrow. The signs would be for short term use only, and would have to be removed after the event to prevent theft. Groups will contact Shawn by email to sign up.

Shawn explained another use for the bag sign – to advertise meeting locations – and that each section could have its own sign, ie. “Beaver Meeting Here”, with an arrow, that would be displayed at the roadside, during the Colony meeting. This idea was well received, and may be explored further.

Camp

Climate Change

Alisa Kuemmling has extra copies of the Scouts Canada Climate Change Handbook available for free. Last year, each section in each group in Wellington was given a copy of the Handbook, compliments of Scouts Canada, however, these may have gone astray in the change over of leadership in Sept. Please contact Alisa if you would like a free copy.

New Business

Adjourned 9:15 pm