

Greetings

We hope your child (or children) has enjoyed their year in our programs. We would love to see them return in the fall!

For the 2019-2020 Scouting year, 72nd Ottawa will be running Beavers (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10), and Venturer (age 15-18) sections at St. Rita's. Our Scouts section (age 11-14) will continue meeting with the 115th Parkwood Hills Troop on Mondays at City View United Church (6 Epworth Avenue) next year. We are working at rebuilding our Scouts-section leader base, and hopefully we will have our Scouts section back at the 72nd the following year. If anyone is interesting in being a Scout leader, please contact me or Jean Peart (72ndottawa@gmail.com)

You can register in the fall, when **all** those back-to-school expenses come in, or you can save the hassle, and some money, by registering in May or June! Our registration fees are as follows:

- Register between **May 1** (returning members only)/**May 15** (new members) – **June 30** = **\$240**
- Register between **July 1** – **December 31** (all members) = **\$275**

So registering before July 1 gives you a \$35 savings! And registering in May covers new and returning members from time of registration until August 2020. **NOTE:** Scouts Canada policy allows refunds to registration if a request is made *within 30 days of registration*.

If you consider that most of our programs have about 30 meetings a year, that's less than \$10/ meeting, which is comparable for the per-lesson cost for swimming, piano, etc. It's a great deal. A large part of the registration fee goes to Scouts Canada, the remaining portion is for our group to pay for school rental, badges, leader training courses, and camp subsidies. If you are interested in where fees go, you can reference the following article:

<https://help.scouts.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/115005602146-The-Value-of-Scouting>

Scouts Canada now uses ONLINE registration exclusively. The process for registering is as follows:

- To get to the online system, go to www.scouts.ca
 - Hit the **Find A Group** button
 - Put in your postal code, and in the results look for **72nd Ottawa**, do a SEARCH, when the results come up, hit **DETAILS** link, and you can register from there

No One Left Behind

Scouts Canada also offer registration assistance, (No one left behind) if required. Please see the following link for process and information. If you have any questions on process please contact Jean Peart (72ndottawa@gmail.com)

<http://www.scouts.ca/procedure-3/>

Volunteer Help

We are **always** looking for adults to help us out! All leaders are volunteers (that's right, we do it for free and for the *fun* of it!) To keep our group functioning, we *continually* need people to help us on our Group Committee and as leaders. Being a leader is work, but it is also lots of fun! Just talk to any of us. In fact, many of us became leaders when our sons or daughters were in Beavers or Cubs, and we have continued for 10, 15, 20 years! We need help with the following

- Treasurer
- Beaver, Cub and Scout leaders
- Fundraising co-ordinator (yes we absolutely need to do fundraising next year)

For any position you will need the following

- Police Record Check
- Short interview
- Adult registration form with 5 references
- Basic Scouts Canada training (approximately 10-15 hours online)

Code of Conduct agreement (this is good for all parents to read to understand the obligations all leaders have)

https://help.scouts.ca/hc/en-ca/article_attachments/360026640292/Adult_Code_of_Conduct_and_Youth_Code_of_Conduct_April_17_2019Highlighted.pdf

Other items and news

- Each year we need to do fundraising. School use costs money. We have elected not to cover all our costs through registration. We *expect* everyone will help with fundraising. One of our easiest fundraisers is Apple Day, on October 5. We hope your child can participate for 2 hours during the morning. We will also do Equator Coffee orders through the year
- Many parents have interesting jobs or specialized skills that leaders don't necessarily have. If you have any great ideas for a tour (ie we once had a tour of the international area at the airport, they locked our Cubs in one of the detention rooms!, we had a tour of the First Air facilities, we love going interesting places!) let us know and we will book it in for next year's programming. Same thing – if you know of any groups or speakers who would come and chat with Beavers or Cubs this helps us broaden our program.
- Check out Camp Opemikon week-long summer camps! Youth learn a lot of skills, have a ton of fun, make new friends, and come back real dirty, tired and happy. <http://voy.scouts.ca/ca/camp-opemikon-summer-programs>
- If you saw something this year that impressed you, let us know. **THANK a Scouter** - <https://www.myscouts.ca/ca/commendation/submit>

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