



Scouts Canada - 1st Bradford Group

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Dear Parents

The sale of popcorn continues to be a successful fundraiser. This has helped fund many of our activities and has subsidized the registration fees. As with the past two years, we are able to offer 10% of the gross sales as a discount for returning youth. The more popcorn that your family sells, the lower that the registration will be for returning youth in your family. Also you may be able to save money on other activities that are subsidized, like camps and crafts.

This past summer there was a Jamboree at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve in Quebec that was attended by many of our Scouts, Venturers and Leaders. The Jamboree was part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of Scouting - the largest youth organization in the world with over 28 million members in 155 countries around the world. A separate fundraising committee was set up for this and some ongoing fundraising opportunities were developed. These include "chaperoning pre teen dances" and "barbeques". We are planning to continue these activities as well as look at other opportunities that are available. These are also great opportunities for press coverage and we have had several proud youth as their picture has appeared in one of the local papers.

We all know activities cost more, whether it is hockey, baseball, or soccer however we provide a quality program in Scouts. Scouting is a non-formal education process that allows our youth to grow as responsible members in our society. Through this additional fund-raising, we are working to lower the cost of our program to make it more affordable to our youth. We are looking forward to you as parents participating in these additional fundraisers. An example in effort is the dance chaperoning. Each dance we chaperone is an investment in time of 3 hours. If you can help us a couple of times through the year, it will spread the effort among a large group of parents. Additionally, based on your participation, a percentage of the fund-raising will be applied as a further discount on your son/daughter's registration the following year.

1st Bradford Group is proud to be one of the most active groups in our area. All sections enjoy camps and outings relative to their age group. The younger ages do a number of crafts during the year. We hold a year end wrap up activity (Barbeque or Banquet) and for the past several years we have had a composite camp for all sections which is held at Camp Romuva in Muskoka. All of these activities are subsidized by the fundraising efforts of the youth and their parents.

In addition to activities for the youth the group pays for training for the leaders. All leaders are required to take the basic training for the section that they are working with and most of our leaders have taken advance training for their section. In addition, many of our leaders have taken specialty courses such as First Aid and CPR, Camping Courses, Water Activity Courses, etc. These are all paid for by profits from the fundraising efforts.

All of our leaders (with a few exceptions) started with the group when their son/daughter was involved but many have stayed on as leaders long after their son/daughter has gone through all sections. Many of our leaders have been with the group for 15 years or more and we continue to have a strong leadership team. If you have the time and would like to work with youth please contact the undersigned. This can be a rewarding experience, not in a monetary way but in the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to develop the youth of today into responsible adults of tomorrow.

For more information on our ongoing activities and contact information, please visit our website at www.1stbradfordscouting.com.

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