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**Coho Area Commissioner's Updater**

**Sept 21, 2009**

*News and information from the Coho Area Service Team.*

## **A New Scouting Year**

I hope that you have had a recuperative and fun summer. Welcome back to a new year of Scouting! I am pleased to announce that we have an Deputy Area Commissioner for Colony. Crystal Oppal has stood forward for this position. I realized only after recruiting her, that she is doing double duty – she is also Contact Beaver Leader for 10<sup>th</sup> Coquitlam. Please help Crystal out when she calls – and she will call! Welcome to the team, Crystal.

We are still looking for a DAC/Pack. Are you a scouter who is looking for a role? Do you know a scouter who *is* looking? Please give the Area Commissioner a call and send him a note.

Be well

-Ken

## **Coho Area Service Team Meeting**

The next Coho Area Service Team meeting is Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the usual time – 1945h.

1) Registrations: If you are early out of the gate, and have your Registration Package, please come a little earlier, and bring your Group Registrations with you. We will process these then, and get them into the BCY office.

2) The topic at this month's meeting is "Training". We'll discuss what courses are offered, what new courses might be offered, how to make training more effective and accommodating and some emerging alternatives to the traditional formats of training.

3) A business meeting – 30 minutes for reports

4) Did you have the Area Commissioner pick up your Popcorn order forms? Those will be available at the meeting on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.

As always, I expect all Group Commissioners to be in attendance, in person or by proxy. Group Committee and leaders are welcome to attend.

## **Registration Evening Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

We are holding a special meeting on **Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 1945** at the Coquitlam Scout Hall to receive registration packages.

If you would like to arrange interviews of new leaders at this time, please let the Area Commissioner know.

## **New Leader Welcome Package**

Scouts Canada has prepared a "New Leader" package. We have a limited number of copies available. We will provide these to the Group Commissioners at the meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a very attractive package, and addresses a long-recognized need. We welcome your feedback to the package. We hope to have more very soon.



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## Apple Day

Please advise the Area Commissioner if you are participating in Apple Day and how many apples you would like. Pick up of apples is on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Adult Development/Training

### ***Upcoming Woodbadge I Training***

Woodbadge I training for all sections is next available in two locations -- the West Surdel Area and in the Fraser Cheam Area, on Thursday and Friday evenings, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 16, and all day Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Details of upcoming course dates are available here:

[http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/Training\\_CourseDates\\_2009-10.pdf](http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/Training_CourseDates_2009-10.pdf)

Please take this opportunity to get all of your leaders – new and existing who need WB I – trained.

### ***Trainers from Coho, unite!***

Wendy Williams, DAC for Adult Development has set a goal of doing much more training on the north side of the Fraser. Existing trainer – you are asked if you attend at a Fraser Valley Council meeting on Wednesday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1930h, at Camp McLean.

Trainer Level I is offered at Camp McLean from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's set a goal: one new trainer from every group!

### ***Training Schedule for 2009/2010***

The Training Schedule for the Fraser Valley Council is available on the FVC website here:

[http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/Training\\_CourseDates\\_2009-10.pdf](http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/Training_CourseDates_2009-10.pdf).

Training dates for Coho Area are entered into our Coho Area Website at

<http://cohoscouts.ca/AreaHome.html>. Click on the Calendar Link, and filter for “Training”

### ***Training in Coho Area***

Coho Area is providing WB I training this fall. The dates are Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for the Core component, and Friday to Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Section Specific portion. Remember, you need take the “Core” only once.

We are calling on all Trainers from the Coho area to help out with this. Expect the call. Watch for more details at the September Coho Area Service Team meeting, and as we progress through the fall.

### ***Focus Course for Third Year Scouts and Venturers***

FOCUS (Future Of Canada United in Scouting) is a for-youth-by-youth leadership program aimed towards Venturers and Rovers. This leadership training course is a remarkable opportunity and will serve its participants very well in whatever they pursue in the future.

December 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 At Camp Mclean.

Registration forms can be found at: <http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/training/FVCTrainingApp.pdf>



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## School Pamphlets

Pamphlets advertising Scouting in the Coho Area will be delivered to all of the Elementary Schools in the next couple of weeks. With Ken Vallevand, we are arranging specific school visits at certain schools – which schools is still being determined.

## Public Awareness Events

**Volunteerfest , Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at Coquitlam Centre.** We have the opportunity to rent a table and to promote Volunteer Opportunities in Scouting. Please let the Area Commissioner know if you would like to, or be available to be our presence at this event.

**Rivers Festival – Last weekend in September.** 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Port Coquitlam participate in this. Thanks to those groups for flying the Scouting banner!

## Section News: Troop

### **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year Back Country Camp**

1<sup>st</sup> Glenayre Troop traditionally hold a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year back country camp at Garibaldi Lake. They have extended an invitation to other groups that would like to hike there at the same time. They hike up on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> (a Pro-D day for School District 43), and hike back on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Scott Shirley at [scott.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:scott.shirley@gmail.com) or 604 939-3372 for more information.

### **Camp Kickoff**

Mark your calendars: Camp kickoff is scheduled for Friday to Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at Camp McLean. This is a great way to get new scouts launched and older scouts re-connected.

## Section News: Company

### **New Venturer Company Get-together**

We have a number of Scouts who have gone up to Company...except that they don't have a Company to go to. Coho Area Service Team has heard your concerns and is here to help. Graham Ballentyne, DAC for Company, is organizing a Venturer Get together. This is an opportunity for youth to partner up with youth from other groups, to see if a Company might be formed. Graham will provide practical advice on starting a company, and can help mentor youth and advisors as they start this process. Please be in touch with Graham at [grahamb@sfu.ca](mailto:grahamb@sfu.ca), or at (604) 837-6698.

### **3rd ANNUAL VANCOUVER ISLAND CANOE CHALLENGE**

The 3rd Annual VI Canoe Challenge is fast approaching!!! So far we have over 100 Youth confirmed. Now that most Groups have done registration , We must cap the numbers at 200 youth , so please do not hesitate. REGISTRATION DEADLINE : FRIDAY , OCT 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact: Ryan Rangno – 1<sup>st</sup> Cedar Scouting – Venturer Advisor / CIA Service Team [ryanrangno@shaw.ca](mailto:ryanrangno@shaw.ca) 250-616-0996 / 250-722-0045



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## Registrars Report

### ***Registration Refund Request***

One consequence of Early Registration is that people's plans do change. If you have a youth or leader who participated in Early Registration, but who now cannot join up, please send a note to the Registrar, or to the Area Commissioner. We'll send you an "RRR" – a Registration Refund Request.

## Group Commissioners 360° Report

Group Commissioners: we have distributed a report template that is intended to help the Service Team better serve your group. So far, 8 groups have returned this. Those remaining...please return this to us as soon as you are able. The Service Team is using these data to make plans. Please contact Ken Pepin if you have any questions or problems with this.

## BC Lions – Scout Night Hallowe'en Sleepover

See the football game (v. Calgary), and sleepover at BC Place on Saturday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (Hallowe'en!).  
More information here:

[http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/BCLions\\_ScoutsNight\\_31Oct09.pdf](http://www.fraservalley.scouts.ca/documents/BCLions_ScoutsNight_31Oct09.pdf)