

We have gone electronic. *(but I will make it in this format, to facilitate printing and placing on your fridge!)*  
There is always an electronic version (of this) waiting for you online, if you need to look something up again. ☺ (plus, there is a map on here you might need, so some extra printouts)

Go to **www.1stBinbrook.org** and into the "Parents & Memos" section.  
Or use the link: **www.1stBinbrook.org/parents** to go directly there.

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## **\*\* Dates to Remember – 2011 05 11 – Beyond normal meetings \*\***

### **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Saturday) – Patrol Champions Compete!**

Good luck to the patrol champs, in Waterford! *(details sent directly to them, via separate email, they know who they are)*

### **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Saturday) – Tree Planting at Eramosa Karst**

FOTEK (Friends of the Eramosa Karst) are running a tree planting morning, this Saturday, from 9:30am until 1pm, at the Karst. *(Upper Mt Albion road, half way to Home Depot)*

Refreshments included, throughout the morning, help needed from all Scouts and Cubs.

Bring a shovel and a pail, and dress for the weather please.

*(if it's pouring rain, they'll cancel, but if only a sprinkle, just dress for it and don't forget boots!)*

Should be a great day, and Scouts have a long tradition of planting and replanting trees, that would not otherwise be growing today. *(and yes, this counts towards a badge!)*

Families welcome to come and help as well, why not make a day of it!

Scouters Erik & Pam, will be on hand.

### **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 – (Long Weekend Monday) – Food Bank Collection and Bottle Drive**

**Note: We recognize that long weekends are usually reserved for families, but if you and your family can possibly help, please do read on. Bring the whole family if you like.**

The Food Bank of Glanbrook has no problem keeping stocked shelves around the traditional times of Thanksgiving or Christmas, but runs a little bare through the spring and summer months. There are good hardworking families right here in our town, that just need a little help to make ends meet.

So, the Scouts have offered to help them, by collecting food donations on their behalf.

While out there (this being the end of the first long weekend of the summer), it's also not a bad time to ask for "empties" that we can return for the proceeds to go to the Troop camping fund. (and lower summer camp costs!)

We're asking parents to join us as well, particularly if you have a mini-van or truck that could hold some extra goods.

The food bank is going to advertize it in the newspaper, and put flyers into the homes on the 4 corners of Binbrook. We would like to cover all four corners on the afternoon, so Cubs and Scouts will be working together.

We will meet at the fairgrounds (building #3) for 1pm, distribute maps and teams, and hope to wrap up well before 5pm.

### **May 27-29, 2011 - All Sections Camp, Binbrook Conservation Area**

This is the camp where we invite out the senior Cubs, and show them what Scouts is all about. And, it's right here in our own backyard.

We'll likely try and build some grandiose structure again, as well as taking a little canoe trip up to some of these new campsites that we identified during our hike out there.

Forms and details, attached or adjacent to this note.

**Please return them by next Wednesday to assist in our planning.**

### **June 10-12, 2011 – ORCKA Canoe Training Camp**

As detailed previously by separate email/document.

Reservations and waiting list created, thanks to all for your kind replies.

We will wait a week or two, to get you the forms for this camp, just so we're not bombarding you with paperwork. ☺ Fundraising subsidized cost is finalized at \$38 per person, food, camp, canoes, everything.

### **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Binbrook Farmer's Market Opens**

They've asked if we would sell hotdogs and drinks at this community event.

Details still to be worked out, just keeping it on the calendar.

### **July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

#### **Haliburton Scout Reserve – Our Week of Adventure Experiences 2011**

Details sent, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

If we could kindly encourage you to look at this, and return permission form in the next week or two, that would be much appreciated. As previously noted, cheques may be **post-dated** to July 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are also seeking grant money from a few sources, to lower the cost to each member, and will deal with that separately if and when we are successful.

Please appreciate that a trip of this size, takes a bit more planning, transport, and logistics, than the average weekend camp, so we'd appreciate your support in letting us know your plans.

*(as an example, in order to get the best patrol site we had to drive there last July 1<sup>st</sup>, and book it!) ☺*

If there are logistical, physical, or emotional concerns, please do not hesitate to engage us in a private conversation.

### **Other Summer Ideas Scouts Have Discussed**

- road trip adventure, with the "multi-stop-45 minute challenge" – if there were parents interested in joining us for this sort of trip, please make contact with us
- bike hike, day trip for now, perhaps overnight in the future
- overnight hike, likely segments of the Bruce Trail near St. Catharines

### **First Aid Course**

**Still working on...** getting some of us into an official St. John's First Aid and CPR course.

The real deal, the kind of thing you can put on your resume. Limited spots, and very reasonably priced.

We have a building, a rate, and an instructor now, just trying to settle on some dates.

Cost will be \$50 per person, for two full days, lunch included. (normal retail on this is \$130-\$160)

### **Other "rougner" ideas the Scouts want to work in?**

- lan party (Scouts have nailed down some details, waiting on Jake & Nelson to finish the project!)
- more site improvements at BinDunn2 Encampment (Caistor Centre, where we went in the fall)
- another camp at BinDunn site, located at Camp Nemo along the Bronte Creek
- more hikes (their PLs should be working on this)
- fishing

### **July 2013 – Canadian Jamboree (CJ) 2013 – Red Deer Alberta**

*(never too early to mention it!)*