



July 30th - August 6th, 2011

Please find enclosed, starting details regarding our week this summer, at the Haliburton Scout Reserve (*hereafter referred to as HSR – no relation to the Hamilton bus*).

We are lucky enough to be attending with a group that has been taking youth to HSR for 65 years, under the command of a closely trusted Scouter named Dennis Trimble, *aka "Skip"*.

The HSR is a premiere Scouting facility in Canada. The lake (Kennabi) is completely enclosed within the camp, so no one but Scouts and staff have access to it.

Safety is paramount, at all times. There are emergency phones at every site, a camp doctor, stores, and many years of wisdom overseeing every aspect of the entire experience.



We have many photos of recent year's trips, located here:

2009 - <http://www.1stbinbrook.org/gallery/20082009/haliburton2009.html>

2010 - <http://www.1stbinbrook.org/gallery/2010summer/hsr2010.html>

I have a DVD of their introductory video, hit reply and let me know if you would like a copy. Or, go to www.YouTube.com and type "haliburton scout reserve" into the search box, and you'll experience what many others have, through their eyes... including but not limited to Swimming, Hiking, Boulderling Wall, Canoeing, Rowing, Fishing, Rifle, Outpost Camping, Overnights, Sailing, Kayaking, Snorkelling, Archery, Survival, Rappelling, and the list goes on.

Please review the enclosed documents:

- (This Intro)
- Dennis' Letter to Parents & Personal Equipment List (*note: cost different below*)
- Camp/Water Rules
- Scouts Canada Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Departure from Binbrook, around 6am on the 30th

Returning home, at ~5pm on the 6th.

I will have my cell phone on (number below), answering or taking messages (as physical actions at that time allow), and will return all calls. Dennis similarly lists his number on the next page. In addition, digital notes/postcards and photos will escape camp, via Twitter, the same as last year. (we can receive too) So, you can keep an eye on us... ☺

Please ask any questions you like, at any time, there are no stupid questions.

If you're interested in coming, it's easy.

I need back two items: *(there will be a few more forms later on)*

1. Signed and completed Scouts Canada Consent Form (enclosed)
2. Cheque for \$350.00, made payable to "333rd Toronto Scouts". *(may be post-dated to July 15th)*

Notes on the cost:

1. The Scouts have already through their own fundraising efforts this year, lowered the cost of the camp by \$30 per person, during our dishwashing for the Lions Club. That's why Skip's letter says \$380, and we only need a cheque for \$350. (I will submit the rest)
2. We may be able to lower it further, as we approach the end of the Scouting year. (we will refund you if possible)
3. If finances are a concern, please speak to me. There are national funds we can apply for together, for families that are on a restricted budget. No one who desires to attend, is left behind. We also have "angels in the wings" that we can call on.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If an emergency comes up, and for some reason your youth cannot attend, a full refund (minus the \$50 pre-paid bus cost) is available up until the day before departure. We know sometimes the unthinkable happens, and we don't wish to be an additional worry during a time of personal or family crisis.

Talk soon,

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