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Good day Scouts and Parents!

I know it seems a little frosty out to be talking about Canoeing in June, given that the closest we came to that during our hike on Saturday was Richard riding his outrigger log across the ice... ;-)

But, we need to make some bookings. :-)

### **June 10-12, 2011**

Townsend Ponds, about 35 mins South of Binbrook.

We attended last year, and everyone had a great time. A good atmosphere, a nice site, canoeing, swimming, beach, regatta, etc.

Sunny days, warm nights, warm water.

For those who attended, passed, and received a Level 1 ORCKA Badge certification last year, you will be moved up to level 2 this year, Level 2 to 3, etc.

Level 2, also qualifies for most of our own Scout Paddling Badge.

ORCKA Canoe Camp, involves thorough instruction in Canoeing from Certified ORCKA instructors.

(Ontario Recreational Canoe & Kayak Association) <http://www.orcka.ca>

Adult supervision is always present, and no one is a canoe without a lifejacket, hat, and whistle.

It's a solid camp that the Haldimand Area has run for a number of years.

Last year, we made it off the waiting list, and were invited to attend. This year, as a past participant we don't have to go on the waiting list, but we need to commit numbers and money to the event, now.

Plus, we need to make sure we book enough canoes, paddles, and lifejackets for everyone.

Cost last year, was \$35 all inclusive. Registration has gone up, but we hope to be able to pad it with a bit of fundraising dollars, and keep it very close to that.

Parents are welcome to join us, for the same cost.

So, just a quick reply to this email would be great.

Yes, we're interested. No, we're away that weekend. Whatever works for you.

We don't need you to commit \$\$\$ at this point, and we won't be mad if you say yes and then have to back out for some reason, but I do want to make sure we have space booked for anyone who has the desire to come! :-)

All the best, and a happy Monday Morning from sunny rural Binbrook!

**Scouter Andy**