



August 4th - August 11th, 2012

These are, starting details regarding our annual 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 66 years, under the command of a closely trusted Scouter named Dennis Trimble, *aka "Skip"*. (*he assures me that he's not actually attended all 66 of those years...*)

The HSR is a premiere Scouting facility in Canada. The lake (Kennabi or Kennabik) 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.



A few weeks ago, we looked through the slide show at the end of one of our meetings, and it included a selections of these many photos of recent year's trips; click here:

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

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

2011 - <http://www.1stbinbrook.org/gallery/2010-2011/2011summer/hsr2011.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, Bouldering Wall, Canoeing, Rowing, Fishing, Rifle, Outpost Camping, Overnights, Sailing, Kayaking, Snorkelling, Archery, Survival, Rappelling, and the list goes on.

Departure from Binbrook, around 6am on the 4th
Returning home, at ~5pm on the 11th.

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 his documents page. (*which will follow later*)

In addition, digital notes/postcards and photos will escape camp, via Twitter, the same as in previous years. (we can receive too) So, you can keep an eye on us... ☺

It's an awesome week away as a patrol of Scouts. A unique experience.
Please ask any questions you like, at any time, there are no stupid questions.

If you're interested in coming, it's easy. RSVP and express interest. We'll put you in the "interested list".

(there will be a few more forms later on, and payment may be post-dated until July 20th when we ask for it)

Notes on the cost:

1. The Scouts have already through their own fundraising efforts this year, lowered the cost of the camp by \$80 per person.
Our dishwashing for the Lions Club.
Popcorn sales have also contributed to it.
And our Snack Bar at the KubKar Rally last weekend, netted us even more. That's why Skip's letter (when you see it) will say \$380, and **we are already down to \$300.**
(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 we save after cheques are written)
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.
4. The cost includes program, food, and bus transport to and from camp.
(we share cost with 333rd, and leave from Etobicoke)

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If an emergency comes up, and for some reason your youth cannot attend, a full refund (minus the \$60 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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