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**** Dates to Remember – 2013 03 22 – Beyond weekly meetings ****

Friday March 29th, 2013 – Pancakes & Hike

First...

Our Scouting friends in Mount Hope, are having their annual Good Friday Pancake Breakfast, next Friday, at 3027 Homestead Drive, in Mount Hope. (behind the library), served from 8am-11am.

Take airport Road into Mount Hope, turn right, down about a block.

Good food, good people, good times. :-)

Wear your 1st Binbrook necker for a discount!

(discount not guaranteed, but it's good to show our visible support) ;-)

Then...

we're going to do a hike. :-)

Make a day of it if you like.... Go for breakfast in Mount Hope (as per previous item) and then come on the hike!

Basic details are this:

10am main parking lot of Binbrook Conservation Area, at the Entrance Parking.

(go South on Hwy 56 from town, turn right on Kirk Road, left on Harrison Road, and down to address 5050)

Pickup by 230, or everyone join the hike as a family!

Bring a GPS and/or Compass, if you have one.

Bring camera if you like.

Bring lunch, and snacks, and water. (water in the park isn't turned on yet)

Your daypack should of course normally include things like:

- Change of socks
- Hat
- Spare mitts
- Spare clothes for the weather
- Emergency kit
- Bag for garbage (we pack out our trash)
- Other useful items for the trail

Scouter Colin and Scouter Alaine are your key contacts for the day;

Scouter Colin – (905) 580-2752

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Wednesday April 3rd – 6:00-10:00pm – Waterford Sportsmen Club (invited back for a second night)

Bring \$5 for the ammo, and any pocket change for the Snack Bar.

Our annual visit to the target rifle range, in Waterford.

We will be looking for some parents to join us, to help with the carpooling.

We will DEPART the Church parking lot, at 6pm sharp.

We will drop off to homes, after we return from Waterford.

We do come back a bit late for a normal school night, but, it's a special trip and a great night, so we hope you will forgive us. ☺

For those who have not attended previously, this is a very closely supervised exercise at a safe and sanctioned rifle range. The Scouts will be target shooting .22 calibre rifles, under direct 1-on-1 supervision, with all of the necessary instructions and safety equipment. (we take this very seriously)

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Scouter Andy, and ask anything you like. Moral questions about this topic are also equally welcome.

April 20-21, 9am Saturday, to 2pm Sunday. Overnight Camp, just down the Road.

BinDunn2 Campsite, on Scouter Erik's property, 10 minutes east of here.

1658 Smithville Road (RR-14) at Silver Street.

We have not been there in a few years, so we will have to clear our personal campsites for each patrol, before we can setup. Good time for spring camping, enjoying the nature around us, and perhaps imparting some basic Scoutcraft skills to newer Scouts.

\$20 should cover fuel and food.

RSVP and money in by Wednesday April 10th, please, to allow adequate time for planning. ☺

May 3-5, 2013 – Spring J4E Competition Patrol Camp, Camp Wetaskiwin, near St Catharines.

Heading east this time, but actually slightly closer than Camp Nemo. ☺

This is an inter-patrol competition camp, between patrols from various groups across the peninsula, following a long-successful model. The Iron Jim trophy is up for grabs, to the best patrol. Patrols operate under their own leadership and effort... an awesome Scouting weekend! (book your calendar now)

From Archery, to Iron Chef, to Rope Bridge... it's all out there, and this site is great for Scouts. ☺

May 24-26, 2013 – All Sections Camp at Binbrook Conservation Area

Annual camp, to give senior Cubs a chance to move up and spend some time with the Scouts, while other sections do the same.

Shared event with Haldimand area.

A fairly casual weekend, with some light canoeing usually. ☺

June 7-9, 2013 – ORCKA Training Weekend – (Canoe Training)

This is an annual "by invitation only" weekend of training, where we all (scouts and leaders) enhance our skills under trained professionals. If successful, receiving industry accreditation for doing so, under the Ontario Recreational Canoe & Kayak Association.

Details out soon, as we have to take deposits for this camp to reserve a spot. (limited space)

July 6-13, 2013 (June 28-July 16) – Canadian Jamboree (CJ) 2013 – Red Deer Alberta

Parents meeting very shortly, be prepared to indicate your serious desire to attend or not... the grand adventure is coming! ☺

August 3-10, 2013 – Haliburton Scout Reserve Week

Our annual week-long adventure into the heart of Ontario Wilderness, at the Haliburton Scout Reserve.

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