



August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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 67 years, under the shared command of a closely trusted Scouter named Dennis Trimble, *aka "Skip"*. (*he assures me that he's not actually attended all 67 of those years personally...*)

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>

2012 - <http://www.1stbinbrook.org/gallery/2011-2012/2012hsr/hsr2012.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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Returning home, at ~5pm on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 this letter*)

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". If you want to commit, see the "What do we need now" below.

### **Notes on the cost:**

1. The Scouts have already through their own fundraising efforts this year, lowered the cost of the camp by a big chunk, and we intend to lower it even more while fundraising for the CJ trip. *(default cost for this trip before fundraising, has been \$380 in past years)*
2. All we will ask for at this point, is a \$50 deposit, and let's see if we can raise the rest together.
3. If finances are a concern, please speak to me. There are 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 333<sup>rd</sup>, and leave from Binbrook)*

### **Cancellation/Refund Policy**

If an emergency comes up, and for some reason your youth cannot attend, a full refund (minus the \$50 deposit) 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.

### **\*\* WHAT DO WE NEED NOW?**

Two things:

1. A cheque for \$50, made out to "Scouts Canada – 1<sup>st</sup> Binbrook Group".
2. The attached permission form filled out and signed, please.

There will be a bit more paperwork down the road... but this puts your name on a spot. ☺

Thanks,

Talk soon,

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