



August 2nd - August 9th, 2014

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*). All Scouts who want to go may do so. We will be camping on our own reserved site, Doe Island (pictured below), with adult Scout Leaders in charge.

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 selection 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 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.

The fee includes bus transport to and from camp. If you wish to drop off at the camp, or pick up after; please advise us. We will be happy to make this arrangement, but it will not change the Camp Fee as the bus expenses are a budget item. The bus will load at Binbrook United Church.

Departure from Binbrook, around 6am on the 2nd
Returning home, at ~5pm on the 9th.

Scouts should bring a sack lunch for the trip to camp, or pocket money for Subway. A meal at a restaurant is included in the Budget for the return (homebound) trip.

Close attention should be paid to the Personal Equipment List at the back of this letter. Please advise us in a separate note of any new special information or medical requirements that Leaders should know about. Scouts should have their Health Card number on file (or in their possession), and any Meds with them.

The Camp Fee includes: Campsite Fees, Transport, Food, Crafts, and Activities.
It doesn't include: Tuck (Ice Cream, candy snacks, Soft Drinks, etc), Souvenirs, or Fishing Gear/Supplies. We suggest \$15-\$30 pocket money, and a reminder of being personally responsible for your own pocket money.

Emergency Contact: 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.

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. An 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, see the "What do we need now" below.

The Cost

The budgeted cost for the week, is \$380 per person.

(we've managed to keep it the same as the last few years)

By applying Popcorn and Toilet Paper fundraising to date, the **actual present cost per person, is only \$325.**

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 if you so desire, we can lower it even more through fundraising. (we still have some cases of TP, and can create a direct "you sell, you benefit" ratio to help that)
2. All we will ask for at this point, is a \$100 deposit, and let's see if we can raise some more together. (the bottle drive is a good example, we can usually get this down closer to \$200-250 each!)
3. If finances are a concern, please speak to me. There are funds we can apply for together, for engaged 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 1st Winona, and leave from Binbrook)
5. Final payment of any outstanding balance, must be turned in by July 1st, but can be post-dated to July 25th, if that helps anyone.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If an emergency comes up, and for some reason your youth cannot attend, a full refund, minus a \$50 fee for goods already purchased, 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 \$100, made out to "Scouts Canada – 1st 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, and they are finite in nature. ☺

Thanks, Talk soon,

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PERSONAL EQUIPMENT – HALIBURTON SUMMER CAMP

Everything clearly marked with your name or initials !!

WORN to TRAVEL:

CAMP T-SHIRT (included in camp fee and handed out at our pre-camp meeting)
TROOP NECKERCHIEF and WOGGLE
A SUN-PROTECTIVE HAT (wide brim preferred)
SCOUT SHORTS OR OTHER DARK SHORTS
RUNNING SHOES
APPROPRIATE LAYERED OUTERWEAR (for the weather on the day)

CARRY IN A BACKPACK: (Troop can loan these if you don't have one)

SLEEPING BAG IN STUFF BAG
FOAM/BUBBLE PAD, OR AIR MATTRESS
SMALL FLASHLIGHT (GOOD BATTERIES)
PERSONAL SURVIVAL/FIRST AID KIT
FOLDING POCKET KNIFE (only one)
SOAP, WASHCLOTH, TOWEL, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE
RUBBER BOOTS, RAINCOAT OR PONCHO
CANTEEN OR WATER BOTTLE

SPARE CLOTHING: SWIM SUIT

7 PAIRS SPARE SOCKS
7 SPARE UNDERWEAR AND T-SHIRTS
SPARE JEANS AND PLAY SHORTS
TRACK SUIT OR POLO PYJAMAS
WARM PULLOVER OR SWEATER

OPTIONAL:

FIRE STARTERS (for when your Patrol is Duty Patrol)
INSECT REPELLENT (CONTAINING AT LEAST 25% DEET, AND
NON-SPRAY TYPE SO IT DOESN'T DAMAGE NYLON TENTS)
FISHING GEAR (NO GANG HOOKS ON LURES - SINGLE HOOKS ONLY)
(disassemble please, and bring ready to transport)
BOOKS, Non-ELECTRONIC GAMES or Deck of cards, FOR A QUIET
MOMENT/RAINY DAY
SWIM MASK, FINS
COMPASS (only one)
CAMERA (inexpensive)

RADIOS, IPODS, ETC. ARE PERMITTED. IF THEY DISTURB OTHER CAMPERS OR THE
TRANQUILITY OF NATURE THEY WILL BE HELD BY THE LEADERS.

****EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY KITS, MATCHES ARE FOR PATROL BOXES ONLY!! ****

****Personal Candy/Snacks from home, MUST go into the patrol boxes, and will likely be
shared with others – NO FOOD IN THE TENTS, EVER! ****

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT SCOUTS TAKE A CELLPHONE TO CAMP. THERE ARE NO
RECHARGING FACILITIES, AND CELLPHONES REPRESENT A SERIOUS DANGER OF
HOMESICKNESS. THERE IS A TELEPHONE AT THE CAMP GROCERY STORE, AND WE WILL HAVE
A CELLPHONE ON THE LEADERS' SITE FOR EMERGENCIES.

NO: Fireworks, Caps, Slingshots, Potato Cannons, Rocket Fuel, Napalm, Cigarette Lighters,
Personal Computers, iPads, Nintendo devices, etc. (list gets longer every year)
...IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT AT HOME!