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To: Scouts All; Venturers All
Subject: [scouts] ORCKA Canoe Camp

Good day folks!

Our next camp, is a much simpler affair.
One focus, with time for proper work, and time for play. :-)

When;

May 23-25, 2014
Depart 6pm Friday, BUS @ BUC.
Return 1pm, Sunday, @ BUC.

Focus;

ORCKA-Based Canoe Training Course
(Ontario Recreational Canoe & Kayak Association)

Cost: \$25. (* see note below)

Location: South-East Dunnville.

(on private lands, surrounding a pond, attached to grand river feeder tributaries)

ORCKA Canoe training, is something we have done for a number of years now in Haldimand.
ORCKA is one of two Canoe certification bodies available in Ontario.
This year, due to changes in the focus of the Haldimand Area, we are hosting our own Canoe training weekend, as 1st Binbrook.
We will be following the same Level 1, 2, 3, 4, as we have in the past.

We will spend most of the day Saturday on the water, providing all PFDs, Paddles, and Canoes needed for the course.
Our evenings will have a fair amount of free social time for Scouts, as they will have worked hard all day. :-)

Those who completed Level 1 last year with success, will work at Level 2, Level 2 at Level 3, etc.
This isn't a "gimme" either, you have to complete it properly, and pass the tests and requirements.

Most of our leaders at 1st Binbrook are already ORCKA Certified at level 3 or 4, as canoeists, with many years of experience on the water on top of that.
Additionally... At present, we have 6 local leaders, who have already begun their training on becoming certified ORCKA instructors. Once completed, they will be able to grant cards, certificates, and badges, from ORCKA.
We will not have completed this before this camp... but, will have before the summer.
So, if you pass the course, and complete all of the requirements, you can indeed achieve an official industry recognized canoe flatwater certification when we have those available.
(* note – there may be a small registration cost involved with the certification, TBD – cost above is just for the camp weekend)

Canoeing isn't just about jumping in a boat, and paddling around... to be safe, confident, and efficient in a canoe, takes some learning and practice.

As does providing help and rescue efforts to others who may be in trouble. We will cover all of this.
This is why we have always sought out to have as many certified Scouts and Leaders, on our team, as is possible.

Two weeks later, we will be taking the senior Cubs down the lake, at the Binbrook Conservation Area.
After that, at Haliburton, our primary method of moving around the camp, is by canoe.... So the more you know, the easier it actually is to canoe! :-)

RSVP, and or please bring \$25 in a labelled envelope, as soon as you can. :-)
We do have a limited number of spots, due to equipment limitations, so better sooner rather than later... please and thanks. :-)

All the best,
Scouter Andy