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Good day folks!

Our next camp, is a much simpler affair.
One focus, with time for proper work, and time for play. :-)
(plus an independent accreditation from ORCKA!)

When;
May 29-31, 2015
Depart 6pm Friday, BUS @ BUC.
Return 1pm, Sunday, @ BUC.

Focus;
ORCKA Instructed Canoe Training Course
(Ontario Recreational Canoe & Kayak Association)

Cost: \$35. (includes certification paperwork, badge, etc)
Permission form attached, required please.

Location: South-East Dunnville.
(on private lands, surrounding a swimming/canoeing pond, attached to grand river feeder tributaries)

ORCKA Canoe training, is something we have done for a number of years now.
ORCKA is one of two Canoe certification bodies available in Ontario. (www.orcka.ca)

Last year, we were unable to offer official certifications in the end, in spite of us truly trying our best to do so.
Since then, many of our Volunteer Leaders have given up several weekends, and are now officially certified to instruct and certify Scouts!
Yeah!!! :-) (and a big thank you to those Scouters)

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... can maybe even sleep in on Sunday. :-)

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.
At present, we have 6 local leaders, who have become certified ORCKA instructors.

So, if you pass the course, and complete all of the requirements, you can indeed achieve an official industry recognized canoe flatwater certification.

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.

"I don't like water, I don't like boats – I'm a man, not a fish, you Spanish peacock!"

That's why we have level one... everyone has to start somewhere. We all did. ;-)

In June, 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 **\$35 AND Permission Form** 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. :-)

RSVP:

<https://scoutstracker.ca/scouts/view?event=1-38-62976-3d3b181262d72bed> (for Scouts)

<https://scoutstracker.ca/venturers/view?event=2-2-10276-cf0d5b5df8fbd1fb> (for Venturers)

Questions? Ask!

All the best,
Scouter Andy