

## 3<sup>RD</sup> TRANSCONA SCOUTING



Well, it has been a busy, fun and productive year so far.....with more to come!

Each Scouting season we generally do 1 or 2 major fundraisers. This year we have gone a different route with some smaller and more personal ways of collecting operating funds.

Our first fundraiser was our “*Movie Night*”, which turned out very well. We were not only able to clear \$200.00 profit, we all had fun doing it!. Our next 2 Group fundraisers will be our “*Trees for Canada*” canvassing, and our “*Family Spaghetti Supper*”. Both of these fundraisers have something in common..... they involve the youth in doing a large part of the work. Having said that, the parents are also expected to participate wherever possible.

For those of you that are not familiar with *Scoutrees*, here is a little background. Each year our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venture Sections meet at various locations and plant trees all day long. A large portion of the areas that we plant in have been clear cut, or, as in the case of certain areas in Whiteshell Provincial Park, devastated by storms. Scouts Canada, long time ago offered the services of our youth to the Government of Canada and the Provinces to replant those kinds of areas. So as usual, we were way ahead of our time when it came to “Thinking Green”! We also used this opportunity as a way to fundraise for ourselves as well. The Government supplies the trees, we supply the “Scouting” power. For our door-to-door canvassing, we keep 50 cents of every dollar raised by our Group. An envelope with a donation form will be given to each youth to take home. Parents, if you could take it to work that would be great. You will be getting a separate handout from your Leaders stating the dates and times of the canvassing. Please pay special attention to what you are being asked to keep track of.

For the *Family Spaghetti Supper*.....it is going to be a great time, and tasty too! The Ventures will be cooking the sauce, the Scouts will be doing the salad and breadsticks, the Cubs will be serving everyone, and the Beavers will be setting tables and doing other cute Beaver things. We want you to encourage your families and friends to attend with you. We want other people to see what our kids are capable of, and willing to do to help. So do your best!

### **NOTES AND DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Tuesday April 7** – *Scoutrees* Canvassing – **All Sections** please be at the Church by 6:30 p.m. sharp and dressed for the outdoors.

**Wednesday April 8** – **Scouts** – NO MEETING – **Cubs** – WILL BE MEETING will be meeting at their regular time.

**Saturday – April 18** – *Scoutrees* Canvassing Blitz **All Sections** – more information to follow.

**Tuesday – April 28** – *Scoutrees* Canvassing – Beavers and Cubs. Please be at the Church by 6:30 p.m. sharp and dressed for the outdoors.

**Saturday – April 25** – Transcona District Pancake Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. This is a linking fundraiser that involves both 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Transcona Scout Groups. All monies raised will be split between the two groups.

**Wednesday – April 29** – *Family Spaghetti Supper* Fundraiser at the Church.

**Friday – Sunday - May 1-3 (depending on the weather)** – Scout Section *Scoutrees* Camp in Whiteshell Provincial Park.

Beaver and Cub Sections will be notified about their planting sites when we hear from Scouts Canada.

**Friday – Sunday – May 8-10** – Venture Camp “All Areas” @ Delta Beach

**Friday – Sunday, May 15-18** – Scout Canoe Camp @ Kirkfield.

**Wednesday May 20** is our Windup Supper at the Church. We will have a sheet at your meetings asking each family to provide an item for the supper. On the same evening we will be doing our last meetings for the season and getting everyone hyped for the camping season. This is a night for family only. Our Windup is a very private affair between Members and their families.

**Saturday & Sunday – May 30, 31, 2009** – Cub Camp @ Birds Hill Provincial Park.

**Saturday June 6** is the Transcona Hi Neighbour Festival. We will again be marching in the Parade (time and location will follow as we get them) and collecting for the Food Bank. As well, we will be putting on our Scout Display for the public. This is not a fundraiser, rather, a Community Service and an awareness-raiser. There will be something for everyone to see and also some hands on crafts for Members and the public to participate in as well. Our Members are expected to participate in the Parade and the older Sections will be participating in the set-up, running and take down of the displays.

**Friday – Sunday – June 12-14 – All Section – Winnipeg East Camp** at Camp Amisk. Beavers will be required to have 1 parent or guardian attend this camp.

**Sunday – Sunday – July 5 – 12** – Scout/Venture/Rover Quest 2009 Canoe Camp – Blue Lake Provincial Park, Ontario.

**Friday – Sunday – July 31 – August 2** – Cub Section **WOLFOREE** at Birds Hill Provincial Park. Cubs from Saskatchewan and Ontario will also be at this HUGE camp! This camp only happens once every 3 years. If your Cub does not attend this, they will not have another chance. IT IS A GREAT CAMP!

**Wednesday – September 16 @ 7:00 pm – REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009-2010 Season.**

So you can see, it is going to be very busy in the next few months.

Each Section will be getting their various handouts and permission forms ready for distribution. For the Spaghetti Dinner or Windup, you may contact me at 224-5813 or [tracker6@mts.net](mailto:tracker6@mts.net) .

After all this, I hope I have not forgotten anything!

Yours in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers,

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