



## ***Celebrating 45 Years of Scouting***

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The 169th Glen Allan Parent Association & Group Committee welcomes back all returning Scouts and their families. For our new members and their families, we welcome you as well and are sure you will all have a great time this Scouting year.

This booklet will explain what is expected of the youth member and their families. We strive to have the best possible program for our Beavers, Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers – one that will keep your youth involved, learning and wanting to return each week and year.

### ***Leadership***

The 169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan Scout Group celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We have a large number of very talented and committed Scouters who have moved through the Scouting Sections with their youth and have even remained with our Group after their youth were no longer participating in the program. We are always looking for new Scouters. **Being a Leader is challenging, educational and a lot of fun.** To become a Scouter you don't need to have experience in the Scouting movement. Dealing with youth is a definite asset but you already have that experience as a parent. Training is offered to all Scouters and paid for by our Group. Training courses can take place over an evening, a full day, a weekend or at the camps we undertake for the youth. There is a host of online learning available – some mandatory, some optional. The benefit to you is that you are helping your own youth as well as others, plus this Leadership experience is exceptionally rewarding and fun. Please think of the future of all our youth and either contact one of the Scouters in your child's Section or call Brian Cottell or Pat Godin for details. We hope you will join our Scouters and provide the adults of tomorrow with the strong foundation Scouting offers.

## **Meeting Nights**

The various Scout Sections now **meet weekly at Glen Allan School in the Gymnasium (106 Georgian Way, Sherwood Park)** as follows:

Beavers      Monday      6:00 – 7:00 pm  
                  Tuesday      6:00 – 7:00 pm  
                  Thursday     6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cubs            Monday      7:15 - 8:45 pm  
                  Thursday     7:15 - 8:45 pm

Scouts         Tuesday      7:00 - 9:00 pm

Venturers     Meet as required. The youth set the meeting dates, time and venue – often coincidental to the Scouts meeting time & place.

Rovers         Meet as required and dependent upon Section needs.

## **Registration**

Registration Fees change from year to year, so please see our [registration page](#) for the current price. This registration fee covers the funds required by Scouts Canada for the youth registration; leader and group committee registration; and includes insurance for all members. We the 169<sup>th</sup> don't receive any funding from Scouts Canada, so we fundraise...

## **Fundraisers**

All youth in the Glen Allan 169<sup>th</sup> Group participate in fundraisers: selling Trail's End Popcorn during the month of October and at least two of three bottle drives we run over the course of the Scouting year. These fundraisers ensure we have adequate funds to provide the badges and other awards, craft supplies, a portion of the camping and event funds, leadership training and uniforms, insurance for the group's assets, school rentals, and other items required to ensure the Group gives the youth the best possible program.

## **Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn**

Popcorn is our largest of fundraisers and we continue to increase our sales annually. On average each youth sells \$650 worth of product on residential routes provided, to family, friends and co-workers of parents. The 169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan awards prizes to sellers who achieve certain sales goals. More details on this will be available at the Popcorn Kick Off night for your Scout's Section. Specific sales dates for the Fall campaign have not yet been set, but will generally run from the end of September to the end of October. Last year the 169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan group was the highest selling group in the country selling over \$67,000, several of our youth sold over \$2,500 which affords them a Trails End Scholarship account for post-secondary education. A percentage of their sales is deposited annually to that account. Some Scouts have thousands of dollars in their educational savings account. Also, those youth who sold over \$300 in popcorn, are allowed to throw a crème pie at a Leader of their choice at our annual Lord Baden-Powell Banquet in February. We wish all our youth great luck in achieving their sales goals again this year.

Our Popcorn Coordinator, will provide each youth with routes and all the information required for the sales campaign. Additional routes are available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the Popcorn coordinator. Contact information will be in the popcorn information packet.

### **Bottle Drives**

The Group will again be running three Saturday morning Bottle Drives. Our Venturers, Rovers, Scouters, and parent volunteers will do the sorting and all other Sections do the pick-ups. The Bottle Drive starts at 9:30 am in the Glen Allan School Parking Lot. We will be using the Bottle Depot as the drop-off and sorting point. The dates are posted on our [group website](#).

We will continue to have the "Big Bottle Award" for the Scout Section that has the best attendance (percentage) at each Bottle Drive. The Big Bottle Award is a container of candy and \$25 for the Section to use as the youth see fit.

At time of your registration in order to ensure all youths' participation, we also request a \$100.00 post-dated fundraising cheque for every youth. Your cheque will be returned to you or destroyed once your youth has participated in two of the three planned Bottle Drives plus the Popcorn Campaign. Individual Sections may hold special bottle drives to help defray extraordinary expenses of large scale jamborees, such as Pacific Jamboree, Canadian Jamboree, the Stichting Haarlem Jamborette (in the Netherlands).

***Remember, we do fundraising for three equally important reasons;***

***It is a principle of the Scouting movement that members learn the importance of working together to earn money for the things that they wish to do.***

***It gives the youth the opportunity to meet with other members of our Group as well as their own Section members in a different setting - serving a different purpose.***

***Our Scouts get out in the community and visibly demonstrate what Scouting offers.***

### **Group Events**

The 169<sup>th</sup> Group has a number of events which all Sections participate in. When all Sections get together, the youth see what the other Sections are doing and what they will be doing when they get a little older.

#### ***Rick Pearson All Section Family Camp***

Rick Pearson All Section Camp, held at St. Basil's Church Camp (Pigeon Lake) typically takes place the last weekend of September, see the scheduled date on our [website](#). This will be the first camp for all Sections Beavers, Cubs, Scouts Venturers and Rovers, as well as any family members wishing to come along and participate. We always have a great time and will get to know each other very quickly. Please contact your Section leader as soon as possible to confirm attendance. Costs are also posted on our [website](#). Food and other costs paid by the Group. Hope to see you all there.

#### ***BP Banquet***

This annual dinner to celebrate Lord Baden Powell's birthday, 22 February, typically takes place on the Wednesday following Family Day, please see our [website](#) for the specific date. This is a family event and we invite all family members to attend. Unfortunately, we need to charge a small portion of the dinner costs back to the families but our Group subsidizes the balance. All Sections provide the entertainment. This is the night our youth who sold over \$300 worth of Scout Popcorn get to throw a whipped crème pie at a Scouter of their choosing. It is lots of fun and we hope to have all our families there.

### ***Year-end BBQ / Beaver Swim-up, Cub & Scout Walk-up***

Our third Group event is typically held the last weekend in April, please see our [website](#) for details. We will be having the “Swim-up / Walk-up” ceremony which sees Beavers graduate to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts, Scouts to Venturers, and Venturers to Rovers). This is a very special ceremony that recognizes the hard work, learning and fun our youth members had.

All family members are invited to attend the ceremony and a FREE BBQ.

### ***Area Events (website - [nlc.scouts.ca/area/beaverhills](http://nlc.scouts.ca/area/beaverhills) or [Albertascoutingevents.ca](http://Albertascoutingevents.ca))***

We belong to Beaverhills Area of the Northern Lights Council of Scouting. The Area sponsors events for each of the Sections, the following are but a few which your Section might want to attend:

Vehicle Rally  
Beaver Sleepover  
Cub Winter Camp

### ***Council Events (website – [nlc.scouts.ca](http://nlc.scouts.ca))***

Northern Lights Council provides various Scouting events for each of the Sections as well. Your Section will need to determine if you will be attending these events:

E-Vent  
Beaveree – May 2016  
Funarama  
Cuboree  
The Great Canadian Scout Camp (Scouts & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Cub) – May 2016  
Spring Thaw – Pigeon Lake (Scouts) 2016

### ***Uniforms, Books, Reference Materials, Gifts etc.***

These are available at the Adventure Centre 14205 – 109 Avenue, Edmonton.  
780-454-8561

Store Hours are:	Monday to Friday	9 am to 8 pm
	Saturday	9 am to 6 pm
	Sunday	10 am to 5 pm

Uniforms – Our Group will provide badges, a neckerchief and woggle.

- Beavers – Vest and hat (see [website](#) for Beaver prices)
- Cubs – Long Sleeve Gray Shirt (see [website](#) for Beaver prices)
- Scouts – Long Sleeve Green Shirt (see [website](#) for Beaver prices)
- Venturers – Long Sleeve Navy Blue Shirt (see [website](#) for Beaver prices)
- Rovers – Long Sleeve Red Shirt (see [website](#) for Beaver prices)

We pay for all basic Scouter uniforms and supplies.

### **Contact Information**

**Group Committee** (is made up of volunteers just like your Scouters, who work behind the scenes to ensure the Group runs smoothly)

To view our Group Committee please visit the [Group Committee page](#) of our website

### **Sr. Section Scouters**

Beavers	See the <a href="#">Beavers page</a> of our website
Cubs	See the <a href="#">Cub page</a> of our website
Scouts	See the <a href="#">Scouts page</a> of our website
Venturers	See the <a href="#">Venturers page</a> of our website
Rovers	See the <a href="#">Rovers page</a> of our website

The 169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan has a great website where you can get updates on missed newsletters, contact information, pictures from various events and activity information.

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Each Section has a contact Scouter which will be provided to you. Communications will be sent out on regular basis by the Section Scouter, or designate, to ensure the youth and parents are aware of what the Section will be doing over the following month or so. If your youth is away, please contact the Section Leader or even better have the youth contact the Scouter, to get the details or pick up a copy of the newsletter. We are requesting email addresses from all families to help in providing information quickly.

The 169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan Scout Group wishes you and your youth a GREAT Scouting year and Group Committee hopes to see a lot of new Scouters to build on our Group's strength. If you cannot commit to a Scouter position we are looking for a few good Coordinator / Volunteers. If you have a hobby, skill or even preference with which we might enrich our program, please let your respective Section Scouter know.

***Yours in Scouting***  
***169<sup>th</sup> Glen Allan Group Committee***