

Voyageur Council
Outdoor Skills Weekend: Scoutcraft 1 and Scoutcraft 2
Sept. 7-9, 2018 at Camp Sheldrick

Registration: Deadline September 5, 2018, fee \$15 paid on arrival; *max 25 participants

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Camp Sheldrick: located near Winchester Ontario, south and east of Ottawa. This Scouts Canada property has two buildings (one is a bunkhouse), a picnic shelter (roofed concrete pad with picnic tables), kybos (pit toilets), no potable water. Map included with joining instructions upon registration.

For: This workshop is for Registered, Active and Ready Adult and Youth Scouters. All Section Scouters, Group Committee members, Sr. Scouts, Venturers and Rovers would benefit from this experience. Participants may choose to attend Scoutcraft 1, Scoutcraft 2 or both combined, see proposed agenda below.

What to Expect:

Participants are to arrive Friday evening by 7:30pm (Camp open by 7:00pm). **They are to be self-contained in all respects, providing their own shelter (tarp, tent, hammock, bivvy, etc.), their own food and water for the weekend, and personal equipment required to be self-catered.** Participants can certainly coordinate with others in their Section or Group attending, for meals, shelter, and equipment. The program Friday evening to lunch Saturday will cover Scoutcraft 1 essentials. No minimum level of skills, knowledge or experience is expected or required. Those who have taken Scoutcraft 1 previously will benefit from the review of basic outdoor skills, as this updated program will be as interactive and supportive of Canadian Path requirements as possible, including new policy expectations. Those who decide that they are comfortable with this part of the program and only wish to attend Scoutcraft 2, would arrive on site by 11:30 am Saturday and join the program in progress through to Sunday afternoon. Those who only wish to get Scoutcraft 1 can expect to be finished by 3:30pm Saturday afternoon. The overlap is deliberate. Many topics in outdoor skills are common essentials for all Scouters who take youth on outdoor adventures. The information and opportunities for learning by doing are always evolving as should your knowledge and skills. There will be demos, coached practice, and practical exercises both individually and in small groups.

Draft Agenda (subject to refinement!)

Friday

7:30-8:30pm Arrival, check-in with fees, set-up shelter as advised by the workshop team. Discussion of priorities and principles of Campsite layout and organization, food storage, waste management, camp kitchens. Pros and Cons of shelter options for taking youth camping including tents, tarps, dining shelters etc. for three seasons camping in all weather.

8:30-9:00 pm Outdoor Safety: Environmental Hazards (plants, insects, animals, weather): recognition, contingency planning, group management and group equipment possibilities.

9:00-9:30 pm Food safety, menu planning, youth involvement with menu planning, meal preparation, and food allergies and alternatives.

On completion: informal campfire

Saturday

7:00-8:15 am Rise and Shine, breakfast and clean-up

8:30-11:30 am Safe use of campcraft tools: Round Robin format for Permit training, including how to teach and supervise youth with knives, match and fire craft, axe and saw safety, stoves and lanterns. Importance of hydration, safe water treatment options and equipment, personal hygiene with regard to food safety and waste management.

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch: Participants are self-contained but there will be informal demos and discussions on campfire cooking with youth, balanced menus, peak food moments. There will also be an overview of the principles of Leave No Trace for our outdoor activities. Those participants who only wish Scoutcraft 2, join the program now.

12:30-2:00 pm: Essentials of Navigation I: Map reading with compass and GPS, planning and following routes, interpreting topographic maps, practice with GPS-waypoints, track recording, location-finding, how not to get lost, what to do when lost.

2:00-3:30 pm: Emergency Planning I: due diligence in outdoor activity planning, research required for paperwork, who needs to know what, assessing risk with youth, managing risk prior to an adventure as well as during. First Aid kits and equipment, the Scouter's daypack.

3:30: Presentation of Scoutcraft 1 card and uniform strip for those who began Friday evening and wish to depart the course at this time.

Those who wish to continue with Scoutcraft 2 remain.

3:30-4:30pm: Mobile camping rationale: what are the essential needs to be met, then decisions for group equipment, menu, cooking equipment, going lightweight, in general. Then in patrols, the SC 2 participants brainstorm what equipment they have, what their planned dinner and breakfast were going to be, then harmonize their resources into a plan for a patrol camp.

5:00-7:00 pm: They then pack up and proceed along a compass course to arrive at the common camping area. They proceed with shelter set-up then dinner.

7:00-8:00 pm: Youth-led camping facilitation: how to have them plan menus, plan grocery trip, budget, coordinate the arrival of food to camp, how contingency planning determines group gear, shelter choices, food preparation methods and equipment. Murphy's Law for adventure and Risk Assessment.

8:00-9:00 pm: Campfire craft: how to lead campfires, campfire program elements, how to enable youth to lead campfires, campfire magic, themes, song leading.

Sunday

7:00 am: Rise and Shine, get up, get fed. Clean up

8:30-9:00 am: Camp Hygiene: with regard to personal hygiene and waste management, food preparation, food storage, food handling (why they should be obtaining food handler training)

9:00-10:00 am: Inspiring Youth, Assuring Parents: how to train (youth, parents, families) in camp expectations, personal gear, transportation, commitment and registration timelines, cost recovery, expectations of parents (policies about arrival, pickup, carpooling, medications, sending a sick child, returning a sick child, reducing the potential for homesickness issues, safety at camp, camping "code of conduct", enabling every youth to come to camp.

10:00-11:40 am: outdoor skills challenge Olympics: (5 x 20 mins): matchless fire making, pioneering structure, tarp challenge, first aid challenge

11:45-12:30 “quick and easy lunch ideas” sharing and demo session

12:30-1:00 pm: Extreme Weather: how to monitor the sky and changes around you, how to manage a group when plans have to adapt quickly to suddenly deteriorating weather. Lightning, high winds, cold, fog.

1:00-2:00pm Wilderness Crisis Management: What happens when a serious incident occurs, how to effectively manage the group through to resolution-” Leading when it Matters Most”.

2:00-2:30 pm Next Steps: training and skills available, resources

Course Review

Closing

Pack up and Bug out

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