

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West Scout Group News October 2017



Welcome to Another Year of Scouting Adventures

with the

1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West Scout Group!



## IMPORTANT - Leaders Needed!

The **main qualification\*** for becoming a Leader is a **sincere desire to help the youth in the Section have an enjoyable and rewarding Scouting experience.** You **DO NOT** need to be an expert woodsman, nor do you need years of Scouting experience. We have training programs designed to have you up and running quickly.

NOT HAVING ENOUGH LEADERS MEANS FEWER YOUTH CAN BE ACCEPTED INTO THE SECTIONS AND COULD RESULT IN CANCELLED MEETINGS, OUTINGS OR EVEN CAMPS!

We have a current need for **BEAVER, CUB and SCOUT LEADERS.** Please contact us by sending an email to our registrar at

**registrar@1stmeadowvalescouts.org**

or call **Maria** at (905) 785-2954 if you can help out.

**Join up and become a Leader!  
It's well worth it!**

\* Please note that, due to recent changes in Scouts Canada's policies and procedures, all Leaders, Group Committee personnel and parent helpers must submit a clear Vulnerable Sector Police Check, complete the AODA and CYS training modules and agree to the Scouts Canada Code of Conduct.



## Meeting Times and Locations

### Swamprats Beaver Colony

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

#### St. Teresa of Avila School

6675 Montevideo Rd., Mississauga, L5N 4E8

Contact Leader: Lawrence Roy (289) 997-5614

### Riverrats Beaver Colony

Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

#### St. Edith Stein School

6234 Osprey Blvd., Mississauga, L5N 5V5

Contact Leader: Lawrence Roy (289) 997-5614

### Iroquois Cub Pack

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

#### Plowman's Park Public School

5940 Montevideo Rd., Mississauga, L5N 3J5

Contact Leader: Melinda Lipski (416) 930-7925

### Thunderbird Scout Troop

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

#### St. Teresa of Avila School

6675 Montevideo Rd., Mississauga, L5N 4E8

Contact Leader: Kevin Treverton (905) 813-2071

### Venturers/Rovers

To be determined.

Contact Leader: Peter Dorsers (905) 785-2352

## How to Grow a Scout Leader

### First plant seven rows of P's:

Promptness, perserverance, preparation, participation, presence, purity, and performance.

### Next, plant three rows of squash:

Squash unfairness, Squash criticism, Squash indifference

### Then plant seven rows of lettuce:

1. Let us delegate responsibility
2. Let us give assistance whenever necessary
3. Let us recognize the importance of pooling ideas and encourage full and free ideas and encourage full and free discussion before decisions are made.
4. Let us appreciate and respect the attitudes of other people
5. Let us encourage cooperation
6. Let us arrive in advance of scheduled meetings, with all materials needed
7. Let \*us\* be prepared

### No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings
- Turn up with enthusiasm
- Turn up with new ideas
- Turn up with a smile

**The harvest is one terrific Scout Volunteer**

-- Thanks to Beverly "Sarge" Benner, Supermom@fament.com, Ozark Area Girl Scout Council

## Check Out Our Web Site!

You can keep up on the latest Group news and events by going to our web site

***www.1stmeadowvalescouts.org***

The site is streamlined to make your browsing experience better and has several useful links to help you register your youth and find the resources that you need. Our Calendar of Events (found on our **Group News** page) is continuously updated and links directly to ScoutsTracker to make it easier to find out about the events and activities for our Scout Group.



**Check it out today!**

***www.1stmeadowvalescouts.org***

## Apple Day

This year, we will be showing our appreciation to our Community on:

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**ALL youth are required to attend** to help out in this worthwhile effort. It gives us a chance to be visible in our Community and to promote the Scouting program. It also serves as an unofficial fundraiser for the Group. **We will be meeting at the Meadowvale West Church Centre.**

## Aquitaine Park Litter Clean-up

For over a decade our Scout Group has participated in cleaning up litter in one of our neighbourhood's greatest resources, **Aquitaine Park**. This Scouting year we will be performing two cleanup outings.

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

On the following date we will be concentrating our efforts on the grounds of our sponsor, the **Meadowvale Church Centre**.

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**We need ALL of our youth and Leaders to come out and help in this worthwhile effort.**

## Fundraising

As in previous years, our major fundraising effort will be



The funds required to run a Scout Group come from two main sources - registration fees and fundraising. None of the volunteers in our Group get any compensation for their work. They all freely volunteer their time.

It is through our fundraising efforts that we are able to maintain the equipment - tents, cooking gear, camping tools - necessary so that our youth can enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy a fun-filled program.

**Orders are due at the last regular meeting before our Halloween Party on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**It is critical that we get full participation from ALL our Scouting families.**

*Please do your part.*

## Child and Youth Safety Update

Scouts Canada has implemented several new policies to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth under our care. All adult members (both Section Leaders and Group Committee members) are required, before attending and assisting in Section meetings, to submit a clear Vulnerable Sector Police Records Check. In addition they are required to complete the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training as well as the Child Youth Safety Training. These are provided through the Scouts Canada web site. They must also officially agree to Scouts Canada's Code of Conduct for adults.

In addition, any parent helpers who assist with meetings or at camps are required to complete these trainings and accept the Code of Conduct as well.

Youth safety is our main focus .... along with providing an enjoyable and beneficial program for our members.

## Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Apple Day**

*(Meadowvale West Church Centre)*

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Group Halloween Party**

*(St. Teresa of Avila School, 7:00 pm)*

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Group Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Food Drive Flyer Drop-off**

*(St. Teresa of Avila School, 7:00 pm)*

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Group Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Pot-Luck Christmas Party**

*(location & date to be confirmed)*

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Food Drive Pick-up**

*(Meadowvale West Church Centre 6:30 pm)*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meadowvale West Group Committee Executive: 2017 / 2018

**Group Administrator  
Treasurer  
Quartermaster  
Communications  
Fundraising**

Maria Cabral  
Peter Dorssers  
David Long  
Alan Lipski  
Marjorie Williams

**Secretary  
Group Commissioner  
Registrar  
Special Events**

Laura Poirier  
Mike Abbas  
Jeff Seaman  
Karen Lipski

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping fill some of our vacant Group Committee or Leader positions, please call:  
Maria Cabral (905) 785-2954 or Alan Lipski (905) 567-7950