



7TH MARKHAM
2017-2018 SCOUTER'S HANDBOOK



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1. Introduction

Congratulations and welcome to 7th Markham Scout Group.

When you signed up to be a Scouter, you knowingly and generously offered to share your time and skills with the Scouting Movement. As well, you have accepted the responsibility to guide and mentor the youths of 7th Markham Scout Group by helping them develop to be well rounded individuals and be better prepared for success in the world.

In addition to the training you have taken (via online or in-house) and the New Scouter Welcome Kit, this document will serve as your reference to how 7th Markham function as a group. Please keep it handy and should you have any questions not addressed in this document, do not hesitate to ask one of your fellow Scouters or any member of the Group Committee.

Again, on behalf of the youths and Scouters of 7th Markham, I welcome you to our group and hope you have a fun and adventure filled Scouting year.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mcelestrella', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Maria C. Estrella
Group Commissioner

2. Group structure

7th Markham Scout Group (charter # 4696) was started by Gerhard and Vera Schroeter in July 11, 1984. Since its inception, the group has been sponsored by the Rouge Valley Mennonite Church. The group comprise of the group committee and sections.

2.1 Group Committee

POSITION	SCOUTER	EMAIL
Group Commissioner (GC)	Maria C. Estrella	commissioner@7thMarkham.org
Group Youth Commissioner (GYC)	Reece Coram	gyc@7thMarkham.org
Group Administrator (GA)	Kathleen Lehman	administrator@7thMarkham.org
Group Registrar (GR)	Paige Weeres	registrar@7thMarkham.org
Group Treasurer (GT)	Nellie Chan	treasurer@7thMarkham.org
Group Secretary (GS)	Jim Smith	secretary@7thMarkham.org
Group Quartermaster (GO)	Thom Heaysman	quartermaster@7thMarkham.org
Group Fundraising Coordinator	TBD	fundraising@7thMarkham.org
Group Advisor and Church Liaison	Ann Reesor	advisor@7thMarkham.org
Group Web Administrator	Mike Holandez	webmaster@7thMarkham.org

2.2 Sections

SECTION / AGE (age by Dec. 31 of the beginning year of scouting period)	MEETING INFO.	SECTION CONTACT SCOUTERS / EMAIL
Beaver Scouts (5 to 7 yrs. old)	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:00 PM Rouge Valley Mennonite Church	Dawn Fovargue Gary Nicol contact.beavers@7thMarkham.org
Cub Scouts - Monday (8 to 10 yrs. old)	Monday 7:00 to 8:30 PM Wismer Public School	Heather Cole Stephen Fernandes contact.cubsmonday@7thMarkham.org
Cub Scouts - Tuesday (8 to 10 yrs. old)	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 PM Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School	Eric Ball contact.cubstuesday@7thMarkham.org
Scouts (11 to 14 yrs. old)	Monday 7:00 to 8:30 PM Wismer Public School	Bryant Fung Thomas Heaysman contact.scouts@7thMarkham.org
Venturer Scouts (15 to 17 yrs. old)	Monday 7:00 to 8:30 PM Wismer Public School	John Estrella contact.venturers@7thMarkham.org
Rover Scouts (18 to 26 yrs. old)	Varies	John Estrella contact.rovers@7thMarkham.org

3. Scouter's role

Your role as a Scouter is to support youth leadership and to inspire youths to get excited about all the great adventures that they can experience. You are there to assist, facilitate, mentor and encourage youths to plan and execute the activities they have chosen to do and to allow them to do it by themselves in a safe and controlled environment.

The training provided to you outlined and explained all the responsibilities you have as a Scouter. Below are some of the responsibilities worth reiterating:

1. Keeping everyone safe

- a. Treat youth (and fellow Scouters) with respect and integrity
- b. Follow the Scouter-to-Youth ratio at all times

Scouts Canada's policy is to have one Scouter for every 8 youths (1:8). However, 7th Markham has followed a ratio of 1 Scouter to 6 youths because it is more manageable for our adult volunteers.

- c. Follow the two-Scouter deep rule

Do not be alone with a youth at any time during a scouting activity or event. If you are transporting a youth other than your own child to/from a scouting activity, make sure there is another Scouter (who has an "active" status) in the vehicle with you.

2. Accept the Scout Promise and Law

3. Agree to the Code of Conduct

4. Share your knowledge, experience and skills in a positive and flexible approach

5. Allow the youth to learn by doing individual and group activities that match their interests and needs

6. Provide regular and ongoing communication with parents and guardians

In the past, each section sends an email communication to parents. However, emails were not being received in a timely manner and sometimes it is not received at all (e.g., bounced email or it goes into the junk folder). For this reason, the group has decided that all communications will be done through the group website (www.7thMarkham.org) and Facebook pages (www.facebook.com/7thMarkhamScouts and www.facebook.com/groups/7thmarkham). Parents are reminded at the beginning of the Scouting Year to check these sites for weekly scheduled activities and important announcements.

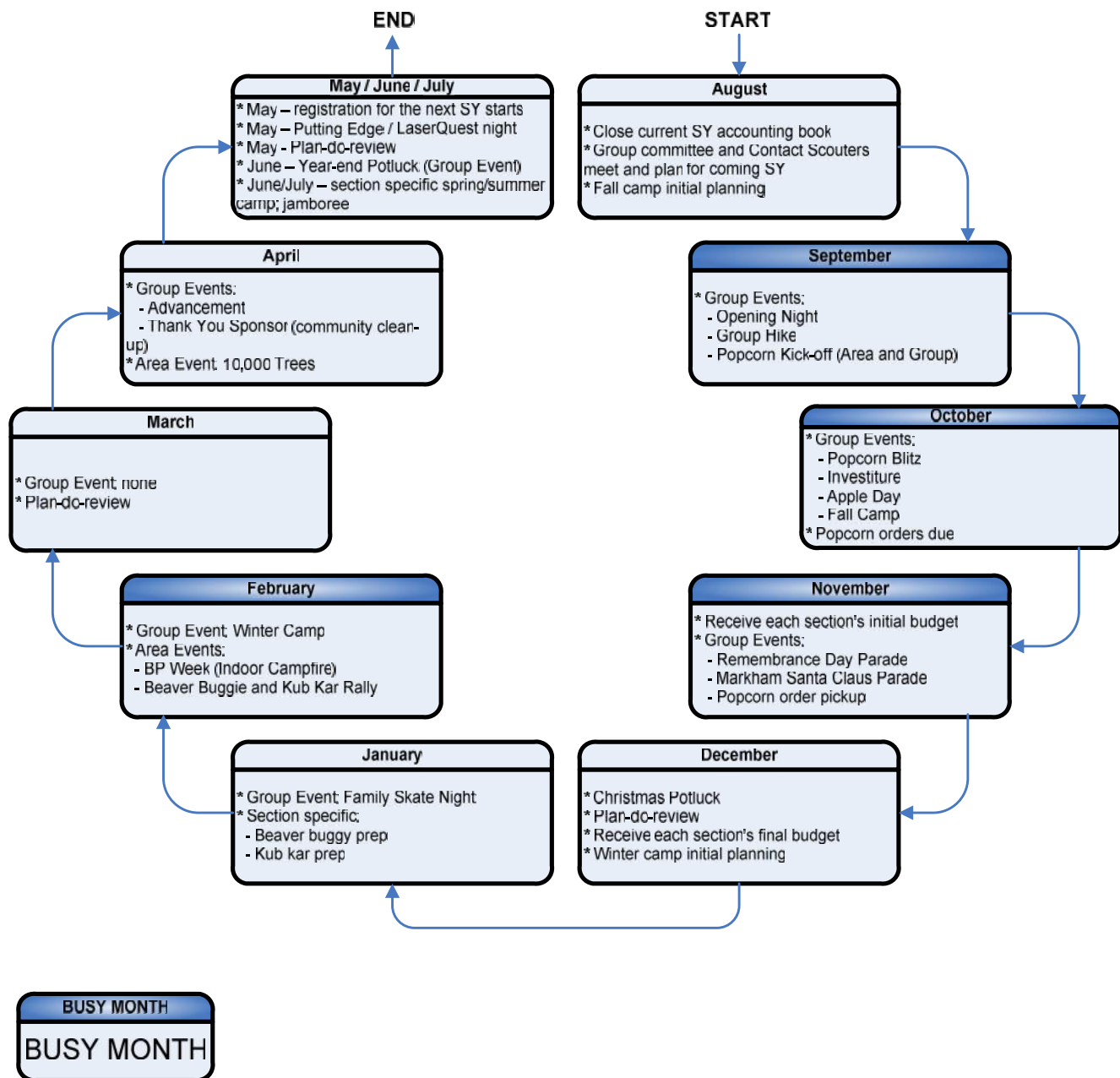
7. Accept support from other Scouters and/or Group Committee members

8. Develop youth into leaders

4. Scouting year at a glance

As a Scouter you should know all the activities that have been scheduled for the entire group. As well, there are some Area or National events (e.g., Kub Kar rally, jamboree, etc.) that you need to be aware of so that if your section wishes to participate, you, your fellow Scouters and the youth can plan accordingly.

Below is a quick overview of what a typical Scouting Year with 7th Markham looks like:



5. Scouting year in detail

5.1 August

ID	Description	Who
5.1.1	Group Financial Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouters to submit any reimbursable expense incurred for the current Scouting Year Close the accounting book by end of August 	1. Section Scouters 2. GT
5.1.2	Fall Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial planning 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters 3. Venturers
5.1.3	Attend Scouters' Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	1. GC 2. Section Scouters
5.1.4	Group Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually scheduled for Thursday after the August Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters Each section to prepare initial plans (e.g., path/badge that they think the youth want to work on) 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters

5.2 September

ID	Description	Who
5.2.1	Opening Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs on Tuesday after the Labour Day week at the church Depending on funds remaining from previous year, group may provide hotdogs, corn and drinks GC to welcome youth and family and make short presentation about 7th Markham Section Scouters to answer any section specific questions GC and Section Scouters to ask parents to sign-up for various volunteer positions 	1. GC 2. GA 3. Section Scouters
5.2.2	Group Hike <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters to take youth on a hike at a group decided location and usually two weeks after the Opening Night (either Monday or Tuesday) Group Commissioner to sign the Outdoor Activity form (only one form for the entire group) Parent Helper to prepare Hot Chocolate and light snacks 	1. Section Scouters 2. GC

September (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.2.3	<p>Group Popcorn Kick-off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs early September and during the Opening Night or Group Hike Group Popcorn Coordinator usually presents at the Opening Night Popcorn Kit to be distributed at this event Section Scouters to promote popcorn fundraising activity at their section meetings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GF Section Scouters
5.2.4	<p>Attend Scouters' Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.2.5	<p>Attend Group Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters

5.3 October

ID	Description	Who
5.3.1	<p>Group Popcorn Blitz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs first Tuesday of October at a location decided by the group Group Commissioner to sign the Outdoor Activity form (only one form for the entire group) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters GC GF
5.3.2	<p>Group Investiture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs the week after Popcorn Blitz. GC to prepare the program, uniform-badge placement flyer, neckers, woggles and badges; Section Contact Scouters to lead investiture of their respective section GA and Parent volunteers to help out with refreshments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters GC GA
5.3.3	<p>Apple Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving 2nd Markham Plans the event Section Scouters to promote activity Parent volunteer to take 2 to 3 hour shift Parent volunteer just need to make sure youth from 7th Markham have signed their name in the registration list 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GF Parent Volunteer Section Scouters GC

October (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.3.4	Fall Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs last weekend of October or first weekend of November at a group decided location Programs are planned and provided by Venturers and Rovers GC to review and sign the Camping and Outdoor Activity form 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters Venturers/Rovers GC
5.3.5	Popcorn Order Due Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All popcorn orders must be submitted to their respective section coordinators no later than Friday the week before Council's deadline. Popcorn orders are collected early to give the coordinators time to validate the order and for the Group Popcorn Coordinator to enter the order into Trails End's ordering system. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GF Section Scouters
5.3.6	Attend Scouters' Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.3.7	Attend Group Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters

5.4 November

ID	Description	Who
5.4.1	Section Initial Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter to submit initial budget for section activity expenses - budget is to be consulted and decided with the other scouters within the same section 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter
5.4.2	Remembrance Day Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs the Saturday on or before November 11 at the Markham Cenotaph Coordinate with Jeff Capp (mj.capp@sympatico.ca) of 2nd Markham Normally Cubs, Scouts and Venturers participate. If Beavers are participating, parents must accompany them during the parade and the ceremony. Youth will be standing for at least 30 minutes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Troop Scouter Section Scouter GC/GA
5.4.3	Markham Santa Claus Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs last Saturday of November Section Scouters to walk with the youth through the entire parade route and help handout candy canes. Three large boxes of candy canes to be purchased a week before the parade at Bulk Barn by one of the Section Scouters or by GC. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters GC

November (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.4.4	<p>Popcorn Order Pickup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually occurs on the last Saturday of November All popcorn order must be picked up on that day since there is no storage available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GF GC Section Scouters
5.4.5	<p>Attend Scouters' Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.4.6	<p>Attend Group Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters

5.5 December

ID	Description	Who
5.5.1	<p>Section Final Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter to submit final budget for section activity expenses - budget is to be consulted and decided with the other scouters within the same section and based on funds raised through Popcorn profits 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter
5.5.2	<p>Section Plan-Do-Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct plan-do-review with section youths during the first Monday/Tuesday of December Submit the result to GC as soon as plan-do-review is done 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter
5.5.3	<p>Winter Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial planning 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters Venturers
5.5.4	<p>Christmas Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs Tuesday before school Christmas break Each family to bring main dish good for 5 to 8 people Group to provide drinks and dessert Section Scouters to organize games and prizes (prizes are usually popcorn packets) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Section Scouters
5.5.5	No Scouters' Club and Group Committee meeting	

5.6 January

ID	Description	Who
5.6.1	<p>Family Skate Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event usually occurs third or fourth Tuesday of January at Markham Civic Centre (City Hall) GA to confirm if venue is open for skating 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GA Section Scouters
5.6.2	<p>Beaver Buggy Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase, design and race beaver buggies within the section Register beaver buggies if participating in Beaver Buggy Race Area event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Beaver section scouters
5.6.3	<p>Kub Kar Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase, design and race kub kars within the section Register kub kars if participating in Kub Kar Rally Area event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cub section scouters
5.6.4	<p>Attend Scouters' Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.6.5	<p>Attend Group Committee Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters

5.7 February

ID	Description	Who
5.7.1	<p>Indoor Campfire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs on Thursday of the Baden Powell week (typically week of Feb. 22) at a location determined by Area Beavers and Cubs participate in this event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters GC
5.7.2	<p>Beaver Buggy Race and Kub Kar Rally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs Saturday after the indoor campfire at a location determined by Area Beavers and Cubs participate in this event 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Beaver and Cub Section Scouters
5.7.3	<p>Winter Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on availability of location, occurs weekend after Family Day or last weekend of February at a location decided by the group Programs are planned and provided by Venturers and Rovers GC to review and sign the Camping and Outdoor Activity form 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters Venturers/ROvers GC
5.7.4	<p>Attend Scouters' Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Section Scouters

February (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.7.5	Attend Group Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters

5.8 March

ID	Description	Who
5.8.1	No group or area event scheduled for month of March	
5.8.2	Section Plan-Do-Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct plan-do-review with section youths during the first Monday/Tuesday of March Submit the result to GC as soon as plan-do-review is done 	1. Section Contact Scouter
5.8.3	Attend Scouters' Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters
5.8.4	Attend Group Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters

5.9 April

ID	Description	Who
5.9.1	Advancement Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs first Monday or Tuesday of April Group to provide light refreshments (e.g., juice boxes, brownies, and cookies) Section Scouters to conduct the advancement ceremony 	1. Section Scouters 2. GC/GA
5.9.2	Thank You Sponsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually the Beavers and Cubs would plant flowers at the Church front lawn Depending on the weather, occurs the Tuesday before 10,000 Trees 	1. Section Scouters 2. GA
5.9.3	10,000 Trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs last Sunday of April organized by the 10,000 Trees for the Rouge group Family event 	1. Youth and Family

April (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.9.4	Attend Scouters' Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.9.5	Attend Group Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs every Thursday after the Scouters' Club meeting or may vary depending on the availability of the church and Scouters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters

5.10 May to July

ID	Description	Who
5.10.1	Registration for upcoming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs the first two weeks in May Section Scouters to remind youth/parent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group Committee Section Scouters
5.10.2	Section Plan-Do-Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct plan-do-review with section youths during the second to last weekly meeting of May Submit the result to GC as soon as plan-do-review is done 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Contact Scouter
5.10.3	Section year-end meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs the last week of May Beavers usually go to either Putting Edge or Timber Creek Golf Cubs and Scouts go to LaserQuest Section Scouter is responsible for booking the venue Depending on how much fund is left from the section's popcorn profit, the cost of the game and refreshment for each youth and Scouter should be paid by the section. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters
5.10.4	Year-end Potluck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs either last Saturday of May or first Saturday of June at location decided by group. Most of the time the location is at the Rouge Valley Mennonite Church (RVMC). Each family to bring a meat or pasta dish Group to provide drinks and desserts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC/GA Section Scouters
5.10.5	Spring/Summer Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section specific camps Beavers or Cubs to either participate at an area event camp or organize their own spring camp For Scouts, usually they go to Haliburton for a week during mid-July or early August Camping and Outdoor Activity Form to filled out and submitted to and approved by GC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Section Scouters GC

May to July (continued)

ID	Description	Who
5.10.6	Attend Scouters' Club in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occurs every last Sunday of the month at Thornhill United Church (25 Elgin St. Thornhill) 	1. Group Committee 2. Section Scouters
5.10.7	No Group Committee meeting in May	
5.10.8	No Scouters' Club and Group Committee meetings in June and July	

6. FAQs

Below are questions that are frequently asked by new and “seasoned” 7th Markham Scouters:

6.1 What is a Section Contact Scouter?

The Section Contact Scouter is the team lead and primary contact for the section. He or she is responsible for coordinating work effort amongst the Scouters within the section and communicating any section issues to the Group Committee.

6.2 What is a Section Scouter?

The Section Scouter is an active volunteer member who is appointed to a position of trust to provide delivery of a Scouts Canada program to registered youth members.

6.3 What does “active” status mean?

An active status indicate that the volunteer member has passed all the required screening elements – (1) Reference check, (2) Completed the training, (3) Clean police and vulnerable sector screening results, (4) Completed the interview and (5) Approved by the Group Commissioner and the Council Registrar.

6.4 What resources are available to me to run an effective and fun-filled section meeting?

In addition to the knowledge and skills of your fellow Section Scouters and Group Committee members, there are many resources available online that can help you facilitate your weekly section meeting. You can start by visiting the following:

- a) Scouting Life website - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/>
- b) Scouter's Manual - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/all/scouter-manual.pdf>
- c) Canadian Path website - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/>
- d) Trail Cards
 1. Beavers - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/beaver-scouts/trail-cards/>
 2. Cubs - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/cub-scouts/trail-cards/>
 3. Scouts - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/scouts/trail-cards/>
 4. Venturers - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/venturer-scouts/trail-cards/>
 5. Rovers - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/rover-scouts/trail-cards/>
- e) Outdoor Adventure Skills - <http://www.scoutinglife.ca/canadianpath/outdoor-adventure-skills/>
- f) York Headwaters website - <http://www.yhwscouts.ca/area/>

From years past, each section have also availed of different activity providers to help them with some of their weekly meetings. Please see appendix A for a list of providers.

6.5 Can I purchase supplies needed for an activity?

Yes, you can purchase any needed supplies. But before doing so, please confirm with the following if the items you need are not in storage:

1. Section Contact Scouter – for items such as art paper, craft paint, scissors, glue, balls, etc.
2. Group Quartermaster – for group equipment items such as cooking gear (e.g., propane, pots and pans, stove, utensils, etc.), lamps, tents, wash bins, water jugs, cooler, etc.
3. Group Commissioner – for Canadian Path badges such as Outdoor Adventure Skills badges, Personal Achievement badges, etc.

Please keep the receipt so that you can get reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

6.6 What expenses can I get reimbursed for?

You can be reimbursed for the following as long as you have the receipt:

1. Uniform – only for the red long sleeved top
2. PVSC or the police check – both first time application and renewal
3. Training – Respect in Sports for Activity Leaders (available through David Huestis Learning Centre), First Aid Course (please seek approval from Section Contact Scouter and Group Commissioner prior to registering for First Aid training)
4. Section expenses such as activity supplies, program venue fees (e.g., Ontario Science entrance fee), food purchases (e.g., hot chocolate for section hike)
5. Section badges (e.g., pet care, outdoor adventure skills, etc.)
6. Gas – if hauling camping gear for the entire section or group to a weekend camp; this need approval from Section Contact Scouter and Group Commissioner prior to incurring the expense.

6.7 How can I get reimbursed?

To get reimbursed,

1. Label the receipt with the Section and the name of activity
2. Email the receipt to Group Commissioner for approval. Please indicate the name to whom the cheque will be made out to.
3. Once approved, Group Commissioner will forward the receipt to Group Treasurer.
4. Group Treasurer will coordinate with you when and where to pick up the cheque.

6.8 What is involved in having a campfire at Camp Chimo?

If your section will be having a meeting at Camp Chimo and wish to have a campfire, you should:

1. Obtain a permit to use Camp Chimo by contacting Armadale Community Centre (905-474-1007) or the City of Markham
2. Obtain fire permit from the Markham Fire Services – for more information visit <http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/Residents/FireAndEmergencyService>

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6.9 What is involved in taking youths to a weekend camp?

When camping with youths, the role of the Scouter vary depending on the age of the camp participants. The younger the youth (e.g., Beavers) the more involved you will be with the planning and execution. As the youths grow older and progress with the program, there will be less involvement in the planning and execution and the Scouter's role is to make sure the youths have considered all aspects of a safe and exciting camp. For more information on camping, refer to appendix B.

7. Appendix A – List of Activity Providers

Scouts Canada prohibits signing any waiver forms. When a provider asks you to sign a waiver, **please DO NOT sign it.**

TYPE	ACTIVITY	PROVIDER	CONTACT INFORMATION	APPROPRIATE FOR			
				B – Beavers S – Scouts		C – Cubs V – Venturers	
				B	C	S	V
Active	Biking	Milne Park		✓	✓	✓	
Active	Bowling	Markham Bowl	markhambowl.com markhambowl@markhambowl.com 905-294-4556	✓	✓	✓	✓
Active	Corn Maze	Willowgrove Outdoor Centre	willowgrove.ca info@willowgrove.ca 905-640-2127	✓	✓	✓	
Active	Fishing	Burd's Family Fishing	burdsfamilyfishing.com info@burdsfamilyfishing.com 905-640-2928	✓	✓	✓	✓
Active	Go Kart	401 Mini-Indy Go-Karts	401miniindy.com info@401miniindy.com 647-930-9929			✓	✓
Active	Laser Tag	LaserQuest	laserquest.com contact@laserquest.com 905-883-6000		✓	✓	✓
Active	Mini Golf (glow in the dark)	Putting Edge	puttingedge.com/richmond-hill 905-508-8222	✓			
Active	Mini Golf (outdoor)	Timber Creek Golf	timbercreekgolf.ca info@timbercreekgolf.ca 905-642-5174	✓	✓		
Active	Scuba Diving	Aqua Sub	aquasubscuba.com jessica.templin@gmail.com 905-883-3483			✓	✓
Active	Skate Night	Markham Civic Centre		✓	✓	✓	✓

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Active	Swimming	Markham Community Centre Pools	https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/drop-in-programs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Active	Tobogganing	ET Crowle Public School		✓	✓		
Active	Volleyball	North Beach Volleyball	northbeachvolleyball.com info@northbeachvolleyball.com 416-446-0777			✓	✓
Active	Wall Climbing	Of Rock and Chalk	rockandchalk.com info@roackandchalk.com 905-895-7625			✓	✓
Art	Ceramic/Pottery Painting	Colour Me Mine	markham.colormemine.com 905-477-0002	✓	✓		
Art	Clay Work/Painting	Varley Art Gallery	varleygallery.ca fpang@markham.ca 905-477-7000 ext. 3274	✓	✓		
Art	Wood Working	Home Depot	homedepot.ca Markham East (905-201-2590) Markham North (905-201-5500)	✓	✓		
Educational	Airport Tour	Pearson Airport	Please coordinate with Scouter Jim Smith			✓	✓
Educational	Astronomy	Dunlap Observatory	theddo.ca info@theddo.ca 905-883-0174		✓	✓	✓
Educational	EMS Tour	City of Toronto - EMS	Please coordinate with Scouter Jim Smith			✓	✓
Educational	Farm Visit	Ann Reesor's Farm	onthehillfarm@sympatico.ca	✓	✓		

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Educational	Fire Hall Visit	Markham Fire Station	https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/Residents/FireAndEmergencyServices/CommunityEducation/!ut/p/a1/jc_LDolwFATQT-rwaNFibbUWUKiGgt2YrgiJogvj94uGrdW7m-RMMpc40hE3-ufQ-8dwG_3lnR075xoi4gVy1BsKvrTVmhplbRZP4DQBofg2zUoAjZLQmVk11a5loNI_fXw5jl_9lrgQOSZsBmmlhCjtwsSHFNBaWrqXJII1nUHohw8lJLxfmw6D7I_X7b6M/dI5/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/	✓	✓		
Educational	First Aid	SOS 4Kids	safetycoursesforkids.com 905-582-8059	✓	✓		
Educational	Hospital Tour	Markham Stouffville Hospital	http://www.msh.on.ca/children/schooltours	✓	✓	✓	
Educational	Museum	Markham Museum	http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/MarkhamMuseum/ProgramsAndCamps/PreschoolAndChildrenPrograms/!ut/p/a1/jc_LDolwEAXQT-qt5eWyVOgDSK0RRDaGIWmi6ML4_aJhY4zo7CY5dzKXdKQI3dDf_bG_-cvQn557Fx2MhqC8gME6D8GXjc1CJw1IGMF-BEJyFcQlgFquoGOX1rYqGHT0Xx5fhuNXfke6d5JkSQCuDK0scpYZ9gk24w3LtumKmwVUPIHASiHKJnHOyFzrXioKwYR0gnMIXyBmRbXc93Ca_8Ajfw6cg!/dI5/d5/L2dJQSEvUU3QS80SmIFL1o2X0pJMEMxQUswSjhFODQwQUhKMU1PMEYzVVMY/	✓	✓	✓	
Educational	Radio Tour	105.9 The Region	1059theregion.com 416-292-2367		✓	✓	✓
Educational	Reptiles/Snakes	Reptilia	reptilia.org bookings@reptilia.org 905-761-6223	✓	✓	✓	

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Educational	Safety Night	Community Safety Village	https://www.yrp.ca/en/community/community-safety-village.asp info@yrp.ca 1-866-876-5423 ext. 7283	✓	✓		
Educational	Science	Scientist in School	scientistsinschool.ca eco@scientistsinschool.ca 905-837-9626	✓	✓	✓	
Educational	Weather	The Weather Network	Please coordinate with Scouter Jim Smith	✓	✓	✓	
Fun	Games Night	Three Kingdoms Games	threekingdomsgames.com 905-554-6854	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fun	Karaoke Night	Studio Lounge	slounge.ca info@slounge.ca 416-222-3753				✓
		Twister Karaoke	twisterkaraoke.com/best-karaoke-box/ 416-225-2465				✓
Sleepover		Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum	http://www.warplane.com/kid-zone/sleepovers-at-museum.aspx edserv@warplane.com 905-679-4183 ext. 222	✓	✓	✓	
Sleepover		Ontario Science Centre	https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/Sleepovers/ https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/Sleepovers/#contact 416-696-3256	✓	✓		
Sleepover		Ripley's Aquarium	https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/programs/sleepovers/ sleepovers@ripleysaquariumofcanada.com 647-351-3474 ext. 2648	✓	✓	✓	

Hiking Trails:

DAY HIKE	OVERNIGHT HIKE
Bruce Hunter Park (14 th and Reesor Road)	Bruce Trail – Crawford Lake
Camp Chimo	Bruce Trail – Guelph Lake
Legacy Trail – Rouge River Community	Bruce Trail – Hilton Falls
Seaton Trail (Whitevale entrance)	Bruce Trail – Rattlesnake Point
Seaton Trail (Highway 7 entrance)	
Toogood Pond	

Camp Facilities:

	CAMP	LOCATION
Scouts Canada Property	Blue Springs	20 km. east of Guelph
	Camp Impeesa	Drumbo, 20 km. west of Cambridge
	Camp Samac	Oshawa
	Camp Wildman	40 km. northwest of Barrie
	Haliburton Scout Reserve	60 km. southeast of Huntsville
	Manitou Scout Camp	Campbelville, 23 km. northwest of Burlington
	Mount Nemo Scout Camp	3 km. north of Burlington
	Woodland Trails	Aurora
Private Property	Camp Kawartha	Douro-Dummer, ON
	Kortright Conservation Centre	Woodbridge, ON
	Shadow Lake	Stouffville, ON
	Willowgrove Outdoor Centre	Stouffville, ON
	Wye Marsh	Midland, ON

For more information on Scouts Canada camp facilities, visit:

<http://www.scouts.ca/sites/default/files/canadian-campsites-directory-scouts-2016.pdf>

To book Central Ontario Camps, visit: <http://greatertoronto.scouts.ca/ca/book-camp> or http://www.cosccamps.ca/cosc_homem.asp

8. Appendix B - Camping

Things to consider when going camping with the youth from your section:

8.1 Before camp

1. Camp location has been booked, confirmed and camp permit issued and received
2. Camping and Outdoor Activity form filled out, submitted to group committee and approved by the Group Commissioner. (Form can be found at: <http://www.scouts.ca/bpp/forms/Camping-Outdoor-Activity-Application.pdf>)
3. Finalize the list of camp participants and their respective emergency contact information as well as any medical and/or dietary concerns
4. General principles for planning camping meals
 - a) For weekend camps, plan for 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, 2 mug ups (hot chocolate with snacks) and 3 snacks
 - b) No dinner for Friday night since it is expected that camp participants have had dinner before heading to camp
 - c) No lunch for Sunday since it is expected that pick up time will be at around 11 AM so Scouters have enough time to clean and pack up and leave before noon
 - d) Sunday breakfast should be no cooking as much as possible so that there is less cleaning to do
 - e) Consider meals that are easy to prepare and easier for clean-up. For example, while spaghetti is easy to prepare, it is difficult to clean the pots and plates while at camp. Likewise, while a chili is a hearty meal, it is also messy to clean-up. Examples of easy and minimal cleaning meals are: (1) breakfast – pancakes, sausage and egg burrito, campfire cinnamon roll-ups, ham and cheese croissants (2) lunch - hamburger, hot dogs, grilled cheese, wraps, sub sandwich (3) dinner – Mexican pizza using tortillas, tin foil dinner, campfire pizza
 - f) Factor weather as well – during winter it is good to have hot soup
 - g) Factor food storage – milk and fresh meat could spoil easily without ice. Consume perishable items first.
5. Coordinate with the Group Quartermaster to obtain the required camping equipment from storage:
 - a) Tents – one tent can sleep 3 to 4 Beavers or Cubs or 2 to 3 Scouts or Venturers
 - b) Tarps
 - c) Cooking gear – stove, propane, pots/pans, utensils
 - d) Water jugs
 - e) Lamps
 - f) Cooler
 - g) Kitchen tent
6. Purchase any required supplies and food items

8.2 At camp

1. Tents and tarps

- a) Youth should not share tents with Scouters
- b) As much as possible, all youth tents should be close to one another, set up to one side of the camp site and within a distance away from the Scouters' tents
- c) Tents are not co-ed – this apply to both Scouter and youth (exceptions to family campers such as father with daughter and son)
- d) Beaver age youths as well as first year Cubs can set up the tents with the help of the Scouters. Older youths are expected to set up their tents with minimal help from Scouters.
- e) When setting up the tent
 - lay the tarp first and then the tent on top of it – do not step on the tarp or the disassembled tent
 - assemble the tent and make sure that all sides of the tent are taut and pegged properly
 - make sure to store the peg bag, pole bag and tent bag in the pocket inside the tent to avoid losing them
 - make sure the tarp is tucked under the tent and no tarp is outside the tent perimeter. Doing this will avoid water being collected on the tarp if it rains.
- f) Keep tents clean inside and out
- g) Do not bring your shoes or any food inside the tent
- h) Make sure there are no garbage or dirt inside the tent when you tear down camp and pack the tents back in its bag
- i) Try to remove as much dirt as you can from the tarp

2. Meals and meal time

- a) Older youths (e.g., third year Cubs and older) are expected to help in cooking if not cook the meals for the camp
- b) Youths are expected to wash their own dishes/mess kits

3. Remind youth to always stay with the group and have a buddy at all times

8.3 After camp

1. Make sure all group equipment (e.g., tents, tarps, cooler, cooking gear, etc.) are clean and dry prior to returning to storage. If the equipment is not clean and dry, mould will set and they will no longer be safe for use. In the past we had equipment that have not been washed, were put on storage and mould grew and we ended up throwing them away. This was such a waste of money - money that our youths fundraised hard for.
2. Coordinate with the Group Quartermaster when you are ready to return all the group equipment into storage
3. Return all equipment in the same (or better) condition as when you borrowed them
4. Return all equipment as soon as possible as other sections might need them