



7th Markham

Fall Season Sept-Dec 2020



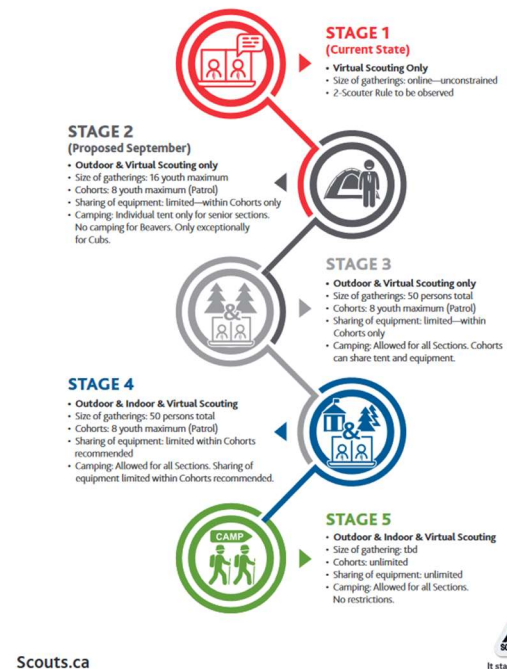
Welcome back 7th Markham!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the section scouts and volunteers, I would like to welcome you and your child(ren) back to 7th Markham Scouts. With everything that has been going on since March, it has been a difficult journey and will continue to be for a while. With the pandemic still present and posing a significant risk to our health, scouting this fall will obviously look a lot different than it has in the past.

Firstly, I want to assure you that the health and safety of our youth and volunteers will remain the top priority and will be following Scouts Canada, provincial and city guidelines as best we can.

As of September 19th, we are currently at only Stage 2 (of 5) of Scout Canada's Return to Scouting phased re-opening plan which means that we'll only be conducting outdoor and virtual meetings only. Meetings will have a maximum of 16 youth, broken into smaller patrol cohorts of 8 max. When we have more than 16, we will have the separate out the meetings so that they are distinct from each other, either in different locations or different days.



More information about Stage 2 Guidelines can be found on the scouts.ca website [here](https://www.scouts.ca).

Because of the shutdown, Scouts Canada has extended the current 2019-2020 scouting year to include the Fall of 2020. The next scouting year will begin January 2021 and end December 2021. Registration and fees will be required to sign up for the new year.

Meeting Nights

School gym permits are currently suspended until November 2nd. This means that we will be hosting our outdoor meetings at our sponsor church location until further notice for all meetings.

Section (Age Group)	Nights and Time	Location
Beavers (5 – 7 years old)	TDB	Rouge Valley Mennonite Church 7452 Reesor Road, Markham
Cubs – Tuesday (8 – 10 years old)	Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM	Rouge Valley Mennonite Church 7452 Reesor Road, Markham Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School 230 Fincham Ave., Markham
Scouts (11 – 14 years old)	Monday 6:30 – 8:00 PM	Rouge Valley Mennonite Church 7452 Reesor Road, Markham Wismer Public School 171 Mingay Ave., Markham

Important Procedures:

- Only active / registered participants will be allowed at the meetings due to capacity and social distancing restrictions.
- Attendance Log** : Everyone taking part in the activities including Parent Helpers need to be added to the Attendance Log
- Self Assessment** will be required to be completed on-line prior to attending. Questions will be as follows:
 - Are you experiencing symptoms* of COVID-19? YES NO
 - Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada within the last 14 days? YES NO
 - Have you or any household members had unshielded contact with someone who is ill with a cough and/or fever? YES NO
 - Have you or anyone in your household had unshielded contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19? YES NO
- Please refer to the [Drop-Off / Pick-Up Guide](#)
- Washrooms – please have your child go to the bathroom prior to the meeting. We will have access to the washrooms for emergencies only. Don't worry, if they have to go, they have to go. But we are trying to limit access as much as possible.
- Warm Clothing** – because we will be outdoors for the foreseeable future. please ensure that you child is wearing enough. Having more layers is better than being cold. Be prepared for changes in weather as well.
- Please drop off your children no earlier than 5 minutes before the scheduled meeting. **DO NOT** drop off your children at the curb or by the door of the location. If only one Scouter is present, you have to stay until another Scouter shows up.
- Please pick up your children promptly. We will be outdoors, so it could get cold, wet and dark.
- Most weekly section meetings will occur at the location listed above. When meetings and events are held at other locations, we will inform you when and where, as well as of any specific clothing or equipment required.
- Parents are responsible for transporting and/or arranging for transport of their children to and from Scouting activities.
- A pair of non-marking indoor shoes is required. Youth must change to their indoor shoes during wet or snowy days and their boots left outside the door of the hall/gym.

Scouters

For various reasons, we've lost a number of Scouters (volunteers) this year. So we are in desperate need of parent helpers, and more importantly Scouters.

Being a Scouter is exciting, educational and lots of fun. To become a Scouter, you don't need to have experience in Scouting. Working 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 and virtually.

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 contact the Group Commissioner for details.

We hope you will join our Scouters and provide the adults of tomorrow with the strong foundation Scouting offers.

Contact Information

Section Scouters

Section Scouters are group of volunteers who deliver Scouts Canada programs to your child on a weekly basis.

Section	Contact Scouter	Email Address
Beavers	OPEN	contact.beavers@7thMarkham.org
Cubs	Scouter Andy	contact.cubstuesday@7thMarkham.org
Scouts	Scouter Bryant	commissioner@7thMarkham.org
Venturers	OPEN	
Rovers	Scouter John / Scouter Maria	

Group Committee

Group Committee members are also volunteers who work behind the scene to make sure that the group runs smoothly. We are always looking for help and have several openings. So if you are interested in helping out, please contact the Group Commissioner.

Role	Name	Email Address
Group Commissioner	Bryant Fung	commissioner@7thMarkham.org
Administrator	Patricia Khor	administrator@7thMarkham.org
Registrar	Paige Weeres	registrar@7thMarkham.org
Secretary	OPEN	secretary@7thMarkham.org
Treasurer	Nellie Chan	treasurer@7thMarkham.org
Quartermaster	OPEN	quartermaster@7thMarkham.org
Fundraising Coordinator	OPEN	fundraising@7thMarkham.org
Sponsor Liaison	Annita Reesor	advisor@7thMarkham.org
Webmaster	Andy Li	webmaster@7thMarkham.org

Connect with Us!

Our group has a great website where you can get updates, contact information, and activity or event information. We have both a public Facebook page and a closed Facebook group. We post all event pictures to our closed Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/7thmarkham).

Please register yourself with this group so that you can see your child's pictures AND so that we can communicate with you about events, changes, etc. To be added to the group page, *kindly submit a friend request and a message indicating your child's name and the section that they are registered in.*

All communications (e.g., announcements, weekly schedule, etc.) will be posted to our group's website and Facebook pages. In case where there is an unplanned or last minute change in the scheduled activity or event (e.g., school gym not being available), your section Scouter (or someone from the Group Committee) will send an email and if time permits, post it on the website and Facebook pages. Please **ALWAYS** check the Facebook pages, website, and/or your email prior to heading to the meeting.

Website: www.7thMarkham.org

Facebook (Public Page): www.facebook.com/7thMarkhamScouts

Facebook (Closed Group): www.facebook.com/groups/7thmarkham

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/7thmarkhamscouts/>

Fundraisers

With some great adventures, come great costs. This is an important reality that creates great learning opportunities for our youth. Throughout the Scouting year, we will be actively doing some fundraising to help make their adventures a reality. 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, and other items required to ensure the group gives the youth the best possible program.

Scout Coffee





In prior years, our fall fundraising involved Apply Day and Scout Popcorn. Due to COVID, the official Scouts fall fundraising effort will be Scout Coffee, which we will be able to sell virtually instead of the in-person efforts of prior years.

The fundraising period will be from October 12th to November 15th. All purchases will be made on-line, no handling of cash, and products will be shipped directly to customers. We will have more details as we get closer to the start of the program. We will be selling Equator Coffee which a fair-trade, organic roaster located right here in Canada.

Calendar

Due to gathering restrictions, our group events like Fall Camp are currently suspended. We will host a group event / camp as soon as it is safe to do so.

Here is what our current calendar looks like.

		<h1>7th Markham</h1> <h2>Fall 2020 Schedule</h2>		
Monday Scouts	Tuesday Cubs	Meeting Notes	Group Events	
Mon Sep 21, 2020		Parents Information Meeting		
Mon Sep 28, 2020	Tue Sep 29, 2020	First Meeting - Welcome Back Hike	9/26 - National Virtual Campfire	
Mon Oct 5, 2020	Tue Oct 6, 2020			
Mon Oct 12, 2020	Tue Oct 13, 2020	No Meeting Thanksgiving Monday		
Mon Oct 19, 2020	Tue Oct 20, 2020		10/12 - 11/15 Scout Coffee Fundraising	
Mon Oct 26, 2020	Tue Oct 27, 2020			
Mon Nov 2, 2020	Tue Nov 3, 2020			
Mon Nov 9, 2020	Tue Nov 10, 2020	Remembrance Week - (Parade - TBD)		
Mon Nov 16, 2020	Tue Nov 17, 2020			
Mon Nov 23, 2020	Tue Nov 24, 2020			
Mon Nov 30, 2020	Tue Dec 1, 2020		TBD - Santa Claus Parade	
Mon Dec 7, 2020	Tue Dec 8, 2020			
Mon Dec 14, 2020	Tue Dec 15, 2020			
Mon Dec 21, 2020	Tue Dec 22, 2020	End of Season Celebration - TBD		
Mon Dec 28, 2020	Tue Dec 29, 2020	No Meetings - Happy Holiday!		

Uniform

All youths are expected to have their complete uniforms when meeting virtually or at our outdoor meetings. The Group will provide the Council/Area and Group badges, a neckerchief and woggle.

Section	Required Uniform	Optional Items
Beavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vest Hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beaver Scout T-shirt
Cubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve grey shirt Navy blue pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cub grey Tech T-shirt Cub grey ball cap
Scouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve green shirt Khaki pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts green Tech T-shirt Scouts green ball cap Scouts blue belt
Venturers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve navy blue shirt Khaki pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venturers navy blue Tech T-shirt Scouts Canada brown belt
Rovers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve red shirt Khaki pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Tech T-shirt Scouts Canada brown belt

Uniforms can be purchased online at www.scoutshop.ca.