

## Topic:Co-ed Scouting

**Lee Everett** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Co-ed Scouting

Posted 1-14-2002 02:32

Hi my names Lee Everett. Im part of [1st Springhill Venturers](#).. Personally I dont really care if Scouting is Co-ed although it is a good idea. It may raise some new problems and such but those can be easily oversome. Everyone should have a fair chance to join.

**Scouter Mark** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 3-26-2002 07:30

I have long found it interesting that women are constantly fighting to get into men's groups but I have not seen men fighting to get into women's groups. Why is this? Perhaps men know how to have more fun.

Anthropologists tell us that the separation of boys and girls is important to their later social development. This is just a complicated way of saying that boys like to be with boys. Once girls are introduced, the dynamic of the group begins to change. Young boys are fascinated with passing gas and the odd things that come out of their nose and young girls are not. Things change during the teenage years with teenage boys being interested in passing gas, the odd things that come out of their nose and they also wonder why girls are built differently. The boy/girl pairing that starts to occur within a co-ed group can destroy group cohesion. Boys will go to great lengths to make sure that they are paired up with the right girl. Heaven help a girl if she winds up working with a boy that another girl has her eye on. This boy girl behaviour is neither good nor bad, it is simply biology but it is bad for forming a group that needs to work as a team.

**C. Hoffer** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 6-12-2002 13:53

I think boys and girls spend enought time together without forcing them to be in co-ed Scouting groups. There has to be times when boys can be boys and girls can be girls. I don't believe the risk we have created is worth it.

**Leo** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 9-1-2002 12:42

Have Troop 16 boys and as of yet no girls. The boys indicated they prefer it that way, and it is enough issues for outings without adding opposite sex in mix.

**Grant Millard** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 9-9-2002 02:52

I grew up in scouting, 4 years Cubs, 3 years Scouts, 3 Years Ventures and only 1 year in Rovers. In Rovers there were Co-Moots and the dinamics changed everything. If there are girls who want to spend a week in the rain and mud, who want to eat cold beans right out of the can, who want to wear the same underwear for 5 days straight, who don't care what their hair is doing and

who can bait their own hook,,,,great ! Let them make their own troop!

**Ken** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 9-12-2002 02:00

It's a done deal.  
It became a done deal the day they allowed women to become leaders in the Second World War because there weren't enough men.  
Get over it.

**Anonymous** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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Posted 3-26-2003 00:00

It is comments such as this one that create the many sex divisions that exist in society today! This is a disgrace! You say that it is bad for forming a coherent group if girls are integrated?? I dont know what time period you grew up in, but last time I checked in the "real world", men and women are working in extremely close proximity. Therefore, should we not be encouraging our children to not only to cooperate with diverse people within their own gender group, but also individuals who are of the opposite sex. I am absolutely disgusted by the values that are being taught to our children. Although I do not have kids at this point in my life, once I do, remind me to never include them into a group such as yours.

**Ted** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Co-od scouting

Posted 5-15-2003 19:48

Just noticed during my tours of the district as part of the service team, we have no female meember prior to a couple of years ago where we had several. I wonder why we are all male again, was this just natural groupings happening?

**JeffreyM** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



CO-ED?

Posted 5-29-2003 20:30

I have recently gone on an outing with a group that has a girl.  
There were major issues. One young boy had a crush on a girl, and any other boy that attempted to talk to that girl was 'evil.'  
Boys have all day at school with girls, can't they have some time with just boys?

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Jeffrey McMurtrie

**MIKE** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



would check on them, as it was too quiet. He got there and they were gone, he started looking for them, and within minutes he found them on the waterfront with two girls. They were in very compromising positions. It was difficult to deal with it, but we had to call the parents and tell them. The "girls' parents were more than upset about the whole thing, but the 'boys' parents just replied that we encouraged the situation by inviting the girls. Imagine if they were a little older, what could they have done! I think it should go back to the old way. Our group does not have any girls, but not due to anything beyond, in our community the girl guide movement is very strong. Thank you for letting offer my opinion.

**John Ferguson** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Co Ed

Posted 8-9-2003 20:54

Interesting topic. We run a co ed troop. I tell the youth that our Scout meetings and camps are not the setting for a romantic relationship. Make those plans on your own time. This does not work all the time. It is very distracting to the program. More co ed leaders are needed to keep more eyes on the youth. Some of these leaders need to be specialists at dealing with young relationships. ( I'm not , but could learn. ) So it's more work. If we can make it work , then we have succeeded. I don't think girls should be excluded from the scouting experience. At the same time I don't think girls should spoil the experience for leaders or drive leaders out of the organization just because they are not specialists at dealing with co ed youth. We need all the adult help we can get. Please don't come down on leaders who are not comfortable with dealing with co ed groups. They are just volunteers and nobody is perfect.

**gunaqot** from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



Co-ed, yes or no?

Posted 9-29-2003 02:53

Here's some input from south of the border....

As most of you know, the BSA is single-sex; and there are many that very much want it to remain so. I have leaned, for some time, in the other direction, partly because I have heard many complaints by Girl Scout leaders that many of their girls find the GSUSA program too tame, and want to be able to do what we in the BSA are able to do. That's why, in many communities, girls immediately join Venturing at age 14.

Before making a decision one way or the other, though, I wanted to be able to see co-ed Scouting in action. I was finally able to do so at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve, this past summer; and it made me realize that co-ed Scouting works and should be made possible down here. In every Canadian troop that I saw in camp, girls and women were strong and active participants in their troop program. My Cadette Girl Scout daughter joined one of TSR's Composite troops for a week, and she was able to participate in the program just like the boys did, and so were the other two girls in the troop. The woman who was one of the leaders of that troop was respected by all, female and male.


I asked several of the leaders about the issues that they had with 1) adolescent boys and adolescent girls, and 2) boys feeling that they couldn't "be boys". All of the leaders said that the feelings they saw expressed were most often "brother-sister", rather than romantic, and that all of the Scouts seemed to benefit from having platonic opposite-sex Scout friends. As for the boys being boys, they of course had to be careful of language and crudity... but that isn't such a bad thing, is it? Instead, the boys learn to work side-by-side with girls and women, and sometimes under their leadership -- which they will have to do in their adult years, so it's not a bad idea to get them started now in the supervised setting of a Scout troop.

Perhaps it might not work for all; but from what I've seen so far, it should work for most -- on both sides of the border.

**Barry Pratt** [guest] from ScoutsCan.com - Scouting in Canada



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 Posted 1-28-2004 23:58

Lord Baden powell would rollover in his grave. Boy Scouts for boys and Girl Guides for girls. There are some real good comments about about why, so no need to reiterate them here. (Have been in Scouting for many years)