



Creating a Better World



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# Our Vision for

## CREATING A BETTER WORLD

With those four words begins a new century of Scouting in Canada. Selected from the World Organization of the Scout Movement, this statement reflects the vision of Scouting in Canada and reinforces the global connection with Scouts everywhere.

The message is simple, but tremendously meaningful. Expressed through our Scouting youth and volunteers, it has the power to influence individuals and impact countries around the world.

With their hands and minds and hearts, our Canadian Scouts will continue on their journey to creating a world of adventure, sharing, hope and peace. Our Principles and goals of healthy, active living, environmental stewardship, and leadership will be their tools; our Promise will be their guide.

This is our vision for the future.



**About the front cover photo:**  
The peaceful scenic canoe photo by Herb Reinhart of Lakefield, Ontario received special mention in the 2007 *Scouting Life* Photo Contest. The photo, featured in the August/September 2008 edition of the magazine, captures a beautiful image of the Scouting life.



# The Future



As part of a global Movement, Canadian Scouting is making a real contribution to creating a better world. Scouts Canada has entered its second century as a member of the values-based educational Movement that is dedicated to developing young people to their full potential. Our role is to provide quality programs to as many youth as possible, based on a high standard of values and ethics. Over the last year, Scouts Canada experienced growth in eight of our councils and that trend will continue. Every day we reach more youth and have more opportunity to create that better world.

Glenn Armstrong, Chief Commissioner



When I'm asked what Scouting is all about, now I can answer with one simple phrase: "We're about creating a better world." I really think that says it all. By providing youth with strong mentors, we are helping to give young people direction in life. By getting kids outdoors and active, we are improving the health of Canada's younger generation and instilling an appreciation in them for wild spaces and outdoor education. By getting involved in community and international causes, we are educating youth on the broader picture of society. And, perhaps most importantly, we are teaching young people that they can, and should, make a difference in their world.

Jessica Page, Chair of the National Youth Network.  
She is currently attending medical school in Toronto.



How can Scouting create a better world? There are hundreds and thousands of ways. Each week, volunteers across this country provide program leadership to many thousands of boys, girls, youth and adults aged 5 to 26. These activities encourage self development; a strong sense of community; a concern for our environment and a respect for others. The participants in our programs will play key leadership roles in the future as we strive to create a better world.

Rob Stewart, Executive Commissioner & CEO

## Mission:

The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

## Principles:

Scouting is based on three broad principles which represent its fundamental beliefs. These include:

**Duty to God:** Defined as, "Adherence to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties resulting therefrom."

**Duty to Others:** Defined as, "Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and cooperation," and "Participation in the development of society, with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow-being and for the integrity of the natural world."

**Duty to Self:** Defined as, "Responsibility for the development of oneself." This is in harmony with the educational purpose of the Scout Movement whose aim is to assist young people in the full development of their potentials.

## Practices and Methods:

We define Scouting Practices as a system of progressive self-education including:

- A Promise and Law,
- Learning by doing,
- Membership in small groups,
- Progressive and stimulating contemporary programs,
- Commitment to the values of doing one's best,
- Contributing to the community,
- Respecting and caring for others,
- Contributing as a family member,
- Use of outdoor activities as a key learning resource.



# In Their Own

## HOW CANADIAN SCOUTING IS CREATING A BETTER WORLD

Scouting is open to all, built on friendship, encouraging diversity, and practicing tolerance. We're part of a worldwide commitment to peace and the environment.

Shaierree, Cub, ON

I planted baby trees. It helps make our air better.

Gregory, Beaver, ON



I help clean up garbage. I help keep the creek clean that we adopted.

Caelen, Beaver, ON

I'm helping to create a better world by respecting myself, others and the environment. Scouting has helped me to learn the meaning of respect and share this with everyone. I will keep this respect with me forever.

Devin, Scout, NS



I believe we all can contribute to creating a better world. For me, it starts with being the best possible me and always having a positive attitude and a cheerful smile.

Erinn, Rover, ON



# Words

I feel by helping people with disabilities and others around us we can make our world a better place to live. Being able to end the day knowing that I helped someone in need and receiving the satisfaction of a smile tells me that I have taken part in creating a better world.

Chris, Venturer, ON

I like Beavers. I love the games, but the thing I like most is when we talk about the planet Earth. I really liked learning about recycling.

Zacharie, Beaver, QC

I try to do my best to make the world a better place and Scouting helps me, which is why it's one of my favorite things to do.

Kenny, Scout, NS



Scouting teaches us about the active role we can play in helping create a better world.

Miriam, Scout, ON



We only have one world and we should respect it. I have enjoyed working on my recycling badge. Our family is now recycling and composting so that less is wasted.

Graden, Cub, MB



I am part of an organization that has helped change the world by getting children and adolescents involved with the outdoors, and helping touch people's lives by helping do everyday tasks.

Evan, Scout, NS



# In Their Own



We ride our bikes and plant new trees. We pick up litter, and turn off all the lights. We recycle and compost nearly everything. We aren't supposed to pick the flowers when we're hiking in the woods. We also clean up our rooms!  
Maren and Ainsley, Beavers, BC



This past summer our group took a trip to Ghana, Africa to help the Scouts there. We funded and painted a Scout dormitory as well as made friendships that will last a lifetime. We shared the true spirit of Scouting with the people of Ghana, and learned a bit more about that spirit from the Ghana Scouts.  
Kurt, Rover, ON



We would have a better world if people cared more, which is what Scouting helps to teach. I'm helping to create a better world by promoting Scouting.  
Jack, Scout, BC

I help to create a better world by being a positive role model for my age group about how we can change the world in a good way.  
Wylee, Cub, BC

I am helping to create a better world by raising awareness about the pollution that is slowly destroying our planet. I can encourage everyone to stop using cars so much, sign petitions to stop the factories from damaging the air we breathe with toxic gases, and help out at events like Earth Day to plant trees. I will leave the world a better place than before for future generations.  
Andrew, Scout, BC





# Words...

An activity we did this past summer was to hike the West Coast Trail on Vancouver Island. It made me think again of how beautiful nature is. I know that when my turn comes I will make the right decision to help preserve nature for others to enjoy.  
Logan, Venturer, BC

I was giving people lightbulbs to save electricity. I promised to help take care of the world and we all have fun.

Heidi, Beaver, SK

Through Scouts, the youth are learning to bridge cultural boundaries, to work cooperatively together, and to really have a lot of fun. Scouting is a very big part of Canadian culture.  
Yasmine, Scout leader, ON

The greatest joy about being a Scout leader is seeing all the shining smiles throughout the year. Whether it's camping, doing crafts, singing songs, or just running around... Scouting is not just a volunteer position... it's a lifestyle!

Joshua, Scout leader, ON

I'm trying not to pollute the air. I'm not letting garbage collect on the ground.

Findley, Beaver, ON

I am creating a better world by not littering and by picking up garbage.

Megan, Cub, NB

In Cubs we do street clean-ups to help make a better world. When we release salmon we are helping to create a better world.

Leaders take us on nature hikes and teach us about the environment which helps us know more about the animals we live with.

David, Cub, BC





# Creating a Better

## NEW CANADIAN PROGRAM INITIATIVES



### Schools and Scouting



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This year Scouts Canada received a grant from Human Resources and Social Development Canada to support the pilot of *Schools and Scouting: Partners in Education*. Scouts Canada will join with school boards to deliver a Scouting style, curriculum based program, including topics such as camp preparation, team building, pioneering structures, knots and map reading.



### Emergency Preparedness

*Be Prepared* – that's Scouting's Motto!  
With the effects of so many recent environmental disasters foremost in the minds of Canadians, Scouts Canada and Emergency Management Ontario have pioneered a new Emergency Preparedness Program. Featuring a badge program for Cubs and Scouts, the program launched in May, 2008 in Toronto, at an event drawing more than 600 participants.





# Worldwide



## Leave No Trace

In May 2008, Scouts Canada partnered with Toshiba Canada to support the *Leave No Trace* program for leaders and youth. The goal of this program is to provide fun and informative resources to educate our youth about these principles. *Leave No Trace* skills can become second nature, enhancing our enjoyment of our natural world, and ensuring we maintain these resources for future generations.

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Leading Innovation >>>

## New Position Statements

In 2007, Scouts Canada adopted three new position statements which represent the best outcomes from our programs:

- Leadership
- Healthy Active Living
- Environment

These topics are high priorities at all levels of government and in businesses and communities across Canada. They will serve as a guideline as we develop future program initiatives.

## 2007-2008 Census

### Youth Program Participants

Beaver Colony	23,186
Cub Pack	25,146
Scout Troop	14,934
Venturer Company	4,757
Rover Crew	794
SCOUTSabout	3,759
Extreme Adventure	236
Schools and Scouting	1,306
Other*	184
<b>Total Youth Membership</b>	<b>74,302</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>22,849</b>
<b>Employees</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Total 2007-2008 Membership</b>	<b>97,395</b>

\*Other includes Service Teams, Visibility Groups, Committees



## Centennial Scouter Conference

The Centennial Scouter Conference was an exciting culmination of our year of Centennial celebrations. Set in beautiful Richmond, British Columbia, the event attracted more than 650 Scouters, visitors and dignitaries from Canada and around the world.

Keynote speakers included Herman Hui, Chair of the World Organization for the Scouting Movement, Craig Kielburger, humanitarian, recent Order of Canada recipient and Scouts Canada's Centennial Ambassador, and Richard Louv, author of the thought-provoking bestseller "Last Child in the Woods".



## Centennial Ambassador's Message

### To My Fellow Adventurers in Scouting...

It has been another absolutely amazing year, traveling around the world spreading the message of Scouting. More than that, as the Centennial Ambassador, I have had the honour of meeting the many incredible Scouts that make up this Movement.

One of those people was Adam Baden-Clay, the great-grandson of Scouting's Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Within moments of meeting Adam and his wife at the Centennial Scouter

Conference in Vancouver, it was clear these two people truly live the Founder's philosophy - "The greatest thing is to bring happiness into the lives of others." Right then and there, I invited them to move halfway around the world to work on one of Free The Children's projects in Kenya.

It is an incredible privilege to be part of this community of young people. The Scouting spirit is essential raising



and nurturing young people who are dedicated to bettering their community. Both locally and globally, that spirit can make a difference.

*Together we can accomplish anything. Be The Change.*

Craig Kielburger



# ...Around the World

## Creating a Better World... Around the World

The work and influence of the Scouting Movement stretches far beyond Canada's borders. In the developing countries, which represent 67 per cent of our 26,000,000 world members, Scouting is involved in many projects which contribute to a wholesome environment, health and hygiene, clean water supplies and sanitation, HIV/AIDS education, and Extension Scouting (Street Scouts).

These projects offer a challenge to our youth here in Canada to learn and contribute to the development of their Scouting brothers and sisters around the world. This past summer, Venturers and Rovers were in Namibia, Ghana and China working on community development projects alongside the Scouts of those countries.

*This is education for life:  
our lives and theirs.*

John Neysmith, International Commissioner  
for Scouts Canada and member of the  
World Scout Committee





# Love of the

## First Place 2007 Amory Adventure Award

148th Oakridge Venturer Company, Calgary, AB

Every year, hopeful Venturer companies send in a log containing their Amory Adventure trips to the National Office competition. Each trip challenges the Venturers to plan, prepare and achieve their dream. These trips are organized by youth aged 14 – 17, with only minimal assistance from their advisors. This is such a story — a story that took eight Venturers and four advisors halfway across Canada.

### West Meets East (July 13 – 22, 2007)

The East Coast Trail was selected for many reasons: an opportunity to explore a part of the country never before seen, a chance to fly in an airplane, a challenge to test our wilderness skills and knowledge, and most important of all, it sounded like fun!

To our pleasure, the trip from Calgary, AB, to St. John's, NL, was a smooth one and we arrived with plenty of time to get settled and organized for our big hike.

Our beginning point was at Fort Amherst, directly across from Signal Hill. A steep climb in extremely hot temperatures did not put us in the greatest of moods. Discovering that our water filter was

### 148th Oakridge

#### Venturer Company:

*Phil Schuman, Christina Goulet,  
Courtney Wilson, Andrew Mathers,  
Coryn Hemming, Keeley MacInnes,  
Sara Sinclair, Ali Grey-Noble*

**Advisors:** *Andrew Waddington,  
Teresa Waddington,  
Peter Hemming,  
Ian Mathers*





# East Coast Trail

dysfunctional, reducing the amount of water we had available to drink, didn't help our mood either. Only 10.7 km from where we had started, we decided to set up camp and start fresh the next day. The sight of our first whale in the small bay below us was a good omen for better things to come.

The rest of the hike proved to be just as challenging, but filled with remarkable highlights too. Lighthouses, tidal pools, water spouts, small towns, steep cliffs and ocean views around most curves of the trail, were exciting for those of us used to the scenery of the western provinces. We even boarded a large tour boat for an opportunity to see entire islands covered in puffins, and got really close to the whales. What a fantastic experience!

The time had come to lace up our boots one more time and walk the last 3.5 km to our final stop. Out of nowhere, we heard an awe inspiring rumble, announcing the most beautiful waterfall we had ever seen. A suspension bridge spanned the gorge on which we stood and stared as the water poured under us. Finally, our feet left the dirt of the trail and trod upon cement. Our trip was over, but the memories will be with us until the end of time.

## **Second Place Amory Adventure Award**

**Awakening the Giant**  
1st Kanata Venturer Company, ON  
Backpacking in Sleeping Giant Provincial Park

## **Third Place Amory Adventure Award**

**A Stroll Through Algonquin Park**  
4th Trafalgar Venturer Company, ON  
Canoe and portage trip in Algonquin Provincial Park





# Scouts Canada Foundation

## We thank our corporate supporters!

Each year the Scouts Canada Foundation asks Canadian companies to help support Scouting in Canada by making a contribution to the National Corporate Campaign. Those companies that have donated over \$500 in the past year are recognized below with our sincere appreciation.

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The purpose of the Scouts Canada Foundation's *No One Left Behind Fund* is to ensure that any child who wishes to belong, can participate in Scouts Canada's programs. Specific programs supported by the fund include but are not limited to: financial assistance to youth for membership and participation, program development, leader recruitment and training, and to assist with the overall expansion of Scouting across Canada.

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For more information about the Scouts Canada Foundation and to participate in these programs please contact [foundation@scouts.ca](mailto:foundation@scouts.ca).

*Special thanks to St. Joseph Corporation who, through the Foundation, have graciously provided funds to help with the production of this Annual Report.*

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COMMUNICATIONS

## Campfire Circle of Friends

The *Campfire Circle of Friends* are individuals who believe in the future of Scouting and have included Scouting in their wills. Like the tradition of carrying campfire ashes forward to the next fire, this program helps us keep those memories close.

The merging of these ashes with the leaping flames of the new fire symbolizes the continuity of Scouting's ideals and the camaraderie between fellow Scouters and donors. Those who join the *Campfire*

*Circle of Friends* have the opportunity to maintain the lineage of future Scouts.

### The following people have joined the Campfire Circle of Friends:

John Adams, George Barnett, Morrey Cross, Richard Druce, Errol Feldman, Dan Hilton, John D. Mackay, Rod J. MacLennan, W. R. Martin, John A. Neysmith, John & Barbara Pettifer, Michael D. Scott.





# Fundraising



## Scout Popcorn — Recognizing Scouting's Heroes

This year, we have produced a Canadian Scouting Heroes collector package series which recognizes Canadian Scouts who have been honoured for bravery, meritorious conduct and fortitude. We proudly feature their pictures and their stories which we hope will inspire more youth to join our Movement.

We have had a terrific partnership with Trail's End who works tirelessly with us to support each council in their fundraising efforts. It's amazing to believe that more than 50 million dollars has been raised by Scouting groups over the past 18 years. These funds provide much needed

financial support  
to groups  
throughout their  
Scouting year.



## Scoutrees — Our Environmental Fundraiser

Planting Scoutrees not only helps the environment... it helps us help others. About 15 per cent of all revenue generated by Scoutrees goes directly to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. This is Scouts Canada's primary financial means of supporting community development projects in needy countries on the journey to self-sufficiency. Many of our Canadian Scouting youth give their time and energy to assist hands-on with these projects around the world.





# Auditors'

## Scouts Canada National Operation

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and the summarized statement of operations are derived from the complete financial statements of Scouts Canada National Operation as at August 31, 2008 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated October 24, 2008. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the

applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

*KPMG LLP*

Chartered Accountants,  
Licensed Public Accountants  
Ottawa, Canada  
October 24, 2008





# Report



## Summarized Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2008, with comparative figures for 2007 (In thousands of dollars)

	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets	\$ 5,769	\$ 4,948
Investments	7,024	6,357
Capital assets	2,154	2,340
Prepaid pension costs	2,175	1,514
Employee future benefits recovery receivable	2,350	2,700
Loans to related parties	40	-
	<b>\$ 19,512</b>	<b>\$ 17,859</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Current liabilities	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,723
Loan from related parties	850	945
Accrued employee future benefits	6,177	6,172
Fund balances	11,327	9,019
	<b>\$ 19,512</b>	<b>\$ 17,859</b>

## Summarized Statement of Operations

Year ended August 31, 2008, with comparative figures for 2007 (In thousands of dollars)

	Operating Fund	Restricted and Endowed Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
<b>REVENUE:</b>				
Membership fees	\$ 3,796	\$ -	\$ 3,796	\$ 3,746
Scout Shops sales	4,742	-	4,742	5,574
Insurance fees	-	1,450	1,450	1,485
Fundraising, donations and sponsorships, grants	757	65	822	818
Other	342	203	545	603
	<b>9,637</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>11,355</b>	<b>12,226</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Salaries and benefits	2,978	-	2,978	3,098
Scout Shops cost of sales	2,447	-	2,447	3,121
Insurance and legal	-	785	785	864
Canadian Leader magazine	240	-	240	211
World Bureau fees	101	-	101	102
Transfer to World Scout Bureau	-	117	117	141
Amortization of capital assets	224	-	224	239
Other operating costs	2,101	165	2,266	1,999
	<b>8,091</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>9,158</b>	<b>9,775</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	1,546	651	2,197	2,451
Endowed donations - World Scout Foundation	-	10	10	75
Restructuring	-	-	-	(172)
World Jamboree	-	30	30	66
Canadian Jamboree	-	67	67	624
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,546</b>	<b>\$ 758</b>	<b>\$ 2,304</b>	<b>\$ 3,044</b>



## We Thank Our Partners and Sponsors!

Most Scouts Canada groups are partnered/sponsored by their local community. Community groups, which include religious institutions; service, fraternal and civic clubs; professional, business and occupational associations; military bases, public and private schools; Home & School associations, private businesses and groups of citizens/parents, enable us to deliver our programs to youth in nearly every town and city across Canada. ■ Scouts Canada thanks these caring groups and individuals who give so much to our youth. ■ We wish to recognize and thank some of the many community organizations that work in partnership with Scouting groups across the country each year.

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