



Coho "Fish Tales"

Remembrance Day: Scouting pays our respects.

Every 11th of November, thousands of Canadians and people the world over, gather to remember the thousands of men and women who fought and died for our freedom in past wars.

It was no different here in the Coho Area. Hundreds of citizens turned out to the various Cenotaphs within our Area. Scouting was a visible participant at all of them and we received many positive comments/remarks about our attendance.

There are a couple reports from two of the Remembrance Day Services. Photos follow on page 4.

The Remembrance Day Parade in Port Coquitlam was well attended by the Scouts and Guides from the surrounding area. Over 300 members and their families were involved in this important day of remembrance.

The Venturers and Pathfinders helped in the laying of the wreath ceremony and the Beavers Scouts, Cubs Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Scouters and the leadership teams all participated in the parade from Wilson Center, down Main Street to the Cenotaph.

All of the Scout Groups from PoCo were at the parade, including participation from 15th Coquitlam.

It was heart-warming to see all of the group and section banners, to hear the sound of the airplane fly by and how everyone joined in to sing O'Canada.

A very special moment on a cool but dry day!

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Camp Cookeree 2015

The annual Troop cooking completion camp was held on the weekend of November 13th-15th at the Othello Tunnels Campground in Hope BC.

Not as many Troops attended this year as last year, but those who did, had a good time and cooked up some delicious meals. See the story on page 5 and find out who was declared the "Champions of Cookeree!"



**If athletes get athletes foot, then what do
rocket scientists get?**

Missile-toe!



IMPORTANT STUFF:

- **Coho Area Meeting:** January 28th @ 7:30pm, Blue Mnt Scout Hall - Open to all Scouters in the Area.
- **Area Troop Winter Camp:** January 22nd-24th @ Manning Park Lone Duck
Ross Thomas: rthomas@viaduct.ca
- **Coho Beaver Bowling:** Feb. 7th.
For Information Contact: Lynn Holden at kilmercolony@yahoo.ca
- **Coho Area Night Hike: Jan. 30th** @ Mundy Park - 6 - 9pm. A fun night hike for Beavers & Cubs.
- **Check the FV Website calendar for more information.**
- **RoVent 2016:** Feb. 5th-8th @ Manning Park - Annual Winter Camp for Venturers & Rovers.
- **FOCUS/FAST/FLEX:** Feb. 19th - 21st @ Camp McLean. (FAST & FLEX are only one day - Feb. 20th.) Youth Leadership training for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.
- **Scouting Skills Weekend:** April 1st - 3rd @ Camp McLean. Annual weekend of training for all Scouters.
- **Area Kub Kar Rally:** Feb. 5th @ LDS Church in Coquitlam.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to KENYA MENDOZA a Rover with the 1st Glenayre Crew. Kenya was appointed as the Fraser Valley Council Youth Commissioner in November. She replaces Caitlyn Piton who was elected as SC National Youth Commissioner also in November.

Congrats Kenya, you'll do a great job!!

**ADventure 16**

Venturers & Rovers: What are you doing the week of July 2nd - 9th, 2016?

Come join in the Adventure, Fun & Fellowship at ADventure16 in Whistler.

Registration is open for Participants and Offer of Service (Staff).

For more information, go to the website at:

www.scouts.ca/adventure16



Remembrance Day continued from page 1:

The 12th New Westminster Group had all Sections in attendance at the New Westminster Remembrance Day service this year. 55 youth and leaders (plus parents) attended the Royal Westminster Regiment service held in the Armoury on Queens Ave. A traditional memorial service to remember our fallen has been held there since the end of World War I and has continued annually for almost a century.

Following the service, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers marshalled on Queens Ave. and marched down 6th St. to the City Hall grounds for the City's service at the Cenotaph. The Section flags whipping in the wind added colour as we paraded past the thousands who attended the service. As four planes in formation did a fly-over, Scouts Derek Pinkerton and Amy McMullen laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of Scouting in New Westminster, including 12th New Westminster and the 50th Baden Powell Guild.

On the Sunday before Remembrance Day a few leaders and Scouts met with members of the Society of the Officers of the Honourable Guard (SOHG) at Fraser Cemetery where we helped clean gravestones of Canadian military personnel who served in various campaigns and are buried there.

The Beaver, Cub and Scout Section meetings two days before Remembrance Day were held at Fraser Cemetery. Members of the Society of the Officers of the Honourable Guard showed us the gravestones and told stories about the Canadian military personnel buried there. Some of the gravestones who were for men who were not much older than the Scouts are when they went overseas. This really hit home with the older Scouts. We lit candles to remember their service to our country.





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1. What often falls at the North Pole, but never gets hurt?
Snow!
 2. What do you get when you cross a snowman & a vampire?
Frost-bite!!
 3. What do snowmen eat for lunch?
Icebergers!
 4. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
Claustrophobic!
 5. Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?
Because the presents are beneath them!

**NOW THAT WAS
JOLLY FUNNY!**



2015 Camp Cookeree

Where can you go, enjoy the outdoors and be treated to a gourmet dining experience. Would you think of a late Fall standing camp called Cookeree? Probably not.

November 13th, 2015 found three Coho Troops consisting of four Patrols, making their way up to Othello Tunnels Campground in Hope, BC to compete in the 18th annual Camp Cookeree. The weather proved to be a daunting beast this year with threats of water on the highways and the possibility of high winds threatening to make the weekend a wet and blustery one.

Friday's registration showed we had Patrols representing the Coho Area from 1st Glenayre, 12th Coquitlam and 1st Coquitlam.

Saturday dawned with favourable weather and the opening was held at 10 am. A brief overview of Camp Cookeree's history was relayed to the Scouts and Scouters and the weekends program was explained. We broke Horseshoe and all Scouts returned to their sites to prepare for the first challenge of the weekend.

With some 35 Scouts and Scouters trailing, we left camp and hike to the off-site One-Burner Stove "*Make Me a Nutritious Lunch*" non-competitive competition area. This was a friendly competition and all Patrols succeeded in meeting the challenge.

Upon our return to Camp, the real cooking competition commenced with the weather holding steady, cloudy, but with no rain. A member from each Patrol was designated a judge of another patrols dinner and two Venturers from the 1st Coquitlam Company and two first time Scouters, roamed the campsites during the preparation to assess marks and to ensure safety, both for food and personnel. All judges were prepped to be respectful of the Patrol they were dining with and to mark in a manner that reflected the quality of the food in creativity, nutrition, Patrol spirit, preparation and presentation.

Dinner was at 6 pm sharp in the rain and the judging began in earnest by the Scouts. After dinner the Scout judges joined the Camp Chief for a debriefing and review of their marking sheets. Meals prepared for the competition were from the appetizing – Dutch Oven Ribs with homemade Tacos, where the tortillas were made and pressed at camp, next Patrol had homemade soup with Armpit Fudge for dessert, a Patrol even went Dutch with an orange theme and the use of three Dutch ovens with lasagna being the main course, Salmon with Rice and Dutch Oven Apple Crisp rounded out the menus for the 4th Patrol. Only telling you what the menus were does not do proper justice to the challenge the Scouts endured cooking without benefit of electricity, using Dutch ovens, foil cookers, outback ovens and single burner stoves and, of course, the weather. You will just have to attend next year to see how the Patrols mastered their cooking skills and the environment they were in to serve such delicious foods!

2015 Camp Cookeree continued:

On Sunday morning, in the snow and after breakfast, Scouts Own was conducted followed by the trophy presentation. Marking was tough and the end results proved that all competitors did an outstanding job, but in all competitions there is only one that will stand out and be crowned the *Champions of Cookeree 2015*. This year the Patrol that out-cooked the others was composed of a number of first time participants from 12th Coquitlam "Pineapple Patrol". Our congratulations to all the Scouts and Scouters that attended. A great job was done by all.

From constructive feedback over the past couple of years, the organizers have decided to move the Cookeree weekend for next year. So, we hope to see many Troops next Fall for the 2016 Camp Cookeree Competition on the weekend of November 4th - 6th, 2016. To enrol for Cookeree 2016, to pass on suggestions or to volunteer to help out, please contact Scouter Brian Klassen at e-mail: brianklassen@telus.net



2015 Optimist "Beaver Breakfast with Santa".

The Coquitlam Optimist Club organized another wonderful Beaver Scout Pancake Breakfast with Santa once again this year. With over 150 youth and adults attending from 6 Coho Area Groups, the event was a great success. Laura Cuthbert, formerly from the 12th New Westminster Group, was on hand to make balloon animals and gifts for the Beaver Scouts, Keeos and siblings. Santa was able to take time from his busy schedule to attend as well, so the kids were able to get a picture with him and each one received a candy cane.

A special big **Thank You** to the Coquitlam Optimists Club for another wonderful breakfast and great event.



Annual Coho Area Night Hike in Mundy Park

The 2016 Area Night Hike will take place earlier, due to a number of requests.

DATE: Saturday, January 30th, 2016. TIME: 5:30pm to 9:30pm.

Event Summary:

- It's a fun, free event, that's open to ALL Sections and is a great linking activity. You just need to confirm you are coming by emailing Rob Clayton with your numbers at robwclayton@hotmail.com
- Hot chocolate and cookies are provided at the end, so bring your mug.
- Groups walk around the park in assigned routes to various station, complete the challenge/game there and then move onto the next Station in a clockwise format.

Stations:

- We need volunteers/Groups to help run and plan stations. We require about 10 stations - perfect for Chief Scout or Queens's Venturer Candidates. If you want to run a station, please email Rob Clayton.

Location:

<http://www.vancouvertrails.com/trails/mundy-park/>
Mundy Park Hillcrest Avenue entrance shelter

Registration:

Registration for participants is from 5:30 to 6pm.

The groups will be on the trail by 6pm.

Once you have completed the event you **MUST** sign out so we know you are done.

If your group is running a station they will need to start setting up at 4pm.

Badges:

Badges can be ordered at the event. \$2.75 per badge plus \$5 shipping per order. To preorder, e-mail rob clayton at robwclayton@hotmail.com with your numbers. Mail your Group cheque for the badges to: Rob Clayton 2050 Columbia Avenue, Port Coquitlam BC V3C 4W4, or bring it to the event. Badges will be mailed with delivery in about 4 weeks.

•If you wish to submit a badge design do so by January 15th, E-mail your design to Scouter Patrick McCarthy: Patrickemccarthy@hotmail.com

Event Format:

All participating groups will depart at 6pm. They will be assigned a station to visit first. They will then go to each location in approx. 20 min intervals in a clock wise formation. There will be no requirement to wait for your turn at the registration desk.

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Coho Area Night Hike continued:

Eat Dinner before you arrive:

Ensure you remind the youth to eat before they come to the hike, or bring some trail food for energy. We are providing hot chocolate, and cookies. If this is all they are going to eat for dinner it will not be enough. Please confirm if you are coming and your estimated numbers so we can order enough cookies.

Equipment:

Bring a compass, mug, flashlight, & dress for cold and wet weather.

Schedule:

Station Setup	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Registration:	5:30 - 6:00 pm
Departure:	6:00 pm (go to assigned station, then move every 20 minutes intervals clockwise to the next station)
Hike End:	9:30 pm latest
Hot Chocolate:	8pm - 9:30 pm at registration area

Key Contacts:

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Merry Christmas and a **Happy New Year** to all members
of the Scouting family in the Coho Area!

May the year 2016 bring the very best of health & great
Scouting programs to all.

Thank you for all you do for the youth of our communities!

**Merry
Christmas**