



"The Two-Beader"
The Ontario Gilwell Reunion
Newsletter – August 2017



Greetings Gilwellians;

With just days to go until the gates open on Friday, September 8th at 1:00 pm, I hope you have made all your preparations and travel plans for this year's Ontario Gilwell Reunion.



Remember: All vehicles travelling to Reunion **MUST GO TO THE PARKING LOT** (across from camp) **FIRST** so that they may be re-directed to the various locations for off-loading. The Ontario Gilwell Reunion opens for non-working contingents at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017. See you there!



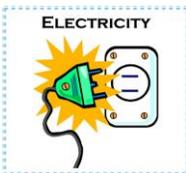
Please wear your beads proudly into camp. They are a requirement. As a new scouter, you aspired to put into practice, all that you learned at your course, whether it be here at Blue Springs or elsewhere. Your beads are a testament to your hard work. Registration wristbands will be distributed to attach to your beads, either at your contingent marquee or at the registration table.



Registration times and location: If you need to register upon arrival, the registration table is located in the lower level of Ridley lodge facing the parking lot loop. Registration times: **Friday** 1 pm-5 pm, 7 pm to 9 pm. **Saturday**: 8:30 am-9:45 am, 11 am-2:30 pm, 4 pm-4:30 pm, and 6:30 pm-7:30 p.m.



UNIVERSAL SERIAL BUS, OR USB: Contingents are reminded to bring along a USB drive, so that this year's Log `n Beads can be uploaded to it and picked up on Sunday. It should have sufficient space on it for uploading. Last year's edition was about 1.4 mb. Our social media chair, Harry Niezen, also posts the Log `n Beads online at our website for individual download.



ELECTRICITY: In talks with Blue Springs, it has come to our attention that the demand for electrical hookups for medical reasons increases every year, even though our numbers aren't the whopping 2500 attendees we had in the mid-eighties. In fact, it may already be at capacity. You must contact BSSR to secure a site that requires power. Contact David Wiebe wiebedavid66@gmail.com



PHONES: Most of us now cannot go anywhere without our smartphones. Several running apps and operating systems can run your phone's internal battery down quite quickly. Exposure to cold can also be a factor. As above, electrical outlets for phone recharging are few, if any. You should bring along a fully charged power unit to recharge your phone or tablet. There is no WiFi at camp, and cell phone coverage for some service providers is intermittent at best.



The **PARKING** committee (OWASCO) will do their best to accommodate trailers for Reunion. However, we must keep in mind that the B.S.S.R. parking lot and camping grounds are not flat enough, large enough or site equipped (water, hydro, sewer) to accommodate the longer travel trailers, those with tip outs, the subsequent tow vehicles, large motorhomes and coaches. Propane must be disconnected. Nor-Halton campground is offering level ground, hydro and pumping stations, if that's what you're looking for: Nor-Halton Park

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THIS IS A SCOUTS CANADA SANCTIONED EVENT: As the 66th Ontario Gilwell Reunion is a Scouting event, held on Scouts Canada property, your Ontario Gilwell Reunion Committee (OGRC) expects all Scouters to abide by the policies of Scouts Canada, Blue Springs Scout Reserve, and the committee. This includes No Alcohol consumption on BSSR property anywhere, including private quarters such as your rented building, tent, car, marquee, showers, kybo, well, you get the point.



VEHICLES: Please respect the regulations put in place for vehicles permitted in the camping areas and in the main Gilwell Reunion sites. These regulations are not put in place to hinder anyone's experience or enjoyment of our time together, but to ensure that we all have a safe Reunion. If you have any question about where you can park, please speak to a representative of the Parking contingent (OWASCO) or Reunion Committee member, and they will

gladly assist you.



PACK IT OUT: Although BSSR does bring some recycling containers on site for us to use, please remember that items that are accepted for recycling vary from region to region and town to town. If you are able to pack out your recycling to lessen the burden, please do so. It's time consuming for the BSSR staff, or the 99th B.P. Guild to spend their time picking out the items that

Halton will not accept. Crush your pop (soda) cans and deflate your plastic water bottles to save space on your trip home. You may even want to keep these items separate to donate the aluminum to one of your Scouting groups in your area. You can further reduce our environmental impact by using refillable containers and washable dishes and cutlery.



MARKETPLACE: This activity will be held on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Whiskin field. If you are running a Scouting event in the near future, or are a member of a resource that could benefit other Scouting groups, you may wish to set up a display for your event or resource, and promote it. Please Dave Robak (London) at store@ontgilwell.scouter.ca DEADLINE AUG 31st



A SCOUT IS CLEAN: We are pleased to announce that the showers on Goat Hill will be open for the 2017 Ontario Gilwell Reunion.

Don't forget to check out our website: <http://www.ontgilwell.scouter.ca/> It has all the information you need, and handy links for contacting the committee, who may attend Reunion, etc.

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