



LOG N' BEADS

Newsletter of the 72nd Ontario Gilwell Reunion, September 5-7, 2025

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Friday evening
Sept 5, 2025

Are We There Yet?!



WELCOME TO REUNION!

Greetings my fellow Gilwellians, on behalf of the 2025 OGR Committee it's my pleasure to welcome you to the 72nd Ontario Gilwell Reunion at Blue Springs and my honour to represent you as your Reunion Camp Chair.

This a place we renew our friendships with our fellow Gilwellian friends and acquaintances, as there is no better joy than a face-to-face visit. We renew our commitment to spread our enthusiasm, laughter and knowledge with those experiencing the Gilwell Reunion for the first time, and re-energizing those who have returned after a time away. Finally, we renew ourselves to begin a year of adventures with our Scouting youth, some of whom will perhaps join us here on Whiskin field as adult volunteers in the years to come.

As we meet new friends, see familiar faces, have fun, share and sing together, take a minute to ponder what a wonderful feeling it is to belong. For those who could not join us, we welcome you on our Facebook page where we will post our ceremonies. I am looking forward to meeting and hearing the Saturday morning motivational guest speaker. It will be wonderful to sing the annually custom-crafted songs by none other than our own Bob Prentice.

Please come and introduce yourself to me. I am here at your service and ready to help in any way I can.

Can't wait to see you all!
Rob Rick - Owasco



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The 2025 Reunion Committee

Many thanks to all the committee members for their outstanding work this year.

Honorary Camp Chief Harry Niezen

Chair Rob Rick, OWASCO

Past Chair (& Cook-Off)

Shelley Sprague, North Waterloo

Accommodation & First Aid

Jennifer O'Malley, Oshawa

Campfire, Program, & Fire Prevention

Shirley Blair, South Lake Simcoe

Control Barb Roosemalen, Blue Heron

Elections, Sanitation & Scouts' Own

Lloyd Clarke, Fruitbelt

Log 'N Beads Shane Crozier, London

Social Events Sara MacLean, QEOS

Abir Tadros, Whitby

Registration, Meet 'N Greet

Marie Widdis, Mississauga

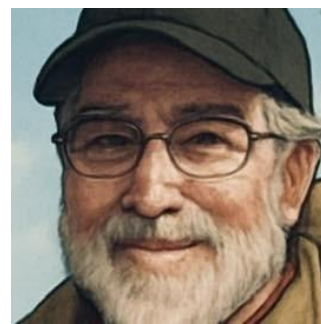
Appointed Members of the Committee

Secretary MJ Stevenson

Treasurer Shelley Pelissero



Just Who Is Our Honorary Camp Chief Anyway?



Harry Niezen has been involved with Scouting for almost 60 years. His journey with Scouting began as a Cub in 1966 (followed by being a Scout and then a Venturer) and since that time, he has filled many volunteer roles including: Scouter-In-Training, section Scouter (all 5!); Service Team member, Area Commissioner, Council Commissioner, Trainer, Group Support Scouter and now Group Commissioner with 45th Kitchener.

Gilwell holds a special place in his heart because it has been through the training (as a participant and as a trainer) that he has met many other amazing Scouters. He first served on the Reunion Committee in 2002 and has been an active committee member for about 20 years. He comes to the Gilwell Reunion in order to meet new people, and reconnect with old friends. Reunion is a place to share stories, and attending Reunion lets him continue the tradition of mentorship and service that fuels his passion for Scouting.

Outside of Scouting, he is an avid Amateur Radio enthusiast (call sign VE3HZ), he enjoys his motorcycle, being with his family, and making music. He is now retired. He worked in education as a high school teacher and then as a consultant (teaching teachers how to teach). His guiding motto is that "It is Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood." He hopes you take the time to celebrate the spirit of the Reunion with him and if you are able, drop by and meet him at the North Waterloo/Wellington contingent marquee and share with him what makes Gilwell magic for you.

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CHAIR'S CHALLENGE

Most interesting Marquee Entrance

A long-standing scout tradition at camps and jamborees is having an interesting gate to the camp site. This year we'd like to embrace that idea by having contingents compete for the most interesting entry to their marquee.

The design and construct well support the theme this year, **"Working Together the Scouting Way"**.



The choice of materials is open; could even be done as a demonstration of knots, lashing and poles. Modern materials are most welcome too. Perhaps, if the contingent likes their creation, this might become part of your marquee entrance in future years. Something warm and welcoming.

Design, safety and creativity considerations:

This represents some of the criteria to consider in your entrance preparation, assembly and elements which will be used for judging the competition:

- Clearly identifies the contingent name, with additional consideration for identifying geographical area (city/town, area, region)
- Prominent use of the national logo, world emblem and/or "Scouts Canada"
- Use of scouting methods (knots/lashing, spars/tripods, etc. Traditional building/assembly mechanisms! Other methods of construction may also be used.
- Use of color, finish, contrast (does it catch one's eye, stand out, big first impression)
- Making it pop: use of lighting, glow paint or other means to make it visible during evening activities.
- Originality: is it unique, distinctive, innovative.
- Secure and safe. Will it survive rain, not leave debris behind, is it secure enough to withstand a wind storm without becoming a hazard to bystanders or damage the marquee.

WINNER! GAGNANT!

Open ingredients. Big flavour. Great teamwork.

GILWELL REUNION 2025 COOK-OFF COMPETITION



GRANDMA'S FAVORITE SOUP

**Does your contingent have the
best soup recipe?**

Cold, hot, spicy, sweet, savory or sassy!

**Saturday, September 6th
on the Whiskin Field
Entries dropped off at 4pm.**

**To enter and get the rules, email Shelley at:
pastchair@ontgilwell.scouter.ca**

The winning team takes home the trophy and bragging rights until next year!

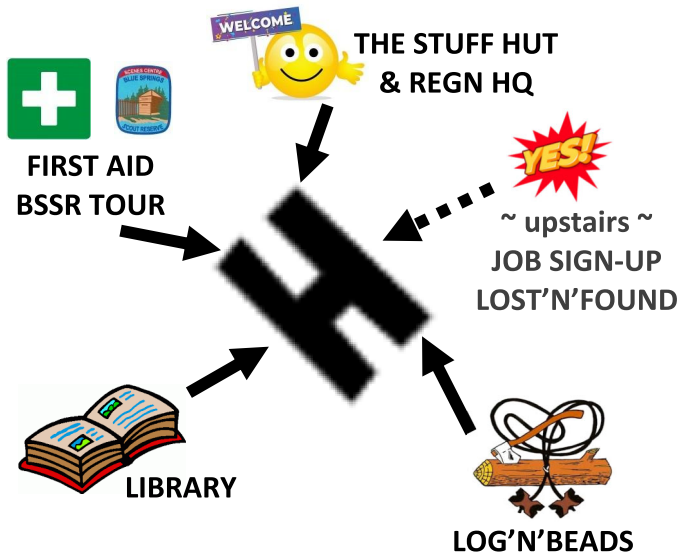
To enter and receive rules and details contact **Shelley Sprague** at **North Waterloo**.

Let the soup-erior cooking begin!

Please let us know of any events you wish us to acknowledge: Awards, Gone Home, Newbies, Milestones, etc.

Stop by the basement at Ridley or flag down one of our Roving Reporters!

A Guide to the Basement of Ridley Lodge



JOB SIGN-UP AREA

Many hands make light work so that we can all enjoy Reunion. Please sign up to help out even if you are not part of a working Contingent.

A sign up sheet will be posted at the front of Ridley Lodge (upstairs) for anyone interested in lending a hand at reunion. Don't be shy and help out a fellow Contingent/Gilwellian.



LOST

A peck of pickled peppers
Please return to Peter Piper.



THE STUFF HUT

Souvenir shopping in the basement of Ridley (off of The Loop). Bottom of Ridley is also where the Contingent Rep can pick up their souvenirs. **Registration & check-in is at Blue Heron parking lot.**

CONTROL

Upon arrival at camp, **GO TO PARKING FIRST** to be told how and when it is safe to enter the site. Absolutely **NO PARKING IN EBOR** - drop off only and max 15mins. All parking is at Blue Heron. There are lots of shifts needed which need to be covered, so please sign up on slottr, or at Ridley.



FIRE SAFETY

Once your cooking and lighting equipment is all set up and connected, come find us for an inspection in order to receive your certificate. **DO NOT USE EQUIPMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND CERTIFIED!** You can find us either at the South Lake Simcoe tent or check in at Lister Hut.

Our team will be checking for equipment safety, including certified fire extinguishers and pails for water.

Each contingent is asked to appoint, vote, or designate a fire safety officer.

- In past years we have run into several contingents where they didn't even know who fire safety officer was, let alone was that person present to sign off on the inspection.
- Please ensure that your designated fire safety officer is present during Friday inspection, which speeds things up when getting your equipment checked out by us.

Watch for our people wearing the red firefighter helmets!



SANITATION FOR THE GILWELL NATION



KYBOS

This year there will be multiple portable Kybos in addition to the permanent ones. They will be set up in strategic locations throughout the camp. They have the usual amenities, except running water. Please

DO NOT throw kitchen waste into the Kybos. Please make sure that only sanitary waste is discarded into the portables. Anything else makes pumping out difficult and costly. The flush toilets and showers in Ridley Lodge are unavailable for use.

WASTE WATER

Waste or Grey Water disposal is available for waste cooking and washing liquids only. Cutlery should be removed before dumping. Garbage should go into the appropriate disposal bins. Solid items clog up tank drains and suction hoses, delaying emptying the tanks and causing additional expense.



GARBAGE

To respond to the needs of contingents that have distances to travel with garbage, the Reunion Committee will have garbage bins on site to receive contingent garbage this year. Where possible, please take home the recyclable items, to be environmentally friendly.



RECYCLING

There is no provision for Recycling or Composting at Blue Springs. Each Contingent is requested to look after their own.



PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

Outdoor washing facilities for personal cleanliness are available as usual at Ebor Park and Blue Heron. Showers are available at Goat Hill.

COOKING & EATING

All cooking and cleaning will be done in the marquees on the main field.



Do you have any **stories, poems** or **photos** you would like to see in the Log 'N' Beads?
Any ideas for pretty much **anything**?

Drop off in person at the basement of **Ridley Lodge** and WIN a PRIZE of GREAT VALUE!



Waiting for news to arrive...

WHAT'S HAPPENING FRIDAY NIGHT?



Friendship Fire will be held at **8pm Friday** at the Campfire Circle. This is a casual fire. Bring your chairs.

Karaoke
in **The Keke**
8-11pm Friday



WHAT'S HAPPENING SATURDAY AFTERNOON? ...SATURDAY EVENING?

Let us know so your contingent can be included in the next Log'n'Beats!

Drop by the **NorthEast** basement of Ridley ASAP!

FOUND

A freshly picked peck of pickled peppers.
In order to have it returned,
tell us whose name is on the basket.



FIRST AID

Like we tell our youth, remember to stay hydrated.....drink water!

During the day we can be found on Whiskin Field under the first aid tent or one of our roaming teams. At night we are located in Ridley Lodge downstairs near the Ranger's Office. We are on call day or night, please don't hesitate to call on us if you require assistance.

First Aiders will transport your casualty safely - please do not carry someone to us if they are not well.

***A special thanks from Oshawa to Brian Collier and the rest of the Advisors and Medvents keeping us safe this weekend.

SHUTTLE BUS

Friday

1:00 PM—11:45 PM

Saturday

7:30 AM – 11:45 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM



There will only be one bus this year. Please be patient, respectful and courteous as it does its rounds.

Please note that buses DO NOT OPERATE during Opening, Parade of Years, Campfire, Scouts' Own and Closing Ceremonies.

SHHHH!

**SLEEPING AREAS ARE FOR SLEEPING.
PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB.**

NO COOKING OR SMOKING NEAR TENTS



THE STUFF HUT

Souvenir shopping!
Located in the basement of Ridley.

Friday

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

LIBRARY

The ever-popular Blue Springs Library is a great place to explore the history of the camp and Wood Badge courses. **Ridley Lodge, South** basement door.



Friday: 7 - 11 pm

Saturday: 11am - 2pm, 3:30 - 5pm



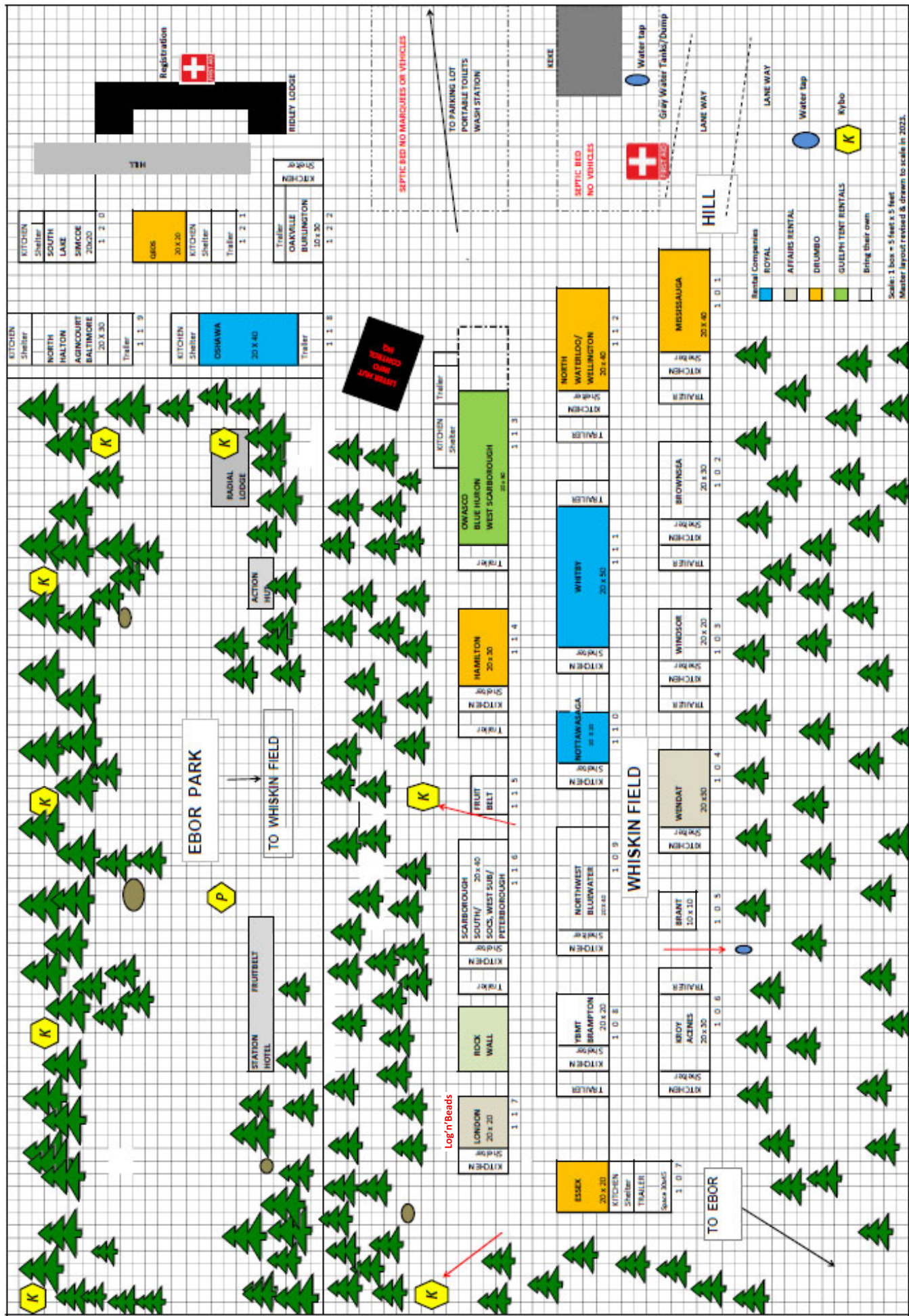
BSSR TOUR

Led by Blue Springs volunteers, come explore the legendary campsites.

Meet at the back of Ridley, at The Loop.

Tour leaves at around 11 am, right after opening.

#OntGilwell25





Welcome to the 2025 Gilwell Reunion: Working Together The Scouting Way

Please note: All ceremonies take place on Whiskin Field. The roads will be closed to all traffic (including buses) during all ceremonies. All ceremonies will be recorded and uploaded to the Ontario Gilwell website.

Friday, September 5

Bus hours: 1:00 pm - 11:45 pm
Library hours: 7:00pm-11:00pm
 1:00pm Gates open to all
 1:00-9:00 Registration - in Blue Heron
 1:00 - 5:00 Stuff Hut (Ridley) souvenirs
 1:00 - 8:00 Meet & Greet
(Parking & Whiskin Field)
 7:00 - 9:00 Stuff Hut (Ridley) souvenirs
 8:00 pm Friendship Fire
(Campfire Circle)
 8:00-11:00 Evening Activity -
 Karaoke (~~██████████~~) **THE KEKE**

Saturday, September 6

Bus hours: 7:30 am - 11:45pm
Library hours: 11:00am-2:00pm
 3:30pm-5:00pm
 7:00am Rise and Shine, Breakfast
 8:00-7:00 pm Registration- in Blue Heron
 8:00-9:30 am Stuff Hut (Ridley)
 8:30 - 1:00pm Meet & Greet (Whiskin Field)
 10:00am Opening Ceremonies &
 Guest Speaker (Whiskin Field)
David Franklin

Contingent Rep meeting to follow opening in the ~~██████████~~ *(one rep per contingent)*
BESIDE KEKE

Saturday continued

11 am BSSR Camp Tour (*The Loop*)
 11 am - 12 pm Stuff Hut (Ridley) Souvenir shopping
 11:45am Lunch (*Contingents*)
 12:45-3:00pm Contingent Afternoon Activities (*Program based*)
 1:00 - 3:00pm Resource Hub (*Whiskin Field*)
 3:00-4:00pm **Parade of Years**, Election Speeches, Social on The Lawn (*Whiskin Field + BYO Mug*)
 4:00-4:30pm Stuff Hut (Ridley)
 Last chance for souvenirs!
 4:00-5:00pm Elections - Polls open
(Various locations around BSSR)
 4:00-5:00pm Cook Off Competition
(Whiskin Field)
 5:30pm Dinner (*Contingents*)
No bus service during this time
 7:45pm Gather for Campfire
 8:00pm **Reunion Campfire**
(Campfire Circle)
 9:00-11:00 Contingent Evening Program
 10:00 - 12am Live band, dancing (Keke)
The Connors Brothers

Sunday, September 7

Bus Hours: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
 7:00am Rise and Shine, Breakfast
 7:00-9:30 Vote for Chair's Challenge
(Contingent internal vote)
 9:30 **Flag Break**
 10:00 **Scouts Own (Chapel)**
 11:00 **Official Closing (Whiskin Field)**
Cook Off Competition trophy presentation, Chair's Challenge winner presentation

**Put All Garbage in the Large Bins
 Located in the Loop
 Please Pack Out Your Recyclables &
 Compost**

Volunteers are needed: Please give an offer of service and volunteer for 2 hours on the weekend. See Parking or Control at Lister Hut to sign up.

Break camp immediately after closing

Safe Journey Home!
***** See You In 2026 *****



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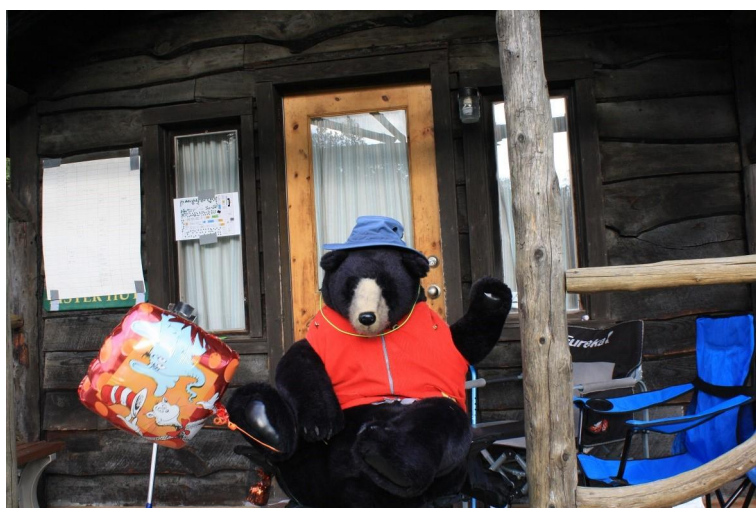
2025 – 72nd Ontario Gilwell Reunion Opening Song

Tune: I'm looking over a four leaf clover

There's no denying, we all are smiling,
When working the Scouting way,
Tasks that are easy, or tasks that are hard
All come together, when we do our part.

Words from our founder, were never sounder,
They echo to this very day;
Like birds of a feather, we all stick together
When working the Scouting way

- lyrics prepared by Bob Prentice



The Bear of Lister Hut. Come by to say "hi!"

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INTRODUCING... OUR GUEST SPEAKER

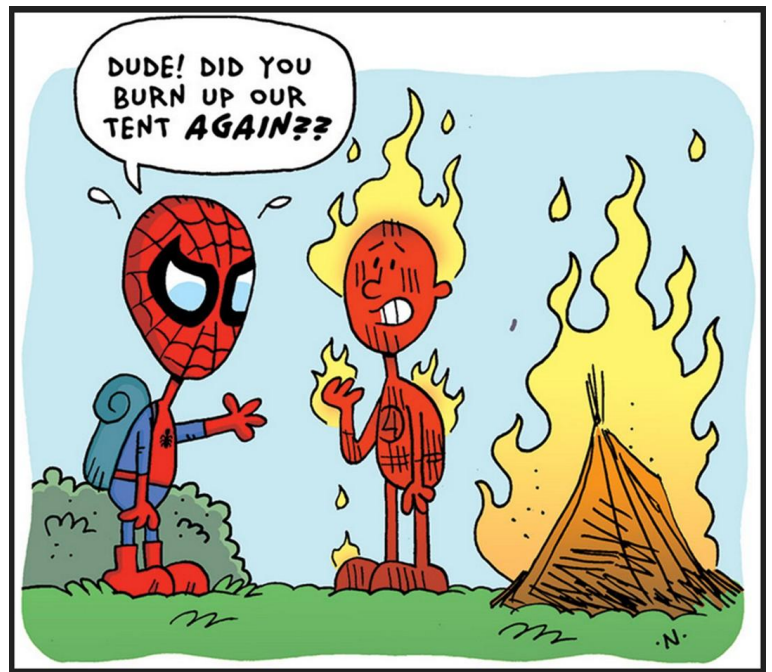


David Franklin is a Certified Canadian Chef de Cuisine, a designation recognized as the second-highest professional credential for chefs in Canada. He is also a proud member of the Culinary Federation of Canada's Honour Society. Currently serving as Vice-President of Central Canada and Board Chair of the Culinary Federation's London, Ontario chapter, David is a strong advocate for mentorship, professional development, and community engagement within the food service industry.

Over the course of more than 35 years in food service, David's journey has spanned from washing dishes in a local pizzeria to becoming a respected leader in Canadian and international culinary circles. He holds both a Red Seal Certification and a Certificate of Qualification for the trade of Cook, and in 2009, he earned the prestigious Certified Chef de Cuisine designation by successfully challenging the Canadian Culinary Institute's rigorous exam. More recently, he attained the Certified Executive Chef accreditation from the American Culinary Federation and is now preparing to serve as both an examiner for certification candidates and a Vegan Continental Judge with World Chefs.

David is deeply involved in culinary competitions, serving as Lead Judge for Ontario Skills and as a regional tasting judge for the Young Chef Olympiad in India. He is also actively leading Canada's Community Catering Team as they prepare for international competitions in Luxembourg and Germany.

Beyond his professional pursuits, David is an accomplished Toastmaster and amateur sommelier, and he gives generously of his time to community and charity events. Most notably, he serves as the Nutrition Lead for the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland, where he brings his culinary expertise and leadership to support the health and well-being of thousands of Scouts from around the globe.



Friday night karaoke



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Saturday afternoon activities

Badge Swap 12pm in the Yak Shack

Contingent Activities 12:45pm

BROWNSEA Need to complete your Wood Badge collection? We have some old Gilwell badges and pins available. Hurry, they won't last long.

ESSEX AREA Scout Memorabilia Silent Auction / Raffle

OWASCO Knots and more

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH campfire blanket raffle - add a crest of your own or one of the many available.

WEST DURHAM / OSHAWA camping in a box

WHITBY (all our activities could be interchangeable)

Spaghetti Tower, Lego, Airplane Activities of the Paper Variety, Tree Identification Hike

LONDON Drop by the Log'n'Beads office for WIGGLE-MAKING!

WENDAT Under construction

Resource Hub 1pm

Parade of Years, Social on the Lawn, Elections 3pm

Cook-Off Challenge 4pm

Let's Have Some Fun!

SMORES VARIATIONS

Add some "leftover" bacon to a layer.

Replace chocolate with lemon meringue filling.

Replace chocolate with peanut butter.

Replace chocolate with nutella and sliced fruit.

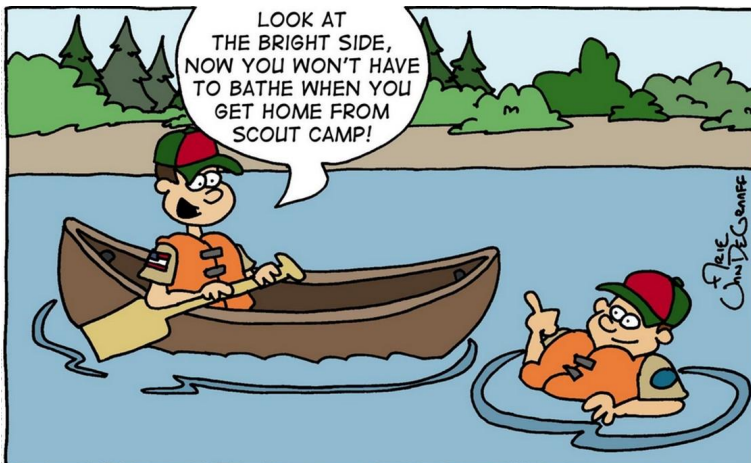
Use two-bite brownies in place of graham cracker.

What did the fish say when he hit the wall?

Oh damn

What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu?
One requires tweet-ment and other requires oink-ment.

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What did the alien say to the garden?

Take me to your weeder

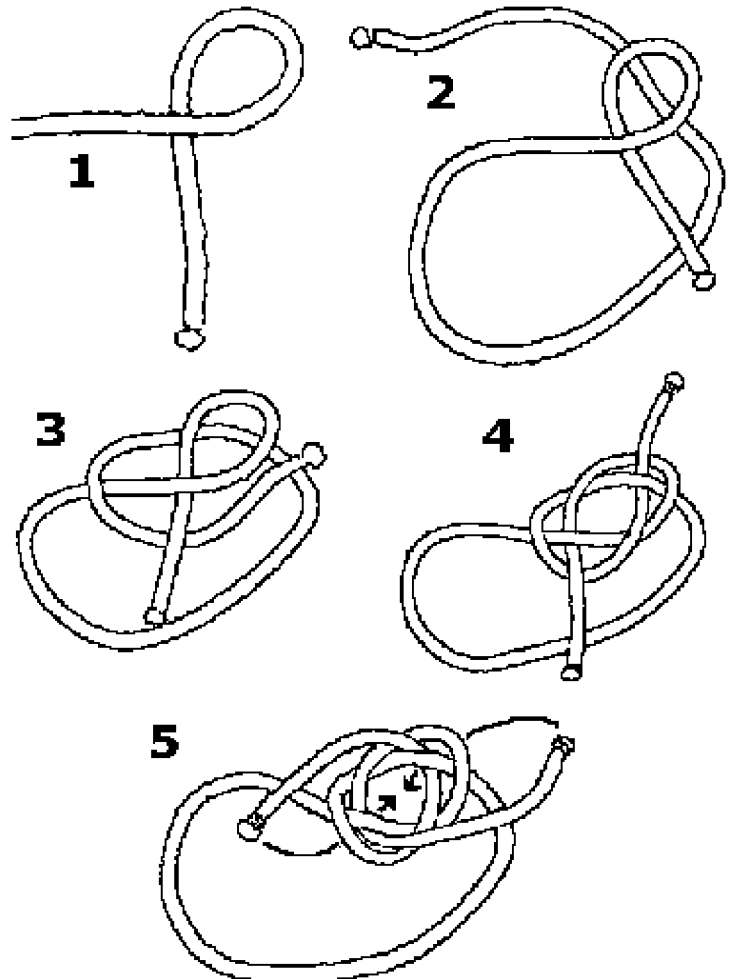
What do Martians eat for dessert?

Mars-mellows

Game: Repeat After Me

Challenge a volunteer to repeat three sentences. Have them repeat the first sentence: "Sally picked seashells by the seashore". Then the second sentence: "What's the capital of Nicaragua?". Then the third sentence: "That was wrong". Participants may be tricked into trying to answer the question for the second sentence or by asking "Why?" after the third question. They will be successful if they repeat all three sentences.

Diamond Knot





Game: Alien Handshake

Select a NASA Scientist, who will go out in the hall where they cannot see the group. Have players sit in a circle with their eyes closed and heads down. Choose someone to be the Alien by tapping them on the head. Have all the players open their eyes and stand up and mingle. Call in the NASA Scientist. Players begin shaking hands with each-other as they mingle. The Alien has a special handshake that he can use. This is usually tickling the other person's palm with their fingers as they shake hands. If someone shakes hands with the Alien and he uses his special handshake, the player will freeze and then collapse. They can be dramatic but they must wait 5 seconds before they die so as not to give away the identity of the Alien too easily. The NASA Scientist meanwhile is observing the players as they shake hands and has three chances to guess who is the Alien. If they guess correctly they win, if not then the Alien wins.



WORD SEARCH

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Lord Baden Powell	gingganggoolie	woodcraft
Park	scouting	learning
teaching	fun	Brownsea
Mafeking	Gilwell	reunion
helping	Robert	camping
		Olave

At Blackwater Pond the tossed waters have settled
after a night of rain.

I dip my cupped hands. I drink
a long time. It tastes
like stone, leaves, fire. It falls cold
into my body, waking the bones. I hear them
deep inside me, whispering
"oh what is that beautiful thing
that just happened?"

- Mary Oliver



SOCIAL ON THE LAWN Saturday Afternoon

BYOC - Bring Your Own Cup

Cookies will be assorted in both flavour and size.
Tea available in hot and cold, lukewarm upon request.

David Frederick (Oakville) is here to enjoy Reunion and to answer any questions you have about upcoming international adventures. As Deputy National Commissioner for Events & International, David's responsible for foreign Scouts coming to Canada, Canadian Scouts going abroad, and events over 1,000 held in Canada.

The 26th World Scout Jamboree is being held in Poland in 2027. The Canadian Contingent is growing quickly and welcomes youth aged 14-17 as of August 2027 are eligible. There are spaces available!



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



www.poland2027.ca

What is the Resource Hub?

It's THE place to find out what's new in the Scouting world.
Come discover what's available to you to enhance your section's program - be it just around the corner, across the province, or on the other side of the world.

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The Connors Brothers 🍀

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE KEKE

LAPA Dance Saturday at midnight at the flag pole!

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EARLY RISERS REPORT

News from WELLINGTON

7am: Camp Chief is up and awake, fully fed, and smiling!

News from NORTH HALTON/BALTIMORE/AGINCOURT

Robert Roper has been Scouting since 1970. Born in PEI, he participated in CJ'77. This morning he received his morning coffee in a CJ'77 mug, along with pin and coasters. Needless to say he was very touched. NHBA is the host for the MedVents this weekend. Thanks folks!

News from Oshawa

7:30am: Breakfast is great!

News from CHICKADEE

There are some vehicles parked in the Fire Lane at Chickadee. PLEASE REMOVE!

News from NOTTAWASAGA

Looking for sunny weather today - everyone is reminded to wear sunscreen.

News from EBOR PARK

A skunk was seen this morning in Ebor Park. Beware. Do not cuddle.



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SATURDAY evening happenings

Campfire 8 pm *BYO chair and campfire ashes*

~ Kazoos mandatory! Drop by South Lake Simcoe to get yours! ~

Contingent Activities 9pm:

NOTTAWASAGA Popcorn [after campfire]

ESSEX AREA Tomato Soup & Fish Crackers Giveaway

OWASCO Jeopardy Games

WEST DURHAM / OSHAWA The Butchers of Gilwell

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH Sing Along. Songbooks available. Bring you singing voice and instruments if you have them with you.

WHITBY (all our activities could be interchangeable)

Word Cloud, Build a Pyramid with Solo Cups, Puzzles, Marbles, Key Punch, Brain Teasers

WENDAT Twenties speak-easy

Music in the Keke 10pm

Welcome them back for their THIRD year in a row!

The Connors BROTHERS

You never know when someone
May catch a dream from you
You never know when a little word
Or something you may do

May open up the windows of a mind that seeks the light
The way you live may not matter at all
But you never know – it might

And just in case it could be
That another's life, through you
Might possibly change for the better
With a broader and brighter view
It seems it might be worth a try
At pointing the way to what's right
Of course, it may not matter at all
But then again - it might!

Author Unknown

I LOVE BOARD GAMES

My favourite one is when people
put meat and cheese on a board, maybe some fruit and
crackers. I'm so good at That one!



Are you a Polar Bear?

Find out at WHITBY!
They are also willing to make people **Turtles!**

Do you have any **stories, poems** or **photos** you would like to see in the Log 'N' Beads?
Any ideas for pretty much **anything?**

Drop off in person at the NE basement of **Ridley Lodge** and WIN a PRIZE of GREAT VALUE!

Meet the Candidates

There only two for three openings - we need YOU! Contact Lloyd Clarke (FRUITBELT)



VOTE FOR GEORGE

Earned his WB II in 1994, but didn't receive his beads until CJ 1997 at a ceremony at the Ontario tent.

His first year at Blue Springs was at 2000 - so he says!

During his training week, both Lister Hut and the shower house were struck by lightening. His favourite memory at Blue Springs is parachute shenanigans in the main field late at night.

MEET CHUCK

Has been coming to Reunion since 1990 - the year he received his beads - and it's his favourite year. If you VOTE FOR CHUCK, this will be his second term. Chuck feels that Gilwell Reunion is very important for networking, meeting and seeing other Scouters, and making everlasting memories.



MEET ~ YOUR NAME HERE ~



PARADE OF YEARS

2:30pm Whiskin Field
Celebrate the service of all Gilwellians!

ABOUT... BLUE SPRINGS

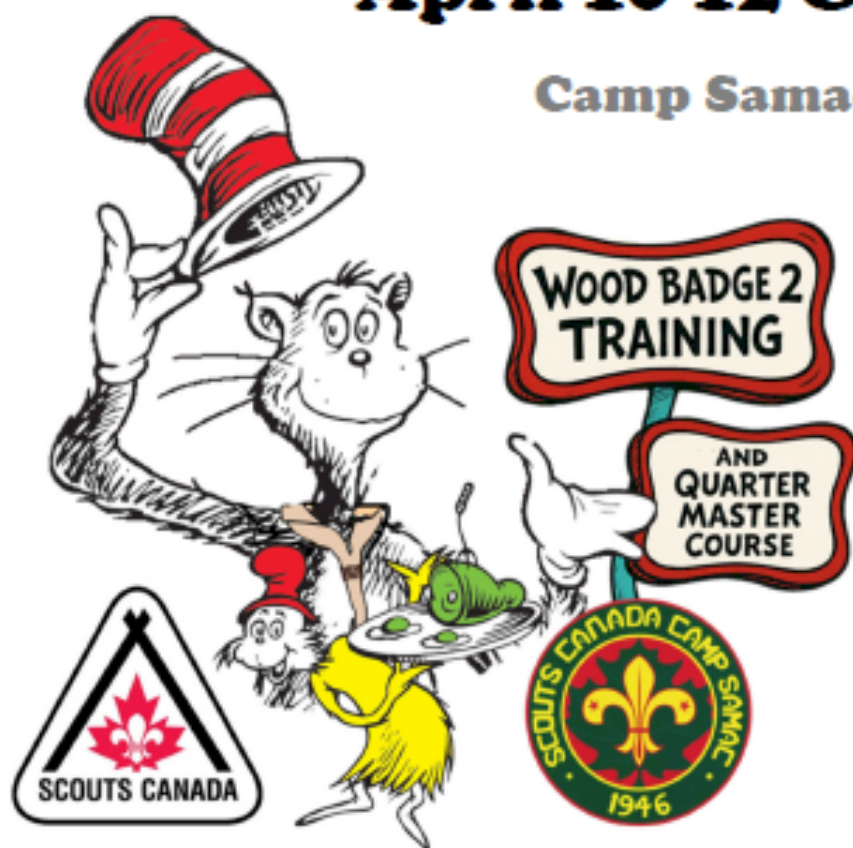
The 100 acres of the main property was purchased in March 1937 for \$3,500 by the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association.

In 2025 dollars that would be \$78,134.

April 10-12 & May 29-31 2026

Camp Samac (Oshawa, ON)

Colony, Pack,
Troop, Company/
Crew



Course Fees

Early Bird \$275

Deadline Jan 31 2026

Regular fee \$300

Deadline March 24 2026

Full Details and Registration Online at
WWW.WB2Skills.weebly.com

Course Description & Prerequisite

This Course will provide you with the advanced skills necessary to plan and run Scouts Canada's youth programs in compliance the Program Standards and By-Laws Policies and Procedures.

Wood Badge II looks to increase Volunteer Support and Program Quality. Wood Badge II focuses on the practical application of the program facilitation and the safety concepts learned in Wood Badge I, while introducing basic outdoor and Scouter support skills. In addition you will get the opportunity to meet and network with other Scouters from across Ontario.

This Course Does not Provide Accreditation but instead sets up the Scouter on the path to earn their WBII by following the mentor approach.

1. Completed WBI for the Canadian Path and have 1 Year in your current section.
2. Able to work with your section between the 2 course weekends

For more information or registration assistance, please contact

Course Coordination: Kevin Beleskey — Kevin.beleskey@scouts.ca 416-676-2071

The Reunion at Gilwell Park in the UK is held every year
the first weekend of September.
2026 marks the 100th Anniversary!
www.scouts.org.uk/national-events/gilwell-reunion

ATTN all Scouters...

Training is alive and well at Camp Samac

In a forest not far, where the tall white pines grow,
The Scouters all gathered, with skills they would show.
They came with their neckers, their woggles in place,
To learn and to lead with a smile on their face.

Wood Badge the Second! A marvellous feat!
Where Scouters grow wiser and never retreat.
They plan and they ponder, they coach and they guide,
With teamwork and laughter and plenty of pride.

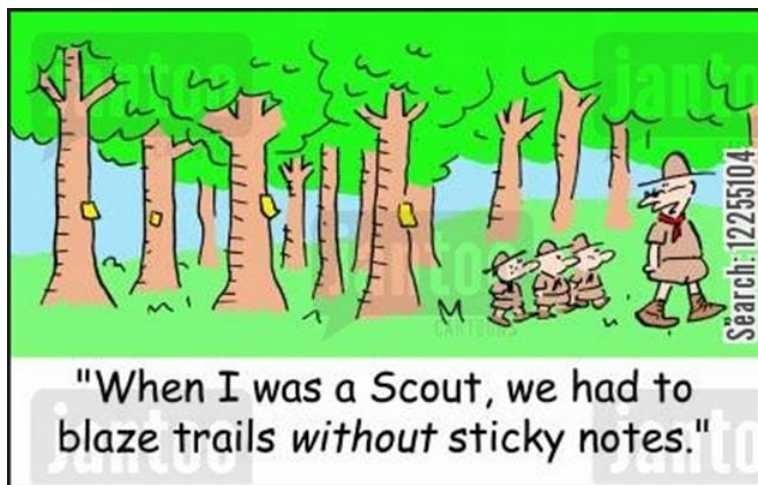
They build up their patrols with purpose and flair,
Solve puzzles, cook meals, and show that they care.
With Gilwellian spirit, they march through the rain,
Learning that growth often comes with some strain.

Now enter the Quartermaster, bold and precise,
Who knows how to pack gear & keep things quite nice.
With pots and with pans, with rope and with tape,
They measure and manage, no room for escape!

**The next WB II and Quartermaster Courses are being
held in April & May of 2026.**

Full Details and Registration Online at:

WWW.WB2Skills.weebly.com



What do you call a medieval spy?

Sir Valance

=====

What do you call two banana peels?

A pair of slippers



EARLY YEARS OF GILWELL REUNIONS

While the first "official" Gilwell Reunion was held in Gilwell Park in 1926, scouters had been returning to their training grounds well before then. Here are some snippets from the course logs preserved in the Blue Springs Library:

1924. Course Notes, Alex Philips, 1st Oakville. Course leaders: Frank Irwin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mitchell (Quartermaster), Mr. Richardson, Mr. Saunders, Mr. MacDonnell. Location – Ebor Park. 2 volumes.

1925. July 9. Log Book. Gilwell Jottings. Includes the register of "The Old Gang". Gilwell Reunion Day. Ebor Park.

1925. Course Log. Contains notes on a Gilwell Reunion Day, July 25th, 1925. Includes names of all those taking the course and a newspaper clipping from the London Free Press. Ebor Park

1926. Course Log. July 6th-17th. 31 participants. Includes newspaper clippings. July 10: Gilwellians of other years visited.

1927. Course Log. Camp Chief Frank Irwin. July 5th-12 with reunion on the 10th attended by over 100 Gilwellians and involving the dedication of Lister Hut with the keys being turned over by the contractor. Ebor Park. Includes newspaper clippings from several Southwestern Ontario papers.

1928. Course Log. July 3rd-14th. (note typo of date on the inside front cover.) Lists of attendees, both staff and participants, newspaper clippings include a picture of Lister Hut. Ebor Park.

1929. Course Log. Ebor Park Bradford. July 2-13th. Lists of participants and staff are included. Not much detail, inferred reference to a Reunion although visitors are mentioned in the log and there are a number of clippings discussing visitors.



**EAST WILLOWDALE is now
on the map!!!!**

You can find them next door to
South Lake Simcoe
(just up the hill from the
Log'n'Beads office)

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SMALLEST CONTINGENT AWARD

Small but mighty! Congrats to **WEST DURHAM**
for their contingent of TWO members.



MISSISSAUGA

Saturday Afternoon

**Facilitated learning
experience:**

PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN A LARGE EVENT

From the Big Picture to the
Implementation and Review

- Timelines
- Processes
- How not to miss the experience
- The joys of paperwork
- Being responsible for doing your bit
- And more!



Happy Wedding Anniversary!

25: Kim & John Connors ♪ (SLS)

30: Andy & Julie Dunn (YBMT)

37: Lloyd & Deborah George (SLS)

45: Brenda & Joe Laird (YBMT)

50: Tom & Nancy Smith (SLS)

50: Jane & Karl Reddin (Brant)

60: Trevor & Penny Stephens (SLS)

LIBRARY



The ever-popular Blue Springs Library
is a great place to explore the history
of the camp and Wood Badge courses.
Ridley Lodge, South basement door.

Saturday: 11am - 2pm, 3:30 - 5pm



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Dave Franklin taste testing the Cook-Off Challenge

Who is that at the new Owasco sign? What contingent is he from? Is he trying to steal the Owasco sign? Just asking questions...



WORDS OF WISDOM from our 2025 Reunion Guest Speaker, David Franklin

(In David's immediate family there are 190 years of Scouting service)

(Fun Fact ... In 2019 David attended his first reunion here with his father)

As a Scout you see a need, you make a plan, you find your people, then you get to work.

People at or jobs sometimes wonder what's wrong with us – we pay to go on vacation and pamper other people's kids.

In times of loss Scouters show up with coffee.

Friendships become family and leadership is service wearing a grin.

A canoe doesn't move just because you have opinions.

Trainers multiply impact.

Humour is the duct tape of group dynamics.

What does scouting mean to you? Answer = Family.

Weather is democratic – it rains on everybody.

Next time, invite one more for the trip.

Scouting is not what we do, but who we are.

Scouting is ... trail mix with too many raisins.

Scouting is ... mosquitos that consider you a tasting flight.

Leadership is teaching responsibility in each other.

Leadership is teaching habits of humility, courage and humour.



Enjoying the cool breezes at Opening Ceremonies

PARADE OF YEARS

HONOURING OUR SCOUTING FAMILY WITH OVER 50 YEARS AS GILWELLIANS



The 17 Gilwellians in the over 50 group include:

Sharon Oldfield FRUITBELT 1972, Robert Cook MISSISSAUGA 1974, Don MacAngus HAMILTON 1974, Bob Russell OAKVILLE/BURLINGTON 1975, Jane Richardson OAKVILLE/BURLINGTON 1975, Elaine Hannah NORTH HALTON 1974, Ann Hopkins OWASCO 1975, Jim McDonald NOTTAWASAGA 1975, Bob Statkiewicz BROWNSEA 1975, Karen Grant WEST SCARBOROUGH 1975, Cliff Gauthier WINDSOR 1971, Doug Watson GREATER TORONTO 1967, Brian Whittaker NOTTAWASAGA 1968, Mark Young FRUITBELT 1970, Glen Santee SLS 1971, Bruce Roberson BURLINGTON 1967



SATURDAY afternoon activities





Thanks to the MedVents for helping us have safe weekend. Keep hydrated out there!

**The OWASCO Gilwell Contingent
are celebrating 50 years.**

Where were you in 1975?

Not Born – 61
 Infant – 26
 Grade School – 36
 High School – 31
 College/University – 11
 Working – 46
 Retired - 0



The 2025 Log'n'Beads staff are grateful for the support of their in-house Emotional Support Pickle. If you find yourself in a pickle, please come by for some Emotional Support Pickle therapy.

WHITBY are proud to announce the following results:

Longest Paper Plane Flight

1st: Angelo (FRUITBELT)
 2nd: Kristin W. (KROY ACENES)

Tallest Spaghetti & Marshmallow Tower

1st: 33" Sam Lees (NORTHWEST BLUEWATER)
 2nd: 28 1/2" Gordy Juls (OWASCO)
 3rd: 27 1/2" Zaynab (KROY ACENES)

For 2025 we asked "What does the working together the scouting way mean to you?" Using 87 responses from Scouters who visited our booth today we generated the following image.



NORTH HALTON "WHAT IS IT?"

Answers...

1. Spool Yarn Spinner
2. Xmas Light—put a candle in & hang in tree
3. Telephone Line Insulator
4. Cow Bell—1st cow that would come in
5. Cherry Seed Pitter
6. Door Latch
7. Corn Cob Chucker
8. Oyster Shucker
9. Poison Bottle Rough Sides
10. Plant ID Marker

Bonus: Turtle Shell—13 segments = 13 full moons

GONE HOME ON MEMORIAL LANE

Memorial plaques are available near the Ceremonial Campfire. If your contingent would like to add a plaque for next year, please contact Warren Jackman at wjackman@xplornet.com



Elwood Addison Dec 2020 (WENDAT SHINING WATERS)

Fred Armstrong (PETERBOROUGH)

Ed Cross (NORTHWEST BLUEWATER)

Dan Belair (YBMT)

Dan Belair was GC of 1st Palmerston Scout Group for many of his 37 years of Scouting. Dan was the driving force behind 1st Palmerston and will be greatly missed.

Wayne Conyard (NORTHWEST BLUEWATER)

Pat Davies (WEST DURHAM)

Beaver & Cub Scouter and WB I trainer in Pontypool for over 20 years.

Jim Devlin (OWASCO)

Jim was a founding member of the Owasco Gilwell Club. He was the Akela at 1st Bay Ridges in the 1970s, then ADC Pack and then the Owasco District Commissioner in the 1990s.

Edna Eliston (KROYACENES)

Jack Frost (NORTHWEST BLUEWATER)

Lawrence Guay (SOUTH LAKE SIMCOE)

Velma Hackeson (LONDON)

Velma celebrated more than 65 years of service a few years ago - mostly as a Pack Scouter. However, Velma also gave many extra hours as a member of various service teams and training teams. She was a holder of the Bar to the Silver Acorn.

Don Henderson (OWASCO)

Don was a Troop Scouter with 2nd Ajax in the 1980s. He was also a past Owasco District Commissioner.

Vernon "Rick" Henderson Baltimore MD (WHITBY)

J. David Holmes over 50 years with Scouting

Russ Kelk (FRUITBELT)

Became a cub leader while still in his teens and met his future wife Yvonne at camp. During over 80 years in Scouting, Russ held many positions and became well known in both Peterborough & Grimsby for his campfires and sing-a-longs.

Ann Klohr (NORTHWEST BLUEWATER)

Wolfgang (Wally) Lausch (NOTTAWASAGA)

Rev Larry King (ESSEX AREA)

Janice Maas (KROYACENES)

Chris MacDonald (BRANT)

Frank McCoy (OAKVILLE)

Gail Morrow (KROYACENES)

Eric Noeldechen (ESSEX AREA)

A. Chris Simona (BROWNSEA)

Alastair Taylor (OWASCO)

Alastair was a former Pack Scouter with 2nd Pickering in the 1990s. He was a Pack trainer for both Part 1 and Part II Wood Badge courses held at Camp Samac. There will be a Celebration of Life for Alastair in the Fall.

John "Jack" Vogel (MISSISSAUGA)

Bevin Wellwood (OWASCO)

Bevin joined Scouting in 1990 and held many section roles. In 2001 he transitioned to 1st Westshore Scouts and eventually became Group Commissioner. Bevin was quartermaster for many events, popcorn coordinator, parade coordinator and more. Recently, he was awarded the Silver Acorn.

THE TALE OF THE STARFISH

An old man had a habit of early morning walks on the beach. One day, after a storm, he saw a human figure in the distance moving like a dancer. As he came closer he saw that it was a young woman and she was not dancing but was reaching down to the sand, picking up a starfish and very gently throwing them into the ocean.

"Young lady," he asked, "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw them in they will die."

"But young lady, do you not realise that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You cannot possibly make a difference."

The young woman listened politely, paused and then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves, saying: "It made a difference for that one."

The old man looked at the young woman inquisitively and thought about what she had done. Inspired, he joined her in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and all the starfish were saved.



*adapted from "The Star Thrower" by
Loren C. Eiseley*

Election updates

Firstly, there will be NO elections this year.
Secondly, we have **three** volunteers who have stepped forward!

Thank yous go out to:

MISSISSAUGA: George Christian

NORTH WATERLOO: Chuck Myers

SOUTH LAKE SIMCOE: Lloyd George (2nd term)

"Many hands make light work"



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TRIVIA ANSWERS

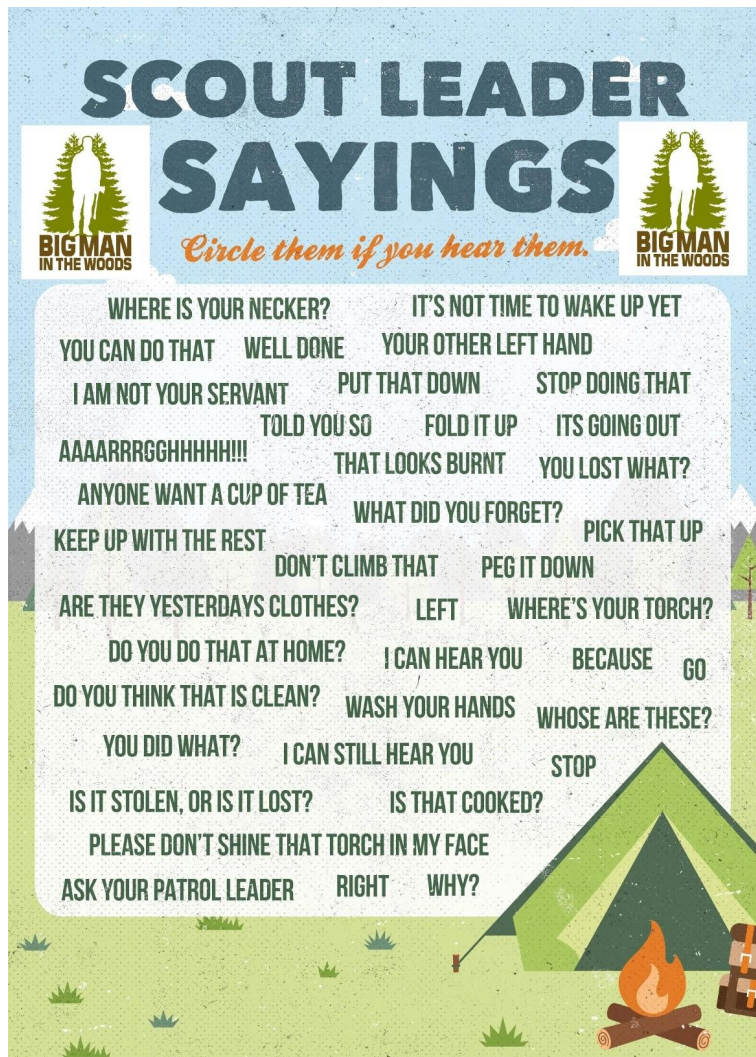
How many land borders does Canada have? Three
Name the countries.
United States, United States and Denmark (Hans Island)

Owasco Contingent's 50th anniversary!!

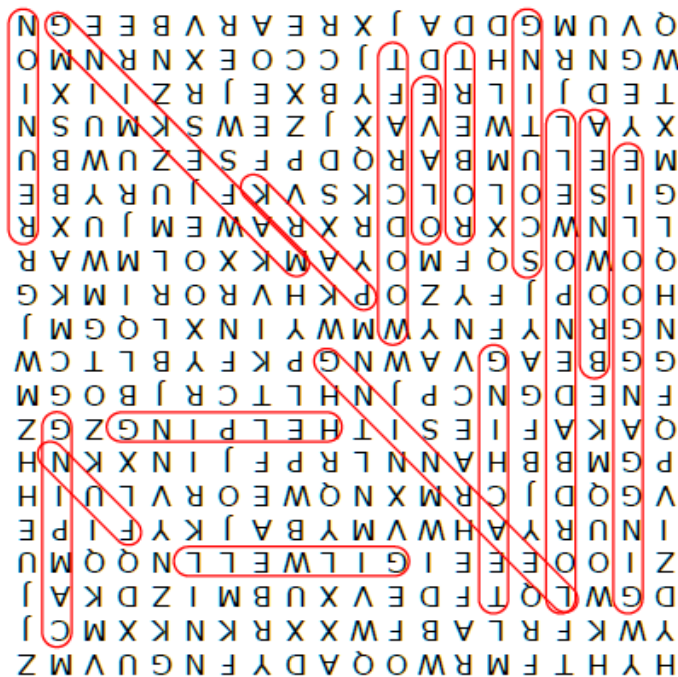
Join the celebrations on

September 27

in the Council Hall
at Camp Samac.



WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



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HONOURS & AWARDS

THANK YOU to our fellow Gilwellians recently recognised for their dedicated service to Scouting.



Years of Service

Randy MacPherson 60 years (Wellington), Doug Watson, 60 years (Scarborough South), Bob Pearson, 50 years (South Lake Simcoe), Brian Wick, 45 Years (Whitby), Lynn Shaw 40 years (Northwest Bluewater), Janet Anderson 30 years (London), Lynda Garden, 30 years (YBMT), Graham Garden, 30 years (YBMT), Shelley Pelissero, 30 years (London), Cindy Wilson 30 years (Northwest Bluewater), Don Bridge, 25 Years (Whitby), Kevin Finnigan 20 years (Northwest Bluewater), Rob Malcho 20 years (Northwest Bluewater), Linda Reburn 20 years (Northwest Bluewater), Dale Wick, 15 Years (Whitby)

Certificate of Commendation

Kevin Dunn (Brownsea)

Medal for Good Service

Tim Hyatt (Owasco),

Bar to the Medal for Good Service

Andrew Pacan (South Lake Simcoe),

Medal of Merit

Roger LeDressay (Whitby), Dylan Pammatt (Whitby), Kim Connors (South Lake Simcoe)

Bar to the Medal of Merit

Thomas Schitka (Whitby)

Silver Acorn

Marty Blair (South Lake Simcoe), Lori Dolan (Owasco), Andy Dunn (YBMT), Lloyd George (South Lake Simcoe), Donna Hazlett (South Lake Simcoe), Rob Heath (Brownsea), Chuck Heron (YBMT), Joe Laird (YBMT), Tim Pollock (Whitby)

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Janet Anderson (London), Philippe Bertrand (WATERLOO), Rick Jones (South Lake Simcoe), Brenda Laird (YBMT), Bob Martinell (Nottawasaga), Jim Purser (London), MJ Stevenson (Whitby)

Medal for Meritorious Conduct

Rick Jones (South Lake Simcoe)

King Charles III Coronation Medal

Shirley Blair (South Lake Simcoe), Bob Cole (South Lake Simcoe), Andy Dunn (YBMT), Matt Dunn (YBMT), Dylan Pammatt (Whitby), Shelley Pelissero (London), Tom Smith (South Lake Simcoe), Doug Watson (Scarborough South), Brian Wick (Whitby)

Toronto Zoo Volunteer Award

Dawn Todd, 50 years (Scarborough South)

Newbie
WELCOME TO GILWELL!

BRANT

Nathan Johnston

ESSEX AREA

Nathan Leach

LONDON

Nikki Marsh, Vicki Schnurr

MISSISSAUGA

Robert Cook, Patrick McCoy, Pat Warner

NORTHWEST BLUEWATER

Jason Edgington, Sam Lees

OWASCO

Rawl Chan, Melina Lichacz, Andrew Steele, Katherine Vandebusse, Johannes Vanderknyff

SCARBOROUGH SOUTH

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SOUTH LAKE SIMCOE

Andrew Pacan

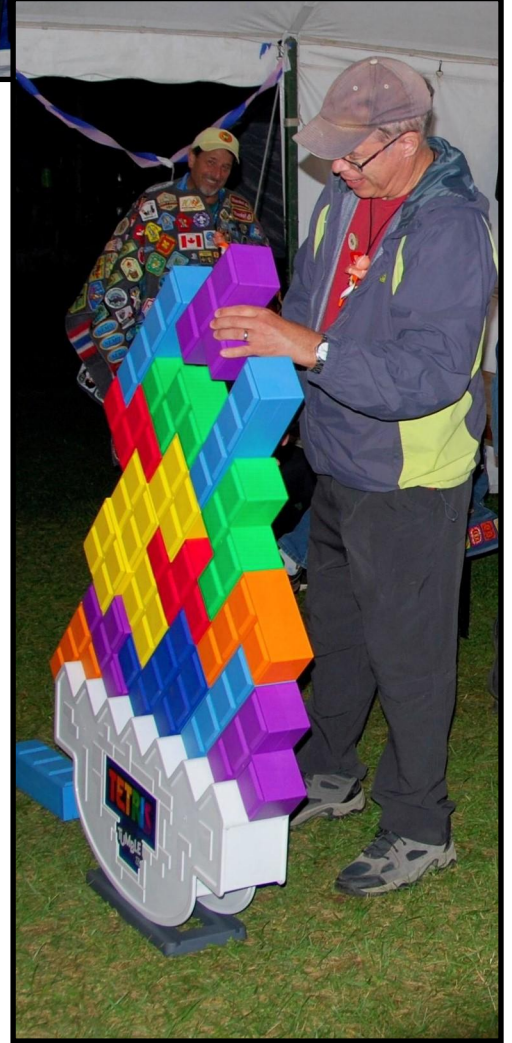
WHITBY

Lisa Bennet, Natalya Chertok, Karina Krolska, Heather Moise, David Watson, Anne Wheeler

WENDAT

Don Lesperance

Tour of BSSR



COOK-OFF CHALLENGE



SATURDAY NIGHT!!!



2025 - 72nd Ontario Gilwell Reunion Closing Song

"We'll Meet Again" (1939) by Ross Parker and Hughie Charles

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't
know when;
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.
Keep smiling through, just like you, always do,
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away.

So will you please say hello
To the folks that I know,
Tell them, I won't be long;
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go,
I was singing this song:

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't
know when;
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.



Happy Birthday Sophia Jennings!

From Control...

SUNDAY BREAKING CAMP PROCEDURES

Start packing up after the official closing at 11 am

1. Pack up your site on Whiskin Field
2. Practice no trace camping - check for litter
3. Request a site inspection at Lister Hut
 - a. Your request will be done in the order requests are made
 - b. Do you have a trailer to be moved by the Ranger? Someone needs to meet Ranger for hook up at the site and to unhook in parking. Trailers will be moved in the order of requests.
1. If your site passes inspection you may request vehicle passes to load up gear - let us know how many passes are needed
2. Vehicle passes are your clearance to leave parking to enter camp to load gear

**Put All Garbage in the Large Bins Located in the Loop
Please Pack Out Your Recyclables & Compost**

**Safe Travels Home!
See You In 2026!**



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REFLECTIONS OF A 2025 REUNION NEWBIE

Our paths have a story to tell—all 516 attendees. First timers/newbies to this reunion are just starting down the path that we've heard nothing but amazing things about from the years ahead of us. We've heard stories from all over, we've gathered and made new friends, we've lappa danced?, and we truly can't wait to do it again. We are all here for varying reasons but two common themes this weekend were the feelings of family and the overwhelming feeling of belonging.

Nicole Marsh—London Contingent

