

- **Scout Shop:**

- 265 Yorkland Blvd, North York
(near Don Valley/Sheppard)
tel: 416-490-6313
Call for hours of operation

- **1st Maple Group Meetings:**

All parents are encouraged and very welcome to attend the 1st Maple Scouts Group Committee meetings. These meetings are held at the Maple Lions Centre, 8 Merino Rd on the first Monday of each month at 8:00pm. Contact group commissioner to confirm

- **Overnight Camps:**

A parent of a Beaver is required to accompany their child on any overnight scouting activity. Parents of Cubs and Scouts are welcome to attend and participate at any overnight camp. Please make arrangements in advance with the leader in charge.

- **For more information:**

Feel free to contact the following:

- Geoff Cormack,
Group Commissioner
905-265-9564
gdcormack@hotmail.com
- Rachel Phillips,
Cubs and Beavers
416-427-3944
rachel_phillips@rogers.com
- Wendy Wood,
Scouts
905-303-4542

PARENTS: CHOOSE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP:

When registering and paying for your child, if you are not volunteering as a leader, one parent per child will be asked to sign up for at least one small activity during the scouting year. There are many small activities that need doing. Most of the volunteer activities require less than 2-3 hours of your time. You will be provided with specific instructions for the task and appropriate training. By assisting the 1st Maple Scouts Group in this way, you are helping to provide the best program for our youth that we can.

Examples of the many things 1st Maple Scouts Group needs help with during the year:

1. Assist the leaders in organizing a new and fun activity or outing.
2. Assist in editing a newsletter or maintaining our Web site.
3. Help with getting apples and refreshments for Apple Day.
4. Help decorate the float for the Maple Santa Fest Parade.
5. Help with refreshments after the Santa Fest Parade.
6. Help with the sorting and distribution of popcorn for Popcorn Sales.
7. Provide refreshments for the Church Parade in February.
8. Help to provide and serve refreshments at the Annual Winter Outing.
9. Help organize and clean up after the "Year-End Banquet".
10. Help with distribution of advertising flyers/posters in the community.

1st Maple Scouts Group
Maple, Ontario, Canada

1ST MAPLE SCOUTS GROUP

web site: www.1stmaple.org



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SEPTEMBER 2009



SCOUTING YEAR 2009/2010

Welcome back to all returning 1st Maple Scouts Group families.

A special welcome is extended to all new youth, boys and girls, and scouting families.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide general information of use to 1st Maple scouting families, and to outline what is expected of the children and their parents.

1st Maple Scouts Group is run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the Scouts Canada Mission Statement:

“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.”

Scouting was founded, and continues to be based, on three principles. These are:

1. Duty to God
2. Duty to Others
3. Duty to Self



BACKGROUND

1st Maple Scouts Group, under the sponsorship of the Maple Lions Club, has been providing exciting programming for youth in Maple since 1932. Maple is a fast-growing community of over 50,000 people. The 1st Maple Scouts Group is active in the community and our enrolment has reached 95 youth and 25 adult members.

The Beaver program provides activities and age-appropriate outings for 5-7 year old boys and girls. The Cub program, for youth aged 8-10, provides an opportunity to earn merit badges and to learn outdoor and camping skills. The Scout Program, for youth 11-14 years of age, provides for somewhat more demanding badge work and an emphasis on community service and outdoor activities including hiking, biking, canoe trips, and winter camping.

The 1st Maple Scouts Group Committee is responsible for the planning, organizing and administration of scouting in Maple, in accordance with the By-Law, Policies, and Procedures of Scouts Canada.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE YOUTH

The youth members of 1st Maple Scouts Group are expected to:

1. Arrive on time for meetings and other organized activities.
2. Wear their uniform neatly and proudly.
3. Be respectful of the leaders
4. Be respectful of all other Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.
5. Wear soft-sole, non-marking shoes at the weekly meetings.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE PARENTS

The parents/guardians of the youth members are expected to:

1. Bring their children to, and pick up their children from meetings **on time**.
2. Be responsible for their children until the start of the meeting. Inform one of the leaders that your child is in attendance, before leaving your child. Do not under any circumstances leave your child outside the door of the school while driving away in case the meeting has been cancelled.
3. Volunteer for at least one 2-3 hour activity in support of 1st Maple Scouts Group during the year. Refer to the back of this brochure for a list of possible volunteer activities. Signing-up is done at the time of registration/payment.
4. Attend and assist at 1-3 scouting meetings during the year.
5. If your child has missed a meeting, contact a leader or other parents, etc. to find out what your child missed.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- **Registration fees:**
\$225.00 for scouting year 2009/2010.
Registration fees cover Scouts Canada registration, for liability insurance for all leaders and youth, leader training, leader uniforms, etc.
- **Leadership Team:**
The Group Committee will do its best to assemble a leadership team of sufficient size and experience to accommodate all the youth that register. If there are an insufficient number of volunteer leaders, the latest registration fees received will be refunded within 6 weeks.

- **Meeting Location/Date/Time:**
You will be notified of the location, time, and date of the first Beaver/Cub/Scout meeting for your child in September.
- **Uniforms:**
The youth must provide their own official scout uniforms. The Beaver uniform is a hat and vest. The Cub uniform is a shirt and sash. The Scout uniform is a shirt. Navy-blue pants are optional. These items can be purchased at a Scouts Canada shop (see next page). Neckerchiefs and woggles are provided by the 1st Maple Scouts Group at the investiture ceremony that will be held shortly after the start of the scouting year.
- **Important Fund-raisers:**
 - Apple Day (Saturday, Oct 17th)
 - Popcorn Sales (Oct./Nov.)
 - Scoutrees (April/May)These events raise funds to offset the costs not covered by the registration fee.
- **Other 1st Maple Scouts Group Events:**
 - Maple Santa Fest Parade (Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th)
 - Annual Movie Night (Dec.)
 - Annual Winter Outing (Feb.)
 - Church Parade (Feb.)
 - Annual Banquet (May)
 - Annual All-Section Camp (June)
- **Parents are welcome and encouraged** to attend and participate in any scouting activity. Parents who wish to participate on a regular basis must become registered members. Parents are also encouraged to become part of the Group Committee. Professional training courses, provided by Scouts Canada, are paid for by the 1st Maple Scouts Group.
- **Useful and interesting Web sites:**
 - www.scouts.ca,
 - www.yhwscouts.ca