

# **DARTMOUTH AREA: 2009-2010 ADULT VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

(For the latest training information please visit <http://www.ns.scouts.ca/dartmouth/> )

## **Why should training be important to me?**

Whether you are a new Group Committee member or a new Section Scouter (i.e. Colony, Pack, Troop, Company or Crew Leader/Advisor), Scouts Canada wants to ensure you have the skills necessary to run a quality program for today's youth. For the new Leader or Group Committee member, taking advantage of the training opportunities provided by Scouts Canada is an important step in your development as a responsible and knowledgeable volunteer with the organization. For the more seasoned Leader, training will keep you up-to-date with the latest changes in program and administration. As well as learning new skills through participating in training programs, you'll have the opportunity to meet and work with other Leaders and to gain fresh program ideas.

## **How do I start my training?**

Dartmouth Area offers a program designed to cover the skills required to meet the basic level of training called Woodbadge I (one). Most of the skills are best acquired through participation in evening and weekend courses. Other skills are gained through on-the-job work as a Leader working directly with youth. The Woodbadge I level of training can normally be achieved within the first year as a new Leader. Courses are also held across Nova Scotia and are open to all. Woodbadge II (two), the advanced level of training, is achieved through a combination of working within a Section and participation in a Provincially run event. This training event is a two weekend course and will be offered in the fall of 2009. You must have the Woodbadge I before you can attend Woodbadge II. For Group Committee members there is a training course, which addresses administrative issues concerning Group Committees.

## **When are the next courses going to be held?**

Course offered in HRM for the coming scouting year are shown in the table below. To attend you must be a registered member of Scouts Canada and pre-register for by phone. For more information and/or to register, contact George Mawko, AAC Training, (435-6244 or [scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca)).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Training event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Fri Sep 11 – Sun Sep 13 &amp; Fri Sep 25 – Sun Sep 27</b>	<b>Wood Badge II</b> (by Section: Colony, Pack, Troop, & Company)	<b>Camp Nedoae</b>
<b>Wed Oct 28 (evening)</b>	<b>Core Course</b> (for All Sections & Group Committee)	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>Sun Nov 1 (evening)</b>	<b>Core Course</b> (for All Sections & Group Committee) Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) Cost(\$NC) Contact - Ian Travers, 462-7606, <a href="mailto:travers@ns.sympatico.ca">travers@ns.sympatico.ca</a>	<b>Dartmouth</b>
<b>Sat Nov 14</b>	<b>Section Specific Course</b> (by Section: Colony, Pack, Troop, & Company / Crew) <b>Colony</b> - Camp Harris - Cost(\$8) Contact - Gail Shea, 435-1248 <a href="mailto:gail.shea@ns.sympatico.ca">gail.shea@ns.sympatico.ca</a> <b>Pack</b> - St. Paul's Church - Cost(\$8) Contact - Mary MacLeod, 463-8949, <a href="mailto:macleod.mary@ns.sympatico.ca">macleod.mary@ns.sympatico.ca</a> <b>Troop</b> - BIO - Cost(\$8) Contact - Peter Comeau, 434-6109, <a href="mailto:pacomeau@accesswave.ca">pacomeau@accesswave.ca</a> <b>Company/Crew</b> - Woodlawn United Church - Cost(\$8) Contact - JimWilliams, 435-1968, <a href="mailto:jim.williams@rcmp-grc.gc.ca">jim.williams@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</a>	<b>Dartmouth</b>
<b>Wed Nov 18 (evening)</b>	<b>Core Course</b> (for All Sections & Group Committee)	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>Sat Nov 28</b>	<b>Outdoor Skills Course</b> (for All Sections) Camp Harris - Cost(\$8) Contact - James Grigg, 434-5727 <a href="mailto:rita.grigg1@ns.sympatico.ca">rita.grigg1@ns.sympatico.ca</a>	<b>Dartmouth</b>
<b>2010</b>		
<b>Wed Jan 6 (evening)</b>	<b>Core Course</b> (for All Sections & Group Committee)	<b>Dartmouth</b>
<b>Sat Jan 16</b>	<b>Section Specific Course</b> (by Section: Colony, Pack, & Troop)	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>Sun Jan 24</b>	<b>Outdoor Skills Course</b> (for All Sections)	<b>Halifax</b>
<b>Sat March 6</b>	<b>Group Committee Course</b>	<b>Bethany United Church in Halifax</b>

Details concerning final dates, locations, costs and registration can be obtained from the Dartmouth Area's webpage at: <http://www.ns.scouts.ca/dartmouth/> or from any member of the Area Service Team. Dates for courses held in other areas in Nova Scotia can be found posted on the Nova Scotia Provincial website at: <http://ns.scouts.ca/>

### **Who provides the training?**

All training formal courses are conducted by an enthusiastic group of volunteer Trainers who have received training in adult education methods specific to the Scouts Canada program. Each Trainer brings experience working with both youth and adults in the Scouts Canada program.

### **Is there a cost involved?**

Courses in Dartmouth Area charge a nominal fee between \$5 and \$7.50 to cover the cost of materials. Your Group Committee normally reimburses this cost.

### **What are the various steps in the Scouts Canada training program?**

Scouts Canada's training program helps ensure National consistency and provides the appropriate form of recognition for those who have acquired the required skills.

The new Leader is first introduced to Scouting's administrative procedures (Core Course), then youth program planning and delivery program (Section Specific Course) and finally an Outdoor Skills Course. Upon successful completion of these three courses, the new Leader receives their training recognition certificate along with the traditional leather "Turk's head" woggle signifying their achievement of the "Woodbadge I".

Woodbadge II training for Section Scouters may also be found on the National website. It offers rewards in terms of advanced learning and fellowship within Scouts Canada. Upon successful completion of this course the leader is presented with their training recognition certificate, Gilwell neckerchief and beads, which is representative of the “Woodbadge II” level of training.

For new Group Committee members the steps are similar. There is an introduction to Scouting history and traditions (Core Course), which is then followed by a course about Group administration (Group Committee Training Course). Upon successful completion of these courses, the Group Committee member is presented with their training recognition certificate and Group Committee Pin.

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