

## SP Area Report – April 2018

### Area Youth Commissioner/ Deputy Area Youth Commissioner (Delaney and Wendy)

As part of the Key 4, I will now be out doing group section visits, appointing group youth commissioners and hosting a youth network meeting. If you have any youth that are interested in taking on the role as Youth Commissioner please have them contact us. Otherwise, I will start reaching out the senior youth in your group.

I will also be looking for linking opportunities specifically with our senior Scouts and Venturer companies.

National is currently revamping the FAST, FLEX and FOCUS training. Once it is released we will be working with the other Council Areas to host them.

We will be holding a GYC meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Innisdale SS in the Career room. Each group is asked to please send their GYC or youth representative. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions. We look forward to working with all of you.

### Membership

At this point the Area is down 90 members from last year. We will be putting a focus on spring registration and summer programming. We will be looking for scouters in the Barrie area to pilot this project. The thought is to host a section meeting every other week (once a month). Scouters from various groups will be invited to come out and assist based on their availability.

One of the challenges is finding more scouters even though the area has actually increased its Scouters membership by 41. We will be looking at social media campaign designed by MARCON to help with this. Peter McBryan is also piloting a project with 4<sup>th</sup> Barrie and 1<sup>st</sup> Mapleview to increase their scouters specifically at the group level.

We are working with our DAC's to ensure that new scouters are compliant faster and with less challenges.

We are starting to put a push on using "bring a friend", sending out postcards, and flyers to increase our youth members. If you are hosting a "bring a friend" please reach out to the area team for support.

Would like to develop a team for next year's Scout Guide week to increase visibility. We are looking for a team of volunteers for teach a kid to fish and the Barrie Fair.

We would like to congratulate the following groups for reaching 100% of their membership:

10<sup>th</sup> Barrie  
1<sup>st</sup> Creemore  
1<sup>st</sup> Everett  
1<sup>st</sup> Mapleview  
1<sup>st</sup> Painswick  
1<sup>st</sup> Simcoe County Medvents  
8<sup>th</sup> Barrie

## **Safety**

Area DAC's and Key 3 are working to get all scouters compliant before the 90 day mark. New Scouter onboarding has slowed down at this point. That being said we need to start gearing up for the spring. Please have a look at your parent engagement report, and let's see where we can add some group committee members and parent helpers.

There seems to still be some issues with outdoor forms. All activities not at usual meeting location need an outdoor form. Please when they are complete send them to the COSC for filing. Just a reminder about risk assessments need to be done at every location.

Fire safety is something that should always be discussed with youth in advance of building fires. Ensure that the youth are a safe distance away from the fire (about 3 metres/10 feet) and take precautions to account for wind and other hazards.

## **Capacity**

We are seeing a small increase in this area. The Area is now up to 58% of our groups having 3 or more scouter on their group committee. Healthy groups lead to happy scouters. No one likes having to wear 100 hats!! SPA GSS and Area Team are working together to add one more to all group committees that are sitting at 2/3 scouters. We are working to building stronger teams, which could lead to the merger of a few groups in the Barrie area.

Congratulations to the following groups for achieving the Capacity priority!

10<sup>th</sup> Barrie

14<sup>th</sup> Barrie

1<sup>st</sup> Alcona

1<sup>st</sup> Barrie Foresters

1<sup>st</sup> Elmvale

1<sup>st</sup> Everett

1<sup>st</sup> Simcoe County Medvents

1<sup>st</sup> Stroud

2<sup>nd</sup> Holly

4<sup>th</sup> Barrie

8<sup>th</sup> Barrie

## **PQA's**

Congratulations! The Area is now sitting at 77% for fall program quality assessments and 50% of our groups for the winter assessment. We will be reaching out to their groups/sections that have yet entered their fall assessment yet! Otherwise please work on getting the winter assessments entered. If you need help please let the area know.

Congratulations to the following for having both their fall and winter assessments entered!

10<sup>th</sup> Barrie all sections,

14<sup>th</sup> Barrie Pack and troop,

1<sup>st</sup> Alcona Pack and Troop,

1<sup>st</sup> Alliston Colony,

1<sup>st</sup> Barrie Colony,

1<sup>st</sup> Creemore Pack,

1<sup>st</sup> Elmvale all sections!!

1<sup>st</sup> Everett Venturers

1<sup>st</sup> Holly Troop,

1<sup>st</sup> Mapleview all sections!!,

1<sup>st</sup> Stroud Pack

1<sup>st</sup> Tottenham Company and Troop

2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Troop

4<sup>th</sup> Barrie All sections!!

8<sup>th</sup> Barrie Pack and Troop

## **Volunteer Support**

In SPA we are going to a more one on one scouter approach. As this is a new model we are seeing some challenges with it. Our DAC's are seeing a low rate of response. Our team is getting out to groups which are now being tracked through our new online system. People are still getting used to it, however, we anticipate it will be fully used by the end of the year. One of the challenges are a number of groups that are not involved in area activities or meetings. Moving to the one on one support it allows us to build relationships and open doors to groups that we have never heard from in the past. We have successfully sent out quarterly mini newsletters to all Scouters.

Volunteer development right now is a challenge right now. There does not seem to be much direction as to what the scouters or National want to see. We are therefore giving them our own direction on what we feel will help. We running a one day workshop to help our Scouters with their needs June 10th. We will

be hosting a SFA course June 23-24<sup>th</sup> in the Barrie Area. Kristy will also be looking at hosting parent meetings with various group which will be used as an information session for parents.

### **Upcoming events**

SPAM/GC meeting – May  
Standard First Aid Training – June 23 and 24  
Council Space Exploration Camp – June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, Camp Bonaire  
White Tail Camp - Wildman  
Howler Camp- Wildman  
Year End BBQ/Recognition – June 24th  
New Scouter workshop – TBA  
Scout Trees  
Teach a Kid to Fish – Barrie waterfront  
Barrie Fair – Essa Plex  
Canadian Path Workshop – June 10  
MEC Barrie Paddlefest – Summer