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South Lake Simcoe Area – SLS

November 2017 notes:

- **Membership Growth:**

Unfortunately, we are seeing the impact of the loss of volunteers (for various reasons). Our decrease by 15 volunteers represents at least 120 youth (in actual fact more, since they “wore” multiple hats). We need 98 more participants to hit 100%.

Retention – 63 % of participants and 81 % of volunteers retained¹ (35 lost). We are continuing to encourage an open, friendly atmosphere at all scouting activities. We feel that we have made some inroads into this and are hoping that some in council and national follow suit.

Newmarket “super group” showing some success – the Newmarket Scouting Group which merged six operating groups into one with multiple sections offering Beavers, Cubs and Scouts on Monday through Thursday nights across Newmarket. All operating sections have been given non-numerical designations i.e. Tamarack Colony and at present only two sections are being actively supported for ratio compliance by Area Service members while new Scouters are being recruited, encouraged, trained and mentored. More Scouters are very actively being sought after to allow for more group capacity and overall growth.

1st Sutton West is currently operating with an interim GC. A new group committee is being put together with interest and enthusiasm from the sponsor representative. Group has a lot of growth potential given the growing population of the area. Next steps for 1st Sutton West after stabilizing its group committee is to recruit new youth and continue to recruit new scouters to support growth.

3rd Aurora opened a new colony this year, and hope to have 10-12 active youth with four brand new scouters active and one now pending. Continuing to rebuild the 3rd Aurora Cub pack is also part of our work this year, with some success in recruiting a new SIT presently.

Continuing to support volunteer recruitment for the three Aurora groups (four counting Northridge Salvation Army) will be a high priority this year towards overall membership growth in SLS.

All groups in SLS continue to be supported and followed up with to get new scouters through screening and active.

¹ The numbers were taken from the week 10 reports from National



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The SLS Area Popcorn machine was well used throughout the summer months, attending several community events such as Canada Day Newmarket 2017, eight Moonlight Movie, two movie nights in Bradford as well as attending the Aurora Haunted Forest event in October 2017. All of these events gave us strong visibility within our municipalities while also providing an avenue for community service for our scouters.

Continuing to promote our visibility and scouting locally, members handed out Scout bookmarks at the East Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade as well as bringing a strong youth and Scouter presence not only at Newmarket and Aurora Remembrance Day services, but in both Santa Claus Parades.

Apple Day and the Popcorn Campaign once again gave us more opportunities to be

- Safety Leadership:
No major safety incidents.
Readiness -main issue now is onboarding of new volunteers in a timely manner and in ensuring all Scouters on the floor are totally compliant. More work being done to include area team leadership is included in some interviews.
- Program Quality:
SLS has 4² sections of 66 for the Fall review completed so far. Sections will be encouraged by area leadership to complete their PQA for fall as soon as possible.
- Volunteer support
SLS is currently working to reorganize support structure by geographical area and new support scouters have been appointed. ASM has been coordinating group committee visits with all the groups as well as service visits when required.
- Group capacity
We are up to 62% of our groups meeting the requirements.

Our ASM is actively working with groups that are not compliant (one way or another) to correct all the issues.

² Updated 24 November MMXVII



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