

**SCOUTS-L**

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**SCOUTS CANADA**

**Date:** Tue, 18 Jul 1995 11:08:49 EST  
**From:** "Jay M. Thal" <Jay\_M\_Thal@HUD.GOV>  
**Subject:** Re[2]: Scouts Canada

In addition to what Carey posted:

The Ottawa store also takes credit card orders at 613-224-0139. You may also wish to ask them for the address of the Scout Shop nearest to Montreal. Unfortunately the list of Scouts Candada distributors in the Scouts Canada Catalogue (shows about 75 throughout Canada) does not include one for Montreal. Only two are listed for the Province of Quebec:

**Dorval - Scout Shop - 514-683-3004**

The Dorval Shop is just "outside" Montreal (as if one can tell where it stops or starts). It is adjacent to the older Durval International Airport, about 3 Mi./ 5 Km. West of DeCarie Blvd., the major Nw-Se route out of Montreal and intersecting the Trans-Canada {40}. My recollection is that it is on a/the North boundry road besides Chemin de la Cote de Leisse {520} - though it could be off the Trans-Canada. [{520} and {40} divide a mile West of DeCarie as they go on either side of the Airport.] It happened to be closed for inventory when I was last there during a July, so call ahead.

**St. Lambert - J. L. Taylor - 514-672-9722**

Actually a SE suburb of Montreal, across the Pont Champlain or Pont Jacques Cartier Bridges and the St. Lawrence River from Montreal.

All depends where you're coming from or staying, and available transportation.

YiS

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**Date:** Thu, 2 Nov 1995 09:35:57 -0800  
**From:** Judy Harcus <sfryer@COC.POWELL-RIVER.BC.CA>  
**Subject:** Re: Increasing the Age of Scouting Enrollment

**Stern Dixon commented:**

>Steve Tobin of Minnesota recently mentioned in a posting that he thought the  
>age of Boy Scouts should be increased to 20 or so. Here Here.

>I have to say I don't know about the Boy Scout program as it exists today,  
>but I do feel some form of program along the explorer line would be highly  
>beneficial to kids in the 18-21 age group.

referring to Steve Tobin's remark:

>As an aside, I personally like the Canadian age groupings. They make much  
>more sense as they agree more closely with the emotional and social  
>development of boys. I also like the idea of continuing the program into  
>the 20+ year old age bracket for many reasons.

For those interested, here is the Canadian age groupings:

- Beavers - age 5 - 7
- Wolf Cubs - age 8 - 10
- Scouts - age 11 - 14 (option to age 16 if Venturers not available)
- Venturers - age 14 - 17
- Rovers - age 18 - 26

(Regarding the following: I don't claim to be an expert in all the sections, but am trying to provide a general idea of the different emphasis as I understand it.)

There is a noticeable difference in the programs for each section. The emphasis in Beavers is on cooperation/sharing, crafts, nature appreciation, etc. Cubs start into a badge program, developing creativity and outdoor skills. The Scout program focuses primarily on the outdoors, developing leadership and teamwork skills, and community awareness. The Venturer program promotes community service, reliance on self and teammates, challenging outdoor activities. Rovers are acting in a mostly adult capacity with a strong emphasis on community service and the outdoors. Rovers are frequently also leaders in lower sections while maintaining a fellowship with other Rovers. My feeling is that a youth that stays in Scouting into Rovers is probably hooked on Scouting for life.

On the topic of Girls in Boy Scouts -- Canada changed policy not too many

years ago to allow for co-ed Scouting. There is still contention as to whether this is good or not, for many of the reasons I've seen posted. Co-ed is not mandatory. Each group can make a decision of whether or not they want to be co-ed in the younger sections (Venturers and Rovers has always been co-ed). In our (very small) district, there are four groups - one group is co-ed for those that want that option, the others are not for those that prefer it that way. (Incidentally, although I am female, my troop is not co-ed). I am personally in favor of co-ed but it is a personal bias based on my love of the outdoors and the lack of outdoor activities provided by many leaders in the Girl Guide (Girl Scouts in the States) organization. I quit Guides as a child in favor of another outdoor organization, although the scout program had more appeal and I would have joined it if I could. (To me, the Girl Guide program seems highly variable depending on the interests of the leaders - the program itself does not appear to 'force' an outdoor component whereas the Scout program can't be run without outdoor activities.)

YiS,  
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From PLAM@MUSICM.MCGILL.CA Fri Nov 17 19:28:44 1995  
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 1995 21:37:57 -0700  
Subject: SUBSCRIBE SCOUTSCAN-L PATRICK LAM

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## WELCOME

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I would like to welcome you to the Canadian SCOUTSCAN-L mailing list. I am a member of the 8th. Canadian B.-P. Guild and a member of the Calgary Unix Users Group. This list is a service project of the Canadian Fellowship of B.-P. Guilds.

This list resides a server that is located in Calgary Alberta Canada and is owned by the members of the Calgary Unix Users Group (cuug). The Canadian Fellowship of B.-P. Guilds sincerely thanks the Calgary Unix Users Group.

The purpose of the list is to provide a vehicle for the sharing of Scout or Guide related information and ideas. To help resolve problems, to tap into the wealth of information that resides in the experiences of leaders and guilders across Canada and the world.

The list is not restricted to English Canada. Our French Speaking brothers of L'Association du Scouts Canada are more than welcome as are Guides Canada to make use of the list.

I would recommend that you keep a copy of this document, as you may need to refer to it a some future date. Please read it as it gives the basic etiquette for using the list.

## GENERAL RULES

I hate Rules, but a few must be identified here.

## INTRODUCTION

Please introduce yourself when you first sign on - about one paragraph.

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**SHOUTING**

**Do not type messages in all capitals - this is interpreted as "SHOUTING"**  
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**INCLUDING ORIGINAL MESSAGES**

**Please don't include the original message when replying except when absolutely necessary to make a point. When replying to messages consider if the reply is best sent directly to the person who posted it rather than the whole list.**  
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**PRIVATE MAIL**

**Please DO NOT POST private mail to the list.**  
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**SIGNATURE LINE**

**Please add a line signature at the end of your message to identify who you are and what part of Canada (or the world) you live. This really helps to put your comments in perspective. It is not necessary to include e-mail addresses in signature text.**  
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**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**There are no rules on Discussion Topics - these will evolve, develop, peak and then disappear. Please make full use of this list and lets keep it friendly so that everyone can benefit.**  
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**LANGUAGE**

**Profanity and the use of insulting language (flaming) will not be tolerated. Such behaviour will cause the offenders to be deleted from the list. Heated discussions are common on lists such as this. Respect other peoples opinions, even though you may not agree with them.**  
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Yours in Scouting

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Date: Fri, 26 Apr 1996 23:28:37 EDT  
From: Patrick Lam <PLAM@MUSICM.MCGILL.CA>  
Subject: Silver Fox Award question  
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

> The Lake Erie beaches clean-up day. Well, since it is going to  
> involve Canada, I was told of the Silver Fox Award. This is

Hi George,

Quoting from Canadian Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, p64:

**FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING:**

**1. THE SILVER FOX**

For service of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the international field, performed by persons who are NOT members of Scouts Canada.

(continues with S. Wolf: most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of nat'l importance; Silver Acorn, especially distinguished service, Medal of Merit, especially good service, etc)

**PROCEDURE FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR AN HONOUR**

An application for an honour may be initiated by any member of Scouts Canada, at any time, on behalf of any other member. Such applications are formalized by completion of the appropriate form and submitting it through the usual channels of communication.

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Well, you judge for yourself.

pat

**Date:** Thu, 23 May 1996 15:19:58 EDT  
**From:** Patrick Lam <PLAM@MUSICM.MCGILL.CA>  
**Subject:** Eagles and other such animals  
**To:** Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

Hi Peter,

> Queens award from The Netherlands as a youth and then as an adult

I'd better pass on this question, being from Canada. (Note that Canadian Scouters have no equivalent to Eagle knots; QV's don't get to wear anything once they are no longer a youth member). I guess I could wonder if the Queen's Venturer would be appropriate as a temp insignia, but I'll leave the answer to the BSA people here. Hey, it's your programme. <g>

> Does such a program exist, either within or in conjunction with,  
> Scouting programs in other countries (England, Mexico, Netherlands,  
> Switzerland, etc.)?

Scouts Canada and Girl Guides of Canada participate in the 'Religion in Life' programme, which has different requirements for the different faiths. There are sets of requirements typically for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Scouters, and there is a uniform badge for this award.

> Also, I know the Cub Scout program is different, but does the Arrow  
> of Light award exist as the highest 'Cub Scout' award in other  
> countries.

In Canada there is no highest Wolf Cub award (NB: \*all\* Cubs from 7.5 - 10.5 are Wolf Cubs here.) Cubs can earn 6 stars, a number of badges, and 7 Awards; these Awards can be carried over onto the Scout sash, until the corresponding badge is earned in the Scout programme. (Each Award links to a Scout Badge)

pat

**Date:** Tue, 11 Jun 1996 16:57:54 -0400  
**From:** Mike Pitre <mpitre@WORLDLINK.CA>  
**Subject:** Adult and Youth Honours  
**To:** Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>



A passing comment in the recent thread on the swastika symbol triggered the main part of this question. Incidentally, another place I have seen this symbol is on the cover of a collection of poems by Rudyard Kipling published in 1930. I don't have to tell anyone on this list of the link between Rudyard Kipling and early Scouting. Interesting....

On to the real subject of this post. Scouting in Canada has a number of honours which we confer on people, youth and adult alike. These are in recognition of high character and courage, gallantry, meritorious conduct, and outstanding service. I've listed the Canadian awards below. What I would like to know from my learned friends on scouts-l, is whether these awards are echoed in your own movements. I'm sure there is a link of some kind, just as there is a rough equivalent to the Eagle Scout (the Canadian Chief Scout Award, for example) worldwide.

**Youth Only:**

**Jack Cornwall Decoration**

**Gallantry:**

**Bar to the Gold Cross**

**The Gold Cross**

**Bar to the Silver Cross**

**The Silver Cross**

**Bar to the Bronze Cross**

**The Bronze Cross**

**A Certificate for Gallantry**

**Meritorious Conduct:**

**Bar to the Medal for Meritorious Conduct**

**The Medal for Meritorious Conduct**

**A Certificate for Meritorious Conduct**

**Outstanding Service:**

**The Silver Fox (Award for Non-Scouts Canada members)**

**The Silver Wolf**

**Bar to the Silver Acorn**

**The Silver Acorn**

**Bar to the Medal of Merit**

**The Medal of Merit**

**Medal for Good Service**

**A Certificate of Commendation**  
**Mike J. Pitre**  
**mpitre@worldlink.ca**

**Date: Fri, 14 Jun 1996 03:10:17 EDT**  
**From: Patrick Lam <PLAM@MUSICM.MCGILL.CA>**  
**Subject: Re: Adult and Youth Honours**

> Not knowing what the awards are for, doesn't give me a lot to go by,  
Mike.  
> But I'll try to see what I can match up.

I'll provide a few more details-

> >Youth Only:  
> >Jack Cornwall Decoration - for service there's not an BSA equal; for  
> leadership, there  
> USED to be the Youth Leadership in  
> America Award. The  
> award is no longer  
> being presented.

**FOR HIGH CHARACTER & COURAGE- THE JACK CORNWELL DECORATION**

**Historical note: John Travers Cornwall, at age sixteen, served as a Boy (1st class) on board HMS "Chester" at the Battle of Jutland in 1916. Mortally Wounded early in the action, he remained at his post awaiting orders until the end of the action, with the dead and dying around him. Transferred to Grimsby Hospital, he died a few days later. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. Jack had been a Scout in London, England.**

**To perpetuate his memory the Jack Cornwall Decoration (formerly the "Cornwell Scout" Badge) was instituted.**

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**Qualifications:**

**(a) A nominee must be especially recommended for pre-eminently high character, devotion to duty & specific acts of physical courage**

**or must have undergone great suffering in an heroic manner**

(etc)

> >Gallantry:

> >Bar to the Gold Cross

Honor Medal with Crossed Palms

> >The Gold Cross

Honor Medal

> >Bar to the Silver Cross

> >The Silver Cross

A bar is given for an act that would, in itself, earn the medal; however, as you look kind of dumb with, say, two gold crosses, they would give you the Bar to the Gold Cross.

Thus Gold Cross probably -> Honor Medal w/Crossed Palms

(gallantry with special heroism and extraordinary risk)

Silver Cross -> Honor Medal (gallantry, with considerable risk)

> >Bar to the Bronze Cross

> >The Bronze Cross

Heroism Medal

Gallantry, with moderate risk

> >A Certificate for Gallantry

Council Certificate of Heroism\*

For gallantry, with slight risk & worthy of recorded commendation

> >Meritorious Conduct:

> >Bar to the Medal for Meritorious Conduct

> >The Medal for Meritorious Conduct      Merit Medal

For especially meritorious conduct not involving heroism or risk of life. (Say, for instance, a Cub uses mouth-to-mouth and saves a life)

> >A Certificate for Meritorious Conduct      Council Certificate of Merit\*

mer. conduct worthy of recorded comm. but which does not justify a medal or a bar.

I'm not sure if we're talking about the same award of merit here: this isn't 'good service' merit, this is 'saving life' merit.

Silver Wolf: most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of natl importance

Silver Acorn: especially distinguished service

**Medal of Merit: especially good service**

**Silver Maple Leaf: service to Scouting > 25 years on exec staff.  
Awarded upon retirement.**

**pat**