

DARTMOUTH AREA: 2011 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 or through E-Learning. Other skills are gained through on-the-job work as a Leader working directly with youth. The Woodbadge I level of training should be achieved within the first year of becoming 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 will be offered every other year, the next one will be in 2013. You must have Woodbadge I before you can attend Woodbadge II. For Group Committee members there is a specific training course, which addresses administrative issues concerning Group Committees.

When are the next courses going to be held?

Courses 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 by e-mail. For more information and/or to register, contact the person listed.

Training Event	Date	Location	Contact Person
*Basic Core Course (for All Sections & Group Committee)	Sun Oct 30 (pm)	Dartmouth	George Mawko, scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca
	Mon Nov 14 (pm)	Halifax	Sandra Braye, thebrayes@eastlink.ca
*Colony Section Specific Course	Fri Nov 18 (pm) \Sat Nov 19	Dartmouth	Gail Shea, gail.shea@eastlink.ca
*Troop Section Specific Course	Fri Nov 18 (pm) \Sat Nov 19	Dartmouth	Peter Comeau, pacomeau@accesswave.ca
Outdoor Skills Course (for All Sections)	Camp Harris Sat, Nov 26	Dartmouth	James Grigg, james.grigg@bellaliant.net
*Pack Section Specific e Course	Fri, Dec 2 (pm) \Sat Dec 3	Dartmouth	George Mawko, scoutergeorge@ns.sympatico.ca
*Group Committee	Sat Dec 3	Halifax	Karen O'Toole, kareno@eastlink.ca

* denotes part or all on-line course material is available at <http://www.scouts.ca/elearn/> at this time.

Details concerning Scouts Canada's e-Learning can be obtained from any member of the Area Service Team. Dates for courses held in other e-areas in Nova Scotia can be found posted on the Nova Scotia Provincial website at: <http://ns.scouts.ca/> (version 21 October 2011)

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?

The WB1 Section Specific and Outdoor Skills Courses in Dartmouth & Halifax Areas cost \$10 each. There is no fee for the Basic Core Course. 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). Upon successful completion of these two 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". Outdoor Skills is no longer a requirement for Woodbadge I completion, however it remains a valuable learning resource for those who take their youth outdoors. Check it out!

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 (Basic 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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