

at Kelso for week of camp fun

Rain dampens Kelso but program goes on

For most outdoor activities, rain is often considered a culprit and feared by the organizers of the event.

But when the rain came down in buckets, filling drainage ditches at Kelso Conservation Area Monday, the site of the first Ontario Boy Scout Jamboree, it hardly bothered any of the boys or the hundreds of leaders and staff members.

Some of the swimming and the archery were the only events cancelled. Staff members gave consideration to cancelling the obstacle course as well but the boys decided on the contrary. One boy said, "an obstacle race is not an obstacle race if it isn't wet and muddy."

An entire troop completed the course in the rain, then walked through the heavy rainfall to wash some of the mud away. When they were clean, they decided to try the event again.

While transportation by foot or car became hampered a little by the heavy rain and a wading step could make for a muddy and uncomfortable situation, no real inconvenience was experienced.

Excellent drainage systems saved them from a flood but some camps wondered how much more rain it would take before the rains overflowed the ditches.

For the less adventurous boys, Youth and His Music became a popular shelter.



THOUSANDS OF SCOUTS and visitors lined the natural amphitheatre at Kelso Conservation Area Sunday afternoon for the impressive official opening of the first Ontario Boy Scout Jamboree.

The Burlington band played, the guard of honor in formal lines at the platform, and dignitaries spoke to open the week-long program. (Staff Photo)



WHAT'S COOKING? John Vanderkooy takes his turn as troop chef during the week-long Jamboree. (Staff Photo)



"YOU TOO, MIGHT BE some day... I never thought I would be". Lieutenant-governor Ross Macdonald gripped the attention of 2,300 Scouts when he officially opened the first Ontario Jamboree Sunday

afternoon at Kelso Conservation area. A guard of honor at the platform steps included the color party of the Burlington band. (Staff Photo)

Jamboree is officially opened by Lt.-Gov. W. Ross Macdonald

The hectic action of sports and activities at the Ontario Scout Jamboree tempered for a while Sunday afternoon as the Hon. W. Ross Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario officially opened the week-long get-together.

The Lieutenant-Governor, who is also Patron of Scouting in the Province of Ontario, was brought onto the stage with his aide-de-camp to the martial music of the Burlington Marching Band.

Major Steven Fox-Rivett, the aide-de-camp is also a Scout Venture advisor.

Mr. Macdonald recalled he was born before the Boy Scout movement was introduced to

Canada, but he served as a Scouter in Brantford, and looks back fondly on his active involvement in the organization.

After welcoming the Scouts from all over the world to the jamboree, he praised their leaders for the job they are doing, and the organizers of the Jamboree for its success.

Since most of the Scouts at the site will become car drivers shortly, the dignitary expressed hopes they will take to the highways in a safe manner. He noted their presence will put an additional 2,000 cars into the western world's already crowded traffic lanes.

Following his address, the Lieutenant-Governor was given a tour of the subcamps and Halton County Museum, and a chance to meet with officials of the Jamboree and some of the Scouts themselves, over tea.

Acton Venturer at Jamboree began camping at age two

Acton's only Scout attending the first Ontario Jamboree at Kelso Conservation Area near Milton this week is 15-year-old John Vanderkooy. And he's having a ball, like the rest of the tented city's 2,254 residents.

One of five Venturers in Acton's Scouting organization, John has been keenly interested in Scouting since he was a small child. Born in Holland where his father Jake Vanderkooy was a Scoutmaster for 18 years, John went with his in Toronto. John's also working toward his "Achievement Award" which will add another badge to his growing collection as a pride his mother was once a Guide leader, although none of his four brothers or sisters at 65 Main St. N. has caught the Scouting "bug" to date.

When the family came to Canada, John was 7 and not long after arriving in Acton he joined Wolf Cubs, later moving up into Scouting and more recently becoming a Venturer.

At the Jamboree, John's bunking down in a tent with the Georgetown District and North Peel Scouts where he eats, sleeps, cooks, cleans up, swaps badges and enjoys each fun-filled day. His subcamp companions all live in Georgetown, Glen Williams, Bolton, Bramalea and Brampton, but neighbors at the camp represent Scouting districts across Ontario, several United States and four foreign countries. So there is plenty of

opportunity for a boy like John to meet new friends.

One highlight of his week was a trip Tuesday to see the Lakeview Generating Station and tour the C.N.E. in Toronto. John's also working toward his "Achievement Award" which will add another badge to his growing collection as a reward for joining in as many camp activities and sports programs as possible.

Venturers' 'Noose'

Commencing in September a higher level of scouting will begin. This is the first time it has been introduced in Acton and will provide fun and adventure. All boys between the ages of fourteen to eighteen who are interested in entering this new experience, registration will begin on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Also on the Venturer's agenda, many interesting projects will be undertaken, so therefore to build something we need the tools. We are not looking for new tools. We will accept old tools that are still in working condition. If you have any old tools, lawn mower chassis and motor and you want to get rid of them, phone 853-0857 and we will pick them up.



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