

Camping is a new activity for Scouts from Bermuda

The combined cub camp at Woodland Trails which saw 12 Canadian boys and 27 Bermudan boys share the same facilities for a week provided a whole new experience for both groups according to their leaders.

Alex Outerbridge, Scout master for 1st. Churchill 11th. Bermuda Group Scouts and Cubs, and Mary and Walt Peters, leaders of 2nd. Georgetown Cubs, have been planning the joint camp for more than a year.

Mr. Outerbridge met the Peters family several years ago when he brought a group of boys to camp near Camp Borden. He was dropped at the camp with no transportation and no knowledge of the area. He turned up at the gates of the military base asking for any assistance leaders of the base's Scout movement were willing to give him. The Peters family was among those who helped him through and they have kept in touch ever since.

Mr. Outerbridge is district commissioner for seven groups in the Western Division of Bermuda and runs a Scout troop with 28 members Friday evenings and a Cub pack with 43 boys on Saturday mornings.

COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
In Bermuda the program is completely different to one run in Canada, he says. Cubs

include boys between the ages of seven and 10 although he will accept boys at 6½ because there are no Beaver colonies in Bermuda. Cubs move up to Scouts at 10 and leave at 16. He says he is thinking of starting up a Venturer group because he now has enough boys who are interested in it to make it worthwhile.

Pioneer work, which Canadian boys call knots and lashing, is probably the favorite activity for his boys, Mr. Outerbridge says.

"Since the island is only 25 square miles in size there's not much we can do on it," he said. "We find the same things wherever we go on it. I think it's better to take them abroad to do their training. The boys found the camp rather interesting because everything was completely different."

Mr. and Mrs. Peters found the Bermuda boys slower than the Canadians in tackling camp activities.

"I don't think they'd ever been camping before," Mrs. Peters explained. "They didn't have a clue about camping. For example, they didn't understand sleeping bags. They thought you slept under them like a blanket. It kept them back a bit until they got the knack of things."

The Bermudan boys arrived at Toronto International Airport July 13 and returned

home Monday. The Georgetown boys arrived in camp June 15 and left last Saturday.

In addition to activities at the camp on the Sixth Line of Milton west of Acton, the boys visited the Welland

Canal and Niagara Falls, went all over Toronto seeing the sights and spent a day at the Metro Zoo.



Ken Outerbridge poses with his grandson Shawn (left) and his son Karl at the Camp of the Woodland Trails near Acton. Mr. Outerbridge brought a group of Bermudan cubs to Canada to camp with boys from the 2nd Georgetown Cub pack last week.

(Herald photo)

Tickets may be invalid regional solicitor says

Parking tickets issued to drivers for parking along Halton's regional streets may be invalid because the tickets do not have the name of the region on them.

Regional solicitor Denis Perlin said an alleged parking infraction was thrown out of court recently by a justice of the peace because the ticket

which had been issued had the name of one of the area municipalities on it, and not the name of the region.

It was revealed last week that police have given up trying to enforce parking restrictions on regional roads because of the decision. Mr. Perlin said his department at

the region is working to overcome the problem by devising a special traffic ticket for use on regional roads. The ticket should be issued to police officers in about a week, he said.

There are three different jurisdictions in Halton for control of the highways: regional, provincial and municipal.

Mr. Perlin said a committee is working to set up uniform parking bylaws through the region to make bylaw enforcement easier for police.

The issue came to light last week at a meeting of an advisory board of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, where officials expressed their concern about traffic problems outside Kelso Conservation Area in Milton. Officials had to close the gates to the area on July 7 because the parking lots were full. Many drivers parked their cars along the entrance routes, and police were unable to issue tickets because of the court ruling.

Local 4Hers win prizes at competition

Area 4H members scored some victories at the Halton Livestock Judging Competition held last month at the Halton Hills farms of Ernie Wilson and Jeff Nurse.

Bill Robinson of Georgetown took home the Champion Dairy Judge Trophy following the competition, according to the Halton office of the ministry of agriculture and food, while Amanda Kunica won the Champion Swine Judge Trophy. The competition was won

overall by David Lasby of Rockwood.

Wendy Chaplin of Georgetown was among the 150 delegates selected from across Ontario to represent their home counties, districts and regions at the Provincial Homemaking Club Conference at the University of Guelph late last month. Delegates focussed their discussions on the theme of the conference, the International Year of the Child.

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