



FIRST NORTH AMERICAN TROOP?

This photograph, made at Port Morien in 1909, shows Scoutmaster W. W. Glover with the members of what may have been the first Boy Scout troop in North America. Others in the picture are Dave MacArel, Louis MacArel, George MacArel, Sidney MacLeod, Jim Mehan of Boston,

Bobby Orr, a one time county councillor. Others are not identified. Scouts Canada has no record of what was the absolute first troop in Canada as the movement grew rapidly in many places at the same time. (Scouts Canada Photo).

What Scouts promise

THE SCOUT PROMISE
Every Boy Scout on his enrollment promises on his honor to do three things:
To be loyal to God and to the Queen.
To help others at all times.
To obey the Scout law.



THE SCOUT LAW
The Scout law, the basic rule of the movement, contains 11 articles.
1. A Scout's honor is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal to the Queen and those over him.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout no matter to what social class the other belongs.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to his country.
7. A Scout obeys orders.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is under obligation to perform a good turn every day.
11. A Scout is pure in thought, word and deed.

Membership on rise despite low birthrate

Except for 1980 when there was a slight decline, membership in the Boy Scouts of Canada has been increasing over the last few years.

And that is a real accomplishment at a time when the actual youth population in Canada is declining.

In 1981, Scouting was attracting one out of every five boys of Beaver age (5-7); one out of every four boys of Cub age (8-10); one out of every 10 boys of Scout age (11-13); one out of every 100 boys of Venturer age (14-17) and one out of every 1,000 youths of Rover age (18-31).

Of particular interest in the growth pattern is the continuing increase of adults in Scouting. In 1981, there were some 46,677 volunteer adults serving as section leaders and as service team or support staff. This growth has continued over the last few years.

It may only represent Scouting's share of the total number of available adults - a number that has grown significantly since "the Baby Boom" has come to leadership age.

WELCOME

Using the participation rate, organizers found Scout programs are particularly welcome in the Atlantic provinces, especially Nova Scotia.

That province registers 34 per cent of the boys of Beaver age, 41 per cent of the boys of Cub age, 20 per cent of the boys of Scout age (double the national partici-

ipation rate), and 1.3 per cent of the boys of Venturer age. Recently, there has been an upward surge in the province of Saskatchewan.

The 1961 Canadian Jamboree in Alberta in July 1961 was attended by some 20,000 Scouts, Venturers and Scouters and may have been one reason for the increase in members in 1981.

In preparation for the 10th World Jamboree to be held in Alberta in 1983 Scouts Canada is looking forward to a continuing increase in members.

Closely related to membership is the concept of sponsorship or partnership used by Scouting in co-operation with organizations in the community.

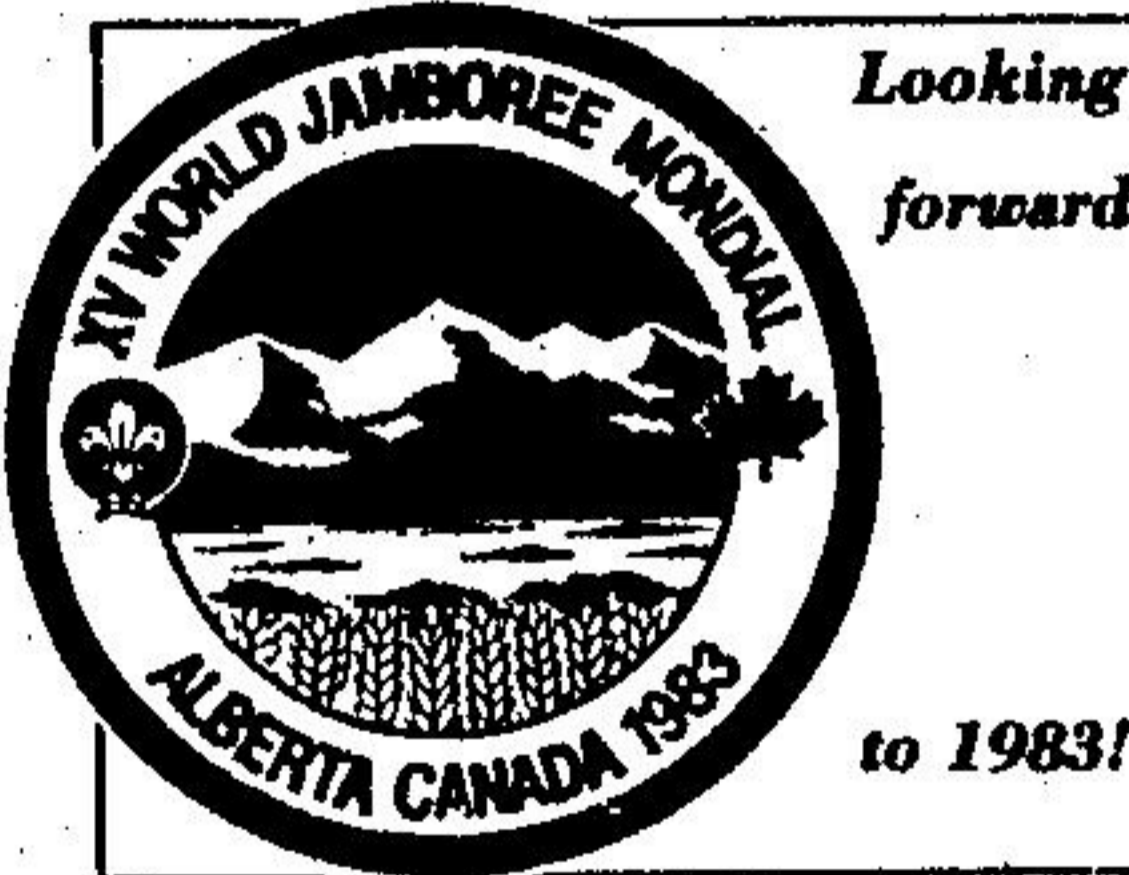
Essentially, Scouting offers a choice of five youth

programs (plus an excellent adult leader program) to organizations in the community who may wish to use one or more programs for their boys or boys they would like to serve.

Many religious denominations use Scouting as their only or leading youth program.

Scouting is the official youth program for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), the Salvation Army and the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Scouting is very active as an approved youth program in the United, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Baptist churches.



Highlights of Canadian scouting

- 1908 - Scouting started in Canada.
- 1910 - First visit to Canada by B.P.
- 1911 - Contingent of Canadian Scouts attend the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.
- 1914 - An experiment was initiated in Goderich, Ontario to provide a program for boys under Scout age.
- 1916 - Wolf Cubs were officially introduced in Canada.
- 1917 - Introduction of Sea Scout and Rover Scout programs.
- 1918 - Production of the first Canadian Scout Handbook.
- 1920 - B.P. was proclaimed Chief Scout of the World.
- 1921 - First World Jamboree was held at "Olympia" in London, England.
- 1924 - The 2nd World Jamboree was held in Denmark.
- 1927 - Canadian Scouts located and decorated the graves of the Fathers of Confederation.
- 1929 - The 3rd World Jamboree (The Coming-of-Age Jamboree) was held in England. One hundred and fifty-three Canadian Scouts and thirty-two Scouters were in attendance.
- 1930 - B.P. was created a Baron with the title Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. The Lone Scout program began in Canada.
- 1932 - The first Apple Day was held in Canada.
- 1933 - The 4th World Jamboree was held in Hungary with eight Canadian Scouts and Scouters in attendance.
- 1935 - B.P. made his last visit to Canada.
- 1937 - A Canadian contingent attended the coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth.
- 1938 - The 5th World Jamboree was held in Holland with twelve Canadian Scouts and two Scouters in attendance.
- 1939-45 - World War II. Scouts performed many hours of war service on the home front while many more gave their lives in the service of their country.
- 1941 - B.P. died in retirement in Kenya at age 84. He was buried in Kenya and a stone bearing the Scout and Guide symbols marks his grave.
- 1946 - The 1st Canadian Jamboree was held at Connaught Ranges near Ottawa, with 2,579 Scouts and Scouters present.
- 1951 - The 7th World Jamboree was held at Bad Ischl in Austria.
- 1953 - A contingent of 36 Scouts and Scouters attended the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.
- 1954 - The 2nd Canadian Jamboree was held at Connaught Ranges with 2,196 Scouts and Scouters in attendance.
- 1955 - Canada hosted the 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.
- 1957 - J.I.M. - The 9th World Jamboree, Indiana and Moot were held in Sutton Park, England. Close to 1,500 Canadians attended.
- 1959 - The 10th World Jamboree was held in the Philippines with ninety-one Canadians in attendance.
- 1961 - The 3rd Canadian Jamboree was held at Connaught Ranges with 2,085 in attendance.
- 1961 - 1st National Sailing Regatta was held near Montreal, Quebec.
- 1962 - New National Headquarters building was opened by His Excellency Governor General Vautier.
- 1963 - The 11th World Jamboree was held in Greece with 467 Canadians in attendance.
- 1964 - The "Canadian Boy" magazine began in January.
- 1964 - Special Arctic and Northern badges were introduced for boys in the north.
- 1965 - Revised badge scheme for Wolf Cubs introduced.
- 1966 - Five star scheme introduced for Wolf Cubs.
- 1967 - Canada's Centennial Year, marked by Scout participation in events all across Canada.
- 1968 - Venturer program introduced.
- 1968 - The 12th World Jamboree was held at Farragut National Park in Idaho, U.S.A., with 1,178 Canadians in attendance.
- 1968 - First Arctic and Northern Jamboree held near Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories.
- 1968 - New Boy Scout program introduced.
- 1968 - Can-Carib project was inaugurated - a four-year old plan to Scouting in the Caribbean.
- 1969 - 1st National Venturer Conference held in Ottawa with 250 Venturers.
- 1969 - 1st National Delegate Conference for Rovers.
- 1970 - 2nd Arctic and Northern Jamboree held at Churchill, Manitoba.
- 1971 - "Canadian Boy" discontinued in December.

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