

'Be Prepared' for Guelph's CJ-85

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Herald Special
Question: What has 30,000 arms and legs, a two-year gestation period, and lives near a lake but for only two weeks?

Answer: CJ-85.
If you think the answer sounds like something out of Star Trek, you're partially right.

CJ-85 will see 15,000 boy scouts and venturers trekking from all parts of Canada including a contingent from Halton Hills to the Guelph Conservation Area where they will set up camp for the 1985 Canadian Jamboree.

On or about July 1, 1985, the boy scout population at Guelph Lake will be zero. Two days later it will be 15,000 and two weeks later it will be zero again.

In their wake will be 140 tons of garbage and an estimated \$5 million revenue for local services.

WHAT TO EXPECT
The instant creation of a 'city' of 15,000 carries with it an impressive set of logistics and Boy Scouts of Canada gathered a cross-section of the community last Friday to tell them what to expect

when the national jamboree is held here.

Jamborees are held every four years. The last one was near Calgary in 1981 — the last held in Ontario was in 1961.

In selecting a site for the event, the scout movement had to look for accessibility to major food distribution centres, a major airport, a military base, hospital and casual labor market.

Other required services include security, fire and police protection, sanitation and up to 200 school buses for daily transport-

ation. **700 ACRES**

Guelph Lake, with its 4,000 acres and accessibility to Guelph, was a natural for the jamboree. The tent city the scouts will instantly create will take up close to 700 acres of the space.

The Grand River Conservation Authority will embark on a \$1 million expansion program, preparing the site for CJ-85. Four new wells will be drilled, new hydro facilities will be installed and new roadways will be made. The improved facilities will be permanent and the GRCA will realize its expenditure through entry fees from increased public use in the future.

Actually there will be more than a 15,000 population at the lake. An estimated 1,500 support staff will be on hand to control things during the

two weeks. **SELF-CONTAINED**

The camp will be completely self-contained. It will have a bus depot, a bank, its own telephone system, a post office, an information and media centre, a field hospital and medical staff (manned mainly by the Canadian Armed Forces) and canteens.

Up to 500,000 gallons of water will be required each day. Ten tons of garbage will be hauled away each day. There will be a need for 500 flush toilets.

To get some idea of the food consumption, the 'city' will devour 8,500 litres of milk, 2,800 loaves of bread and 2,500 dozen eggs each breakfast. One lunch will see 2,800 three-pound packages of hamburger disappear.

Budget for the jamboree is estimated at \$5 million, including the \$1

million the GRCA will spend. No definite dates have been set for CJ-85 but will

probably be held in the first two weeks of July 1985. -Courtesy Guelph Mercury

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Local Scouts to plant 8,500 trees in area

North Halton Scouting leaders got a run-down last week on what to expect for the coming season.

Gord Douglas presided over the monthly meeting of the North Halton District Council of Scouts Canada at Limehouse Memorial Hall Jan. 5.

Sandy Keir told associates that some 8,500 "Trees for Canada" will be planted in Halton Hills and Erin township toward the end of April, part of annual reforestation project involving local Scouts.

A pancake breakfast Jan. 22 from 8:45 to 11 a.m. takes place at St. Andrew's United Church in Georgetown, Jean Belsaw reminded group committee and sponsor members. Halton's assistant provincial commissioner, Rev. Paul Jackson, is guest speaker for the occasion, aimed at bringing Scouts and their sponsors closer together.

A first aid course is underway this weekend at Limehouse hall with Sandy Booth (877-4569) in charge.

Elaine Hannah report-

ed on the annual craft workshop for first-year Cubs scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) at St. John's United Church in Georgetown. The workshop starts at 9:30 a.m.

Scoutarama approaches along with other special events geared to Girl Guide and Boy Scout Week Feb. 20 to 27.

Now that the Optimist

Club of Georgetown has purchased the former Kingdom Hall on Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown, youth-oriented groups are welcome to make bookings, according to Optimist president Bruce Totten.

Scouts are still awaiting for snow so their annual winter camp can be planned.

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