

Outlook on Halton Hills

Local scouting groups decide to take a hike

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Trekking along the Bruce Trail for the 17th Annual Explorers Hike was a real challenge for North Halton District Scouts.

Last Friday evening, May 6, 19 teams, along with Leaders hiked 27 kilometres from Alton to Georgetown on the 8th Line just south of 27 Sideroad, during the weekend.

Following registration and an inspection, the Scouts hiked two miles from Alton to the Stokes Farm where camp was set up for Friday night.

Saturday morning, following breakfast, a camp site inspection

was held before the challenge of the hike was started.

Highlighting the hike was climbing up Devil's Pulpit using a rope hand rail, near the Forks of the Credit. Venturers helped the Scouts take their backpacks up this steep climb.

Various events took place along the way which included knots, map and compass, and first aid.

As the teams reached the Terra Cotta Conservation area, camp was set up for the night. A check was made on menu and food list, equipment list, and tasting the Bannock as the Scouts prepared and cooked it.

With perfect weather all weekend the Scouts had the home made items checked Sunday morning, then plant identification. The log books were read at the end of the hike.

Organizers of this successful event were Assistant District Commissioner of Venturers - Brent Collier and Leaders Vic Zubacs, Jim Collier, Brian Collier and 2nd Georgetown Venturers.

Leaders Brian Collier, Vic Zubacs and Jim Collier presented awards to

the novice teams.

1st place to 1st Limehouse: Bradley Socha, Jeff Plasschaert; 2nd place to 3rd Acton: Shawn Timony, Michael O'Meara, Michael Forbes; 3rd place to 3rd Acton: Todd Chumley, Darryl Bridge.

Experienced Class were - 1st place to 3rd Acton: Kevin Tribe, Mark Henderson; 2nd place to 1st Georgetown: John Rutherford Jr., John Rutherford Sr.; 3rd place to 1st Georgetown: Michael Roe, Andy Fuller.

Assistant District Commissioner of Scouts Brian Stewart presented 1st Georgetown Scouts with the Excelsior Award having the highest number of points. Out of the 17 years of the Explorer Hikes - 1st Georgetown has won the Excelsior Award 11 other times.

During the closing a hearty vote of thanks went to everyone helping to the success of the hike.

District Commissioner Elaine Hannah hiked most of the trek, but was absent for a short period to make a presentation at the Triathlon in Burlington District Camp Sunday morning.



The First Limehouse scouts took first place in the Novice Division of the Explorer Hike, while Third Acton was second. From left, Bradley Socha and Jeff Plasschaert of Limehouse, and Shawn Timony, Michael O'Meara, and Michael Forbes of Acton.



The Experienced Category winners in the Explorer Hike were, from left, First Place: Kevin Tribe and Mark Henderson of 3rd Acton; Second: John Rutherford, Jr. and John Rutherford of 1st Georgetown; Third: John Moore and David McDonald of 1st Georgetown; and Fourth: Michael Roe and Andy Fuller of 4th Georgetown. Crests were presented to all participants by the 2nd Georgetown Venturers.

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