

# Scouting celebrates its 100th anniversary at weekend jamboree

Acton and Georgetown communities each founded a scout troop in 1910, motivated by Lord Robert Baden Powell's opening of the CNE in Toronto that year.

In celebration of 100 years of scouting in Halton Hills, the North Halton Gilwell Scout Group of 1st Acton, 1st Georgetown and 2nd and 4th Georgetown are inviting the entire town to Cedarvale Park in Georgetown on Saturday, June 25 for an old-fashioned Scout campfire. Join in on the songs and skits, starting at 8 p.m.

The local scouting groups of Acton and Georgetown, together called Credit Hills are camping at the weekend-long jamboree beginning Friday night and closing at noon on Sunday.

## 1st Acton

Boy Scouts were founded the third week of September 1910 under W.H. Stock and James Fogg and was sponsored by St. Alban's Anglican Church. It was reorganized in October 1915 by Sergeant Wilfred Coles. After folding in 1922, it was again reorganized by Foster Ferris and the Rev. Alexander Stewart. Once

again it faded away in 1931, only to start afresh in 1934 with Rev. E. Brillinger as Akela and George Mason as Scoutmaster. The group has continued since that date. Originally sponsored by the community, the Rotary Club of Acton has sponsored them since 1961.

Wolf Cubs were opened in 1929 under Cubmaster Albert Mills.

Rover Scouts first began about 1938 under the guidance of Dr. Frank Oakes. The largest group of Queen's

Scouts were invested with their award in June, 1959 by Murray Scoyne. The recipients were Brian Otterbein, Ken Gardiner, Bob Hinton, Lawrence Duby, Glenn Barr, Peter Newton and Ricky Currie.

Venturers was created from the Scout Troop in 1968 under Kevin Conway.

The first Beaver colony in North Halton District was started in Acton in 1974 under Andrea Sharples, Betty Gough and Lynda McGrenerie.

Meeting halls have included empty shops, the drill shed, the former Legion, St. Alban's Church hall, and Knox Presbyterian Church basement. The group decided to build their own hall on land donated by the Acton School Board, next to Robert Little School. The

ers at that time were Andrea Sharples, Betty Gough, Evelyn Cadenhead, Eleanor Paterson, Rob Paterson, Frank Goulding, Elizabeth Lambden, Pat Garton, Vic Webster, John Sharples, Mark Rowe, Harold Saville.

## 1st Georgetown

Boy Scouts were formed in Georgetown in 1910 under high school teacher L. R. Halnan. They participated in the July 1911 Drummer's Snack parade. The group closed sometime after that.

In 1916, St. John's Methodist Church reorganized the troop under Scoutmaster J. S. Long.

St. George's Anglican Church was the next sponsor when the troop was registered again in May, 1921 under William Herb Foster. In July 1922 Wolf Cubs opened under Charles Lucas. Cliff (Tim) Stacey was the new Scoutmaster in 1923 when he took the boys to Toronto on the Toronto Suburban Railway (Radial Line) to meet Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

Rovers first met in March, 1931 under Fred McNally.

In March 1943 the troop was

reorganized at the Town Hall under Charles Davis, Albert Tost and Jack Armstrong. The Oddfellows Lodge took over sponsorship of the group.

The charter for 1st Georgetown was moved for the final time in June, 1949 back to St. John's United Church. Georgetown's first Queen's Scouts were Ross McGilvray, Donald Livingstone and Jack Livingstone in 1953. Jean Layman joined the Cub Pack in 1960 and is still a registered member of the District.

Venturers were formed in 1968 under Dave Shrubsole. In 1977, Howard Powell took the Venturer company to Prince Edward Island - by canoe! The paddling was done by Mark Barnert, Kevin Baxter, Todd Beckett, Marty Boyle, Bruce Callaghan, Bill Carson, Mike Dixon, Doug Doupagne, Mark Euteneier, Brian Hastings, Tom Hastings, Rob Heaton, Dave Lince, Jasper Megelink, Dave Nichols and Dale Powell.

Beavers were formed in 1975. By 1979 there were two colonies under Barry Gambles, Jennifer Kilpin, Brenda Lee, Joan Lowrie, Carson Mininch, Jean-Ellen Mininch, Carol McCartney and Cathy Smith.



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