

# Scouting's chief executive visits local Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

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The News

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from Schreiber and Terrace Bay had the opportunity to meet and talk with the national director of Scouts Canada over breakfast on Saturday, Feb 9.

Jim Blain, chief executive of Boy Scouts Canada arrived at the Community Church in Terrace Bay shortly after 8 a.m. and immediately introduced himself to individual youngsters, commenting on their badges and telling fishing stories.

After breakfast he spoke to the boys as a group, emphasizing the team spirit of scouting. He asked the boys to work with their leaders and be a part of the team.

Boys from the 1st Terrace Bay Scout Troop, (leader Warren Pearen), the 1st Terrace Bay Cub Pack, (leader Karen Ramsay), and the 1st Terrace Bay Beaver Colony, (leader Tom Fox) were present.

Cubs from Schreiber were also there to represent the 1st Schreiber Cub Pack, (leader Richard Saindon), and the 1st Schreiber Beaver Colony, (leader Mary Anne Needham).

He spoke to the boys and the leaders about the importance of sponsors to the scouting movement.

"If you build a scout group just around leaders and they get shifted to some other town then the group quite often collapses," he said.

Scouts Canada got involved with sponsorship

to ensure there would always be an organization of adults in the community that it could contact.

"The sponsor is the community group we can use a base to help us to keep some continuity," Blain explained,

Blaine was visiting several communities along the Northshore to see the scouting movement in this area firsthand.

"Part of my responsibility is to get out into the field and meet the people who are really making the program happen at the community level," he said.

One of the challenges facing the scouting movement, Blain said, is getting more adults involved in the program.

"We have a lot of young people in Canada who want the program but can't get it because we don't have enough adult volunteers involved," he said.

Another challenge for Scouts Canada is to provide the training for those adults who do volunteer.

"I know that in Ontario they are making every effort to get the training teams out in the field," he explained.

Scouts Canada has to take the training to the people rather than having the people travel long distances for it, he said.

The programs rely on adults that will get involved and encourage the youngsters, Blain said.

All the volunteers need is a desire to meet and work with young people. They don't have to have all the scouting knowledge or know all the badges. Scouts Canada will help with that aspect of the work.

"We have to get out in the field and convince them that they can make a contribution, an important one, and that we can help them acquire a knowledge of scouting," Blain explained, "When we do that it is amazing the number of people that come forward."

Blain, as chief executive of Boy Scouts of Canada, is responsible to the National Council for the operation of the National Office in Ottawa and for the co-ordination of the variety of services it provides to over 270,000 youth, volunteer adults and Committee personnel in Canada.



Jim Blain, chief executive for Scouts Canada jokes with some of the Scouts who joined him for breakfast.

## Local entertainment series receives a provincial grant

The Terrace Bay Schreiber Entertainment Series recently received a \$1,500 provincial grant to bring performances to Terrace Bay, Northern Development Minister Shelley Martel has announced.

Buddy Wasisname and his backup recently presented a performance featuring hilarious renditions of traditional and not so traditional jazz music.

On March 19, the Lenny Solomon Trio will take their audience into the world of composers such as Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein. Their program includes such favourites as "Sweet

Georgia Brown" and "Someone to Watch Over Me".

The performance will take place at Lake Superior High School in Terrace Bay.

"This funding is helping the Entertainment Series cover the costs of bringing these entertainers to the North Shore," said Martel. "Our ministry is pleased to support this kind of local initiative."

Funding is provided through the Supplementary Northern Assistance Program, which assists groups in the arts, social and health fields cover minor capital and travel costs.

The Entertainment Series is also supported by grants from

### Terrace Bay

## Policeman sentenced for assault

Constable Krentz of the Terrace Police Service was found guilty of assault and sentenced to 14 days in jail, said Chief Don Kidder, Terrace Bay Police Services.

The original incident dates back to August 4, 1990, during

a hotel brawl, Kidder said.

Constable Krentz responded to the call. A charge of assault against Krentz resulted from the incident.

Constable Krentz has been a member of the Terrace Bay Police Services for two years.



## ELECTRICAL OPERATORS - IN - TRAINING NORTHWESTERN REGION

Ontario Hydro presently has developmental opportunities equally available to both women and men as Electrical Operators-In-Training leading to a challenging career as an Electrical Operator. Applicants must be prepared to demonstrate good English communication skills and a fundamental knowledge of trigonometry and electrical theory at an interview. Such skill and knowledge is normally attained by completion of Ontario Grade XII (or equivalent) as a minimum with advanced course credits in English, mathematics, and physics. A commitment to conditions, eg., shift work, relocation, self-study, etc., are essential when considering this opportunity. A satisfactory medical examination, including colour recognition, is a requirement prior to acceptance in the electrical operator-in-training program.

**DUTIES** - Successful applicants to this developmental opportunity will enter a training program three years in duration of which two years is formal training and an additional year to broaden the trainee's experience and abilities. The training program comprises of on-the-job training, self-study, some classroom instruction and assimilation of practical experience. Each trainee will be expected to perform operating tasks consistent with his/her level of job knowledge. The duties of an electrical operator include continuous monitoring of the electrical power system and various auxiliary systems, identifying deviations or changes to the various system levels, initiating action or performing activities to maintain or return to required levels and coordinate the removal of equipment from service for maintenance purposes. Trainees are required to work shift and will, at intervals be rotated to other locations throughout the province. As there is a requirement to operate Ontario Hydro vehicles, applicants must have, or be capable of obtaining, an Ontario Class "G" driver's license. Upon successful completion of the training program, the trainee will be an automatic applicant for advertised operating vacancies throughout the province.

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NOTE: Applicants may be required to complete a questionnaire that will be used to assist in the selection process.

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