

Information Letter to Parents and Guardians

Subject: Dues, Behaviour and Investiture

Dues: Scout dues are an important funding source for the Troop, particularly for items like badges, Troop events (parties, short trips etc) and consumables in the program. From the past experience of the Troop, we have decided to collect dues in thirds, with the first 3rd due in first couple of meetings and a cost of \$13. Parents should be aware that the dues are required even if your Scout misses the meetings. For the current sector there are 13 meetings (until December) and one payment of \$13 can be paid by cheque (to the 72nd Scout Troop) or by cash. If our funding is sufficient, we may decide to forgo dues in the last sectors as we did for the last sectors last year.

This insures a good funding line for the Troop activities and you are encouraged to support this initiative so we can run the program activities seamlessly. Should dues payment be problematic for your family, please see any Scouter and alternate arrangements can be made.

Behaviour: The 72nd Scout Troop has a code of behaviour that all Scouts should sign and return and parents should be aware of the contents. This code of behaviour is based on Scouts Canada policy and rules.

Any of these rules are flexible to circumstances but these rules will be enforced as individual behaviour crosses the lines set out in the code. We do not intend to be Draconian in this matter but continual behaviour problems will be dealt with in a progressive manner and parents will be contacted should gross problems arrive in this area. Please be advised that continual and uncorrected behaviour problems may result in parents being asked to collect their Scout from a meeting or in really bad cases, termination of participation in the program.

Investiture: The present plan for investing new Scouts is to have the ceremony on 22 Sep at St Rita school. Scouts require a scout shirt and sash (and should have their own Scout handbook). Please note that a Scout T-shirt (available from the Scout Shop on Baseline Rd) is an acceptable uniform (the shirt with pockets and epaulettes is always acceptable dress but this year we are also allowing just a T-shirt too). The Scouts will choose a t-shirt colour so please wait if you decide to buy a scout t-shirt until we get the colour they vote on. We will provide the necker (if they don't have one from previous cub or beaver sections), a Scout woggle and epaulettes (if needed). Parents are invited to take pictures and the ceremony will be at the beginning of the meeting so that parents can depart once the investiture takes place.

For this occasion we ask that all Scouts be in uniform, even if they are not being invested.

Questions? Call me or any other leader.

Yours in Scouting - Jim Armour and the leadership team. 1 (613) 359-5783. Cell 1 (613) 217-3223. These are Kingston numbers so long distance will apply.