

1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville Scout Troop

Group Committee meetings: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Recap of Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Two patrols, Falcons and Wolverines. Lead by our two returning Scouts.

9 new tenderfoot scouts of which 6 were beavers from last year.

3 new members to the Troop.

Major events for 2005

1<sup>st</sup> camp held on Oct 14-16, JOTA at Whispering Pines.

Full compliment of 11 Scouts in attendance.

Some of the activities included, Hikes on the 2 new trails,

Riding a twisting bumping cargo net

Orienteering /compass bearings. Very impressed with level of knowledge

Obtained and retained from Cubs.

JOTA; some groups spoke with Scouts in Philadelphia, Merrickville

Astronauts on the Space Station.

Dr. Bacon - Veterinarian from Lanark animal Hospital was at our meeting on Oct17th. Talked about pets and demonstrated a basic examination on a dog. (Schnauzer named Coco). Helps everyone interested in obtaining his or her "Pet Care" badge.

Last meeting we invested 8 of our new scouts. Hope Gray and the group discussed CJ07, What it means to attend how to attend and benefits obtained by attending.

Each Scout was also given a roadmap/checklist on the steps to earning the Chief Scout Award. This is a 3 to 4 year project.

We continue to develop our skills toward the "Outdoor Skills badge as part of the Voyageur award.

To assist we will participate in an overnight Hike to Limerick Forest at Carley's Corners just south of Merrickville. Hike is approx. 6.5km with an overnight camp.

In December we have arranged to attend a National Museum - Diefenbunker in Carp. This field trip is to assist in the requirements to obtain their Citizenship Badge.

A vote was taken and the Scouts will be entering their own Float in this years Santa Claus parade.

As well we are submitting \$38.00 as our part of the Village Child Tax.

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