

The otter slide newsletter

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welcome to TRADITIONAL SCOUTING

Welcome to the 1st Moncton BPSA Traditional Scouting Otter Raft. We are very pleased that you have chosen to join us for this adventure. Please review and share this newsletter in its entirety; there is important Raft information which you need to know.

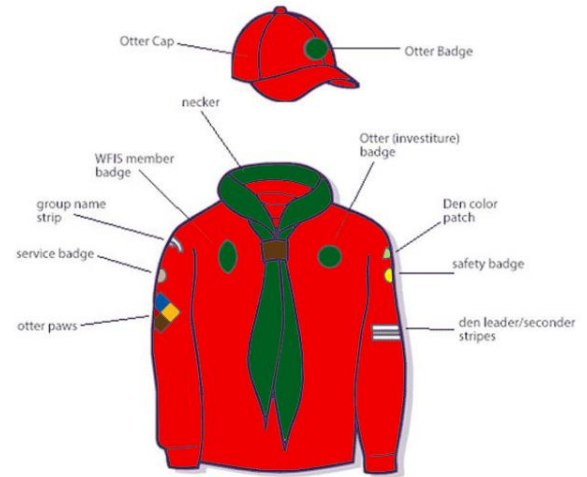
WHAT IS OTTERS?

The Otter program is the youngest section of the Baden-Powell Service Association (BPSA) and is for boys and girls who are aged 5, 6, and 7 years old. Otters will learn useful outdoor and family skills, community skills, and to learn to play safely with other like-minded youth.

A group of Otters make up what we call a Raft, but is divided up into Dens made up of 6-8 youth each.

THE RAFT MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Our Raft meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 6 to 7pm. Each meeting promises to be packed full of new program items which we know will challenge your new Otter with a chance to advance in the Raft while earning and learning new areas and badges. The Otter Raft meetings follow the family and school year with regular weekly meetings. When summer comes and family tend to be away, we cut back our frequency of meetings but will continue to meet throughout the summer months, especially for a day events.



OTTER UNIFORM

SHIRT – Red, long sleeved jersey with no collar

PANTS – darks pants or shorts; khaki or tan. No sweats

HAT – Red ball cap with Otter Badge centered on front

NECKER – NB Tartan, provided by group

SOCKS – any plain color; not white

SHOES – Brown or black

BELT – Brown webbing or leather

Uniform shirts, hats, badges, and kneckers are all ordered through the BPSA Quartermaster. We will be doing an order in the next 2 weeks. Please let a leader know when and what you would like to order.

PROGRAM THEME

Friends of the Forest is the story which the Canadian Beaver Program is built upon and subsequently so is the BPSA Otter program.

OTTER PROMISE, MOTTO & LAW

Otter Motto: Busy and Bright

Otter Law: An Otter is always busy and bright and helps other people by doing a good turn every day.

Otter Promise: I promise to do my best, to obey my leaders and my parents and to be a good Otter.

DETAILED COMMUNICATIONS

Go green...communicate...and get all the current week meeting details via email. We work very hard to communicate to our families in the best ways possible. If you have not provided your email address, then please be sure to drop an email to info@bpsascoutingmoncton.com with as many points of contact you feel is needed.

We will communicate our plans, themes, and program details each week so that Otter families will know where and what to expect

COMPLETE UNIFORM & ATTENDANCE

Each Otter is expected to attend weekly meetings and outings, but we understand that other extracurricular activities can sometimes take precedence. We ask that each Otter to pay close attention to having a tidy and clean uniform each week.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & ONE, TWO, THREE - FREE!

We offer each family the opportunity to make Traditional Scouting even more affordable for their family in many ways. We are pleased to make available the "One, two, three - FREE!" program again this year where when a family introduces Scouting to a new member and they join, then your family will be reimbursed your membership fee. How cool and economic is that!?

Registration costs for a year is only \$55. Benefit of joining now, will cover you until the end of this Scouting 2017-'18 year (August) and all of the next Scouting season in 2018-'19 too!

WEEKLY FEED THE OTTER (DUES)

The Otter Raft operates economically with families interests first. Our program operates on a per cost and event basis. To help defray the weekly program costs, we ask that each Otter would bring \$1 to feed the Otter which helps pay for program supplies and deliver the great programs we do.

RAFT RECRUITMENT (youth and adults)

Part of the vision of our Otter Raft is to be the largest section of its kind in the Metro-Moncton. We are off to an above average size and we want to keep the recruitment momentum, going so continue spreading the word about our programs.

The Raft and other sections in our Group are run entirely by volunteers who believe in their kids and yours too!

Although some of us have been around for a long while, we need more volunteers helping us out.

1st Moncton BPSA Scouting needs your assistance. We have the following small-commitment positions available:

- Part-time Leaders
- Auxiliary Support
- Parent Resource

Reach out to the group through our contacts below, for more details on how you can help. You'd be surprised how easily you would fit in. If you are sarcastic, fun, and believe in making things happen, then you're just what we are looking for. Join us!



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