



Welcome back!

Hello fellow South Lake Simcoe (SLS) Area Scouters... welcome back for another exciting year of Scouting! To all first-time Scouters, warm welcome to our area. I hope that you'll find the experience of helping youth grow into capable and independent young adults as rewarding as I do.

It has been a very busy summer, with a lot of changes (some more challenging than others). The biggest one, of course, is the introduction of myscouts.ca, online registration, and new [Child & Youth Safety training](#). But there are some other changes I'd like to point out that, while maybe aren't as big, are very important to supporting you in delivering a great program.

A New Newsletter

The first change is this newsletter itself! It has been a few years since SLS published a newsletter, and now it's back to keep you informed of important news and dates. Have an idea for a topic? Want to write an article? Email our Deputy Area Commissioner (DAC) Marketing and Communications – Ken Turriff – at turriff@sympatico.ca

Website Re-launch

We are pleased to unveil a new and updated SLS website. The new address is www.SLSAreaScouts.org. We'll have a lot of the same content as before, but with an updated look and structure to make it easier to find what you need. The old site – www.slsscouting.ca – will have a link to direct you the new SLS website.



Red Arrow Scouters' Club... New place... New Time

And finally... Red Arrow Scouter Club meetings have a new time, location, and format. Red Arrow is held on the last Sunday of every month, and will be refreshed as a forum for all SLS Area Scouters and senior youth to get together, learn something new, plan area events, and share ideas. The first one for this year is **September 30 at 7 p.m.** at the [Salvation Army Northridge Community Church](#). Did you ever wonder why we call this meeting "Red Arrow"? It's because the SLS crest used to have a red arrow on it. Now you know!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you soon – until then, good Scouting!

Laura Payne

(Acting Area Commissioner & DAC Program)

PS... Be sure to check out our open volunteer opportunities. SLS is a large, active area and it takes many hands to make everything happen!

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Compulsory Child & Youth Safety Training for ALL Leaders

All Volunteer members (including Scouters-in-Training and Activity Leaders) and Rover Scouts must complete the compulsory training before they can be made Active for the 2012-13 Scouting year and permitted to participate in Scouting activities. The Compulsory training is made up of three modules:

1. **Module 1 of Wood Badge (WB1) Training**
2. **Accessibility Training (AODA within Ontario)**
3. **NEW - Child & Youth Safety Training**

*Many Scouters have already completed the first two modules. If you have completed WB1 and/or Accessibility (AODA) Training you do not need to retake them.

FACE-TO-FACE: South Lake Simcoe Area Scouts Group will be conducting two face-to-face sessions of the Child & Youth Safety Training Module at Scout Hall located on Pine Street in Newmarket.

The sessions will be held on August 28 and 29, starting promptly at 7 p.m. Each session is approximately 1.5 hours in length. Please RSVP your attendance to **Hélène DesRoches** – Deputy Area Commissioner (Training) – at scoutermam@rogers.com.

ONLINE: All three compulsory training modules are also available on Scouts Canada's e-Learning platform, which is accessed through myScouts.ca.

*Visit your myScouts.ca profile and ensure that your training records are accurate. Should you find inaccuracies in your training records please contact: helpcentre@scouts.ca.

****IMPORTANT:** *If you have not completed the compulsory training, you will NOT be an Active member of Scouts Canada in 2012-13 and will not be permitted to participate in Scouting activities.*

Having Difficulty with myScouts.ca?

Earle Belfry, Deputy Area Commissioner (Registration), has become our resident expert on myScouts.ca and is happy to help anyone having trouble with the system. Just email him at slsarearegistrar@bell.net.

Earle has also asked that leaders registering online remember to select their role carefully; if they don't, then they will default to "Activity Leader" and only the Central Ontario Service Centre (aka the Scouts Canada Yorkland Blvd office) can correct this.

Area Leadership Team Day: September 15

Calling all area Scouters – do you want to help set the direction of SLS Area activities this year? Interested in being more involved in the area team? Then join us on September 15 for a day of planning and team building. The agenda will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the [Salvation Army Georgina Community Church](http://www.SLSAreaScouts.org), located at 1816 Metro Road in Jackson's Point, Georgina. Lunch will be included. More details are posted at www.SLSAreaScouts.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

The following positions are currently in need of filling by a knowledgeable, enthusiastic Scouter like you!

- **DAC Group Support**
- **DAC Honours and Awards**
- **DAC Training**
- **Popcorn Coordinator**

Think you might be interested and want to know more? Visit the Volunteer Opportunities section of www.SLSAreaScouts.org for full job descriptions, email slsareacommissioner@bell.net or call Laura Payne at 289-802-3105.

Upcoming Events – August / September 2012

26th Annual SLS Algonquin Canoe Camp (New Date): August 18 to 25

1812 Fort George Camp: September 21 to 23

Sixer / Second Cub Camp (Rescheduled): September 28 to 30, Tottenham Conservation Area. Details TBA.

Lite Weight Backpack Leader Challenge (Registration Closed): September 29 to 30

*For more upcoming events, visit the SLS Scout Group Calendar at www.SLSAreaScouts.org