Odawa Night Owl 2017 22 - 23 April 2017

The Odawa Night Owl challenge will be held overnight 22 - 23 April 2017 at the Apple Hill Scout Reserve (18739 Concession 2 Road Apple Hill, ON K0C 1B0 - South side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve (AHSR)). It is open to Pathfinder and Scout age Youth

The actual overnight hike, where the Youth go, as teams of 4-6 Youth (Pathfinders and Scout age youth – senior Guides and senior Cubs may participate as part of linking if their parent Guiding/Scout Group allows), from station to station to undergo various fun challenges for points - it starts shortly after the Opening ceremony in front of the main Cabin at 7 PM Saturday night and ends at 1 AM Sunday morning with the closing and trophy ceremony at about 7:30 AM Sunday morning, with pickup and departure for home after 8:00 AM. All participants and volunteers are to have departed Apple Hill Scout Reserve by no later than Sunday 1030 AM.

Night Owl Stations are manned and operated by Senior Youth (Rovers, Venturers, senior Scouts, Rangers) and/or Adult Scouters/Guiders. As well, such staff will be conducting safety patrols along the various routes that the Youth participants will be using.

Teams may return to the main bivouac area at South side of Apple Hill Scout Reserve anytime they wish throughout the night as long as they check at the Registration at the main cabin upon completion of their trek. The team with the most points gets their name on the Night Owl Trophy and bragging rights for the year.

Groups may arrive onsite at Apple Hill Scout Reserve as of noon 22 April (Saturday) to commence setup of their camp site – they may also choose to visit and setup their stations that they may have volunteered to run or just walk about the route for Night Owl in daylight with their Youth. Registration of teams will take place between 4 PM and 6:30 PM at the main cabin.

Participants are to bring the necessary gear to stay the night, as well as personal survival kits and personal first aid kits – each group are to ensure they have a qualified first aider as well as a group first aid kit onsite. Each group is responsible for any necessary feeding arrangements for their Youth including provision of snacks and drinks as required. Potable water will need to be brought by each group as there is no source of potable water at Apple Hill Scout Reserve. As well, groups should not forget to bring toilet paper (particularly while out about away from main camp). All trash and recycling are to be brought home from camp by each Group attending as Apple Hill Scout Reserve will not have arrangements in place the weekend of Night Owl to handle and dispose of such material.

Note: To prevent pest infestations, <u>no outside firewood</u> is to be brought to camp – any firewood required will be available onsite.

The cost for this activity is \$15.00 per youth participant which covers the cost of the badge and camp usage fees and other minor expenses (groups will naturally tack on their addition charges for their own Youth to attend to cover expenses such as feeding etc) – there will to be a \$7.00 charge for Adult volunteers and Youth volunteers running stations/roving patrols to ensure this activity remains financially viable. Cheques for event payment are to be made out to "Scouts Canada – Odawa Area"

There will be no registration deadline to participate in this activity – registration will be done onsite Saturday 22 April. Names of volunteers to run stations will be sought out by separate email with a goal of having names assigned for running stations by no later than 19 April 2017.

More details will be sent out via separate email week of 23 March 2017 to Odawa Area Scout Groups, other Scout Groups in Voyageur Council and any Girl Guide Groups that may be interested in attending as participants or volunteers to run stations or act as roving safety patrols. Please indicate your interest in potentially participating and/or volunteering by emailing Scouter Stephen Bellefleur at <u>DiveBuddy@rogers.com</u>, including Odawa Night Owl 2017 in the header, so that Scouter Steve may forward any pertinent information directly to you and/or your group regarding participation and/or volunteering in support of this great adventure for your members.



Note: No pets except service animals allowed on the Camp premises as per Scouts Canada policy (pets accompanying adults dropping off Youth must stay must stay in vehicles).